



MARITIME PATROL AND RECONNAISSANCE FORCE HALL OF HONOR

Rear Admiral Daniel J. Wolkensdorfer

United States Navy (Ret.)

Rear Admiral Daniel J. Wolkensdorfer was born in McCook, Nebraska, on May 11, 1932. He earned a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Nebraska in 1955 and was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps. He reported to the Naval Air Training Command in June 1955 and was designated a Naval Aviator in October 1956.

He then completed two consecutive Patrol Squadron tours flying the P-2V Neptune, first with VP-18 at NAS Jacksonville, and then with VP-11 at NAS Brunswick. In July 1960, he reported to the Naval Postgraduate School, where he earned a Master of Science degree in Physics and was elected to the honorary research fraternity, Sigma Xi.

In November 1963, Rear Admiral Wolkensdorfer reported to his third Patrol Squadron, VP-24 at NAS Norfolk, Virginia. Following this tour, he served with the Commander Fleet Air Wings, U.S. Atlantic Fleet Staff as the Tactical Analysis Director of Task Group Delta. In February 1968, he received orders to the Center for Naval Analyses in Washington D.C. where he served as a Study Director for Advanced ASW Projects until April 1971 when he reported to VP-47 at NAS Moffett Field, California. He commanded that P-3C squadron from April 1972 to April 1973.

Rear Admiral Wolkensdorfer was then assigned to the staff of Commander Patrol Wings, U.S. Pacific Fleet until July 1973, when he reported to the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Upon graduation, he reported to VP-30 and assumed command in January 1975.

In May 1976, his next assignment was as Head of the Air Branch of the Anti-submarine Warfare Division for the Anti-submarine Warfare and Ocean Surveillance Programs Office. From September 1978 to July 1980, he served as Commander, Patrol Wing 2 at NAS Barbers Point, Hawaii. In July 1980, he returned to Washington, D.C., to serve as Deputy Manager for the Anti-submarine Warfare Systems Project. Then, in August 1981, he reported to the U.S. Naval War College to serve as a Fellow with the Strategic Studies Group. Rear Admiral Wolkensdorfer assumed command of Patrol Wings, U.S. Pacific Fleet, on 30 September 1982.

Rear Admiral Wolkensdorfer retired from the Navy in January 1991, having spent much of his 35 year career in anti-submarine warfare planning, acquisition, testing and operations. He contributed greatly to acoustic research, systems development, anti-submarine tactics. Following retirement, he continued to work as a government contractor pursuing the latest technology and getting it to the Fleet.