

Edward F. Murphy was born Buffalo, NY. He entered active duty as an Airmen Recruit in September 1962 and attended boot camp at Recruit Training Center Great Lakes

AOC (RET) Murphy's assignments include: NAS Barbers Point, HI; VA-52 NAS Alameda, CA; NAS Jacksonville, FL; VF-74 NAS Oceana, VA; VT-22 NAS Kingsville, TX; HS-7; and VS-24 NAS Cecil Field, FL

His awards include: Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal (3); Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Meritorious Unit Commendation (Gallantry Cross); National Defense Service Medal; Navy Expeditionary Medal; Navy Good Conduct Medal (4); Navy "E" Ribbon (2); Navy Unit Citations; Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal; and 50 year Government Service Award.

He was a hard charger in every billet he held {Active & Civilian) and is known for his ability to accomplish the mission, no matter how difficult the task. He was a "Self-Starter - Hands on Leader" who got things done and continues to perform that role as he supports the fleet within our chapter up to this day. A brief list of his active-duty accomplishments and contributions follows:

- Early in 1965, he received orders to VA-52 NAS Alameda, California and was assigned as a 500 Laborer maintaining/loading A1-H/ A1-J SPADS deploying onboard CVA-14 USS Ticonderoga for a 9-month West-Pac cruise, which included 6-line periods on station in the South China Sea and Tonkin Gulf.
- Assigned to VF-74 on sea duty as the Work Center supervisor responsible for maintaining and loading of 12 F4-B and F4-J. The USS America and their Air Wing were ordered to proceed around the horn of Africa for an 11-month West-Pac deployment. Before completing this around the world cruise, they would complete 8-line periods on station in the South China Sea and Tonkin Gulf.

He is a stalwart supporter of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen and has been actively involved with the Chapter for 12 years. He has served in the Ordnance community at the Squadron and Weapons Department/NMC level of support for over 50 years. He first began attending AA09 meetings in 2012. He is one of the driving forces behind the success of Chapter 9 and has served the Chapter in many capacities to include holding the current position of the Board of Directors. His contributions to the association goes far beyond the local chapter member meetings. In years past, he has presented CDR Floyd English NJROTC/MCJROTC Leadership medals and Certificates awards to deserving local NJROTC/MCJROTC High Schools students in the Jacksonville area. As a Board of Directors (BOD) member, he participated in the grading of targets and stuffing of envelopes to identify students deserving Leadership medals and Certificate awards. He is Life Member #9732.

AOC (RET) Edward F. Murphy is the 98th member of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Hall of Fame.