

BIOGRAPHY

COMMANDER ROGER PAUL BULSON USN-RET

Commander Roger Paul Hulson was a native of Colchester, Illinois. He entered the Naval Service in the Aviation Cadet Program in 1957 and earned his commission and designation as a Naval Aviator in February, 1959. He was then ordered to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron EIGHT at NAAS Ream Field, Imperial Beach, CA.

At the completion of his tour in HS-8, Commander HULSON received orders to the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, where he received his BA Degree. Then in 1964, he was ordered to NAS Corpus Christi as a SAR pilot for two years. From there, he went to Helicopter Attack Light Squadron Three (HAL-3) "Seawolves", flying helicopter gunships. After HAL-3, he was sent to Aircraft Ferry Squadron THIRTY-ONE for a one year tour. In 1969 he proceeded to Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHT (HT-8) where he was a Instructor, worked as Circuit Rider for 6 months and as a Instructor for the Imperial Iranian Navy.

He was sent back to HS-2 where he served as Maintenance, Administration and Operations Officer and obtained his Masters Degree in "Counseling and Guidance" from the University of Northern Colorado. He was then ordered to HS-10 as a Fleet Instructor for two years and then to Antisubmarine Warfare Wing as the HS/HSL Class Desk Officer. He then reported to HS-4 "Black Knights" as Executive Officer and then Commanding Officer in 1977. Further orders took him to the Air War College, a one year tour in Washington, DC, a short tour with COMSEVENTH Fleet Staff, back to Washington, DC Naval Discharge Review Board and Retirement in February 1982.

During his Naval Career, Commander HULSON HAS FLOWN 20 DIFFERENT TYPE OF Naval aircraft. He has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal (30th Award), Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V", Purple Heart,, Combat Action ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation Medal (2 Awards), National Defense Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (3 Awards), Republic of Vietnam Air Gallantry Medal with Bronze Wings, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Medal (Civic Action), Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon and the Navy Expert Pistol Medal.

After Naval Retirement, he taught High School for a couple of years in North Carolina and then worked as a Substance Counselor/Therapist for 13 years in NC, VA and FL. He then became a MASTER/CAPTAIN in Florida and taught sailing for Charter Companies for 10 years. COMMANDER HULSON is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hulson, formerly of Colchester, ILL. He is married to the former Peggy Manor of Denver, CO and has two daughters and three sons in the Denver and San Diego areas.