

## BIOGRAPHICAL BRIEF OF

Vice Admiral Emmett H. Tidd, United States Navy (Retired)

→ **TWO PAGE BRIEF (For more detail, see expanded brief, attached.)**

**Born:** 6 October 1923 in Shreveport, Louisiana.

**Grew up in Tyler, Texas,** where in the sixth grade he met his wife-to-be, "Muggs" (Margaret Elizabeth Powell), fell immediately in love with her, but she declined his proposal, thinking the sixth grade might be a bit young for marriage!

**Education:** He graduated from:

Central High School in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

University of Oklahoma, BS degree.

The Naval War College, Command & Staff Course, Newport, RI.

The National War College, Washington, DC.

### **Over 33 years of Navy Service:**

Enlisted as Apprentice Seaman in the U.S. Naval Reserve in December 1942; Active duty 1 July 1943; Commissioned Ensign 24 Feb 1945, Naval ROTC program, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK. (The next day he married that 6th grade sweetheart & they Celebrated their 51st Wedding Anniversary on February 25, 1996 !)

After WW-II destroyer duty, he had five years of inactive duty, but was drilling with Reserve Units (full annual credit for each year.)

Returned to active duty August 1950 for Korean War, in a destroyer, deployed to Korea.

November 1953: Selected for transfer from USNR to USN ( Lieutenant).

Retired 31 July 1976 in the permanent rank of Vice Admiral, US Navy.

### **SEA DUTY:**

USS GYATT (DD-712), First Lieutenant & Damage Control (WW-II, Atlantic).

USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD-752), Engineering + Wonsan Gulf Korea as "Shore Bombardment Intelligence Liaison Officer" (EastPac & deployed 7th Fleet ops.)

USS RADFORD (DDE-446), Ops and Navigator (MidPac & deployed 7th Fleet ops.)

ComCortDesRon ONE Staff: Ops, Gunnery & ASW (MidPac & deployed 7th Fleet)

USS FORCE (MSO-445): in command (EastPac & Panama, Atlantic & Pacific ops.)

USS RICHARD B. ANDERSON (DD-786): in command. (3rd & 7th Fleet ops.)

USS CHARLES F. ADAMS (DDG-2): in command. Atlantic, 2nd Fleet ops.)

USS EVERGLADES (AD-24): in command. (Atlantic & Med, 6th Fleet Support ops.)

(ALMOST in command of) USS COLUMBUS (CG-12) in May 1970, from duty in Vietnam Captain Tidd had orders to report as CO of the newly modernized guided missile cruiser, USS COLUMBUS (CG-12). However, enroute from Vietnam, he was selected for promotion to Rear Admiral, and orders were changed for him to report to the CNO, Washington, DC, for duty. (History will note that there was little sympathy from anyone else over his losing his coveted command of that cruiser!)

Commander Cruiser Destroyer Flotilla SIX and Task Element 60.2, half of the Sixth Fleet's Carrier Striking Force, with his flag in USS AMERICA (CV- 66) in the

Mediterranean: in command.

Commander, Naval Surface Force, US Pacific Fleet: in command.

Force total 183 ships & 55,000 personnel, ...and a lot of trained dolphins !

### **SIGNIFICANT SHORE DUTY:**

Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, Washington, DC.

Office of the CNO, Strategic Plans & Policy Division (Op-60), (two tours).

Vietnam, "in country": May 1969 to May 1970: as Chief of Staff and Aide to (then) Vice Admiral Zumwalt who was Commander of US Naval Forces Vietnam and Chief, Naval Advisory Group, Vietnam,

Special Assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, DC to establish and direct the CNO's Navy Decision Coordination Center, (the "NADEC") for the first year of ADM Zumwalt's tour as CNO.

Command of the Navy Recruiting Command, with orders to "...prepare for the end of the draft and build a recruiting force capable of recruiting the All Volunteer Force."

**LAST COMMAND AT TIME OF RETIREMENT:**

**Command of the Naval Surface Force, US Pacific Fleet:** During this period the final consolidation of all Cruisers, Destroyers, Frigates, Amphibious, Mine Warfare, Service Force ships, Tenders and repair ships, the Special Forces (SEALs) and Amphibious Warfare Schools of the Pacific Fleet, were consolidated under one Type Commander, the "Commander Naval Surface Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet".

**When this consolidation task was completed Vice Admiral Tidd requested retirement.** On 31 July 1976, with over 33 years of naval service, he was retired in the permanent rank of Vice Admiral. The Naval Surface Force, US Pacific Fleet then consisted of 183 ships and over 55 thousand people.

**In retirement, previous positions:**

Board of Directors, Atlas Van Lines, Inc.  
Board of Directors & chairman, Armed Services YMCA (Volunteer).

**Vice Admiral Tidd's personal decorations, medals and campaign ribbons include:**  
**Decorations; Most significant :**

The Distinguished Service Medal with two Gold Stars  
The Legion of Merit  
The Navy Commendation Medal with two Gold Stars and Combat "V"  
The Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon with star,  
Also 16 other area and campaign ribbons.

**Current Home:** Arlington, VA

**They have two sons, plus one daughter-inlaw, all on active duty in the Navy:**

Mark L. Tidd, Chaplains Corps, USN, Commander ~~selected~~, now in  
USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71); and,  
Commander Kurt W. Tidd, Surface Warfare Officer, USN, now ~~in the~~  
~~Prospective CO's course at Newport, with orders to report in March~~  
~~1997, as CO of USS Arthur W. Radford (DD-968) out of Norfolk.~~  
Lieutenant Commander Eileen Scanland-Tidd, Medical Corps, USNR,  
now a physician in ~~Bethesda NNMC~~ with orders to report in  
~~October~~ ~~for duty~~ in Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Virginia (She is a  
veteran of Desert Storm, decorated with the Bronze Star !)