

EXPANDED BIOGRAPHICAL BRIEF OF

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

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Born 6 October 1923 in Shreveport, Louisiana; (current age 72)

Education: He graduated from:

High school in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

University of Oklahoma, BS Degree, Industrial Management.

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

The National War College, Washington, DC.

Navy Service:

Enlisted: He enlisted as an Apprentice Seaman in the U.S. Naval Reserve in December 1942 and on 1 July 1943 was placed on active duty as a Midshipman in the Naval ROTC program at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Ok.

Commissioned Ensign, USNR on 24 February 1945 and the next day married his 6th grade school sweetheart, Margaret Powell, in Tyler, Texas. They celebrated their 51st Wedding Anniversary on 25 February 1976.

Ships he has served in:

USS GYATT (DD-712) in the Atlantic late in WW-II.

USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD-752) as Damage Control and Assistant Engineering Officer. USS FRANK E. EVANS, was in the first division of four reactivated destroyers to reach Korea, arriving in January 1951. Participated in opening the sustained siege and blockade of the North Korean port of Wonsan Harbor, engaging in numerous duels with the major shore batteries and mines of the North Korean forces. Awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" while serving additional duties as Shore Bombardment Intelligence Liaison Officer, under enemy fire, ashore & afloat, for the Commander, Wonsan Bombardment and Patrol Element ... during June and July 1951."

USS RADFORD (DDE-446) home ported in Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii. While serving in that antisubmarine destroyer in February 1955, RADFORD took part in "Operation Passage to Freedom" just off the coast of China, which involved the safe evacuation from the Tachen Islands of over 26,700 Chinese soldiers, their 128 vehicles and 8,630 tons of cargo, for relocation to "Formosa", now Taiwan.

ComCortDesRon ONE "SHANGHAIED" him from RADFORD in April 1955, for staff Ops, Gunnery & ASW Officer. This specialized 12 ship squadron (of which USS Radford was a part) engaged in advanced hunter-killer experimental tactics with the Third Fleet in the Hawaiian area and deployed with the Seventh Fleet in Western Pacific areas.

During these two years in Hawaii, Mrs. Tidd gave birth to their two sons, Mark Lutzerne and Kurt Walter Tidd.

USS FORCE (MSO-445): In November 1956 Lieutenant Tidd assumed his first command at sea: the ocean minesweeper USS FORCE (MSO-445); engaged in special operations in the Pacific and Atlantic approaches to the Panama Canal. During this period he was promoted to Lieut. Commander, USN.

USS RICHARD B. ANDERSON (DD-786) 1961 - 1963 promoted to Commander, USN, and took command of the USS RICHARD B. ANDERSON (DD-786), which was just completing a one year overhaul and conversion under the Fleet Rehabilitation and Modernization program (FRAM-I). During this tour of Pacific duty, USS RICHARD B. ANDERSON was the standby firing ship, and platform for the surface scientific camera party nearest ground zero, participating in "Operation Swordfish", the first operational firing and detonation of the nuclear warhead on an ASROC (Antisubmarine Rocket fired depth charge). This period also included operational deployments in the Eastern Pacific with the Third Fleet during the Cuban Missile Crisis, and with the Seventh Fleet Fast Carrier Striking Force in the Western Pacific until he was detached in February 1963

USS CHARLES F. ADAMS (DDG-2): In April 1963 took command of the Charleston, South Carolina based USS CHARLES F. ADAMS (DDG-2), lead ship in our (then) newest class destroyer designed from the keel up as a guided missile destroyer. Operations included Second Fleet exercises in the Atlantic, and deployments to the Caribbean with Fast Carrier Striking and ASW forces of the Atlantic Fleet.

USS EVERGLADES (AD-12): In June 1968, he assumed command of the Atlantic Fleet's oldest destroyer tender, the USS Everglades (AD-12) home ported in Charleston, South Carolina. In August deployed to the Mediterranean as a repair ship serving all units of the SIXTH FLEET.

[Cruiser Command, ALMOST : From Vietnam Captain Tidd had orders to report as commanding officer of the newly modernized guided missile cruiser, USS COLUMBUS (CG-12) in Norfolk, VA. However, enroute from Vietnam, he was selected for promotion to Rear Admiral, and orders were changed for him to report to the CNO, for duty, Washington, DC.]

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

SIGNIFICANT SHORE DUTY:

Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, Washington, DC
Strategic Plans & Policy Division, Office of the CNO, then Op-60 (two tours; 1st as Nuclear Weapons Stockpile, Joint Plans Officer; 2nd tour as Joint Strategic Objectives Plan Force Levels, Navy Department Team Leader).

Vietnam, "in country": April 1969 to May 1970: as Chief of Staff and Aide to then Vice Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., Commander of US Naval Forces Vietnam and Naval Advisory Group, Vietnam.

Special Assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, DC, to establish and direct the CNO/VCNO's Navy Decision Coordination Center, (the "NADEC") for which he was subsequently awarded the Legion of Merit "For exceptionally meritorious service ..." during the period of June 1970 to June 1971.

Command of the Navy Recruiting Command, with orders to "...prepare for the end of the draft and commence recruiting the All Volunteer Force." During this period he was awarded a Gold Star in lieu of the second award of the Distinguished Service Medal "...For exceptionally meritorious service ...". Promoted to Vice Admiral, USN on 3/5/74.

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.

When this task of consolidating the Naval Surface Forces, Pacific Fleet was completed, Vice Admiral Tidd requested retirement. On 31 July 1976 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.

Upon retirement, Vice Admiral and Mrs. Tidd returned to their home in Arlington, Virginia, where they still reside, ... except for an average of about 180 days out of each year that they spend traveling and camping in their motorhome, affectionately called "The Great White Whale."

They have two sons, both in the Navy:

Mark L. Tidd, Chaplains Corps, USN, Commander ~~selected~~, now serving in USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71); and,

Commander Kurt W. Tidd, Surface Warfare Officer, USN, currently ~~in the Prospective Commanding Officers Course, Newport, RI, with orders to report next March 1997, as commanding officer of USS~~ (2/10/97)

Arthur W. Radford (DD-968) out of Norfolk, VA.

Lieutenant Commander Eileen Scanland-Tidd, Medical Corps, USNR, now a physician in Bethesda, MD, with orders to report soon to Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Virginia (She is a veteran of Desert Storm, decorated with the Bronze Star I)

In retirement Vice Admiral Tidd served on the Board of Directors of Atlas Van Lines, Inc., and for ten years, as a volunteer, was on the Board of Directors for the Armed Services YMCA, serving as their Chairman in 1981 and 1982.

Vice Admiral Tidd's personal decorations, medals and campaign ribbons include:

The Distinguished Service Medal (three awards).

The Legion of Merit

The Navy Commendation Medal (three awards and one Combat "V")

The Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon (two awards).

The Naval Reserve Medal

American Campaign Medal

World War II Victory Medal

China Service Medal with bronze star

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star.

The Korean Presidential Unit Citation.

Korean Service Medal with three bronze stars

United Nations Service Medal (Korea),

The Vietnam Service Medal with three bronze stars, and

The Command at Sea Insignia.

From the Republic of Vietnam he was awarded:

The National Order of Vietnam

The Republic of Vietnam Honor Medal (First Class)

The Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Palm, and

The Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Civil Action w/bronze palm, First Class Color)

The Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, with Device.

The Vietnam National Order Medal (Fifth Class).

Vice Admiral Tidd is a member of the following:

Calvary United Methodist Church of Arlington, Virginia.
Family Motor Coach Association and its Capitol Chapter.
USS Radford Association.
USS Everglades Association.
USS Richard B. Anderson Association.

He is a Life Member in the following:

Fleet Reserve Association.
Naval Reserve Officers Association.
US Naval Institute.
National Defense Institute Alumni Association, and
National War College Alumni Association, and
University of Oklahoma Alumni Association.