

Biography of Lonny K. McClung, Capt., USN (Ret.)



Lonny is a contract test pilot, instructor, and aviation consultant. From 1992 to 2000, following retirement from the Navy, he was Director of Aircraft Development for United Capital Corp. in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. where he managed a program to convert the commuter airline model of the Grumman Albatross from piston to turbo-prop engines. For 2 years he was concurrently Director of Operations at Chalks Airlines, a seaplane operation --- the world's oldest airline. He continues to be an active pilot with over 12,500 hours. In addition to flying corporate jets, he has served as team manager and pilot in command of the Campbell Air Race Team in the London-Sydney Air Race 2001, which included a flight around the world in a 1954 Grumman Albatross. From 2001-2004 he was Director of Aviation Programs for OASIS Corporation & Executive Assistant to the Chairman of the Board. For 6 years he flew test ops and instructed in the

A-4 for ATSI/TOP ACES. He is a Mentor Pilot, FAA Pilot Proficiency Examiner, & Part 135 Check Airman on the Eclipse 500.

During a 30-year career as a carrier based fighter pilot he logged over 7,000 hours, more than 1,000 carrier landings, and over 250 combat missions in Vietnam. He served on both coasts and was Commanding Officer of four different aviation units: VF-51 (F-4 Phantoms); VF-124 (F-14 Tomcats); and Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) --- all at NAS Miramar. Later he commanded Training Air Wing TWO at Kingsville, TX., producing pilots to man the Navy's carrier based fleet tactical jet squadrons.

Significant sea tours included Chief of Staff Commander, U.S. Second Fleet/Striking Fleet Atlantic; Chief of Staff, Cruiser Destroyer Group THREE (USS Enterprise); Asst. Chief of Staff, Plans & Operations, Carrier Group SEVEN (USS Ranger). Shore assignments included exchange duty at the USAF Test Pilot School (Class 68-B) followed by work on classified projects in the "Black World" at Edwards AFB. He was also an Instructor Pilot and Landing Signal Officer at Miramar and North Island in San Diego. Washington tours included Financial Manager for the Permanent Change of Station Moving Division at the Bureau of Naval Personnel (PERS 22), then later at the Pentagon on the Staff of the Chief of Naval Operations, as Director of Strike and Amphibious War Fighting Requirements (OP-74).

Military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (3 Awards), Meritorious Service Medal (2 Awards), Air Medal (22 Awards), Navy Commendation Medal (2 Awards & Combat V), USAF Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, plus various unit & campaign awards including the Presidential Unit Citation.

A native of Pana, IL., he graduated from high school in Maroa, IL., then earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the U. of Illinois, where he was commissioned by the NROTC Unit. He later earned a M.S. Degree in Administrative Science from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA., majoring in Financial and Weapons Systems Acquisition Management. Lonny is married to the former Audrey Tenhaeff of Golden, IL. They reside in Phoenix, AZ and have two grown children. Daughter Kim is a 1990 graduate of the University of Illinois and resides in El Campo, TX, with sons Spencer and Shane, plus daughter Sarah Grace. Son, Cdr. Kurt McClung, USN (Ret.), is a former USN F/A - 18 Hornet Instructor Pilot and Landing Signal Officer. He is currently in Kuwait working for Boeing as F-18 instructor pilot. A 1992 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, he flew combat missions in Kosovo and Afghanistan. He and wife Kelly have a son, Kurt Maxwell Jr. - "Max", and daughter Karoline Grace.

Lonny is an avid golfer who loves all sports, music, & flying. He was a member of the U.S. Navy League in Ft. Lauderdale & served on the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race Committee. Lonny is life member of the Association of Naval Aviation. For 6 years he was President of the 10,000 member, national USN Tailhook Association where he played a key role in the Navy restoring recognition to that organization and was named their President Emeritus. Lonny is a member of the Early & Pioneer Naval Aviators Association ("Golden Eagles"), The Society of Experimental Test Pilots, & has been recognized by Strathmore's Who's Who of Business Leaders.