

BIOGRAPHICAL NARRATIVE

Rear Admiral (08) Merton Dick VAN ORDEN, U.S. Navy, (Retired)

High School: San Jacinto Senior High, Houston, Texas, graduated in top 10% of class, June 1939

Mil. Service: Private, Texas National Guard, Company G, 143rd Infantry, 36th Division. 1938-1939.

Colleges: Texas A&M College, College Station, Texas, 1939-1941, Distinguished Student, 1939.

Major: Aeronautical Engineering,

Military Service: Army ROTC & U.S. Army Air Corps Student Pilot Train. Prog.

Appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy by Senator Tom Connally, July 1941.

U.S. Naval Academy, July 1941-June 1944. Sports: Sailing, Lacrosse.

Major: Naval Science. Commissioned Ensign, USN, June 1944. BS in Naval Science.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), 1947-1949,

Major: Electronics and Nuclear Physics, grad. 1949 BS, Electrical Engineering.

The George Washington University, Washington, DC, 1963-1964

Major: Business Administration, MBA (Financial Management).

The George Washington University, Evening Division, 1965-1968.

Major: Doctoral Candidate for DBA. Instructor in Graduate Program for B.Adm.

The Harvard Graduate School of Business, Feb. 1968-May 1968.

Major: Advanced Management Program, Completed. Accepted for DBA Prog.

Chronological Listing of Duty Assignments and Billets:

June 1944-August 1945: USS *Independence*, CVL-22. Combat in Pacific in Fast Carrier Task Force.

Gun Director Officer, Division Officer, CIC Gunnery Liaison Officer. Selected for Flight Trng.

August 1945-November 1945: Primary Flight Training, Dallas Texas. Washed out--eyesight deficiencies.

November 1945-June 1947: USS *Tanager*, AM-385, minesweeping and training, Atlantic, U.S. waters.

Gunnery Officer, Chief Engineer, Executive Officer.

June 1947-February 1949: Student at MIT

February 1949-June 1951: USS *Marquette* AKA-95. Electronics Officer, Boat Officer, CIC Officer.

Selected for Engineering Duty Officer (EDO). Designator changed, Unrestricted Line to EDO.

July 1951-June 1953 Staff Electronics Officer, Charleston Group, Atlantic Reserve Fleet.

June 1953-June 1956: Boston Naval Shipyard Electronics Off., Ships Sup't, Production Analysis Supt.

June 1956-June 1960: Navy Electronics Laboratory. Program Officer; T&E Officer for hand-held sonar;

Qualified as Navy Diver (SCUBA); Communication/Satellite Communications Research Off.

July 1960-July 1963 Defense Communications Agency. Industry Eval. Officer; Director. Inter-American

Telephone Network (Cuban Missile Crisis), Awarded Legion Of Merit.

July 1963-July 1964 Student, George Washington University, Graduated June 1964, MBA.

July 1964-June 1965 R&D Officer, Satellite Communications Officer, Office of Chief of Naval Material.

June 1965-June 1969 Project Officer, Satellite Comm. Project, PME-1, Electronics System Command.

February 1968-May 1968 Student in Advanced Management Program, Harvard Business School.

June 1969-January 1972 Commanding Officer, Naval Electronics Laboratory Center, San Diego. Conducted

major Laboratory management upgrade and Managerial Grid. Awarded second Legion of Merit.

1 November 1971 Promoted to Rear Admiral, USN.

January 1972-June 1972 Secretary, Industrial Evaluation Group, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

June 1972-June 1973 Vice Commander, Naval Electronics System Command.

June 1973-July 1975 Chief of Naval Research. Command of Office of Naval Research, including the

Naval Research Laboratory.

July 1975 Retired from the Navy, one year early in protest of breakup of the Washington Office of ONR.