

TACAMO Hall of Fame – 2020

Kermit Ayres – TACAMO Sailor/Industry Partner

Service

- VQ-4: 72-76- JO, 79-81- Super JO, 83-85- Admin and OPS Dept Head, 87-89 XO/CO
- Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (C3I) -89-94
- Commodore- 94-96 then National Security Research, 97-2006

Contributions

- First ever TACAMO Aviator to qualify as Mission Commander as a LTJG.
- Evaluated and certified final 50% of VQ-4 crews TACAMO III to TACAMO IV weapons system
- Created model for crew deployments and financial accounting of classified itineraries
- Golden Anchor and Battle “E” during beginning of the end of VQ-4 Herc Ops in CO tour
- Powerful influencer in Pentagon maintaining support for TACAMO mission as Cold War ‘ended’
- Co-defender of TACAMO priority in Navy and DoD and at Tinker as Commodore during BRAC
- Key author of 1990/1991 Strategic C3 Review, resulting in TACAMO becoming THE Airborne Command Post
- Consultant to DoD and key to mission and budget defense to Congress and unsupportive Administration

Leadership (Key Jobs)

- NATOPS Evaluator, Assistant Aircraft Maintenance Officer
- Operations Officer, Administrative Department Head
- TACAMO Mission Commander as JG, LT, LCDR, CDR
- Executive Officer, Commanding Officer
- Wing Commander, Task Force Commander
- SECDEF key staffer in uniform and later as consultant

Community Service

- Lifelong member of the South Montrose Community Church .MOAA, American Legion, NRA, Penn State Alumni Association
- Recognized by Penn State for philanthropic scholarship efforts on behalf of Penn State engineering students with prior military service.

Peer recognition

- SECDEF, Joint Staff, Strategic Command leadership, Fleet and NAVAIR leadership
Fellow Junior Officers, Department Heads, as well as Chiefs
- Fellow Commodores: “Quietly, behind the scenes, probably contributed more to the TACAMO Community survivability than any others.”



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