

LCDR HAL R. CRANDALL, USN

EARLY DAYS - Idaho

01-1929 born in Pocatello, Idaho

NAVAL ACADEMY

09-1946 US Naval Academy Midshipman (appointment from the state of Montana)

06-1951 USNA graduation – commissioned as Ensign

1951-1952 DESTROYER USS ERBEN (DD 631)

Assistant to 1st LT/Assistant Navigator/Assistant Communications Officer

06-1951 to 04-1952 Korean War (8 months in Korea)

03-1952 return to San Diego from Korea

FLIGHT TRAINING

04-1952 Naval Air Basic Training Command, NAS Pensacola

01-1953 promoted to LTJG

05-1953 NAS Corpus Christi (Under instruction)

07-1953 NAAS Kingsville, TX (under instruction) jet transition

09-30-1953 Received Wings - designated Naval Aviator (HTA)

FIGHTER SQUADRON VF-151

Flight Officer, Operations Officer, Communications Officer, Pilot

11-1953 Reported to VF 151 at Alameda, CA Grumman F9F-2 Panther

09-1954 to 04-1955 deployed to WestPac CVA-18 Wasp

06-1955 F7U Cutlass checkout by future Mercury astronaut Walter M. Schirra, jr.

ATTACK SQUADRON VF-151

02-1956 LT Crandall FIGHTER PILOT VA-151 “Black Knights”

02-1956 promoted to Lieutenant

05-1956 Deployment USS Lexington – Area of Operation: WestPac

12-1956 Return from WestPac Deployment to home port NAS Alameda

PAX RIVER

02-1957 Pax River Test Pilot School Class 18 (6 month course) One of Crandall’s instructors is future Mercury astronaut, LCDR Alan B. Shepard, jr.

07-1957 LT Crandall graduates from NTPS Class-18, along with future Gemini & Apollo astronaut Dick Gordon

08-1957 Electronics Test Division, NAS Pax River
Flight Officer; Test Project Pilot

PROJECT MERCURY ASTRONAUT CANDIDATE

1959-02 LT Crandall is called to Washington with 69 other candidates to test for an assignment as one of 12 Mercury astronauts.

1959-03 medical testing at the Lovelace Clinic.

“Stress Testing” at Wright-Patterson AFB

1959-04 Crandall was selected as one of the 12, but NASA soon decided it needed only 7 astronauts, and Crandall was not selected.

PACIFIC PROJECTS DIVISION - OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION FORCE

02-1960 Assistant for Operations, Communication, Security and a Project Officer
NAS North Island/Coronado (San Diego)

05-1961 promoted to LCDR

FIGHTER SQUADRON 124

06-1962 F-8A Crusader training Fleet Replacement Pilot

FIGHTER SQUADRON VF-211

01-1963 assigned VF-211 NAS Miramar F-8A Crusader
Squadron Maintenance Officer

06-1963 deployed VF-211 Hancock F-8A

07-24-1963 Deceased due to injuries suffered in the crash of his F-8A into Subic Bay

07-26-1963 (Friday) Parents attended his funeral in southern CA

08-05-1963 Hal Crandall was buried in Logan City Cemetery, Utah.

MEDALS AND AWARDS

China Service Medal

National Defense Service Medal
with one Bronze Star in lieu of second award

Korean Service Medal

United Nations Service Medal

Korean Presidential Unit Citation Badge