

CDR(RET) Dion J Edon was born in Chicago, Illinois. He entered active duty as an Airmen Recruit in June 1981 and attended boot camp at RTC Great Lakes.

His assignments include: VA-86; Naval Strike Warfare Center. USS Ranger (CV-61); HSL-33; VFA-22; NAS North Island; NAF Diego Garcia; USS John C Stennis (CVN-74); CVW-9; Strike Fighter Wing Pacific; USS Ronald Reagan (CVN-76); COMPACFLEET; Naval Airborne Weapons Maintenance Unit – One; and Naval Air Forces Atlantic.

His awards include: Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait); Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia); Navy Marine Corps Overseas Ribbon (3); Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (9); Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Southwest Asia Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal; Navy Expeditionary Medal; Meritorious Unit Commendation (5), Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3), Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal (5); and Meritorious Serve Medal (5).

He had an extremely successful active-duty career, moving through the ranks from Airmen Recruit to Chief Petty Officer and to Commander, serving as a Navy Mustang. His 34 years of dedicated service to the Navy and the defense of our Nation is testament to the enduring contributions and countless personal sacrifices he and his family have made to preserve the freedoms and liberties all American cherish.

- As CAG 9 Gunner he was the driving force in the virtually flawless 96% delivery rate of 585,000 pounds of fused ordnance on target during Operations ENDURING FREEDOM AND ANACONDA.
- As the Commanding Officer of NAWMU-1, CDR Edon orchestrated one of the largest ordnance sentencing efforts on record, inventorying, inspection and repairing 5,970 ordnance components aboard USNS AMELIA EAHART: improving accountability, material condition and saving \$3 million dollars. His direct coordination with NAVAIRSYSCOM weapons programs managers established AIM-9X missile section maintenance repair capability reducing fleet costs and enhancing readiness.”

Upon Dion’s retirement from active-duty service in 2015, he continued to positively contribute to the success, professionalism, and reputation of the AO community as a government civil servant supporting the Fleet, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division China Lake and Commander Naval Air Forces Atlantic as a Shipboard Weapons Integration Team (SWIT) team member and NAVAIR Liaison to Commander Naval Air Force’s, Gun Boss. His continued active commitment to the National and Chapter 4 Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. He is both a past President and Vice President of our Association. Everywhere he has served he has infused the local chapter with enthusiasm & excitement. He currently serves as on Chapter 4 and National, Board of Directors. He was Commanding Officer 13 of Naval Air Weapons Maintenance Unit – ONE.

Life Member 1451 he is unquestionably worthy of our Aviation Ordnance Hall of Fame.