

CAPTAIN PAUL M. PAUL  
UNITED STATES NAVY

Captain Paul graduated from the Naval Academy in 1940. After his first assignment as a gunnery division officer on the USS PENSACOLA he entered flight training. Upon completion of this training he was assigned as an instructor in the Operational Flight Training Program.

From 1944 to 1948 Captain Paul spent most of his time at sea as the Commanding Officer of Fighter Squadron 33 and Commanding Officer of Composite Air Group 25. The latter part of this period he served on the staff of Commander Carrier Division 14. The next few years he was ashore in VC-5 as Material and Engineering Officer and in the Military Requirements and Air Warfare Branch of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. In 1953 Captain Paul was ordered to sea as Commanding Officer of Fighter Squadron 143 on board the USS ESSEX, and later as Commander Air Task Group 2 on board the USS PHILIPPINE SEA. In 1955 he was assigned duty as Single Engine Training Officer on the staff of Chief of Naval Air Advanced Training, followed by duty as Executive Officer of the USS INTREPID.

The year 1959 was the beginning of another period of staff duty, mostly in England, which was completed when Captain Paul took command of the fleet oiler USS CALIENTE prior to reporting on board the USS IWO JIMA.

Captain Paul is authorized to wear the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal (5 awards), the Navy Commendation Ribbon, the Navy Unit Commendation, the Presidential Unit Citation, and various area campaign awards.



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