Vice Admiral James E. Service

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A naval aviator and test pilot, James E. Service had flown combat missions in both the Korean and Vietnam wars. A graduate of the Army War College, he had served as Commander, Battle Force, Sixth Fleet, and had been in that position when F-14 fighters from his battle force had shot down two Libyan aircraft during operations in the Gulf of Sidra. As the forty-second president of the Naval War College, Vice Admiral Service presided over the College's centenary in 1984, which was marked with the reopening of an enlarged museum in Founders Hall, after a two-year renovation program, and the publication of Sailors and Scholars, a history of the institution's first one hundred years. After leaving the College, he went on to be Commander, United States Naval Air Force, Pacific Fleet, from 1985 to 1987.



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