

Larry Ische: I was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, a 1946 model. As a graduate of the University of Minnesota in 1968, I joined the Navy as an AOC in 1969 and completed flight school. I received my wings as a helicopter pilot. My VC-8 tour was 1972 to 1975. We lived at the now vanished Puerca Point and moved into our house when Bruno DeBrun left VC-8. The other half of our bungalow was occupied by Dan and Judy Shaw and their son, Jeffrey.

My twilight tour was at Whiting Field Milton, Florida, assigned to VT-6 flying the mighty Trojan T-28. I thoroughly enjoyed the flying while scrambling to be hired by the airlines.

My civilian aviation career started in 1979 with Piedmont Airlines. That airline was purchased by USAir and then by America West. After I retired, American West and American joined forces. I retired at age 60, which was the maximum age at that time. 22 of the 27 years I spent at the airlines I flew captain on the Boeing 737. I then flew the rich and famous for three years with NetJets.

Currently, I'm mostly retired, working with my wife Brenda at odd jobs at the six Amelie's French Bakeries she partners in. We split our time between Charlotte, NC and Homosassa, FL.

I have many fond memories of my tour at Roosevelt Roads. At the time we probably did not fully appreciate how good a life we had there. Good friends, great flying and wonderful times. I considered it was a bonus to wear Bermuda shorts and a pith helmet to work! A dark moment was the loss of our good friend Tom West.

My favorite memories of Roosevelt Roads (no particular order)

- * My son Peter was born there and his sister Emily would follow 3 1/2 years later.
- * 1200 hours spent flying around the Caribbean
- * Sailing at the yacht club with Everett McAskill
- * The Officer's Club
- * The almost weekly parties to celebrate momentous occasions.
- * Playing cards till all hours with Tony and Sue Thompson
- * Sailing trips to islands
- * Most of all, the camaraderie of living at Roosevelt Roads and being a member of VC-8.