

Fred Spellman – China Lake tour

When I left VC-8, I went to the Naval Weapons Center at China Lake. Was assigned as an Asst Tech Officer. Was given the HARM missile. Would roughly spend half a day working with Tech folks and on requirements. Then spend the rest of the day test flying that and other weapons. Fired the first three guided versions of HARM with two direct hits.

Lost a good friend who was following a Walleye in with cameras. The wheels of the target actually flew up and hit his aircraft.

If you like loud noises, smoke and flames, it was a great assignment.

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