



**Roger E. Box, Rear Admiral, USN (Ret.)**  
 “Roger”

Date of Designation: 25 October 1957 NA # V-13293

Dates of Active Duty: 1 June 1956 - 1 March 1987

Total Flight Hours: 4,708

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 810

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,200 Prop: 400 Helo: 50 VF/VA: 4,000

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VF-21 (F4B), USS *Ranger* (CV-61) Oct. 1967 - May 1968 - 80 missions (Includes one month off Korea for USS *Pueblo*)

Vietnam: VF-21 (F4J), USS *Ranger* (CV-61), Oct. 1968 - May 1969 - 85 missions (Includes one month off Korea for shoot down of EC-121 by Koreans)

Vietnam: VF-114 (F4J), USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV-63), Aug. 1972 - Dec. 1972 - 55 missions

Aviation Commands:

OinC, Naval Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN), May 1971 - Jul. 1972.

CO, Naval Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN), Jul. 1972 - Aug. 1972 (Commissioning CO).

CO, VF 114 (F4J), Aug. 1972 - Aug. 1973

CAG 14, Feb. 1976 - Apr. 1977

CO, USS *Hassayampa* (AO-145), Jan. 1978 - Nov. 1978

CO, USS *Ranger* (CV-61), May 1979 - Oct. 1980

Commander, Carrier Group SIX, Jul. 1983 - Aug. 1985

Combat Awards:

Distinguished Flying Cross

Bronze Star

13 Air Medals



**Duty Assignment Chronology**

- 1956-1958 Graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy and subsequently received my Aviator's wings after completing jet pipeline flight training.
- 1958 Fighter Pilot, VF-173, an FJ3 Squadron at NAS Jacksonville. Transferred to VF-174, the F8 RAG for transition.
- 1959-1961 Fighter Pilot, VF-84, an F8 Squadron, NAS Oceana and USS *Independence* (CVA-62).
- 1961-1964 Graduated from the U. S. Navy Test Pilot School and served as a Weapons System Project Test Pilot.
- 1964-1966 Assistant Navigator, USS *America* (CVA-66).
- 1966-1969 Department Head in VF-21, an F4 fighter squadron, aboard the USS *Ranger* during combat deployments to Vietnam.
- 1969-1970 Exchange student at the Air Force War College, Montgomery, Alabama. Received an MBA from Auburn University.
- 1971-1972 First Commanding Officer of TOPGUN.
- 1972-1973 Commanding Officer of VF-114, an F4 Fighter Squadron aboard USS *Kitty Hawk*. Combat deployment to Vietnam.
- 1973-1975 Director of Flight Test, U. S. Pacific Missile Test Center, Pt. Mugu, CA.
- 1976-1977 Commander Carrier Air Wing 14. Led a group of 10 aircraft squadrons aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Enterprise*.
- 1977-1978 Commanding Officer (Captain) USS *Hassayampa*, (AO-145) U. S. Pacific Fleet.
- 1979 Naval Air Systems Command, Washington, D.C. Program Coordination Officer (Captain).
- 1979-1980 Commanding Officer (Captain), USS *Ranger* (CV-61) U. S. Pacific Fleet.
- 1980-1981 Chief of Staff (Promoted to Rear Admiral) Commander Naval Air Forces, U. S. Pacific Fleet, San Diego, CA.

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### Duty Assignment Chronology continued

1981-1983 NATO SHAPE, Mons, Belgium Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Plans and Policy, Operations and Readiness Officer (Rear Admiral).

1983-1985 Battle Group Commander, U. S. Atlantic Fleet  
Battle Force Commander U. S. Sixth Fleet (Rear Admiral).

1985-1987 Plank Owner Director of Operations (Rear Admiral) United States Space Command Colorado Springs, CO.

3/1/87 Retired from active duty.

### **Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Graduated U. S. Naval Academy, June 1956.
- (2) Graduated flight training (Jets), February 1958.
- (3) One of a trio of the first three pilots to get E's in F-8, Crusader, gunnery at both 20,000 and 30,000 feet.
- (4) Graduated Test Pilots School, July 1962.
- (5) Project pilot in Weapons Systems Test at Pax River. Recognized expert in air-to-air gunnery and systems plus electronics warfare.
- (6) Three deployments to Vietnam.
- (7) First Commanding Officer of TOPGUN.
- (8) Commanded Air Wing Fourteen in which each squadron had the newest of each type aircraft and some deploying for the first time.
- (9) Won the 'E' for the USS *Hassayampa* (AO-145).
- (10) Won Arleigh Burke award (on *Ranger*) for the most improved command in the Pacific Fleet.

### **Education**

BS, U. S. Naval Academy, 1956.  
MBA, Auburn University, 1970.