



**Robert D. Cabana, Col., USMC (Ret.)**  
 Bob "Copa"

Date of Designation: NFO: 27 Sep 72  
 Naval Aviator: 24 Sep 76

Dates of Active Duty: 9 Jun 1971 – 1 Sep 2000.

Total Flight Hours: 7769 in over 50 different types.

Approximate Flight Hours:

NFO: 653  
 Naval Aviator/NASA: 5800  
 Space Shuttle: 910  
 Civilian: 400

Awards:

Defense Distinguished Service Medal  
 Defense Superior Service Medal  
 Legion of Merit  
 Distinguished Flying Cross  
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
 Meritorious Service Medal  
 Nat'l Intelligence Achievement Medal  
 NASA Distinguished Service Medal  
 NASA Outstanding Leadership (2)  
 NASA Exceptional Service Medal (2)  
 NASA Spaceflight Medal (4)  
 National Defense Medal

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

6/67–6/71 U. S. Naval Academy.  
 7/71–2/72 TBS, MCB Quantico, VA.  
 3/72–7/72 VT-10, NAS Pensacola.  
 8/72-9/72 VT-86, NAS Glynco GA.  
 10/72–3/73 VMAT(AW)-202, CPNC.  
 4/73–7/74 VMA(AW)-121, CPNC.  
 7/74–9/75 VMA(AW)-533, Iwakuni, Japan  
 10/75 VT-1, NAS Saufley.



11/75–9/76 VT-26, VT-24, Beeville.  
 10/76–6/77 VMAT(AW)-202, CPNC.  
 7/77–11/78 VMA(AW)-332, CPNC.  
 11/78–7/79 VMA(AW)-533, CPNC.  
 8/79–6/80 AWS, MCB Quantico, VA.  
 7/80–11/80 Officer Candidate School.  
 12/80–12/81 USNTPS, NAS Pax River.  
 1/82–6/84 SATD, NAS Pax River.  
 7/84–6/85 MAG-12, Iwakuni, Japan.  
 7/85–9/00 NASA JSC, Houston TX  
 as SES at NASA.  
 10/00–8/01 NASA JSC, Houston TX.  
 8/01–9/02 NASA, Moscow Russia.  
 10/02–10/07 NASA JSC, Houston TX.  
 10/07–10/08 NASA SSC, Mississippi.  
 10/10–present NASA KSC, Florida.

**Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Weapons Tactics Instructor.
- (2) Navy eval of NASA AD-1 Oblique wing aircraft.
- (3) X-29 Advanced Technology Demonstration Project Officer.
- (4) Deputy Chief Acft Ops NASA JSC.
- (5) Pilot, STS-41, Discovery - deployed Ulysses in polar orbit of Sun, 1990.
- (6) Pilot, STS-53, Discovery - classified DOD mission, 1992.
- (7) Commander, STS-65, Columbia, Space Lab mission – set record for longest Shuttle mission, 1994.
- (8) Commander, STS-88, Endeavour, 1st Space Station assembly mission – 1st American to enter ISS, 1998.

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-Summary of Significant Career Events continued-

- (9) Chief, NASA Astronaut Office.
- (10) Manager, International Operations Space Station Program.
- (11) Director Human Spaceflight Program Russia.
- (12) Director Flight Crew Operations, JSC.
- (13) Deputy Director, Johnson Space Center.
- (14) Director, Stennis Space Center.
- (15) Director, Kennedy Space Center.

### **Special Honors**

- (1) Honor Grad VT-10.
- (2) Daughters of American Revolution Award for top Marine to complete Naval Aviator training 1976.
- (3) Distinguished Graduate USNTPS.
- (4) FAI De La Vaux Medal 1994.
- (5) Fellow in Society of Experimental Test Pilots.
- (6) Associate Fellow AIAA.
- (7) Astronaut Hall of Fame, 2008.
- (8) Debus Award, 2013, National Space Club, Florida Chapter.
- (9) National Space Trophy, 2015, RNASAS.