



LT Roy Cash and LTJG Ed Kain, post-MIG-21 kill 1968

**Roy Cash, Captain USN (Ret.)**  
 "Outlaw"

Date of Designation: 23 June 1966 NA # V-23766

Dates of Active Duty: January 1963 - September 1993

Total Flight Hours: 5,235

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,209

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 5,205 Prop: 30 VF/VA: 4,919 VT: 286

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: USS *America*, Gulf of Tonkin, VF-33, May-Nov. 1968, 130 combat missions

Vietnam: USS *Kitty Hawk*, Gulf of Tonkin, VF-213, Feb. - Dec. 1972, 175 combat missions

Total Combat Missions: 305

Aviation Commands:

VF-31, Aug. 1979 - Nov. 1980

Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN), Dec. 1980 - Jan. 1982

CVW-14, Jun. 1982 - Sep. 1983

FITWING ONE, Sep. 1983 - Feb. 1985

USS *El Paso*, Aug. 1985 - Mar. 1987

PHIBRON TWO, Mar. 1987 - Nov. 1988

Combat Awards:

Silver Star

18 Air Medals with combat "V" & Gold Star

Navy Commendation Medal w/combat "V" & Gold Star

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

17 other Navy and Air Force decorations



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**Duty Assignment Chronology**

- 1/63-5/63 Officer Candidate School; Newport, RI.
- 6/63-9/63 NAO School; Pensacola, FL.
- 10/63-2/64 RIO Training, NAS GLYNCO; Brunswick, GA (TF-10).
- 3/64-7/64 VF-101; NAS Oceana/NAS Key West (F-4B).
- 7/64-5/65 VF-41; NAS Oceana, VA (F-4B).
- 6/65-6/66: Pilot Training, NAS Pensacola, Meridian, Kingsville (T-34, T-2A, A/TF-9J).
- 7/66-1/67 VF-101; NAS Oceana/NAS Key West (F-4B).
- 1/67-7/69 VF-33, NAS Oceana, USS *America* (F-4B/J).
- 7/69-8/71 58th Tactical Fighter Wing; Luke AFB, AZ (F-100D/F, F-4D).
- 8/71-12/71 VF-121; NAS Miramar, CA (F-4B/J).
- 12/71-7/74 VF-213; NAS Miramar, USS *Kitty Hawk* (F-4J).
- 8/74-7/75 Naval War College; Newport, RI.
- 8/75-8/77 Chief of Naval Operations (OP-96), Pentagon; Washington, DC.
- 9/77-5/78 VF-101; NAS Oceana (F-4J).
- 5/78-11/80 VF-31, XO/CO; NAS Oceana, USS *Saratoga* (F-4J).
- 11/80-12/81 CO, TOPGUN; NAS Miramar, CA (F-5E/F).
- 1/82-6/82 NAS Oceana, Lemoore, Whidbey Island, WA; CAG Refresher Trng; (F-4, A-7, A-6).
- 6/82-9/83 Commander, Carrier Air Wing-14; USS *Coral Sea* (F-4, A-7, A-6).
- 10/83-2/85 Commander, Fighter Wing One; NAS Oceana (F-14, F-4, F-5).
- 3/85-7/85 Senior Officers' Ships Material Readiness Course (SOSMRC); Idaho Falls, ID.
- 8/85-3/87 Commanding Officer, USS *El Paso*; NB, Norfolk, VA.
- 3/87-11/88 Commander, Amphibious Squadron Two; NB, Norfolk, VA.
- 11/88-9/91 ACOS, Operations, SAACLANT; Norfolk, VA.
- 9/91-9/93 Chief of Staff, CNTECTRA; NAS Millington, TN.
- 9/1/93 Retired from Active Duty

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## Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) In Pensacola for Flight Training 6/63, no Pilot slots available; needed NAOs for F-4, A-3J (was later re-designated RA-5C) and A-6 influx into fleet.
- (2) Chose F-4 pipeline; designated NAO (I) in 2/64; upon reporting to VF-41 at NAS Oceana, immediately applied for Pilot Training.
- (3) After 9 months in VF-41, ordered back to Pensacola for Pilot Training; became first F-4 RIO to "Retread" and earn pilot wings.
- (4) Post F-4 RAG, flew commercial to Med; CQ'ed in VF-41/84 F-4s in CVA-62; X-decked to CVA-66, in-chopping for Indy relief; reported to VF-33 onboard *America* at start of 8.5 month Med Cruise; achieved double centurion on cruise.
- (5) VF-33 deployed to WESTPAC 4/68 with brand-new F-4J; first "J" combat deployment; on 7/10/68, on MIGCAP, got a MiG-21 with AIM-9; first MiG-21 kill by F-4J, also firsts for VF-33, USS *America* and LANTFLT.
- (6) From VF-33, orders to USAF Exchange Duty at Luke AFB (7/69 – 8/71) to fly F-4D; however, transition to F-4D slipped, so I flew F-100D/F (great sport!) until F-4D transition in last six months of USAF tour; awarded USAF Commendation Medal for one-on-one "CAT IV" check-out of Colonel Chappie James (later a 4-star General) in the F-100.
- (7) As senior DH in VF-213 (12/71 – 7/74) I was top Tailhooker for 1972 combat cruise and 73-74 WESTPAC/IO cruise. *Kitty Hawk* hosted the Shah of Iran, conducted CVW-11 air show for him; I flew F-4 supersonic pass during air show.
- (8) On 19 Jun 1972 (Fathers' Day), shot down near Haiphong Harbor by AAA; both of us rescued by helo within five minutes of going in water.
- (9) As CO, VF-31 (8/79 – 11/80), first LANTFLT squadron to participate in "Red Flag". VF-31 completed 7-month 1980 Med cruise with no accidents, no losses; awarded LANTFLT "E" and Safety award. Squadron awarded Golden Hook for cruise; I was top Tailhooker in squadron and air wing. Transitioned squadron to F-14 end of tour.
- (10) Selected as CO, TOPGUN and screened for CAG same year; chose to accept TOPGUN; slipped CAG tour for one year. Flew 2nd evaluation flight of F16-J79
- (11) COMCVW-14 on USS *Coral Sea* six-month 'Round-the-World' Cruise; Alameda to Norfolk. First Carrier/Air wing cruise in previous 25 years without accident or loss of aircraft/crew.

(12) As COMFITWING ONE, hosted Secretary of Navy, John Lehman and author, Tom Clancy at NAS Oceana; I flew SecNav in F-14, MATWING ONE Rep flew Clancy; (Lehman was former A-6 B/N).

(13) During tour as CO, USS *El Paso*, daughter, Kellye selected as "Miss America 1987" – reflecting high honor on Naval Aviation and its tradition of excellence in all endeavors.

(14) Six consecutive command tours between 8/79 and 11/88; VF-31, TOPGUN, CVW-14, COMFITWING ONE, USS *El Paso*, COMPHIBRON TWO.

(15) Deputy/Chief of Staff, CNTECHTRA during BRAC-imposed relocation of Navy technical training facilities from Millington to Pensacola.

## Post Military Highlights

- (1) Post retirement – 6/97-12/05: Senior VP in Crew Training International (CTI), which provides government contract flight, simulator, CRM training for FAA, NASA, USAF, USN, USMC Fighter Units, several International Air Forces, including Italian, UK, German, Swiss, Belgian, Singapore, Australian. Aircraft covered included F-4, F-15, F-16, F-14, F-18, A-10. Qualified CRM/Simulator instructor in all aircraft types during my tenure at CTI; instructed at bases in US, USAFE, PACAF, and international units in Italy, UK, Singapore. Designed the F-4F CRM/Simulator training courses for the German Air Force unit at Holloman AFB. Convinced the Luftwaffe Ops guys to let me fly (front seat) one of their F-4Fs (their CO was in back seat).
- (2) 6/05 – Present: currently serve, as requested, on CTI Contract Proposal and Proposal Teams and Q/A Boards. Also serve on CTI Board of Directors.
- (3) Son, Carey H. Cash, CAPT USN, CHC has served as Command Chaplain at the Camp David Presidential Retreat, Command Chaplain for the U.S. Navy's Central Command (USNAVCENTCOM) and 5th Fleet, and currently serves as Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Chaplaincy School and Center (NCSC) in Newport, RI.
- (4) Active on the Speaker's Circuit for Rotary, Exchange, Kiwanis, Civitan and other service clubs, as well as schools, civic and Veterans' organizations; topics include presentations on Character, Integrity, Patriotism and our Nation's Godly Heritage and Foundations.
- (5) 6/13 – Present: Member of National Advisory Council; Johnny Cash Boyhood Home Restoration and Museum Project, under auspices of Arkansas State University; Heritage Department. Assist in coordination of an Annual "Johnny Cash Heritage Festival", held at either Arkansas State in Jonesboro, AR or in Johnny's Boyhood Home in Dyess, AR."

(6) 9/17 – At the “MiG Symposium – Dogfight to Détente” in San Diego, I met the MiG-21 pilot that I shot down on 7/10/68; his account of our engagement matched mine, exactly. Phạm Phú Thái not only survived the Vietnam War with four kills of his own, but rose to the rank of LTGEN and served as the Vietnamese Peoples Air Force Chief of Staff – the senior officer in the VPAF. He and I have the same birthday (12/31), communicate through Google Translate routinely and consider ourselves “Friends Forever”.

### **Personal**

CAPT Cash married the former Billie Hall of Memphis, TN on July 4, 1963 at the Naval Aviation Chapel in Pensacola, FL shortly after commencement of Pre-Flight Training. Billie is a prolific writer/speaker; the author of six books she describes as “Signposts to Christian Living.” Roy and Billie have a daughter, Kellye and a son, Carey and twelve grandchildren.