



Patrick Driscoll, RADM, USN, (Ret.)
"Blood"

Hometown: Homewood, Illinois

School and College Career:

University of Illinois with a BS Degree in Accountancy and Minor in Aviation

Date Commissioned/Source:

- a. Commissioned: January 1979
- b. Aviation Officer Candidate Program

Dates of Active Duty: January 1978 - June 2013

Date of Designation: March 1981

Total Flight Hours: 5770 hours Jet: 5401 Prop: 245
Seaplane: 124

Carrier/Ship Landings: 1102

Combat Tours:

- Operation Earnest Will (VA-105 Gunslingers) A-7E CORSAIR II
- Operation Desert Shield/Storm (VA-46 Clansmen) A-7E CORSAIR II
- Operation Deliberate Guard over Bosnia (VFA-105 Gunslingers) FA-18 HORNET
- Operation Southern Watch in Iraq (VFA-105 Gunslingers) FA-18 HORNET
- Operation Enduring Freedom (CAG Carrier Air Wing 5) FA-18
- Operation Iraqi Freedom (CAG Carrier Air Wing 5) FA-18
- Baghdad, Iraq: Director of Communication and Spokesman for Multi-National Force-Iraq

Combat Missions: 41



Aviation Commands:

- VFA-105 Gunslingers
- Flight Leader and Commanding Officer Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron (Blue Angels)
- Commander Carrier Air Wing 5 Atsugi, Japan
- Commander *Harry S Truman* Carrier Strike Group

Staff Assignments:

- Deputy Director, Deep Blue
- Executive Assistant to Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information, Plans, and Strategy
- Executive Assistant to Vice Chief Naval Operations
- Chairman's Joint Strategic Working Group

Awards:

- Legion of Merit with two Gold Stars
- Distinguished Flying Cross with Combat V
- Three Bronze Stars
- Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Duty Assignment Chronology

- 10/78 Aviation Officer Class 19-78. Graduated #1 in class as Regimental Commander
- 01/79 Primary Flight Training T-28B Corpus Christie, TX
- 12/79 VT-9 flew T2C, Student of the month, VT-7 flew TA-4 , Winged March 1981 Meridian, Mississippi
- 07/81 VS-41 S-3 Viking RAG, San Diego CA.
- 07/82-12/85 VS-32 Maulers Jacksonville, Florida (Pilot of the Year 1985) S-3 Viking
- 08/86-10/88 VA-105 Gunslingers (AIRLANT LSO of the Year) Jacksonville, Florida A7-E Corsair
- 11/88-10/89 Light Attack Wing One Safety Officer and Command Security Officer
- 12/89-04/91 VA-46 Clansmen Department Head A7-E Corsair
- 10/91-07/92 VFA-83 Rampagers Department Head (Transition to FA-18)

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Duty Assignment Chronology continued

08/92-06/93 Naval War College Newport, RI (Distinguished Graduate)
07/93-03/95 US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency State Department
01/96-09/98 VFA-105 Gunslingers XO/CO Command Tour FA-18 Hornet
11/98-11/00 Blue Angels Flight Leader and Commanding Officer, Pensacola F-18
04/01-12/03 CVW-5 Commander Carrier Air Group FIVE, USS *Kitty Hawk*, Atsugi, Japan
01/04-01/05 Deputy Director Deep Blue, Washington, DC
01/05-06/05 Executive Assistant to N3 N5
07/05-05/07 Executive Assistant to VCNO
Selected for Chairman's Strategic Iraq Group (Council of Colonels)
11/07-11/08 RDML Multinational Forces Iraq Strategic Communications, Baghdad
05/09-03/11 Commander Carrier Strike Group 10, USS *Harry S Truman*
03/11-02/12 RADM Fleet Forces Command, N 3-5-7, Norfolk
03/12-06/13 Deputy and Chief of Staff COMPACFLT

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) 1983 Atlantic Fleet Sea Strike Pilot of the Year S-3 Viking.
- (2) 1987 AIRLANT LSO of the Year
- (3) Distinguished Graduate Naval War College 1993
- (4) 1994 Represented State Dept. in Vienna, Austria for Treaty Negotiations.
- (5) 1999-2000 Commanding Officer and Flight Leader Blue Angels. Only Pilot to land a Blue Jet on an Aircraft Carrier (*Harry S. Truman*).
- (6) 2001 During Operation Enduring Freedom, led the TACAIR strike element aboard the USS *Kitty Hawk* which served as an Afloat Forward Staging Base during combat operations in Afghanistan.
- (7) As Commander Carrier Air Group Five, Atsugi, Japan was instrumental in recovering the remains of LT Nathan White, who was shot down by a Patriot Battery in Kuwait as he was returning from a combat mission in Iraq.
- (8) Honored to be asked by the Speicher family to escort Scott Speicher's remains from Dover to his final resting place in Orange Park, Florida 2009.
- (9) As Operations Officer at Navy Fleet Forces Command, led the Navy's implementation of the repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

Post Military Work

- (1) Airport Manager of the Richmond Executive Chesterfield County Airport (2014-2018). Established an Airport Pilots Association which helped decrease the number of vacant T-Hangers from 20 to zero. This enhanced airport revenue, helping to fund projects like the runway extension and new fuel farm. We also introduced hundreds of young people to aviation through the Young Eagles Program.
- (2) 2016: Successfully recruited a second Aviation business which built two 12,000 sqft corporate hangers/offices.
- (3) 2019: Retired and enjoying life in our beautiful home at Lake Anna, Bumpass, VA.

Personal

- (1) Married Carol McMurry from Shelby, NC January 1983 Carol is a retired Navy Nurse Commander.
- (2) Have three remarkable children, 2 remarkable Son-in-laws, and 3 (almost 4) amazing grandchildren!
Ginny married to Dillon Lockett with son Finn and another son on the way.
Katie married to Coleman Bacon with 2 daughters Avery and Blair
John currently single and living in Charlottesville, VA.
- (3) Stay active running and biking around Lake Anna and attempting to keep up with Carol's golf game at our local club Cutorialong.