



**Robert Byron Fuller, RADM, USN (Ret)**  
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Date of Designation: 7 November 1952 NA # T-2740

Dates of Active Duty: 14 July 1945- 6 August 1946  
 1 June 1951- 30 November 1982

Total Flight Hours: 6,710

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 640

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,800 Prop: 1,200 Helo: 15 VF/VA: 4,600  
 VR/VP: 200 VT: 300

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: Jan 1967 - 14 July 1967, A-4, 110 combat missions aboard USS *Bon Home Richard* (CVA-31).

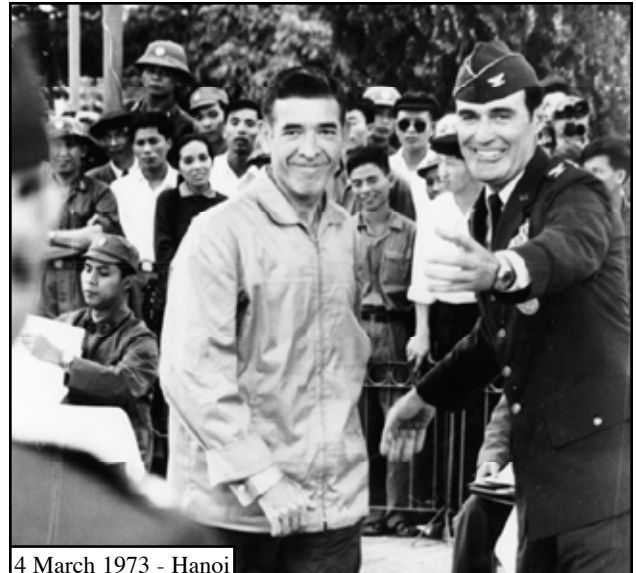
Vietnam: 14 July 1967 - 4 March 1973: 2,060 consecutive days of combat with the enemy.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-76, Dec 1966- July 1967  
 CO, USS *Detroit* (AOE-4), Aug 1974- Nov 1975  
 CO, USS *America* (CV-66) Sept 1976- Mar 1978  
 Commander Carrier Group Four, Jun 1980- Feb 1982

Combat Awards:

Navy Cross  
 2 Silver Stars  
 2 Legion of MERIT one w/ COMBAT "V"  
 4 Distinguished Flying Crosses  
 2 Bronze Stars w/ Combat "V"  
 13 Air Medals (2 Individual/11 Strike Flight)  
 3 Navy Commendation Medals W/ Combat "V"  
 2 Purple Hearts  
 Republic of Vietnam Air Gallantry Cross w/Silver Wings  
 POW Medal



**Duty Assignment Chronology**

7/45-8/46 Boot Camp San Diego.  
 Forward FireRoom USS *Waldron* (DD-699).  
 8/46-7/47 US Naval Reserve.  
 7/47-6/51 US Naval Academy.  
 6/51-9/51 Instructor USNA.  
 10/51-11/52 Flight Training (SNJ,F6F,F8F).  
 11/52-11/53 All Weather Flight.  
 3/53-11/55 VF-192. Transitioned from F4U-4's to F9F-5's  
 Two Deployments aboard USS *Oriskany*  
 (CVA-34). Between deployments, attended  
 USAF Fighter Weapons School at Nellis AFB.  
 Flew F-86.  
 11/55-11/58 CIC School, NAS Glynco, GA. Flew 4 types  
 of jets and 4 different types of props.  
 11/58-4/60 Flag Lieutenant, Carrier Division Seven.  
 5/60-9/60 VA-126 A-4 RAG.  
 9/60-11/63 VA-55 Two Deployments aboard USS  
*Ticonderoga* (CVA-14).  
 11-63-8/65 Bupers Detailer.  
 8/65-1/66 Armed Forces Staff College.  
 2/66-8/66 XO, VA-44 (A-4 RAG).  
 9/66-12/66 XO, VA-76 (A-4).  
 12/66-7/67 CO, VA-76 (A-4).  
 7/67-3/73 POW, Hanoi Hilton.  
 8/74-11/75 CO, USS *Detroit* (AOE-4).  
 5/76-8/76 First Class of Senior Officers' Material  
 Readiness Training at Idaho Falls, ID.  
 9/76-4/78 CO, USS *America* (CV-66).  
 5/78-5/80 Director Joint Reconnaissance Center (JRC),  
 Joint Chiefs of Staff.  
 6/80-3/82 Commander, Carrier Division Four,  
 Embarked USS *Eisenhower*, USS *Nimitz*, and  
 USS *John F. Kennedy*.  
 11/82 Retired from active duty.

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## Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) The honor and privilege of serving with some of the bravest Warriors this nation has ever produced while a POW in Hanoi. One of the longest consecutive times in solitary confinement during the whole experience- 25 months. Ground eyewitness of Tactical and B-52 1972 Christmas bombing of Hanoi. Saw the fire of 16 B-52's as they were hit by SAMs.
- (2) As Battle Group Commander, sailed with *Eisenhower* Group on eight month and seven day deployment to Northern Arabian Sea with only one five day port call.
- (3) During the Bi-Centennial year of 1976, The A-4 assigned to me as Squadron Commander was placed in the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

## Post Retirement Activities



- (1) VP/President of a tug/barge towing company for 12 1/2 years.
- (2) 1997, Sailed across the Atlantic, 1999, sailed from FIGI to New Zealand.
- (3) After retirement, continued love of flying by owning a Piper Arrow, Pitts Special, Bucker Yungmann, Cessna Turbo 210, 2 Citabrias, and a Siai Marchetti.



My favorite Bucker Yungmann

## Family

Married high school Sweetheart, Mary Anne McGinley, Four children, seven grand children. Son, Bob, Jr. 10 years a Marine, then 10 years as USN. Bob and my son-in-law, Matt Tuohy, who is CO, USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV-63), flew off my old ship the USS *America* during Desert Storm. Son-in-law, Craig Evans served in Vietnam as a US Marine.