



Robert L. Rasmussen, Captain, USN (Ret.)
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Date of Designation: 10 March 1953

Dates of Active Duty: 20 October 1951 - 30 July 1983.

Total Flight Hours: 5,000

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 600

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,500 Prop: 500 VF/VA: 5,000

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: XO and CO VF-111, USS *Oriskany*, Jun. 1966 - Oct. 1966. About 200 combat missions

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-111 (F-8), June 1967 - April 1968.
CO, USS *Mt. Hood* (AE-29), Feb. 1973 - Aug. 1974.
CO, Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Aug. 1974 - Aug. 1976.
Naval Aviation Schools Command, Jun. 1980 - Jul. 1983.

Combat Awards:

Distinguished Flying Cross
Air Medals (several)
Bronze Star

Duty Assignment Chronology

1953-56	VF-51, F9F and FJ3 aircraft.
1956-60	Blue Angels, F-9F and F-11F aircraft
1960-62	VF-33, flying F-11.
1962-64	CINCLANTFLT Aide and Flag Lieutenant to Deputy CINCLANTFLT.
1964-65	U. S. Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey.
1966-67	VF-124 flying F-8.
1967-68	CO, VF-111, flying F-8.
1968-70	BUPERS Aviation Junior Officer Detailer.
1970-71	CAG-16, flying A-7.



1971-72	Chief of Staff, Carrier Division SEVEN, Vietnam.
1972-74	CO, USS <i>Mt. Hood</i> (AE-29), Vietnam.
1974-76	CO, Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
1976-80	Director, Aviation Officer Distribution, BUPERS.
1980-83	CO, Naval Aviation Schools Command, Pensacola, FL.
1983	Retired from active duty.
1983-87	Vice President, Naval Aviation Museum Foundation.
1987-	Director, National Museum of Naval Aviation, Pensacola, FL.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Participated in the introduction of the F-11 in the Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Team, April 1957.
- (2) Made the first successful dead engine landing in the F-11. August 1957. (scared me enough to be called an "event")
- (3) XO and CO of VF-111 during initiation and continuation of Vietnam conflict Operation "Rolling Thunder"; the two to three times daily Alpha Strike operation into the heart of North Vietnam.
- (4) Directed National Museum of Naval Aviation during 1987 to present expansion in which Museum size and operation was increased 300% and collection was increased over 400%.

Family

Married to the former Phyllis Colter of Pensacola. Have two children, Kathryn and Eric.