



USS Intrepid (CV-11) Tonkin Gulf 1967

**Robert S. "Bo" Smith, Captain USN (Ret.)**

Date of Designation: 5 February 1965 NA#V22131

Dates of Active Duty: 5 September 1965 - 31 July 1991

Total Flight Hours: 4,292

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 980

Aircraft Flown/Hours:

T34-31, T2A-114, TF-9J-140, F11-27, A4B/C-760, AT33-203, F4C-34, F105 Thud-415, A7B/C/E/TA7- 2034

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VA-15, USS *Intrepid* (CV-11), May 66-Oct. 66  
110 combat missions.

Vietnam: VA-15, USS *Intrepid* (CV-11), June 67-Nov. 67  
93 combat missions.

Vietnam: VA-82, USS *America* (CV-66), Jul. 72-Dec. 72  
105 combat missions.

Total combat missions: 305

Commands:

CO, VA-15, 12/77-4/79

CO, VA-174, 3/80-7/82

CO, USS *Austin* (LPD-4), Sep. 85-Sep. 87

Combat Awards:

2 Distinguished Flying Crosses

29 Air Medals (27 Strike/Flight & 2 Individual)

8 Navy Commendation Medals with combat "V"

2 Navy Achievement Medals with combat "V"

Vietnam Cross of Gallantry (numerous)

Non-aviation Awards

2 Legion of Merit

3 Meritorius Service Medals

USAF Commendation Medal



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**Duty Assignment Chronology**

9/63-2/65 Navy Flight Training.  
 3/65-4/65 Maintenance Officer School.  
 5/65-9/65 VA-44, A4 Training.  
 10/65-12/67 VA-15  
 1966 Vietnam Cruise - 110 missions.  
 1967 Vietnam Cruise - 93 missions.  
 1/68-3/70 Air Force Exchange (F-105 Instructor). 23rd  
 Tactical Fighter Wing.  
 4/70-10/70 VA-174 A7 Training.  
 11/70-12/72 VA-82 (1971 Med Cruise and 1972 Vietnam  
 Cruise - 105 missions).  
 1/73-12/73 Royal Air Force Staff College.  
 1/74-5/76 COMNAVAIRLANT (A7 Class Desk Officer  
 and Aide/Flag Lt. VADM H. E. Greer).  
 6/76-9/76 A7 PXO/CO Training.  
 10/76-11/77 XO, VA-15 (Med. Cruise).  
 12/77-4/79 CO, VA-15 (Won Battle "E").  
 5/79-2/80 COMTHIRDFLEET (Air Warfare Training).  
 3/80-7/82 CO, VA-174 (CNO Safety Award).  
 1982 Interim CO, FACSFAC Jacksonville.  
 1983 Senior Officer Deep Draft Training.  
 7/83 XO, USS *Saratoga*. (2/85 Med Deployment).  
 9/85 CO USS *Austin* (LPD-4).  
 9/87 2 Med/North Atlantic Deployments.  
 1988-89 Chief of Staff COMCRUDESGRU-12 (Med.  
 Deployment).  
 1989-1991 COMFAIRWESTPAC  
 COMORANGE- 7th Fleet. Special  
 Assignment - Operation Desert Shield..

**Post Career Naval Events**

- (1) Bo's Mine Tours and Educational Services.
- (2) Earth/Space Science Educator, Florida Explorers' Project (Satellite Meteorology-FSU). Protine Crystals in Space (Program Manager).
- (3) NASA Project CERES (Montana State University)
- (4) Aerospace Education Mentor (Florida Space Research Institute)