



Curtis R. Dosé, Commander, USN (Ret.)
 "Curt"

Date of Designation: August 1968 NA # V-27112

Dates of Active Duty: July 1963 - March 1979

Total Flight Hours: 7,700

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 580

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 7,600 Prop: 75 Helo: 25 VF: 1,200

VT: 1,200 VX: 800 Other: Airline - 4,500

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VF-92, USS *America* (CVA-66), Sep. - Dec. 1970.

Vietnam: VF-92 (F-4), USS *Constellation* (CVA-64), Aug. 1971 - Jul. 1972.

Combat Awards:

Silver Star and 13 Air Medals

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) 1962-67: Joined the Navy Reserves while still in high school, and went to Boot Camp before senior year, then served as a Signalman 3rd on an ammunition ship during Christmas break. Went to the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis 1963-67. Nuclear science major and astrophysics minor, rowed crew all four years.
- (2) 1968-69: Completed Naval Flight Training to jets in 13 months (top student in quarter), and was plowed back as an advanced jet training instructor in TF-9F Cougars in VT-21. Selected in first group of instructor pilots for new TA-4J Skyhawk.
- (3) 1970-72: Transitioned to F-4 Phantom II in VF-21, then sent as a replacement pilot to VF-92, deployed on USS *America* off Vietnam. Between cruises, selected for new Naval Fighter Weapons School "Top Gun", graduated as top crew. Redeployed to Vietnam on USS *Constellation* for 11 month cruise that proved to be



the bloodiest of the Vietnam War, with the most combat missions, most BDA, most SAMS, most MiGs, etc. Shot down a Russian PVO Colonel (their "Top Gunsy" instructor) flying a MIG-21MF over NVN Kep Airfield, in first known contact with this new version. Later had first recorded SA-7 Strella missile in Vietnam fired at his Phantom II.

(4) 1972-76: Graduated from Navy Test Pilot School (top student), then assigned to Carrier Suitability branch of Flight Test. Conducted numerous first catapult and arrested landing flights for new weapons/aircraft configurations/carriers, wing-down landing tests in the F-8 Crusader, early carrier suitability tests for the new F-14 Tomcat, etc. Drag raced an F-14 Tomcat on a catapult against a famous funny car for a publicity stunt (Tomcat won).

(5) 1976-79: Two cruises with VF-2 on USS *Enterprise* flying F-14 Tomcat. Admin Officer, then Operations Officer. Developed new combat tactics to optimize this new fighter.

(6) 1974-Present: Married Camille Pharr 01/19/74. They have two daughters, Kendra (1976) and Kara (1979).

(7) CDR Curtis R. Dosé and his father, CAPT Robert G. Dosé are the only father and son who both had enemy aircraft kills. They are also the only father and son who are both Golden Eagles.

