

Thomas J. Kilcline, Vice Admiral, USN (Ret.)

Date of Designation: 22 November 1950

Dates of Active Duty: 19 May 1943 - 1 August 1983.

Total Flight Hours: 6,000

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 500

<u>Approximate Flight Hours</u>: Jet: 3,500 Prop: 2,000 Helo: 500 VAH: 3,500 VR/VP: 1,800

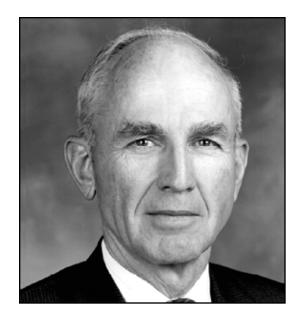
<u>Combat Tours</u>: Vietnam: USS *Forrestal*, Jul. - Aug. 1967 - 5 Missions.

Aviation Commands: CO, RVAH-11, Jul. 1966 - Aug. 1967 NAVAIRLANT, Jul. 1981 - Aug. 1983 NAS Patuxent River, Aug. 1972 - May 1974

<u>Combat Awards</u>: Air Medal (Jul. 67) - Strike.

Duty Assignment Chronology

1943	Enlisted in U. S. Navy.
1945	Appointed to U. S. Naval Academy.
1949	Commissioned Ensign.
11/50	Designated a naval aviator,
12/50-53	VR-5
1953-56	U. S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey,
	CA., and Massachusetts Institute of
	Technology. Earned Masters Degree in
	Aeronautical Engineering.
1956-59	VAH-9 on USS Saratoga and Ranger.
1959-61	Staff of Commander Sixth Fleet.
1962	Completed Command and Staff Course, Naval
	War College.
1962-65	Naval Air Test Center (NATC), Coordinator of
	test programs for all attack aircraft at NATC.



1/65-7/67	VAH-11 USS Forrestal.
7/66-8/67	CO, VAH-11 deployed in Vietnam theatre.
8/67-8/68	Staff of Commander Naval Air Force, U.S.
	Atlantic Fleet.
1968-70	Operations Officer and XO, USS Ticonderoga
	(CVA-14) during operations off Vietnam.
	Naval Air Systems Command, Program
	Manager for acquisition and support of the
	RA-5C aircraft.
10/70	Navy Office of Legislative Affairs, Director of
	Liaison with House of Representatives.
8/72-5/74	CO, NAS Patuxent River, MD.
6/74-8/75	Director of Aviation Officer Distribution and
	Education, BUPERS.
8/75-2/78	Commander, Naval Base Subic Bay.
	Commander in Chief Pacific Representative
	in the Philippines and Commander, U. S.
	Naval Forces, Philippines.
2/78-7/81	Chief, Legislative Affairs.
7/81-8/83	Commander, Naval Air Forces, U. S. Atlantic
	Fleet.
8/1/83	Retired from active duty.
1968	President, The Retired Officers Association

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Test pilot: First Navy pilot of EA-6A. Responsible for BIS trials of A6A and RA5C. Final report in 1964 in both cases.
- (2) Won first A-3 Bombing Derby (1959), Sanford, FL.
- (3) Won first Reconnaissance Derby (1967), Sanford, FL.

<u>Family</u>: Married Dornell Thompson of Pensacola, whose father won his wings of gold in 1926. Son Tom, Captain USN, prospective Commander Air Wing 14. Son Patrick, lost in F-14. Daughter Kathleen, Navy doctor, lost in auto accident. Daughter Mary, wife of CDR Bob Novak, Deputy PMA, NAVAIRSYSCOM.