

William A. Mackey, Sr., Captain, USN (Ret.) "Wam"

Date of Designation: 5 June 1943 NA # C-5853

Dates of Active Duty: 5 August 1942 - 30 June 1973

Total Flight Hours: 6,025

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 425

Approximate Flight Hours: Jet: 1,700 Prop: 4,200 Helo: 40 VF/VA: 3,500

## Combat Tours:

- WW II: VC-69, Sep. 1943 Mar. 1945. CVE Operations in the Atlantic.Korea: VF-51 aboard USS *Essex*, Aug. 1951 - Mar. 1952.
- Vietnam: CO, USS *Okinawa*, Feb. 1968 Feb. 1969. 2 H-34 Missions.

Aviation Commands:

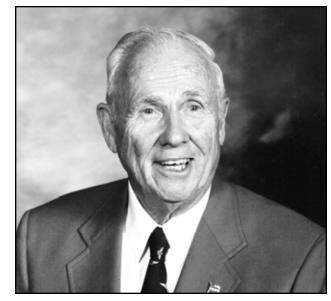
CO, VF-114, February, 1957 - November 1958. CAG-9, March 1962 - March 1963.

CO, USS Okinawa, February 1968 - February 1969.

<u>Combat Awards</u>: Legion of Merit with Combat "V" (Vietnam). Distinguished Flying Cross (Korea). 5 Air Medals (WW II, Korea and Vietnam).

## **Duty Assignment Chronology**

8/42-6/43	Pre-flight and Flight Training (Athens, GA.,
	Hutchinson, KS., and Corpus Christi, TX).
6/43-8/43	Operational Flight Training (Green Cove
	Springs).
8/16/43	Carrier quals, USS Sable, Lake Michigan.
9/43-4/45	VC-69 squadron aboard carriers Wake Island,
	Bogue, Mission Bay and Guadalcanal.
4/45-4/48	VF-74, VF-1B aboard USS Midway.



5/48-7/50	Primary Flight Instructor and Instructors
	Training School, NAAS Whiting Field,
	Milton, FL., and NAS Pensacola, FL.
8/50-9/50	Jet Transition Unit ONE, under instruction,
	NAAS Whiting Field, Milton, FL.
10/50-3/52	VF-51 aboard USS Essex (CVA-9) - Korea.
4/52-8/52	NAS Pt. Mugu, CA.
9/52-12/53	Five Term College course- Georgia Tech.
1/54-10/54	Line School, Monterey, CA.
11/54	Communications School, Newport, RI.
12/54-8/55	Communications Officer, USS Midway (CVA-
	41).
9/55-9/56	Communications Officer, USS Lexington
	(CVA-16).
10/56-1/57	Flight Training, Prospective CO, VF-114.
2/57-11/58	CO, VF-114 USS Shangri La (CVA-38).
12/58-8/61	Assistant Bureau of Weapons Representative,
	McDonnell Aircraft, St. Louis, MO.
9/61-3/62	Flight Training, Prospective CAG-9.
3/62-3/63	CAG-9, USS Ranger (CVA-61).
4/63-3/64	XO, USS Lexington (CVS-16).
4/64-9/66	F-111 Program, General Dynamics, Ft. Worth.
11/66-12/67	CO, USS Skagit (AKA-105).
2/68-2/69	CO, USS Okinawa.
5/69-1/71	Chief of Staff, COMCARDIV 4.
2/71-6/73	Commander, Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range
	and Commander, Fleet Air Caribbean.
7/1/73	Retired from active duty.
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## **Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) First Navy pilot to reach 100 hours in F4H.
- (2) Fifty-second pilot to fly the F4H.
- (3) Made 16th landing aboard USS *Midway* (CVA-41).
- (4) One of first Navy pilots to fly the F-111.
- (5) Received aviation combat medals in WW II, Korea, and Vietnam.