



William H. McLaughlin, RADM, USN (Ret.)

Date of Designation: February 1947

Dates of Active Duty: June 1944 - May 1979

Total Flight Hours: 3,800

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 300 Rotary: 5

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 10 Prop: 3,700 Helo: 100

Combat Tours:

WW II: Surface Officer, USS *San Juan* (CLAA-54), Sep. 1944 - Sep. 1945. Five campaigns in Pacific.

Vietnam: Vietnam Service and Campaign, USS *Bennington* (CVS-20). No combat (No subs), 1962 - 1964.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VS-38, 1962 - 1963.

CO, CVSG-59, 1963 - 1964.

CO, USS *Ticonderoga* (CVS-14), Oct. 1969 - Dec. 1970.

COMASWWING-4, Oct. 1972 - Feb. 1973

Duty Assignment Chronology

- 6/41-6/44 Midshipman, U.S. Naval Academy. Graduated USNA Class of '45.
- 9/44-11/45 USS *San Juan* (CLAA-54) - 5 Pacific campaigns.
- 12/45-7/47 Navy Flight Training.
- 7/47-12/49 VP-26, NAS Pax River and New Foundland.
- 1/49-12/49 VP-26, Port Lyautey, French Morroco.
- 1/50-1/52 Photo training. Photo School and then Staff, Pensacola.
- 1/52-5/54 Photo Officer (ETC), Port Lyautey.
- 6/54-6/56 Yale NROTC Professor, New Haven, CT.
- 7/56-6/57 Naval War College (Student), Newport, RI.
- 7/57-6/59 VS-23, NAS Los Alamitos and USS *Princeton*
- 6/59-6/61 Staff, COMFAIRWESTPAC, Atsugi, Japan.



- 7/61-1/62 XO, VS-29, NAS North Island, CA.
- 1/62-5/63 CO, VS-38, NAS North Island and USS *Bennington*.
- 6/63-8/64 COMSVCG-59, NAS North Island, CA.
- 8/64-6/67 BUPERS, Washington, D. C.
- 7/67-6/67 Industrial College of the Armed Forces (Student), Washington, D. C.
- 7/68-8/69 USS *Vermillion* (AKA), Little Creek, VA.
- 9/69-12/70 CO, USS *Ticonderoga* (CVS-20).
- 12/70-12/71 Chief of Staff, COMCARDIV 4. SIXTHFLT and SECONDFLT deployments.
- 1/72-10/72 Chief of Naval Education and Training, Executive Assistant and Aide.
- 10/72-3/73 COMASWGRU 4, Quonset Point, RI.
- 3/73-9/73 Deputy COMSECONDFLT.
- 9/73-12/76 Deputy for Operations and Command and Control, CINCLANT/CINCLANTFLT and SACLANT.
- 1/77-5/78 COMFAIRMED.
- 5/78-5/79 Deputy OP-94, Command and Control/ Communications, OPNAV, Washington, D. C.
- 6/1/79 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) VP-26, Port Lyautey, French Morroco. Flew electronic surveillance flights around Iron Curtain - 1949. Forerunner of the VQ squadrons.