



**Edwin A. Shuman III, CAPT USN (Ret.)**  
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Date of Designation: October 1955

Total Flight Hours: 5,100

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 374

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 2,600 Prop: 2,500 VF/VA: 2,800 VT: 250  
 T&E & Misc: 750 General Aviation: 1,300

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VA-35, 1968 USS Enterprise (CVN-65) (A-6A)  
 POW Hanoi 1968-73  
 Total Combat Missions: 18 North Vietnam (A-6A)

Commands:

CO, VF-43, 1974-75 (A-4, T-38)  
 CO, Naval Station Annapolis, 1978-82  
 OIC Naval Annex Bermuda, 1982-84

Combat Awards:

Silver Star  
 Legion of Merit w/ Combat “V”  
 3 Distinguished Flying Crosses  
 2 Bronze Stars w/ Combat “V”  
 2 Purple Hearts  
 Air Medal

### **Duty Assignment Chronology**

1/49-6/50 Boot Camp, NAPS.  
 7/50-6/54 USNA, Annapolis, Midshipman.  
 8/54-10/55 Training Command, Student, Pensacola/  
 Kingsville (SNJ, T-28, F9F-2).  
 11/55-6/57 VC-4/VF(AW)-4, Atlantic City/Various CVS  
 (AD-5).  
 8/57-5/59 VF-81, NAS Oceana/USS Forrestal/USS  
 Intrepid (F9F-8).



6/59-1/60 VA-43, NAS Oceana (A-4).  
 1/60-10/60 Test Pilot School, NAS Patuxent River, MD  
 (Various Airplanes).  
 11/60-6/62 Weapons System Test Division, Project pilot,  
 Patuxent River (Various R&D Test Airplanes).  
 7/62-6/63 USNPG School, Monterey, CA (T-2A).  
 7/63-10/63 RVAH-3, NAS Sanford, FL (TF-9J).  
 11/63-2/66 USS *Roosevelt*, Catapult Officer, Mayport, FL  
 (C-1A, A-4, T-33, SNB).  
 3/66-8/67 CVW-7, Operations Officer, NAS Oceana/  
 USS *Independence* (A-6A, F-4J, A-4E).  
 9/67-3/68 VA-35, Maintenance Officer, Executive  
 Officer, NAS Oceana, VA/ USS *Enterprise*  
 (A-6A).  
 3/68-3/73 POW, Hanoi, Vietnam.  
 8/73-6/74 Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA.  
 7/74-8/75 VF-43, CO, NAS Oceana (A-4, T-38).  
 9/75-10/75 Aviation Safety School, Monterey, CA.  
 11/75-1/78 Naval Safety Center, Norfolk, VA.  
 2/78-6/82 CO, Naval Station Annapolis. MD.  
 7/82-7/84 OIC Naval Annex Bermuda (C-131).  
 July 1984 Retired from active duty.

### **Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Patuxent River- Project manager on several high altitude supersonic tow target projects in the F-4 and F-8. Project pilot on the F-4 BIS trials.
- (2) Prisoner of War in Hanoi, Vietnam-A memorable experience.
- (3) Naval Station Annapolis- Ran a highly successful Sail Training and Racing program. With a Midshipman crew and won the 1979 Transatlantic Race to Ireland. Successfully completed the ill fated 1979 Fastnet Race with the same crew. Competed in 20 Bermuda Races and others, some with a Midshipman crew.

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## **Post Retirement**

Living in Annapolis, MD with wife, Donna.

Four children grown and married. Seven Grandchildren.

Took up glider flying in the late 80's and general aviation in the early 90's. Presently own an RV-6A.

Continued to Ocean race until 2006. Now cruise our Freedom 38.