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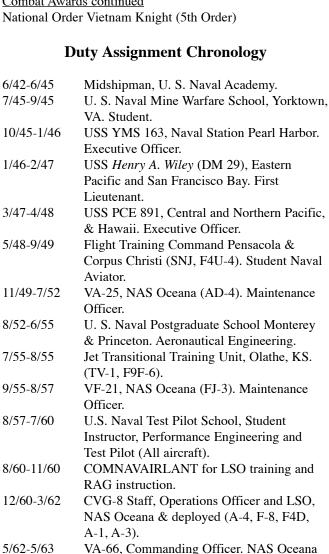
<u>Date of Designation</u>: 17 September 1949 NA # T-66 Dates of Active Duty: 6 June 1945 - 31 July 1975 Total Flight Hours: 5,918 Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 611 **Approximate Flight Hours:** Jet: 1,881 Prop: 2,495 VF/VA: 2,934 VU/VFP: 28 VT: 1,463 Other: 51 **Combat Tours:** Vietnam: COMCAW-19 (A-4, F-8, A-1), 25 May 1965-Dec. 15, 1965, USS Bon Homme Richard (CVA-31). Tonkin Gulf - 100 combat missions. Vietnam: CO, USS Thomaston (LSD-28), 29 Mar. 1968-4 Aug. 1968. Tonkin Gulf. Vietnam: Chief of Staff, COMCARDIV ONE, Jun. 1969-Sep. 1969. Tonkin Gulf. Vietnam: CO, USS Constellation (CVA-64), Jan. 1970-May 1970. Tonkin Gulf. **Aviation Commands**: CO, VA-66 (A4D-2N), May 1962 - May 1963. COMCAW-19 (A-4, F-8, A-1, E-1, F-8P), Mar. 1965 - Dec. 1965. COMCARDIV ONE, Aug. 1969 - Sep. 1969. CO, USS Constellation (CVA-64), Jan. 1970 - Jan. 1971. Commander, Medium Attack/Tactical Electronic Warfare Wing Pacific, Sep. 1972 - Jun. 1975.

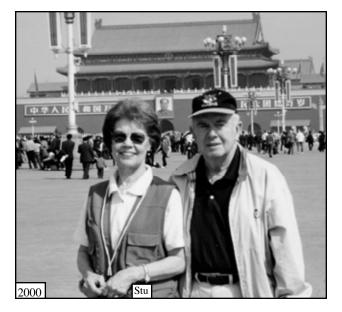
Combat Awards: Legion of Merit

2 Distinguished Flying Crosses Bronze Star with combat "V"

10 Air Medals (Strike/Flight)

South Vietnamese Gallantry Medal with Palm





Combat Awards continued

Duty Assignment Chronology	
6/42-6/45	Midshipman, U. S. Naval Academy.
7/45-9/45	U. S. Naval Mine Warfare School, Yorktow VA. Student.
10/45-1/46	USS YMS 163, Naval Station Pearl Harbor Executive Officer.
1/46-2/47	USS Henry A. Wiley (DM 29), Eastern Pacific and San Francisco Bay. First Lieutenant.
3/47-4/48	USS PCE 891, Central and Northern Pacific & Hawaii. Executive Officer.
5/48-9/49	Flight Training Command Pensacola & Corpus Christi (SNJ, F4U-4). Student Nava Aviator.
11/49-7/52	VA-25, NAS Oceana (AD-4). Maintenance Officer.
8/52-6/55	U. S. Naval Postgraduate School Monterey & Princeton. Aeronautical Engineering.
7/55-8/55	Jet Transitional Training Unit, Olathe, KS. (TV-1, F9F-6).
9/55-8/57	VF-21, NAS Oceana (FJ-3). Maintenance Officer.
8/57-7/60	U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, Student Instructor, Performance Engineering and Test Pilot (All aircraft).
8/60-11/60	COMNAVAIRLANT for LSO training and RAG instruction.
12/60-3/62	CVG-8 Staff, Operations Officer and LSO, NAS Oceana & deployed (A-4, F-8, F4D, A-1, A-3).
5/62-5/63	VA-66, Commanding Officer. NAS Oceana & deployed (A4D-2N).
8/63-6/64	U. S. Naval War College, Newport, TI. Student - Senior Course.
8/64-2/65	Pre-CAG training COMNAVAIRPAC, Lemoore & Miramar (A-4, F-8, A-1).

Duty Assignment Chronology continued	
2/65-12/65	COMCAW-19, NAS Lemoore & Tonkin
	Gulf (A-4, F-8, A-1).
1/66-1/68	Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense
	(Systems Analysis). Tactical Air Naval
	Analyst, Washington, D.C.
3/68-4/69	USS Thomaston (LSD 28), Tonkin Gulf &
	San Diego. Commanding Officer.
6/69-11/69	COMCARDIV ONE, Chief of Staff (6/69-
	8/69); Commander (8/69-9/69); Chief of
	Staff (9/69-11/69). NAS North Island &
	Tonkin Gulf.
1/70-1/71	USS Constellation (CVA 64), Commanding
	Officer. Tonkin Gulf, San Diego and USNSY
	Bremerton.
2/71-8/72	OPNAV (OP-90), Deputy Director (2/71-
	4/71); Director (4/71-8/72). Washington,
	D. C.
9/72-6/75	Commander Medium Attack/Tactical
	Electronic Warfare Wing Pacific, Whidbey
	Island, WA.
7/1/75	Retired from Active Duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) XO of two ships and Department Head of third as an Ensign.
- (2) As student naval aviator first carrier flight (3 minutes duration, 1 landing, 9th wire, 2nd barrier). No accidents in remainder of flying career.
- (3) Honor graduate of TPT Class 19, Patuxent River.
- (4) As USNTPS instructor, contributed to textbook, developed syllabus and instructed classroom and flight instruction in spin testing.
- Unsuccessful finalist for first seven Mercury astronauts.
- (6) As CO, VA-66, flying off brand new USS *Enterprise*, squadron outflew all other squadrons in hours and landings. No pilot losses.
- (7) As CAG-8 LSO on *Forrestal*, had no landing fatalities for my tour.
- (8) Led Air Wing 19 on successful combat tour in Tonkin Gulf during North Vietnamese introduction of SAMs. Flew 100 combat missions plus some support missions in 7 months combat off USS Bon Homme Richard.
- (9) As COMMATVACWING PAC, trained and supported PACFLT A-6s and introduced EA6Bs to fleet and to combat.
- (10) In Navy career, piloted 45 or more basic models of military aircraft.