



Craig B Williams, CAPT, USN (Ret.)
 “Animal”

Hometown: N/A, Various (Father – Naval Aviator)

High School and College Career: Goddard High School, Roswell, NM

Dates on Active Duty: 25 MAY 83 – 31 DEC 08

Date Commissioned/Source:
 25 MAY 1983/U.S. Naval Academy

Date of Designation: 6 SEPT 1985

Total Flight Hours: 4860

Carrier/Ship Landings: 856

Combat tours:

Iraq: Desert Storm (01/91-02/91) USS *America* (CV-66)
 Bosnia: Deny Flight (02-05/94) USS *Saratoga* (CV-60)
 Iraq: Desert Fox (12/98) USS *Enterprise* (CVN-65)
 Iraq: Southern Watch (04/99) USS *Enterprise* (CVN-65)
 Iraq: Iraqi Freedom (02/06-05/06)
 USS *Ronald Reagan* (CVN-76)

Combat missions: 116

Commands:

Strike Fighter Squadron 37 (VFA-37)
 DEC 1998 / MAR 2000
 Strike Fighter Squadron 106 (VFA-106)
 JAN 2001 / DEC 2002
 Carrier Air Wing 14 (CVW-14)
 SEPT 2005 / FEB 2007



Awards:

Legion of Merit
 Distinguished Flying Cross w/ Combat V
 Defense Meritorious Service
 2 Meritorious Service
 3 Individual Air Medals w/ Combat V
 5 Strike Flight Air Medals
 Navy Commendation Medal w/ Combat V

Duty Assignment Chronology

1983	Commissioned (USNA)
1983-1985	Flight School (VT-3 / 23 / 21)
1985-1987	VT-19 SERGRAD (T-2)
1987	VFA-106 (F/A-18 FRS)
1987-1991	VFA-86 JO (AOPS/WTO)
1991-1993	FLAG LT, USCINCPAC, ADM Charles Larson, USN
1993	VFA-106 (F/A-18 FRS)
1993-1995	VFA-81 (OPSO / MO)
1996	Legislative Fellow, SEN John McCain
1997	VFA-106 (F/A-18 FRS)
1997-2000	VFA-37 (XO/CO)
2000	EA, Navy International Programs Office, RADM Jim Maslowski, USN
2001-2002	CO, VFA-106 (F/A-18 FRS)
2002-2003	Naval War College
2004	VFA-125 (F/A-18 FRS)
2004-2007	CVW-14 (DCAG/CAG)
2007-2008	CNO Strategic Studies Group
31DEC 2008	Retired and reported for duty w/ CINCHOUSE

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) JO tour in VFA-86 / Pilot of the year. As Nugget, Top 10 during Northern Wedding deployment.
- (2) Operation Desert Storm. DFC w/ Combat V
- (3) FLAG LT – USCINCPAC
- (4) Legislative Fellow for SEN John McCain
- (5) During VFA-37 CO tour, we received the Golden Wrench award for best Maintenance department in CSFWL
- (6) During Operation Desert Fox, as Strike Lead/Mission Commander, integrated two B-1 aircraft into the strike plan for their inaugural debut in combat
- (7) During VFA-106 CO tour, only FRS to meet pilot training requirements.
- (8) While serving as CAG (CVW-14), we were the first CVW to deploy and operate with Remotely Operated Video Enhanced Receiver (ROVER). This system allowed JTACS to receive real-time imagery significantly improving recon / target ID for CAS operations.
- (9) During maiden deployment aboard USS *RONALD REAGAN* (JAN'06), and due to the transition of Super Hornets, we deployed with four single seat Strike Fighter Squadrons (2 x F/A-18C and 2 x F/A-18E).

Summary of Post Military Work

- (1) 2008 Lockheed Martin Aeronautics – Navy F-35C Business Development
- (2) 2012 Lockheed Martin MFC – INTL BD, Army products, Middle East
- (3) 2015 DYNACORP– VP, Navy BD
- (4) 2019 GE – VP, BD Military Accounts (LM, Sikorsky, Bell, and Northrop Grumman)

Personal

- (1) Married to Juliet since 2002. 4 Children
- (2) Second generation Naval Aviator. Father, James E. Williams, flew AD-1 Skyraider during the Korean War and later flew the F9F6 Cougar. He was on board USS *Bennington* (CV-20) on 26 MAY 1954 when they experienced an explosion and ensuing fire on board killing over 100 crew members including his roommate. Cause of the explosion / fire was the hydraulic catapult system. As a result of the mishap, the upcoming deployment was cancelled and he transitioned to helicopters and was CO of HS-2 flying SH-3's.

Associations/Membership/Boards:

- (1) Tailhook Association (Life Member)
- (2) USNA Blue and Gold Officer (BGO)
- (3) USNA Alumni Association (DFW)
- (4) Navy League (Fort Worth)
- (5) US Naval Institute