



Thomas F. Brown III, RADM, USN (Ret.)
 "Tom"

Date of Designation: 18 July 1956 NA # V-9802

Dates of Active Duty: September 1954 - September 1985

Total Flight Hours: 4,842

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,017

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,588 Prop: 254 Helo: 2 VF/VA: 4,500
 VR/VP: 5 VT: 344

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: Gulf of Tonkin - 343 total combat missions
 VA-164 (A4B/E), USS *Oriskany* (CVA-34), May 1965 -
 Aug. 1965 - 100 combat missions.
 CAG Ops/VA-155 (A4E), USS *Coral Sea* (CVA-43), Aug.
 1967 - Feb. 1968 - 69 combat missions.
 CAG-19 (A7B/F8J), USS *Oriskany* (CVA-34), Jun. 1972 -
 Feb. 1972 - 174 combat missions

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-37, May 1971 - Jan. 1972
 COMCAG-19, Jun. 1972 - Jul. 1973
 CO, USS *Caloosahatchee* (AO-98), Aug. 1975 - Feb. 1977
 CO, USS *Midway* (CV-41), Feb. 1978 - Sep. 1979
 COMCARGRU ONE, Oct. 1980 - Jun. 1982
 CTF-77/CCG-5, Jun. 1982 - Jun. 1984

Combat Awards:

Silver Star
 Legion of Merit with combat "V"
 4 Distinguished Flying Crosses
 36 Air Medals
 Navy Commendation Medal



Duty Assignment Chronology

9/54-3/55 Officer Candidate, OCS, Newport, RI.
 3/55-7/56 Student Naval Aviator, Pensacola, FL., and
 Beeville, TX. (SNJ/TV-2/F9F-2).
 8/56-11/56 Assistant Maintenance Officer, FASRON 10,
 NAS Moffett Field, CA.
 12/56-3/60 Flight Officer/Line Officer/ Admin and Safety
 Officer, VA-153, USS *Hancock*, WestPac.
 (A4D-1/2).
 3/60-7/61 Mission Phase Officer, VA-125, NAS Moffett
 Field, CA. (A4D-1/2/2N).
 8/61-2/63 Graduate Student, University of California,
 Berkeley, CA. (Flew A4D-1 NARU, Alameda)
 3/63-5/63 Student, University of Southern California,
 Aviation Safety School, Los Angeles, CA.
 (A-4A, Los Alamitos).
 5/63-7/63 Fleet Replacement Pilot, VA-125, NAS
 Lemoore, CA. (A-4B/C).
 7/63-9/65 Safety/NATOPS Officer, Maintenance Officer,
 VA-164, USS *Oriskany*, WestPac. (A-4B/E).
 9/65-11/66 Maintenance Department QC Officer, VA-125,
 NAS Lemoore, CA. (A-4B/C/E)
 12/66-7/68 Operations Officer, CAW-15, USS *Coral Sea*,
 WestPac and NAS Lemoore, CA. (A-4E and
 F-4B).
 7/68-2/70 Maintenance Officer/XO, VA-44, NAS Cecil
 Field, FL. (A-4B/C)
 2/70-5/70 A-7 Transition, VA-174, NAS Jacksonville.
 5/70-1/72 XO/CO, VA-37, USS *Saratoga*, Mediter-
 ranean deployment. (A-7A).
 2/72-5/72 PCAG training, VF-124/VA-125, NAS
 Lemoore, CA. (F-8J/A-7B).
 6/72-7/73 Commander Carrier Air Wing 19, USS
Oriskany, WestPac. (A-7A/B, F-8J)
 8/73-6/74 Student, National War College, Ft. McNair,
 Washington, DC.
 7/74-5/75 Aviation Commander Detailer, BUPERS (Pers
 431), Washington, DC.

Duty Assignment Chronology continued

8/75-2/77 CO, USS *Caloosahatchee* (AO-98), Norfolk, VA, Mediterranean and Northern Europe.
3/77-7/77 Student, Ships Engineering, Senior Officers Ships Material Readiness Course, Idaho Falls.
7/77-11/77 OPNAV Staff (OP-50W), Washington, DC.
2/78-9/79 CO, USS *Midway* (CV-41), Yokosuka, Japan, WestPac. (A-7E/F-4J).
9/79-8/80 Commander, Military Enlistment Processing Command, Ft. Sheridan, IL.
10/80-6/82 Commander, Carrier Group ONE, San Diego, CA., WestPac, Northern Pacific. (A-7E/F-4S).
6/82-6/84 Commander Battle Force SEVENTH Fleet/ Commander Carrier Strike Force SEVENTH Fleet/Commander Carrier Group FIVE, Cubi Point, PI., WestPac and Indian Ocean.
6/84-8/85 Director, Strike and Amphibious Warfare Division, OPNAV (OP-954).
9/1/85 Retired from active duty.
1988-1998 Math teacher - junior high school level in San Francisco
1991-1997 Naval War College Adjunct Professor, teaching a Masters level seminar in Joint Maritime Operations in the Bay Area.
1992-1999 Principal, SummerGATE Secondary School in San Francisco.

Effective Dates of Promotions

Ensign	3 MAR 1955
LTJG	4 SEP 1956
LT	1 MAR 1960
LCDR	1 JUL 1964
CDR	1 JUL 1968
CAPT	1 JUL 1975
RADM	1 SEP 1980

Personal Data

Married Martha C. Bramer of Springfield, Missouri in 1957. Marty is a former Navy nurse. They have four children, Thomas, Stephanie, Deidre and Donald, who are healthy, well-adjusted, college graduates, and seven glorious grandchildren.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Jet pilot: 1956-1983, 4,842 total hours (accident free).
- (2) 1956-1973 Ensign to CAG with only one tour out of the cockpit (16 months at U. of Calif.- Berkeley & PG School, but flew A-4s with NARU, Alameda!)
- (3) 1,017 arrested carrier landings.
- (4) Seven Commands - Five Aviation
USS *Midway* (CV-41) awarded the Battle "E" and the Marjorie Sterett Battleship Award for outstanding readiness.
- (5) Flew from USS *Midway* as Commanding Officer (1978/79).
- (6) Flew from USS *Coral Sea* as Battle Group Commander (1981/82).
- (7) Flew from USS *Midway* as Battle Force Commander (1982/83).
- (8) Post-retirement from active duty, volunteer activities:
 - Chairman, USS Carl Vinson Committee - 1986-94;
 - Tailhook Association Board of Directors - 1994-99 (Chairman 1996-99);
 - U. S. Navy League, San Francisco Council President - 1995-96;
 - Chairman, Commissioning Committee for USS Hopper (CG-70) - 1996-97;
 - President, Skyhawk Association - 1998-99;
 - Director, Air Warrior Courage Foundation - 1998-present.