



William E. Gortney, Admiral, USN (Ret.)
 “Shortney”

Date of Designation: December 1978

Dates of Active Duty: June 06, 1977 – June 01, 2016.

Total Flight Hours: 5,360

Carrier/Ship Landings: 1,265

Approximate Flight Hours:

VA/VFA/VF	A-7E, FA-18ABCDEF, F-14AB	4260
VT	T-28, T2C, TA-4J	903
Helo	H-60	42
Cats and dogs	E-2C, EA-6B, S-3B	the rest

Supporting Combat Operations:

Provide Comfort	USS <i>Forrestal</i> , East Med	1991
Operation Deny Flight	USS <i>Theodore Roosevelt</i>	1993
Operation Southern Watch	USS <i>Theodore Roosevelt</i>	1993
	USS <i>George Washington</i>	2000
Operation Enduring Freedom	USS <i>John F Kennedy</i>	2002
Operation Iraqi Freedom	USS <i>Harry S Truman</i>	2008

Combat Awards:

Air Medal, 2 Strike/Flight (but no real combat)

Aviation Commands:

VFA-15 USS <i>Theodore Roosevelt</i>	1994-1995
VFA-106 NAS Cecil Field, FL	1996-1997
CVW-7 USS <i>John F Kennedy</i>	2003-2004
Carrier Strike Group TEN USS <i>Harry S Truman</i>	2006-2008
US FIFTH FLEET NSA Bahrain	2008-2010
US FLEET FORCES COMMAND NS Norfolk, VA.	2012-2014
NORAD/US NORTHERN COMMAND Colorado Springs, CO.	2014-2016



Duty Assignment Chronology

1977	Aviation Officers Candidate School, NAS Pensacola FL.
1977-1978	Student, VT-6, NAS Milton, FL.
1978	Student, VT-9, NAS Meridian, MS.
1978	Student, VT-7, NAS Meridian, MS.
1978-1980	Instructor, VT-26, NAS Beeville TX.
1980-1981	Replacement Pilot, VA-174, NAS Cecil Field, FL .
1981-1984	VA-82, USS <i>Nimitz</i> (CVN 68).
1984-1988	Instructor, VFA-125, NAS Lemoore, CA.
1988-1990	VFA-87, USS <i>Theodore Roosevelt</i> (CVN 71).
1990-1991	Aide/Flag Lieutenant to the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Air Warfare), Washington, D.C.
1991-1992	Executive Officer, VFA-132, USS <i>Forrestal</i> (CV 59).
1992-1994	Executive Officer, VFA-15, USS <i>Theodore Roosevelt</i> (CVN 71).
1994-1995	Commanding Officer, VFA-15, USS <i>Theodore Roosevelt</i> (CVN-71).
1996	Student, Naval War College.
1996-1997	Commanding Officer, VFA-106, NAS Cecil Field, FL.
1998-1999	Joint Staff, J-33 Joint Operations Department, CENTCOM Division.
1999-2000	Deputy for Current Operations, Joint Task Force Southwest Asia.
2000-2002	Deputy Commander, Carrier Air Wing SEVEN, USS <i>Dwight D. Eisenhower</i> , and USS <i>John F. Kennedy</i> .
2002-2003	Commander, Carrier Air Wing SEVEN, USS <i>John F. Kennedy</i> (CV-67).
2003	Chief, Naval and Amphibious Liaison Element to the Combined Forces Air Component Commander, U.S. Central Command, for Operation Iraqi Freedom.
2003-2004	Chief of Staff for Commander U.S. Naval Forces Central Command / U.S. Fifth Fleet.

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Duty Assignment Chronology continued

2004-2006 Deputy Chief of Staff for Global Force Management and Joint Operations, Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, VA.

2006-2008 Commander, Carrier Strike Group TEN, USS *Harry S. Truman*.

2008-2010 Commander, US FIFTH FLEET, NSA Bahrain.

2010-2012 Director, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington DC.

2012-2014 Commander, US FLEET FORCES COMMAND, NS Norfolk, VA.

2014-2016 Commander, NORAD/US NORTHERN COMMAND, Colorado Springs, CO.

- (5) Independent consultant for Boeing Defense, Space Security.
- (6) Independent consultant for Collins Aerospace Systems.
- (7) Independent consultant for Palantir.
- (8) Chairman, MITRE Naval Advisory Board.
- (9) Member, Board of Directors, The TAILHOOK Association.
- (10) Member, Board of Advisors, JINSA.
- (11) Wings over America Scholarship Foundation Distinguished Advisor.
- (12) Member, Board of Directors, Navy League of the United States Hampton Roads

Summary of Significant Career Events

- Survived AOCS
- Survived Flight Training
- Survived Plowback tour
- Survived First Fleet Tour
- Helped turn VFA-125, the first FA-18 FRS, from a flying club into an FRS.
- Department head for Timbo Keating, he survived it.
- Aide to Dick Dunleavy
- Two XO tours, since I didn't get the first one right
- Honor of first command, VFA-15
- Honor of second command, VFA-106
- Survived The Joint Staff, yes Timbo was there too
- Survived first tour in CAOC
- Honor of third command, CVW-7, supporting OEF off JFK
- NALE for Timbo Keating for opening days of OIF
- Chief of Staff for Timbo Keating, he survived a fourth time
- Survived as the 2/3/5 for FFC
- Honor of fourth command, HSTCSG
- Honor of fifth command, USFIFTHFLEET
- Survived as the Director, Joint Staff
- Honor of sixth command, USFFC
- Honor of seventh command, NORAD, USNORTHCOM
- But mostly, the honor of serving for 39 years.

Personal

- (1) Married my high school sweetheart, Sherry Burdeshaw.
- (2) Two great kids, Billy and Stephanie, with great spouses, Jackie and Sean.
- (3) Three great grandsons, Gavin, Grayson, and Jack.

Summary of Significant Post Career Events

Continues to serve in both public and private capacities, to include:

- (1) Member, Board of Advisors, Draken International, Inc.
- (2) Senior Fellow for CAPSTONE, National Defense University.
- (3) Highly Qualified Expert, Naval War College.
- (4) Member, Elon University President's Advisory Council.