



Robert F. Willard, ADM, USN (Ret.)
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Hometowns:

Downey, California
 East Longmeadow, Massachusetts
 San Diego, California

High School and College Career:

East Longmeadow High School
 BS U.S. Naval Academy
 MS Old Dominion University

Dates on Active Duty: June 1973 – March 2012

Date Commissioned/Source:

06 June 1973/U.S. Naval Academy

Date of Designation: 15 November 1974

Total Flight Hours: 3,600 (approx.)

Carrier/Ship Landings: 950 (approx.)

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3400 Prop: 75 VF/VA: 3400 Helo: 25 VT: 100

Commands:

CO, VF-51
 CO, USS *Tripoli* (LPH-10)
 CO, USS *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN-72)
 Commander, Carrier Group Five, USS *Kitty Hawk*
 Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet, USS *Blue Ridge*
 Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet
 Commander, U.S. Pacific Command



Awards:

- 2 Defense Distinguished Service Medals
- 3 Navy Distinguished Service Medals
- 4 Legion of Merit Medals
- 3 Meritorious Service Medals
- 4 Navy Commendation Medals
- 1 Navy Achievement Medal
- 1 Joint Meritorious Unit Award
- 1 Navy Unit Commendation
- 2 Navy Meritorious Unit Commendations
- 4 Navy E ribbons
- 3 National Defense Service Medals
- 2 Vietnam Service Medals
- 2 Southwest Asia Service Medals
- 1 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- 1 Korea Defense Service Medal
- 6 Navy Sea Service Deployment ribbons
- 4 Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service
- 2 Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun
- 1 ROK Order of National Security Merit
- 1 Honorary Officer of the Order of Australia
- 1 Navy Expert Rifleman
- 1 Navy Expert Pistol

Duty Assignment Chronology

- 06/69-06/73 U.S. Naval Academy
- 06/73-11/74 Navy Flight Training
- 11/74-12/75 Student, VF-124
- 01/76-06/78 VF-24
- 06/78-10/81 Inst., VF-124
- 11/82-07/64 VF-2
- 07/84-05/87 Inst., Fighter Weapons School
- 06/87-01/88 XO, VF-124
- 01/88-08/90 XO/CO, VF-51
- 09/90-05/91 Nuclear Power School
- 06/91-11/91 Nuclear Prototype Training
- 12/91-05/92 Naval Reactors PCO
- 06/92-12/93 XO, USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN-70)
- 01/94-09/94 N-5, Amphibious Group 3

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Duty Assignment Chronology continued

09/94-06/95 CO, USS *Tripoli* (LPH-10)
07/95-02/98 CO, USS *Abraham Lincoln*
03/98-09/00 J-38, Joint Chiefs of Staff
09/00-09/01 Commander, Carrier Group 5
09/01-07/02 Deputy/COS, U.S. Pacific Fleet
07/02-08/04 Commander, U.S. 7th Fleet
08/04-03/05 J-8, Joint Chiefs of Staff
03/05-05/07 Vice Chief Naval Operations
05/07-10/09 Cdr., U.S. Pacific Fleet
10/09-03/12 Cdr., U.S. Pacific Command

Associations/Membership/Boards:

- (1) Institute of Nuclear Power Operations BoD
- (2) World Association of Nuclear Operators BoG
- (3) Consultant, Institute for Defense Analysis (IDA)
- (4) Trustee, U.S. Naval Academy
- (5) Navy Football Brotherhood

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) 1982 COMNAVAIRPAC Top Tailhooker Award
- (2) 1984 *Kitty Hawk* /CVW-2 Top Ten (#6) tailhooker
- (3) 1985 Aerial Coordinator for the movie "Top Gun"
- (4) 1994 Operation Vigilant Warrior-Kuwait in command of USS *Tripoli* (LPH-10)/awarded Navy Unit Commendation.
- (5) 1995 Operation Southern Watch-Iraq/Persian Gulf in command of USS *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN-72).
- (6) 1996 Following F-14 Tomcat east coast consolidation, transitioned to the F/A-18 Hornet.
- (7) 2011 Operation Tomadachi-PACOM mission to earthquake, tsunami and Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster in Japan.

Summary of Post Military Work

- (1) 03/12-Present President and CEO, Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO), Atlanta, GA.

Personal

- (1) Married: November 1974 to Donna
- (2) Children: Jennifer (Greg), Bryan, Mark (Martina)
- (3) Grandchildren: Carly (Jen/Greg)
Lexie (Mark)
Noah and Chloe (Bryan)