



John M. Luecke, RADM, USN (Ret.)
 "Mike"

Date of Designation: 24 April 1967 NA # V-24783

Dates of Active Duty: June 1965 – January 2000.

Total Flight Hours: 5254

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1203

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4550 Prop: 630 VF/VA: 4050 VR/VP: 230
 VS: 12 VT: 550
 Helo: 60 Other: 300

Combat Tours:

06/1968 – 02/1969 VA-196/USS *Constellation*
 (CVA 64)
 10/1969 – 05/1970 VA-196/USS *Ranger* (CVA 61)
 Combat missions: 183

Aviation Commands:

CO VA-35, 02/1981 – 06/1982
 CO VA-42, 09/1983 – 01/1985
 CO CVW-7, 04/1989 – 01/1991

Awards:

Defense Distinguished Service Medal
 Navy Distinguished Service Medal
 Defense Superior Service Medal
 Legion of Merit (4)
 Meritorious Service Medal (4)
 Air Medal (15)
 Navy Commendation Medal (3) with combat "V"
 Combat Action Ribbon
 Joint Meritorious Unit Award
 Navy Unit Commendation (4)
 Meritorious Unit Commendation (5)
 Battle "E" (3)
 Navy/Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal (2)



National Defense Service Medal (2)
 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
 Vietnam Service Medal (8)
 Southwest Asia Service Medal
 Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (8)
 Navy/Marine Overseas Ribbon (4)
 Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Silver Star
 Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with device (1960-)
 Kuwaiti Liberation Medal (Kuwait)
 Expert Rifleman Medal
 Expert Pistol Medal

Note: My proudest insignia are my Wings of Gold

Duty Assignment Chronology

06/61 - 06/65 U.S. Naval Academy - Midshipman
 06/65 - 09/65 U.S. Naval Academy - Weapons
 Department, Computer Instructor
 09/65 - 04/67 Naval Air Training Command – Student Naval
 Aviator
 04/67 - 06/67 VF-124 - Fleet Replacement Pilot Training
 (too tall for F-8 ejection seat)
 06/67 - 09/67 VAH-123 - Fleet Replacement Pilot Training
 (A-6)
 09/67 - 01/68 VA-128 - Fleet Replacement Pilot Training
 (A-6 Pilot of the Year)
 01/68 - 05/70 VA-196 - Two combat deployments aboard
 USS *Constellation/Ranger*
 06/70 - 02/71 USNTPS – Student Test Pilot Class 57
 02/71 - 12/71 Flight Test Directorate - Project Test Pilot
 EA-6B and S-3A
 01/72 - 07/73 USNTPS – Flight Instructor Stability and
 Control
 07/73 - 01/74 Armed Forces Staff College
 01/74 - 06/74 VA-42 Refresher training
 06/74 - 10/76 VA-75 Department Head tour
 (Ops, Maintenance, Admin)

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Duty Assignment Chronology continued

11/76 - 12/78 ETPS Instructor (First American designated Principal Fixed Wing Tutor)
12/78 - 07/79 VA-42 Refresher training
07/79 - 02/81 VA-35 XO Battle "E"
02/81 - 06/82 VA-35 CO Battle "E"
06/82 - 09/82 CVN-69 Mini Boss
09/82 - 09/83 CVN-69 Air Boss
09/83 - 01/85 VA-42 CO Safety "S"
01/85 - 06/86 CV-66 XO
07/86 - 07/88 SHAPE Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff/SACEUR
07/88 - 04/89 COMNAVAIRLANT Senior CAG training
04/89 - 01/91 CVW-7 Commander Desert Shield
01/91 - 05/93 OPNAV N73 Director, Tactical Readiness/ Naval Doctrine Command Impl
05/93 - 04/96 USCENTCOM J5 Director, Plans and Policy
04/96 - 08/96 OPNAV N3/N51 Director Strategy and Policy
08/96 - 06/97 OPNAV N3B/N5B Assistant DCNO Ops, Plans and Policy
06/97 - 01/00 U.S. Atlantic Fleet Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Designated Naval Aviator April 1967.
- (2) Over 5000 mishap free flight hours in 70 type aircraft.
- (3) 1203 traps.
- (4) Qualified in fixed wing, rotary wing, multi-engine, glider and tail draggers
- (5) 183 combat missions in Southwest Asia from CVA-64 and CVA-61.
- (6) 15 Strike/Flight Air Medals.
- (7) VA-128 Replacement Pilot of the Year (1968).
- (8) USNTPS Class 57.
- (9) Project Test Pilot EA-6B BIS trials and S-3A test planning. Conducted EA-6B High AoA testing despite loss of spin aircraft. Qualified in 12 aircraft.
- (10) Stability and Control (Flying Qualities) instructor at USNTPS.
- (11) Authored USNTPS Report Writing Manual.
- (12) First (and only) exchange pilot selected as Principal Fixed Wing Tutor (Chief Flight Instructor) at Empire Test Pilot School. Selected for Astronaut screening.
- (13) Early command screen.

- (14) Earned Battle "E" as XO VA-35.
- (15) First deployment of A-6E TRAM to 6th Fleet. Cancelled leave mid-deployment to train on TRAM, trans-lanted four aircraft and trained other squadron aircrew.
- (16) Strike lead for Iranian Hostage Rescue Attempt (mission cancelled).
- (17) Earned Battle "E" and MUC as CO VA-35. Runner-up for McCluskey Award.
- (18) Freedom of Navigation Ops in Gulf of Sidra. Coordinated and flew SSSC flights during Libyan MIG shootdown.
- (19) Won CVW-8 Individual Top Tailhook Award for three consecutive deployments.
- (20) Fleeted up to Air Boss after three months as Mini-Boss on USS *Eisenhower*.
- (21) Won CNO Safety "S" as CO VA-42 FRS.
- (22) As XO CV-66 conducted first aircraft carrier ops in Norwegian Fjord and launched El Dorado Canyon retaliatory strikes against Libya.
- (23) Hosted Nancy Reagan for dinner aboard CV-66 and briefed First Lady on Zero Tolerance policy.
- (24) Fourth individual selected for Senior CAG (CVW-7).
- (25) As CAG conducted first highly successful deployments of F-14A (Plus) and S-3B.
- (26) First carrier operations in Red Sea during Operation Desert Shield. Planned early defense of Saudi Arabia following Iraq invasion of Kuwait and briefed SECDEF.
- (27) Survived Tailhook 1991.
- (28) Served as Military Advisor to President Clinton during Summit of the Peacemakers and accompanied him during one on one meetings with President Boris Yeltsin of Russia and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt.
- (29) Member OUSD (AT&L) Blue Ribbon Panel; consultant on Joint Force Interoperability and development of Single Integrated Air picture (SIAP).
- (30) Lifetime member of Tailhook and ANA; Associate Member SETP.