



Fred Baldwin, CDR USN (Ret.)
 "Baldy"

Date of Designation: March 1957

Dates of Active Duty: 12 March 1956 – 1 August 1978

Total Flight Hours: 3900

Carrier Landings: Fixed Wing: 1,000

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3450 Prop: 300 VF/VA: 3450
 Civilian: 150

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: USS *Hancock* (CVA 19) 10/58 – 07/61.
 USS *Constellation* (CVA 64) 12/71 – 03/74.

Total Combat Missions: 277

Aviation Commands:

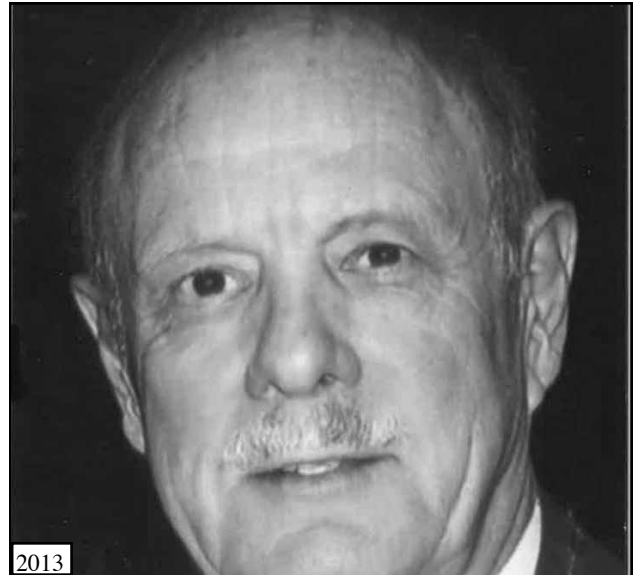
CO, VA 146 12/73 – 03/74
 Commander CVW-2 04/77 – 08/78

Combat Awards:

2 Distinguished Flying Cross
 1 Distinguished Service Medal
 6 Air Medals (Individual)
 27 Air Medals (Strike/Flight)
 1 Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V"
 1 Purple Heart

Duty Assignment Chronology

03/56 – 03/57 NavCad NAS Pensacola/NAAS Kingsville
 (T-34, T-28, SNJ, TV-2, F9F).
 03/57 – 09/57 VA-54 (AD).
 09/57 – 10/58 VA-126 (FJ-4B, A4).
 10/58 – 07/61 VA-113 (A4).
 07/61 – 03/64 USNPG School.



03/64 – 07/64 USC Los Angeles Safety School.
 07/64 – 10/64 VA-125 (A4, T-28).
 10/64 – 10/66 VA-216 (A4).
 10/66 – 10/68 VA-122 (A7).
 10/68 – 07/70 Carrier Air Group Four (Strike Ops).
 07-70 – 07/71 AF Command and Staff School, Montgomery
 AL.
 07/71 – 12/71 VA-122 (A7).
 12/71 – 03/74 VA-146 (A7 XO/CO).
 03/74 – 10/74 COMLATWING PAC.
 10/74 – 08-76 USS *Constellation* (CVA-64) Air Boss.
 08/76 – 04/77 PGAC Training (F4, A6, A7, S3, Helo).
 04/77 – 08/78 COMCVW USS *Ranger* (CVA-61).

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Forty Third Naval Aviator to accomplish 1000 carrier arrested landings on the following eleven carriers: *Antietam, Shangri-la, Ranger, Hancock, Bennington, Forrestal, Independence, Saratoga, Constellation, Coral Sea, Lexington.*
- (2) First Naval Aviator shot down twice, 05/21/66 & 07/04/66 over North Vietnam.
- (3) Called evasive turns for my wingman with Mig-17 shooting at him, 05/10/1972.
- (4) Presented Post Combat Performance of A7E to Ling Temco Vaught employees and Board of Directors.
- (5) One of four finalists for Blue Angel Lead.
- (6) As Air Boss, took the USS *Constellation* through major overhaul to accommodate the F-14.
- (7) Selected for Captain but decided to retire as Commander.

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Summary of Significant Post Career Events

- (1) Worked 33 years in the Heavy Highway Construction Industry after retiring from the Navy in 1978.
- (2) President of Hawaiian Bitumuls & Paving Co.
- (3) Invited to address incoming Top Gun Class on Vietnam tactics.
- (4) RADM Furlong and myself were presenters for Capt. Cernan when he was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame.
- (5) Gave the eulogy at Capt. Cernan's services on Jan. 24, 2017.