



Brent M. Bennett, Vice Admiral, USM(Ret.)
 “Brent”

Date of Designation: 23 December 1965

Dates of Active Duty: June 1964 - February 1998

Total Flight Hours: 4,172

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 786 Rotary: 116

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3,543 Prop: 514 VF/VA: 2,990

HS/HSL: 110 Glider: 30

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: 1/67-7/67 USS *Hancock* (81 Missions)

Vietnam: 1/68-9/68 USS *Bon Homme Richard* (132 Missions)

Total combat missions: 213

Commands:

VA-105, 2/77 - 6/79

USS *La Salle*, 1/85 - 3/86

USS *Nimitz*, 8/87 - 9/89

COMCARGRU 5/CTF-77, 11/91 - 7/93

OPNAV N-88, 7/93 - 12/95

COMNAVAIRPAC, 1/96 - 1/98

Combat Awards:

Air Medals (3 Individual/17 Strike Flight)

Vietnamese Air Gallantry Cross

Navy Commendation Medal

Other Awards

Distinguished Service Medal

Legion of Merit (5)

Meritorious Service Medal



Duty Assignment Chronology

7/64-12/65	Flight Training.
1/66-9/68	VA-125/VA-94.
10/68-6/69	USN Test Pilots School, NAS Patuxent River, MD.
7/69-11/70	Naval Air Test Center (NATC) Carrier Suitability/ Test Pilot School (TPS).
12/70-12/72	Empire Test Pilot School, Boscombe Down Salisbury Wiltshire, England.
1/73-12/ 74	VA-174/VA-83.
1/75-6/76	CINCPACFLT Staff, Pearl Harbor, HI.
7/76-6/79	VA-174/VA-105 XO/CO.
7/79-12/80	COMNAVAIRLANT Headquarters, Norfolk, VA.
1/81-5/82	Nuclear Power Training.
6/82-6/84	USS <i>Nimitz</i> (CVN 68), Executive Officer.
1/85-3/86	USS <i>La Salle</i> , Commanding Officer.
4/86-3/87	OPNAV OP-05 Carrier Programs.
8/87-7/89	USS <i>Nimitz</i> (CVN 68), Commanding Officer.
8/89-8/91	OPNAV Test/Technology Requirements.
9/91-7/93	COMCARGRU-5/CTF-77.
9/93-12/95	OPNAV N-88.
1/96-1/98	COMNAVAIRPAC.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Outstanding Graduate USNTPS.
- (2) Queen's Commendation for Flight Achievement (UK).
- (3) McCluskey Award (XO/CO VA-105).
- (4) Int'l Flight Safety Foundation, Laura Taber Barbour Air Safety Award.

Post Navy Career

- (1) Group President/Executive VP Wyle Inc.
- (2) National Director Navy League of the United States (Navy Affairs Chairman).
- (3) Navy Research Advisory Committee/Society of Experimental Test Pilots.
- (4) Society of Experimental Test Pilots.