



Robert J. Naughton, CAPT USN (Ret.)
 "Bob"

Date of Designation: 1 March 1962 NA # 18704

Dates of Active Duty: 5 October 1960 - January 1987

Total Flight Hours: 6,843

Navy: 3,233 (AD, A4, A7)

NASA: 3,205 (T-38, KC-135, G-159)

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 550

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: USS *Kitty Hawk* (CVA 63), 9/65-6/66

Vietnam: USS *Enterprise* (CVAN 65), 10/66-5/67

Vietnam: Prisoner of War (POW), 5/67-3/73

Total Combat Missions: 194 ½

Navy Awards:

Silver Star

3 Legions of Merit

Bronze Star

2 Distinguished Flying Crosses

18 Air Medals

2 Purple Hearts

3 Navy Commendation Medals with combat "V".

POW Medal

Multiple campaign ribbons, unit commendations and Vietnam Gallantry awards

Duty Assignment Chronology

- 10/1960-2/1962 Flight Training (advanced in AD's).
- 3/1962-7/1964 Utility Squadron One, NAS Barbers Point.
- 8/1964-11/1964 VA-125 (A4 RAG), NAS Lemoore, CA
- 11/1964-5/1967 VA-113, CVA 63 & CVA 65.
- 5/1967-3/1973 POW North Vietnam.
- 7/1973-7/1974 Naval War College Command & Staff.
- 8/1974-11/1975 Earned MBA at UNIV. North Florida.
- 1/1976-8/1976 VA-174, (RAG) A7 Training.



- 8/1976-11/1977 VA-83, Executive Officer.
- 11/1977-2/1979 VA-83, Commanding Officer.
- 3/1979-1/1980 Light Attack Wing Atl. Training Officer.
- 1/1980-3/1981 VA-174, Commanding Officer.
- 4/1981-12/1981 Naval War College, Senior Course.
- 1/1982-6/1984 NWC War Gaming Staff Analyst.
- 6/1984-12/1986 NAS Dallas, Commanding Officer.

Some Significant Career Events in Navy

- (1) Combat Division leader as LT.
- (2) As nearly 6 year POW, I believe I resisted well.
- (3) My thesis at NWC on POW Motivation published.
- (4) While CO at VA83 won Navy-wide Retention Award.
- (5) Distinguished Graduate of NWC Senior Course.
- (6) Won SECNAV Award for Best Original Research 1981.

NASA Aviation Career at Johnson Space Center (JSC)

- (1) 1989-2004 Chief of Aircraft Operations (AOD) at JSC
- (2) AOD was 100 civil servants and 100 contractors, AOD flew 45A/C: 33 T38, 4 GII Shuttle Training A/C, KC135 Zero G A/C, 2 Shuttle Carrier A/C, a Guppy, 2WB57 G159.
- (3) AOD had all 15 years accident free.
- (4) My team of engineers and maintenance personnel modernized T38 and performed depot, I & O level maintenance on entire fleet.
- (5) AOD supported every shuttle launch and shuttle ferry mission

Personal Accomplishments With NASA

- (1) Promoted to Senior Executive Service Level 4 (SES4).
- (2) Flew 3,200 hours in T38, KC135 and G159.
- (3) Chairman of NASA wide aviation panel for 7 years.
- (4) Originated Zero G program for college science students
- (5) Awarded NASA Distinguished Service Medal.
- (6) Awarded NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal.
- (7) Awarded GSA Aviation Professional Manager 2002.

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Post Career Significant Events

- (1) Volunteer in prison ministry mentoring since 2004.
- (2) Achieved Life Master in American Contract Bridge.
- (3) Awarded National Medal of Honor from DAR.