



Robert H. Shumaker, RADM USN (Ret.)
 “Bob”

Date of Designation: 1 November 1958 NA#13476

Dates of Active Duty: 1 June 1956 – February 1988

Total Flight Hours: 4,340

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 310

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 2,483 Prop: 164 VF/VA: 2,383
 VT: 257 Civilian: 1,700

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: USS *Coral Sea* (CVA-43), 11/64 - 2/65
 POW: 02/65 - 02/73

Total Combat Missions: 1

Commands:

Project manager for tactical missiles at NAVAIRSYSCOM.
 Superintendent, Naval Postgraduate School.

Combat Awards:

Distinguished Service Medal
 2 Silver Stars
 4 Legion of Merit
 Distinguished Flying Cross
 Bronze Star
 2 Purple Hearts
 Navy Commendation Medal

Duty Assignment Chronology

10/56-1/58 Navy Flight Training.
 1/58-5/58 Weapons School.
 5/58-10/58 VF-174, F-8 Training.
 10/58-6/61 VF-32, F-8, Deployed to Med.
 6/61-6/64 Student at Naval Postgraduate School (NPS)
 (Aeronautical Engineering).



6/64-9/64 VF-124, F-8 Training.
 9/64-2/65 VF-154, deployed to WestPac.
 2/65-2/73 POW in Vietnam.
 2/73-6/73 Recuperation at Balboa.
 6/73-6/77 Student at Naval Postgraduate School (EE,
 Masters and PHD).
 6/77-6/83 Major project manager at NAVAIRSYSCOM.
 6/83-6/86 Superintendent at Naval Postgraduate School.
 6/86-2/88 OP-982 in Pentagon.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Made two cruises to Med flying F8's off USS *Saratoga*.
- (2) Finalist in Apollo selection (field of 32).
- (3) Shot down in Vietnam off USS *Coral Sea*; broke back.
- (4) Faced firing squad.
- (5) Interned eight years as POW.
- (6) Named the “Hanoi Hilton”.
- (7) Helped develop the “tap code” for internal communications.
- (8) Earned DSM for covert external communications.
- (9) Singled out for leadership and became one of “Alcatraz Eleven”.
- (10) Put in solitary confinement and leg irons for three years.
- (11) Repatriated and earned MS and PHd in EE at NPS.
- (12) Project manager for Harm, Maverick, Hellfire, etc.
- (13) Superintendent of Naval Postgraduate School.
- (14) Navy’s R&D coordinator for ships, space and air.

Summary of Significant Post Career Events

- (1) Assistant Dean at George Washington University.
- (2) Associate Dean at University of North Dakota.
- (3) President of Quantico Flying Club and flight instructor.
- (4) President of Washington, D.C. EAA chapter.

Summary of Significant Post Career Events continued

- (5) Built a Glasair experimental airplane; flew to Alaska and Bahamas.
- (6) Awarded the USNA Distinguished Graduate Award in 2011.
- (7) Awarded the "Lone Sailor Award" in 2016