



**F. Taylor Brown, Rear Admiral, USN (Ret.)**  
 “Taylor”

Date of Designation: 21 November 1945 NA #: C-28277

Dates of Active Duty: 12 May 1943 - 1 August 1979.

Total Flight Hours: 4,500

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 517

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 2,900 Prop: 2,600 Helo: 15 VF/VA: 4,000

Combat Tours:

North Vietnam (Aug. 1964) - 2 combat missions.  
 Vietnam (Jan. 1965 - Apr. 1965) - 11 combat missions.  
 Vietnam (Dec. 1965) - 11 combat missions.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-143, (F4 Squadron) Jul. 1963 - Jul. 1964.  
 Commander, Air Wing NINE, Jan. 1965 - Dec. 1965.  
 CO, USS *Guadalupe*, Jan. 1969 - Apr. 1970.  
 CO, USS *Inchon* (LPH-12), Sep. 1971 - Nov. 1972.  
 Commander, NATC Patuxent River, MD., Jun. 1974 - Jun. 1976.

Combat Awards:

2 Distinguished Flying Crosses  
 2 Air Medals  
 1 DFC - World Time-to-Climb record to 20,000 meters

### **Duty Assignment Chronology**

5/43 Enlisted in U. S. Navy Reserve.  
 8/43 Called to active duty as a Seaman 2nd Class and designated an Aviation Cadet.  
 8/43-11/45 Aviation Cadet training at various bases in the U.S.A.  
 11/45 Commissioned as Ensign USNR and designated as a Naval Aviator.  
 12/45-5/46 Fighter training in the F6F Hellcat.



6/46-5/49 Fighter Squadron Five (F6F, F8F, FJ-1) San Diego, CA. First jet squadron on West coast.  
 10/48 Transferred to Regular Navy.  
 6/49-12/50 Undergraduate education at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.  
 1/51-12/51 General Line School, Monterey, CA.  
 2/52-6/55 VF-171 (F2H-2/3), Jacksonville, FL.  
 7/55-11/56 Naval Air Special Weapons Facility, Kirkland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, NM.  
 Unit tested the compatibility and delivery of nuclear weapons from the latest naval aircraft. Tested A4D Skyhawk, F7U Cutlass, F3H Demon, F2H Banshee and others.  
 Participated in atomic bomb tests in Nevada.  
 1/57-12/57 Empire Test Pilot School, Farnborough England. International student body flying many British aircraft including fighters, bombers, transports, helicopters and gliders.  
 1/58-7/59 Fighter Squadron 174, Jacksonville, FL. First F8U Crusader Squadron. As Maintenance Officer developed a new concept of periodic maintenance which was later adopted by the entire U. S. Navy.  
 8/59-6/60 Naval War College, Newport, RI.  
 7/60-1/62 Head of Flying Qualities and Performance Branch of Flight Test at the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, MD. Tested the aerodynamic and performance characteristics of new Navy, Marine and some Army aircraft before they were released for use in the operational forces.  
 7/62-7/63 XO, VF- 143 (F4H Phantoms).  
 7/63-8/64 CO, VF-143. Squadron selected as best fighter squadron in the Pacific Fleet. Led fighter aircraft on first U.S. strike against North Vietnamese forces; torpedo boats at Hon Gai near Hanoi.  
 1/65-6/65 Commander Air Wing Nine, USS *Ranger*. Led Air Wing on the first coordinated Navy Air Force attacks against ground installations in North Vietnam. (- Continued -)

### Duty Assignment Chronology continued

9/65-1/66 Commander, Air Wing NINE, USS *Enterprise*. Operations in North Vietnam.

2/66-7/67 XO of the USS *Oriskany*. Two deployments in South China Sea operating in support of the Vietnamese War.

8/67-6/68 National War College, Washington, D. C.

7/68-1/69 Sabbatical from Navy for completion of studies for Bachelor of Science Degree at George Washington University.

2/69-5/70 CO of fleet oiler USS *Guadalupe*. Deployed in South China Sea.

6/70-9/71 Assigned to Pentagon as the Navy's Deputy Electromagnetic Coordinator. Responsible for ensuring that the many electronic systems installed on Navy aircraft and ships would work effectively in harmony with each other.

9/71-11/72 CO of USS *Inchon*, operating in the Mediterranean and North Sea in support of the Marine Amphibious Forces.

12/72-7/74 Deputy Director of Operations, Joint Chiefs of Staff at the National Military Command Center.

8/74-6/76 Commander, Naval Air Test Center Patuxent River, MD.

7/76-6/68 Defense Attache', U. S. Embassy London, England.

7/78-8/79 Deputy Director for International Programs in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Washington, D.C. Coordinated international development of many of the smart weapons used during Desert Storm.

8/78 Retired from active duty.

2/80-12/83 Vice President and Program Manager of Falcon Jet Corporation, Little Rock, AR. Overall management of the modification and assembly of 41 Falcon 20 aircraft acquired by the U.S. Coast Guard to support their Maritime Surveillance Missions.

1/84-2/85 Vice President for Operations at Falcon Jet Corporation, Little Rock, AR

3/85-4/91 Senior Vice President and General Manager Falcon Jet Corporation.

4/91 Retired from Falcon Jet Corporation.

12/95 Member of the Little Rock Airport Commission.

### **Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Won the Bendix Trophy Race of the Cleveland National Air Races. Cross country race from Long Beach, CA to Cleveland, OH (September 1948).
- (2) Set the World Time-to-Climb record to 20,000 meters flying the F4H Phantom. Time from standing start to 20,000 meters (about 65,000 feet) in 2 minutes and 58 seconds.
- (3) Inducted into the Arkansas Aviation Hall of Fame on 24 October 1991.
- (4) Flew over 65 different types of aircraft.