



VMF-225, USS *Siboney*/Cherry Point - 1946

**Drury W. Wood Jr, Major, AUS (Ret.)**  
 “Drury”

Date of Designation: 16 April 1944 NA # P12038

Dates of Active Duty: 1944 - 1969

Total Flight Hours: 10,000 hrs.+ 110 types - seaplanes, amphibians, helicopters, hover devices, hybrids, parapont, props and jets.

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 299 traps in F4U's and F6F's (1 barrier).

Combat Tours:

WW II: VMF-123, USS *Bennington* (CV-20), 1945.  
 VMF-123 with CAG-82, part of Task Force 58.  
 Conducted strikes on Ryukus, Okinawa and Japan.  
 Korea: 1st Marine Division. Ground and air support,  
 1950-52. Member, Chosin Few.

Combat Awards:

Distinguished Flying Cross  
 4 Air Medals  
 Commendation Ribbon with combat “V”  
 Distinguished Flying Cross (civilian/non-combat). Federal Republic of Germany, 1972

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

4/16/44 Commissioned. Naval Aviator No P12038.  
 1945 VMF-123, CAG-82, Task Force 58 aboard USS *Bennington* (CV-20) conducting strikes against targets in the Ryukus, Okinawa and Japan.  
 1946-48 VMF-225, USS *Siboney*.  
 1948-49 Forward Air Controller (FAC), Second Marine Division.  
 1950-52 1st Marine Division, Korea, ground and air support. Member, Chosin Few.



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**Summary of Significant Career Events**  
 (Military and Civilian)

- (1) Navy Test Pilot School (TPS), Class 8, NATC Patuxent River, MD.
- (2) Operations Officer, TPS and Test Pilot, NATC Tactical Test.
- (3) Seventh President and Fellow, Society of Experimental Test Pilots (SETP).
- (4) Fellow and Charter Engineer, Royal Aeronautical Society.
- (5) Kincheloe Award, SETP. Test Pilot #1, 1968.
- (6) Flight Operations Manager, Douglas Aircraft Test.
- (7) Engineering Test Pilot - Douglas, Northrop and U.S. Army.
- (8) Chief Engineering Test Pilot, Dornier Ag, Friedrichshafen, Germany.
- (9) Mayor Emeritus of Wesport, Washington.
- (10) Flight test work included:
  - First flight, structural & aerodynamic envelope, A3D-2, 2P and 2T.
  - First flight A4D-2, and electronics, ordnance, structural, flutter test, A4D-1.
  - First flight (co-pilot) C-133B
  - First flight and envelope, Do-28 STOL Skyservant.
  - First flight and envelope, D0-14T VTOL Hover rig.
  - First flight and envelope, Do-31-1
  - First flight and envelope, Do-31-E2 (10 engine VSTOL jet transport).
- (11) Five World Records, Do-31-E2, Munich-Paris.