



Robert B. Arnold, Captain, USN (Ret.)
 “Bob”

Date of Designation: 19 May 1954

Dates of Active Duty: January 1953 - May 1979

Total Flight Hours: 5,400

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,265

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,400 Prop: 1,000 VF/VA: 4,400
 VT: 1,000

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VA-164 (A4E), USS *Oriskany*, Jul. 1967-Jan. 1968 - 125 combat missions.
 Vietnam: VA-97 (A7A), USS *Constellation*, Dec. 1969 - Jun. 1970 - 100 combat missions.
 Vietnam: VA-97 (A7E), USS *Enterprise*, Jun. 1971 - Dec. 1971 - 95 combat missions,
 Vietnam: USS *Oriskany*, *Constellation*, *America* (A7), Aug. 1972 - 11 combat missions
 Vietnam: Air Force (F4) - 1 mission; Air Force (C130) - 1 mission; Air Force (OV-10) - 3 missions.
 Total - 336 combat missions.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-97, December 1970 - December 1971

Combat Awards:

Silver Star
 4 Distinguished Flying Crosses
 Bronze Star
 38 Air Medals (6 Individual and 32 Strike Flight)



Duty Assignment Chronology

1/53-5/54 Pensacola, FL., Flight Training. NAVCAD (SNJ). NAAS Kingsville, TX., Advanced Flight Training (SNB, F6F, TV-2).
 5/54-8/58 VF-173, NAS Jacksonville, FL. Ensign - LT and LSO (F9F6, F2H, AD, FJ3, SNB).
 8/58-1/61 VT-5, Flight Instructor and LSO (T28, SNB, TV, T2V).
 1/61-1/62 NAF El Centro, CA., Chuting Stars PAO (T28, F9).
 1/62-6/64 VA-125, NAS Lemoore, CA., Fleet Replacement Pilot (A4).
 VA-112, NAS Lemoore, CA., Operations Officer and LSO (A4, F8).
 6/64-6/66 U. S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA., Student (T2B, T28).
 6/66-1/67 VA-125, NAS Lemoore, CA., Instructor (A4).
 1/67-5/68 VA-164, NAS Lemoore, CA., Operations Officer (A4). USS *Oriskany* Vietnam deployment.
 5/68-5/69 OPNAV, Washington, D.C., CNO Operations Briefer (T2V).
 5/69-12/69 VA-125, NAS Lemoore, CA., Fleet Replacement Pilot (A7).
 12/69-12/71 XO/CO, VA-97, USS *Constellation* and USS *Enterprise* Vietnam deployments (A7, F4).
 12/71-1/74 COMNAVAIRPAC, San Diego, CA., Light Attack Training Officer (A4, A7, T28).
 1/74-6/74 USS *Midway*, Admiral McDonald's Staff.
 6/74-12/75 XO, USS *Kitty Hawk* (CVA-63).
 1/76-5/79 JCS, Plans & Policy (J-5), Washington, D.C.
 5/1/79 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Navy's first jet cadet, 1954
- (2) 50+ Alpha Strikes in North Vietnam.

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued

- (3) Alpha Strike Leader on Haiphong ammunition storage area strike. Awarded Silver Star.

- (4) Three IronHand strike leads - Phuc Yen airfield, Hanoi. Awarded 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses.