



Donald Vaux Boecker, RADM, USN (Ret.)
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Date of Designation: 31 January 1962 NA # V-18380

Dates of Active Duty: 6 June 1960 - 1 March 1995

Total Flight Hours: 4,118

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 818 Rotary: 5

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3,737 Prop: 350 Helo: 31 VF/VA: 3,400
 VT: 318 LTA: 2

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VA-75 (A-6A Intruder), USS *Independence* (CV-62), Jun. 1965 - Dec. 1965. 69 combat missions.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-85 (A-6A), May 1973 - Nov. 1975
 Commander, Naval Air Test Center, NAS Patuxent River, MD., Jul. 1988 - Jun. 1991

Awards:

Navy Distinguished Service Medal
 3 Legion of Merits
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal
 6 Air Medals
 2 Navy Commendation Medals with combat V
 Combat Action Ribbon
 Navy Unit Commendation
 2 Meritorious Unit Commendations
 Navy "E" Ribbon
 2 Navy Expeditionary Medals
 2 National Defense Service Medals
 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
 3 Vietnam Service Medals



Republic Vietnam Gallantry Cross
 2 Navy Sea Service Deployments
 Republic of Vietnam Campaign

Duty Assignment Chronology

- 06/55-06/56 Enlisted U. S. Naval Reserve, NTTC Great Lakes, IL.
- 06/56-06/60 Midshipman, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD.
- 06/60-09/60 Company Officer (Plebe Summer), USNA.
- 09/60-02/62 Flight Training, (NAS Pensacola, FL., and NAAS Beeville, TX.)
- 02/62-09/63 VA-76, NAS Oceana, VA. Deployed USS *Enterprise* (CVN-65) flying A-4C Skyhawks.
- 09/63-09/66 VA-75, NAS Oceana, VA. Deployed USS *Independence* (CVA-62) flying A-6A Intruders.
- 09/66-06/67 U. S. Naval Test Pilot School, NAS Patuxent River, MD.
- 06/67-10/69 Test Pilot, Weapons System Test and Board of Inspection and Survey, NAS Patuxent River
- 10/69-11/70 VA-42, NAS Oceana, VA. Training Officer, A-6 RAG.
- 11/70-04/72 VA-75, NAS Oceana, VA. Deployed USS *Saratoga* (CVA-60) flying A-6A's as Maintenance Officer.
- 04/72-05/73 Staff, Commander, Medium Attack Wing ONE, NAS Oceana, VA. Plans and Programs Officer.
- 05/73-11/75 XO/CO, VA-85, NAS Oceana, VA. Deployed USS *Forrestal* (CVA-59).
- 11/75-05/78 A-6A Class Desk Officer, NAVAIRSYSOM, Washington, D.C. In charge of all engineering changes for A-6E aircraft.
- 05/78-12/79 XO, USS *Saratoga* (CVA-60). Med deployment.

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Duty Assignment Chronology continued:

- 12/79-08/81 Staff, Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering), Tactical Air Warfare Branch (F-14, F-15, F-16 and F-18) Staff Specialist.
- 08/81-02/82 Senior Officer Ship Materiel Readiness Course, Idaho Falls, ID.
- 02/82-08/83 CO, USS *Concord* (AFS-5). Two Med deployments.
- 08/83-04/84 Head, Aviation Plans and Programs, OPNAV (OP-508).
- 04/84-04/86 Deputy Director, Aviation Plans and Requirements Division (OP-50B).
- 04/86-07/87 Executive Assistant, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition).
- 07/87-07/88 Director, Navy Space Systems Division (OP-943) (1st Flag Assignment).
- 07/88-06/91 Commander, Naval Air Test Center, NAS Patuxent River, MD.
- 07/91-03/95 Vice Commander, Naval Air Systems Command, Arlington, VA.
- 03/1/95 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Seventh pilot to make "Centurian" (100 arrested landings) aboard USS *Enterprise* (CVN-65) - 19 March 1963.
- (2) Member of first A-6A crew to eject in combat over Laos during Vietnam War flying from USS *Independence* (CVA-62) - 14 July 1965. Evaded ground forces for 18 hours and rescued by Air America helo.
- (3) First Navy pilot to fly TC-4C (A-6 Bombardier/Navigator Trainer) at Peconic River, Long Island, NY., during Navy Preliminary Evaluation tests by the Naval Air Test Center - 13 November 1967.
- (4) First Navy (military) pilot to fly the A-7E and USAF A-7D as team leader for the Joint Navy/Air Force Service Evaluation at LTV, NAS Dallas, TX - 4 March 1969 and 10 May 1969.
- (5) Have flown over 90 different models of aircraft in U.S. and Europe.