



William Winston Copeland, Jr., RADM USN (Ret.)
 “Mad Dog”

Date of Designation: 24 August 1968 NA#V26877

Dates of Active Duty: March 1967 – July 2000

Total Flight Hours: 5,115

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,320 Rotary: 10

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 1,320 Prop: 24 VF/VA: 4,727 VT: 313
 Helo: 50 VS: 25

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VF-151, October 1969 - June 1970
 Vietnam: VF-51, December 1971 - June 1972
 Total Combat Missions: 292 (F-4)

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-102 1982-1984 (F-14)
 CVW-1 1986-1988 (F-14, A-6, Helo)
 USS *America* (CV-66) 1992-1994 (F-14)
 COMCARGRU 8 1997-1999 (F-14)

Non-aviation Commands:

USS *San Diego* (AFS-6), 1988-1990

Combat Awards:

Silver Star
 Bronze Star
 17 Air Medals (16 Strike/Flight and 1 individual)
 Northrup Grumman Tomcat Award

Duty Assignment Chronology

5/67-8/68 Flight School
 8/68-4/69 VF-121 (F-4 RAG)
 4/69-12/70 VF-151
 12/70-7/72 VF-51



7/72-1/75 Navy Fighter Weapons School (TopGun)
 1/75-5/75 VF-121 (F-4 RAG)
 5/75-12/77 VF-151 (Japan; CV-41)
 12/77-12/78 USAF Test Pilot School
 12/78-1/81 NATC Pax River
 1/81-7/81 VF-101 (F-14 RAG)
 7/81-11/82 VF-102 (XO)
 11/82-3/84 VF-102 (CO)
 3/84-7/84 COMCARGRU 2
 7/84-6/85 Naval War College
 6/85-3/86 Office of CNO
 3/86-6/86 COMNAVAIRLANT
 6/86-2/88 COMCARAIRWING ONE
 2/88-5/88 Ship Material Readiness School
 5/88-6/88 SWO School, CMD
 10/88-4/90 USS *San Diego* (AFS-6)
 6/90-5/92 US Atlantic Command
 5/92-2/94 USS *America* (CV-66), Commanding Officer
 3/94-5/94 Harvard University
 6/94-8/94 COMNAVAIRLANT Staff
 9/94-3/97 CENTCOM (J-3)
 5/97-9/97 John Hopkins University
 9/97-10/99 COMCARGRU 8

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) MIG-17 kill over North Vietnam on June 11, 1972.
- (2) Northrup Grumman Corporation TOPCAT Award in 1976.

