



**Fred L. Dungan, LCDR USN (Ret.)**  
 "Buck"

Date of Designation: 13 November 1942      NA# C-946

Dates of Active Duty: 15 February 1942-27 October 1945.

Total Flight Hours: 3,305

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 144 (F6F)

Approximate Flight Hours:

Prop: 1,650    VF: 1,650

Commercial and private pilot: 1,655

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

- 12/8/41      Naval Aviator Cadet, , Seaman 2nd class,NAS Los Alamitos, Long Beach, CA.
- 2/42        NAS Los Alimitos, CA.
- 3/42        NAS Dallas, Ground School.
- 4/42        NAS Corpus Christi, Flight Traning.
- 9/42        Brownsville, TX, Advanced Flight Training.
- 13/11/42   Friday.Commissioned with Wings of Gold.
- 12/42       Project Afirm, Quonset Point, RI. Highly classified nightfighter development unit.
- 12/19/42   Served as saftey pilot on first GCA blind landing to a stop. First in history of aviation.
- 7/43        VF[N]-76

Combat Tours:

- WWII:      CV-10, South Pacific, USS *Yorktown*, 16 January-March. 1944.
- 2/1/44      Kawajalein Invasion.
- 3/44-9/44   CV-12, USS *Hornet*, Palau strike, 31March 1944.
- 4/14/44    Hollandia and New Guinea.
- 4/23/44    Shot down first enemy, a Mitsubishi Twin Engine Bomber. Awarded Air Medal.
- 4/30/44    First strike on Truk.



- 6/12/44      Guam strike.
  - 6/13/44      Guam strike.
  - 6/16/44      First strike on Chi-Chi Jima, Bonin Islands.
  - 6/14/44      Strike on Orote Field, Guam. Shot down 6.2 confirmed.Awarded D F C. Broke-up enemy landing pattern.
  - 7/4/44       Chi-Chi Jima, Bonnins. With wing man, Johnny Dear, sank a DDE, shot down 4 enemy confirmed and wounded in left shoulder. Landed on the USS *Yorktown* (CV-10). Awarded Navy Cross & Purple Heart
  - 8/1/44       Transferred by breeches bouy to USS *Hornet* (CV-12).
  - 8/10/44      Breeches bouy to USS *Yorktown* (CV-10) enroute Bremerton, WA.
  - 8/25/44      Admitted to Navy Hospital, Bremerton, WA.
  - 9/11/44      Transferred to Navy Hospital Long Beach, CA.
  - 11/10/44     Returned to flight status and attached to NAS Los Alamitos, Long Beach, CA.
  - 11/21/44     Attached to NACTU LANT, NAS Quonset Point, R.I. as nightfighter instructor. First flight in 5 months, was in an F6F.
  - 7/4/45       Appeared on Wrigley radio program, "The First Line".
  - 8/22/45      Attached to VF (N) 90 NAS Boca Chica, FL.
  - 9/8/45       Released from active duty as of 27 Oct. 1945.
- Total Combat Missions: 44

Combat Awards:

- Navy Cross
- Distinguished Flying Cross
- Air Medal
- Purple Heart
- Presidential Unit Citation

## **Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) 1945-1947. Fixed Base Operater at Teterboro Airport, Hackensack, N.J.
- (2) 1947-1982. 3M Company, selling industial abrasives to factories in New England.
- (3) 1982 Retired.
- (4) 1966-1992. Volunteered as US National Ski Patrol for 26 years.
- (5) Goodwill Industries Volunteer.
- (6) 1994 to present; Retired Senior Volunteer Program [RSVP] as a deputy with the Orange County Sheriff Dept. in San Clemente.