



George M. Furlong, Jr., RADM, USN (Ret.)
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Date of Designation: 30 July 1957 NA # V-12907

Dates of Active Duty: June 1949 - January 1986

Total Flight Hours: 4,500

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 930

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,300 Prop: 200 Helo: 30 VF/VA: 4,200
 HS/HC/HU: 30 VS: 310 VU/VFP: 30
 Other: 500 hours as PBY-5A fight engineer.

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: 1965-1971, five deployments to Vietnam (3 as pilot) with COMCARDIV NINE, VF-142 (F4B/J), 3 deployments in USS *Constellation* (CVA-64) and USS *Enterprise* (CVN-65) - 226 missions.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-142, 1970 - 1971 (Battle E, Safety S, Mutha Award as top F-4 Squadron)
 COMCVW-14, 1973 - 1974
 CO, USS *Ponchatoula* (AO-148), 1975 - 1976 (Battle E)
 CO, USS *Independence* (CV-62), 1977 - 1978
 COMFITAEEWINGPAC, 1981 - 1983

Combat Awards:

12 Air Medals (strike/flight), 3 NCM's w/combat V, 2 Navy Unit Commendations.

Other Honors and Recognitions:

US Navy League's John Paul Jones Award for Inspirational Leadership while serving as CO of VF-142

Induction into the Arkansas Aviation Hall of Fame in 1990

Duty Assignments:

12/48-11/50 VPML-79, VP-791, PBY Crewman, NAS Memphis, TN.
 11/50-6/51 Naval Training Center (NTC), San Diego, CA.
 6/51-12/51 NAS Alameda, CA.
 12/51-6/52 Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS).



6/52-6/56 Midshipman, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis
 6/56-9/56 Temporary Duty, NAS Pensacola.
 9/56-7/57 Flight Training, NAS Pensacola, Whiting Field, Barin Field and NAS Corpus Christi.
 7/57-6/58 VF-121 (F-11 and FJ-3M), NAS Miramar, CA.
 6/58-9/58 VA-156 (F-11), WestPac.
 9/58-7/61 VF-111 (F-11), 3 WestPac deployments in USS *Shangri La* (1) and USS *Hancock* (2).
 7/61-6/63 U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA. B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering.
 6/63-6/65 U.S. Naval Weapons Evaluation Facility, Kirtland AFB, F-4 Project Officer.
 6/65-6/67 COMCARDIV NINE, Flag Secretary, Vietnam, 10 different CV's.
 6/67-6/71 VF-121. VF-142 (F-4B/J), Maintenance Officer/XO/CO. Three deployments to Vietnam in USS *Constellation* (CVA-64) and USS *Enterprise* (CVN-65) - 226 missions.
 6/71-7/71 COMNAVAIRPAC (Fighter Training).
 7/71-1/72 Nuclear Power School, Mare Island, CA.
 1/72-7/73 COMNAVAIRPAC (F-14 Fleet Introduction Program Manager).
 7/73-11/74 COMCVG-14, USS *Enterprise* (CVN-65). First F-14 and S-3 Air Wing.
 11/74-2/76 CO, USS *Ponchatoula* (AO-148), Pearl Harbor and WestPac.
 2/76-3/77 SOMRC and other schools.
 3/77-9/78 CO, USS *Independence* (CV-62). Med deployment and complex overhaul.
 9/78-9/80 Chief of Staff, SIXTH Fleet.
 9/80-5/81 OPNAV, OP-50W (Ops Analysis).
 5/81-8/83 COMFITAEEWINGPAC, NAS Miramar, CA.
 8/83-12/85 Deputy Chief of Naval Education and Training, NAS Pensacola.
 1/86 Retired from active duty.
 1/86-1/97 Executive Vice President, Naval Aviation Museum Foundation.
 1/97 Retired from Foundation.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Three and one-half years enlisted service.
- (2) U. S. Naval Academy and U. S. Navy Postgraduate School graduate.
- (3) Never CQ'ed in training command.
- (4) Flew F-11 during three WestPac deployments, 800+ hours and 250 traps.
- (5) F-4 test work and circular runway evaluation (T-28 and A-4).
- (6) Maintenance Officer, XO and CO of VF-142, Vietnam.
- (7) F-14 Program Manager, Fleet Introduction.
- (8) First F-14 and S-3 CAG.
- (9) Took "Indy" thru first CV complex overhaul.
- (10) OP-50W (Ops Analysis) for Wes McDonald.
- (11) "Last fleet pilot and oldest to check out in the F-8", NAS Miramar, 1983 - nice airplane.
- (12) I had a wonderful career and like all of us, would do it over again at the drop of a hat. We need to work as a group toward making Naval Aviation of today as much of a challenge as it has always been and as much fun as it used to be.