



**William A. Gureck, Rear Admiral, USN (Ret.)**  
 “Bill”

Date of Designation: 28 April 1950 NA # T-565

Dates of Active Duty: 17 July 1948 - 1 August 1984

Total Flight Hours: 5,300

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 810

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,002 Prop: 1,286 Helo: 12 VF/VA: 4,450

HS/HC/HU: 12 VS: 20 VT: 418

Other: SNB/C-1/C-2 - 400

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: CVW-5 Operations Officer, Tonkin Gulf retaliatory strike (USS *Maddox* incident), 2 - 5 Aug. 1964.

Vietnam: CVW-5 OPS/XO, VF-53, Nov. 1965 - May 1966  
 CO, VF-53, Jan. 1967 - Apr. 1967  
 CAG-19, May 1969 - Nov. 1969  
 COMCARGRU 7 OPS, Jun. 1970 - Dec. 1970  
 Total 275 VF/VA combat missions

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-53, May 1966 - Apr. 1967  
 CAG-19, , Sep. 1968 - Dec. 1969  
 CO, USS *Shreveport* (LPD-12), Sep. 1972 - Nov. 1973  
 CO, USS *John F. Kennedy* (CV-67), May 1974 - Nov. 1975  
 Commander CARGRU SEVEN, Feb. 1978 - May 1980.

Combat Awards:

5 Legion of Merit  
 Distinguished Flying Cross  
 Bronze Star  
 Meritorious Service Medal  
 25 Air Medals



**Duty Assignment Chronology**

7/48-4/50 Flight Training Pensacola/Corpus Christi.  
 5/50-6/50 Jet transition , NAAS Whiting Field.  
 7/50-9/50 VF-11.  
 9/50-6/53 VF-12.  
 7/53-12/54 ATU-201, Flight Instructor, Corpus Christi.  
 12/54-2/57 Blue Angels.  
 3/57-7/57 NATTC JAX, Guided Missile School.  
 8/57-4/59 USS *Saratoga* (CV-60), Flight Deck Officer.  
 5/59-4/60 Fleet Training Group, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.  
 5/60-10/60 VF-124 RAG.  
 11/60-7/61 VF-51, Operations Officer.  
 8/61-6/62 Naval War College.  
 7/62-3/64 U. S. Navy Postgraduate School (B.S. degree).  
 4/64-5/65 CVW-5, Operations Officer.  
 5/65-5/66 XO, VF-53.  
 5/66-4/67 CO, VF-53.  
 5/67-5/68 BUPERS, Head, Aviation Junior Officer Assignment Section.  
 6/68-8/68 VA-125, VF-124 RAGS  
 9/68-12/69 Commander Air Wing 19  
 1/70-6/71 Carrier Group SEVEN, Operations Officer.  
 7/71-8/72 OPNAV, Executive Assistant to OP-090, Director, Navy Program Planning  
 9/72-11/73 CO, USS *Shreveport* (LPD-12).  
 12/73-4/74 COMNAVAIRLANT, Assistant Chief of Staff for Readiness.  
 5/74-11/75 CO, USS *John F. Kennedy* (CV-67).  
 12/75-8/77 CINCLANTFLT, N-1 (Deputy Chief of Staff, Readiness and Resources).  
 9/77-1/78 Senior Officer Ship Material Readiness Course, Idaho Falls, ID.  
 2/78-5/80 Commander Carrier Group SEVEN.  
 6/80-8/84 OPNAV (OP-094) Deputy Director for Command and Control.  
 8/1/84 Retired from active duty.

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### Duty Assignment Chronology continued

8/84-12/94 Joined Sanders Associates, Inc., as Vice President, Federal Systems Group, Field Operations, - became Lockheed Sanders. Retired from Lockheed Sanders in December 1994. Moved to Pensacola in December of 1994.

### **Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Among first to go straight to jet squadron from flight training (one month jet transition at Whiting Field May 1950).
- (2) Blue Angels pilot 1954-1956 (flew #2 and #4).
- (3) Participated in last national air show - Oklahoma City in 1956.
- (4) CVW-5 Operations Officer during August 1964 - first strikes against NVN.
- (5) COMCARGRU SEVEN OPS for Son Tay prison strike; major planning role for air ops.
- (6) As COMCARGRU SEVEN, led first US forces to Persian Gulf in reaction to Iran's taking of US citizens hostage in October 1979.

### **Personal**

Rear Admiral Gureck is married to the former Miss Phyllis Rein of North East, Pennsylvania. The Gureck's have a son and daughter, LCDR W. Scott and Kristin.