

**Paul Firm Hollandsworth, Captain USN (Ret.)**  
 “Holly”

Date of Designation: 25 April 1956 NA#: 9113

Dates of Active Duty: 14 July 1954 – 30 June 1986

Total Flight Hours: 6,618 Accident Free

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 719

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 2,376 Prop: 3,275 VR/VP: 159  
 VS: 90 VT: 630 EW: 14 Helo: 74

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VA-76, USS *Enterprise*, 12/65-6/66 (A4C),  
 146 missions

Vietnam: VA-76, USS *Bon Homme Richard*, 2/67-7/67  
 (A4C), 116 Missions

Total Combat Missions: 262 (A4C)

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-65 June 1973 – June 1974 (A-6)

CO, VX-5 (Multiple Types A/C), Mar. 1981-Aug. 1983

Combat Awards:

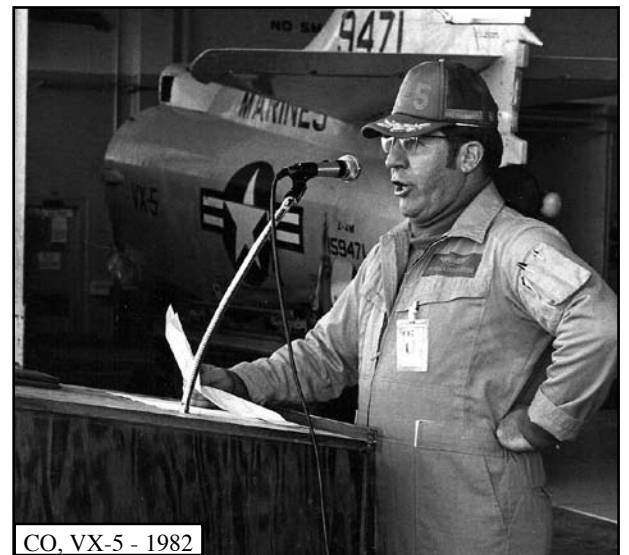
- Silver Star
- 3 Distinguished Flying Cross Medals
- 5 Individual Air Medals
- 22 Strike Flight Medals
- 3 Navy Commendation Medals W/Combat V
- Republic of Vietnam Air Gallantry Cross with Silver Wings

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

- 7/54-4/56 Flight Training (SNJ, Beach Craft, S-2).
- 4/56-8/59 VA-25/VA-65.
- 8/59-1/63 VA-42, A-1 RAG.
- 1/63-5/65 USS *Independence*, Flight Deck/Catapult Officer.



- 5/65-8-65 VA-45/VA-44, A-4 RAG Replacement Pilot Training.
- 8/65-7/67 VA-76 Two Combat Cruises to Vietnam, Total 262 Combat Missions.
- 7/67-2/70 VA-44, RAG Instructor/OPS Officer.
- 2/70-5/70 Strike Operations School.
- 5/70-7/71 Strike OPS Officer, USS *Saratoga*.
- 8/71-6/72 VA-42, A-6 RAG Training.
- 6/72-6/73 XO, VA-65 Flying A-6's.
- 6/73-6/74 CO, VA-65 Flying A-6's.
- 7/74-6/75 Air Force Staff College, Senior Course.
- 7/75-10/77 Office of CNO, A-6 Program Coordinator.
- 11/77-2/81 Chief of Staff, Operations, COMMATVAQ-WINGPAC.
- 3/81-9/83 CO, VX-5 Flying A-4's, A-6's, A-7's, F/A18's and Helos.



- 9/83-6/86 Staff of CINCLANT for Evaluation of Joint Communications (JINTAC).
- 6/86 Retired from active duty

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## **Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) As a JG, with two other pilots, translated three A-1's (Spads) from NAS Oceana to Rota, Spain via the Azores. First time it had been done.
- (2) While C.O. of VX-5 conducted the Operational Test and Evaluation (OT&E) on the F/A-18A.