



**Bobby C. Lee, RDML USN (Ret.)**  
 “Bobby”

Date of Designation: May 1958

Dates of Active Duty: October 1956 – September 1991

Total Flight Hours: 6,000

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,120  
 Rotary: 20

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 5,750 Prop: 250 VF/VA: 3,900  
 VU/VFP: 1,400 VT: 235 Helo: 50

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: 1967, VF-24 CAG 19, *Bon Homme Richard*  
 Vietnam: 1969, VA-37 CAG 11, *Kitty Hawk*  
 Vietnam: 1971, CAG 19 Ops/VA-215, *Oriskany*  
 Total Combat Missions: 265

Aviation Commands:

1975-76, VA-147  
 1977-79, Air Wing NINE.  
 1980-81, USS *Niagara Falls*.  
 1982-84, USS *Forrestal*.  
 1987-89, Commander Fleet Air Western Pacific.

Combat Awards:

Silver Star Medal.  
 Distinguished Flying Cross.  
 Air Medal.  
 Navy Commendation Medal.

Non-combat Awards:

Defense Superior Service Medal  
 Legion of Merit  
 Meritorious Service Medal



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**Duty Assignment Chronology**

1956-1958 NAVCAD, Training Command.  
 1958-1963 VFP-62, NAS Cecil Field, FL. Three Mediterranean deployments.  
 1963-1965 U. S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA. Bachelor of Arts in International Relations.  
 1965-1966 VF-174, NAS Cecil Field, FL. Instructor Pilot.  
 1966-1967 VF-24, Air Wing NINE, USS *Bon Homme Richard*. Combat deployment.  
 1968-1969 VA-37, Air Wing ELEVEN, USS *Kitty Hawk*. Combat deployment.  
 1969-1970 VA-174, NAS Cecil Field. Instructor Pilot.  
 1970-1972 Air Wing NINETEEN, USS *Oriskany*. Operations Officer, flew with VA-215. Combat deployment.  
 1972-1973 VA-122, NAS Lemoore, CA. Executive Officer and Instructor Pilot.  
 1974-1976 VA-147, Air Wing NINE, USS *Constellation*. Executive Officer, Commanding Officer.  
 1976-1977 USS *Franklin D. Roosevelt*, Assistant Air Boss.  
 1978-1979 Commander, Carrier Air Wing NINE, USS *Constellation*. Western Pacific/Indian Ocean deployment.  
 1980-1981 Commanding Officer, USS *Niagara Falls*. Western Pacific/Indian Ocean deployment.  
 1981-1984 Commanding Officer, USS *Forrestal*. Mediterranean Sea/North Arabian Sea deployment. Suez Canal transit.  
 1984-1985 OPNAV, OP 55.  
 1985-1986 Chief of Staff, Commander SIXTH Fleet.  
 1986-1987 Executive Assistant to Commander in Chief U.S. Atlantic Fleet.  
 1987-1989 Commander Fleet Air Western Pacific.  
 1989-1991 OPNAV, OP 70  
 Sept. 1991 Retired from Naval Service.

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## Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) 19 May, 1967. VF-24, Air Wing 21, USS *Bon Homme Richard*. Downed a MIG-17 over Hanoi with a Sidewinder after using Zuni rockets for flak suppression. Mission was the first attack on the Hanoi thermal power plant with Walleye weapons.
- (2) 1970, VA-174 Operations Officer, established Defensive Combat Maneuvering training in the syllabus for replacement pilots. Better prepared Junior pilots for combat and practically solved the out of controlled flight problem for the East Coast A7 squadrons.
- (3) 1974, Executive Officer VA-147, Air Wing NINE, USS *Constellation*, won Air Wing NINE carrier landing competition.
- (4) 1975-76, Commanding Officer VA-147, squadron won the Air Wing NINE bombing competition, and the LATWINGPAC bombing competition.
- (5) 1976-77, Assistant Air Boss, USS *Franklin D. Roosevelt*, helped introduce the Marine AV8 to carrier operations during Mediterranean cruise.
- (6) 1978, Commander Air Wing NINE, extended Air Wing training at NAS Fallon to include night strike training.
- (7) October 1981, NAS Cecil Field, won first LATWING-ONE Junior-Senior bombing derby.
- (8) 1986, Chief of Staff, Commander Sixth Fleet, participated in planning and execution of Libya Raid. Insisted any target list from Sixth Fleet Staff would include Khadafy's residence. The last JCS approved list included his home.
- (9) 1987-88, Commander Fleet Air Western Pacific, NAS Atsugi, ended the Mi-Cruise Corrosion Control Inspection for deployed Air Wings. Initiated negotiations with the Government of Japan for use of Iwo Jima for field carrier landing practice for Air Wing FIVE based at Atsugi. This dramatically reduced jet noise in th Atsugi area and improved relations with the Japanese people. Also improved the quality of training.