



**William C. McCamy, CAPT, USN, (Ret.)**  
 “Wild Bill”

Date of Designation: 10 June 1969      NA # T-12230

Dates of Active Duty: 5 March 1968 - 1 July 1997.

Total Flight Hours: 5,280

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 12    Rotary: 1,760

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 35    Prop: 227.8    Rotary: 5,017.2

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: Helicopter Attack (Light) Squadron THREE  
 Nov. 1969 - Nov. 1970, Binh Thuy, RVN  
 (UH-1B, UH-1D, UH-1H, UH-1L)

Total Combat Missions: 771 (UH-1B/D/H/L)

Aviation Commands:

Flight Commander, HMS *Leander*, 4/77- 12/78, WASP  
 Exchange Pilot.

CO, HELANTISUBRON 17, 4/84-2/86, SH-3H, USS *Coral Sea*

CO, Naval Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, 6/90-8/92  
 (A-4/C-12/UH-1N)

Combat Awards:

- 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses
- 29 Strike/Flight Air Medals
- 2 Navy Commendation Medal (w/ “Combat V”)
- Combat Action Ribbon
- Presidential Unit Citation
- Vietnam Campaign Ribbon (2 stars)
- Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry (gold palm)
- Vietnamese Meritorious Unit Citation (bronze palm)
- Vietnam Service Medal

Non-Combat Awards:

- 3 Legions of Merit
- Defense Meritorious Service Medal



- 3 Meritorious Service Medals
- Joint Meritorious Unit Award
- Navy Unit Commendation
- 3 Meritorious Unit Commendations

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

- 03/68-06/69 Attended AOCS and completed Flight School. Received Wings of Gold at Ellyson Field; (T-34/T-29/TH-57/UH-1D).
- 07/69-10/69 Army Helicopter Training Course, Ft. Rucker, AL. Student; SERE School, NAB Little Creek, VA/Student; (UH-1A/B).
- 11/69-11/70 Helicopter Light (Attack) Squadron THREE, HELICOPTER LIGHT (Attack) SQUADRON THREE, Binh Thuy, RVN, Detachment Pilot/ Fire Team Leader/ “SeaLords” Pilot (Logs/ Pax); (UH-1B/D/H/L).
- 02/71-05/71 HELANTISUBRON ONE/RAG student; NAS Quonset Point, RI; (SH-3A/D).
- 05/71-02/74 HELANTISUBRON FIVE/RPS Custodian/ Comm. Officer/Safety Officer/NATOPS, NAS Quonset Point, RI, NAS Jacksonville, FL, USS *Wasp*, USS *Intrepid*, USS *Saratoga*, USS *Independence*/CVW 7; (SH-3D).
- 02/74-07/76 HELANTISUBRON ONE/RAG Instructor; TAD HSWING ONE/ASW Officer; NAS Jacksonville, FL (SH-3D).
- 07/76-07/79 PEP Program/Royal Navy/WASP Exchange Pilot; Flight Commander; HMS *Osprey*/HMS *Leander*, PORTLAND, UK; (WASP/Gazelle/Wessex 5).
- 08/79-06/80 Student, NAVWARCOL, Newport, RI.
- 07/80-02/81 HELANTISUBRON ONE/RAG student; NAS Jacksonville, FL; (SH-3H).
- 02/81-05/83 HELANTISUBRON NINE/Maintenance Officer/Ops. Officer; USS *Nimitz*/CVW 8; (SH-3H).
- 06/83-12/83 BUPERS/Executive Assistant to DCNP (OP-01B)/Arlington, VA.

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### Duty Assignment Chronology continued

01/84-04/84 HELANTISUBRON ONE/RAG Student; NAS Jacksonville, FL; (SH-3H).  
04/84-02/86 HELANTISUBRON SEVENTEEN/ Commanding Officer; USS *Coral Sea* CVW 13; (SH-3H).  
02/86-06/86 Schools Command/NAB Little Creek/Student, Navigator Training.  
06/86-01/88 USS *America*, Navigator.  
01/88-06/88 SOSMRC/Student, Naval Station Newport, RI.  
06/88-02/90 USS *Iwo Jima*, Executive Officer; (UH-1N/HH-53E).  
02/90-06/90 BUPERS/Senior Officer/Commanding Officer – Major Shore Command Training/Student/ Washington DC, NAS North Island, CA; (C-12).  
06-90-08/92 NAS/Naval Station Guantanamo Bay/ Commanding Officer/Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; (A-4/C-12/UH1N).  
09/92-05/94 BUPERS, Pers 2 Deputy, Arlington, VA.  
05/94-07/97 COMNAVBASEJAX, Chief of Staff, NAS Jacksonville FL.  
07/97 Retired from Active Duty

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

1. Received four Sikorsky Winged “S” for at-sea rescues.
2. In first squadron, in combat in Vietnam, qualified as Attack Helicopter Aircraft Commander in 4 months – Fire Team Leader, one month later.
3. Rescued Personnel Exchange Program (PEP) in UK for USN WASP Helicopter exchange. Successfully completed RAG (703 Squadron) after two previous USN exchange candidates failed to complete. Received Outstanding Student Award – Huntsman Trophy. Due to success, was assigned as Flight Commander, HMS *Leander* – first US pilot to be given this command. Subsequently won two Lott Awards for ASW excellence and OPREADY percent (98.6%) on 7 month deployment.
4. Upon graduating from Naval War College in June 1980, received the Navy League Outstanding Student Award for both academic excellence and community involvement.
5. As CO, HS-17, on board USS *Coral Sea* during Phase III ORE, 1985, only squadron in Air Wing 13 to successfully complete NWI/NTPI: inspector’s comments included “flawless admin/flawless loading”.
6. While COMNAVBASE, Guantanamo Bay, received the first ever Meritorious Unit Award for managing the collection, housing, feeding, medical aid and repatriation of 37,000 Haitian migrants, along with maintaining the morale, safety and positive work environment of all 7,700 base residents. Additionally provided unpar-

alleled support to 2,200 JTF members assigned TAD to manage the Haitian migrants - installation awarded Joint Meritorious Unit Award for efforts.

7. While PERS (2a) at BUPERS, engineered and orchestrated installation of upgraded IT suite that had been approved for PERS 2 but languishing in storage for 18 months – all completed within 6 months of arrival at BUPERS.
8. Upon arrival at COMNAVBASEJAX, discovered similar IT Suite upgrades approved but not installed and commenced one year upgrade for entire staff/building. Result was vastly improved IT connectivity and utilization.
9. Following retirement, entered civilian world as Branch Manager, Jacksonville Navy Federal Union; COO, Lanahan Lumber Company; COO, Logical Business Solutions. Left workforce in 2005. Remained on boards of numerous non-profits in Jacksonville. Most proud of involvement and contributions to the North Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Currently completing 26 years on Executive Board as the National Eagle Scout Association, Council Committee Chair. Previously served as VP Programs and VP Operations. Received Silver Beaver Award, was Course Director for Wood Badge, am a James E. West Fellow and in 2013 was awarded the National Eagle Scout Association Outstanding Eagle Scout Award.
10. Married to the former Carol Anne Nuesse of Wauwatosa, WI (52 yrs). Have two grown children (William - President of Thorne Research and Kelly - Owner of Ideabox and Dermacare) and 6 grandchildren. Enjoy golfing, hunting, SCUBA diving and traveling.