



Eugene B. McDaniel, Captain, USN (Ret.)
"Red"

Date of Designation: 1 October 1956

Dates of Active Duty: 15 March 1955 - 26 January 1982

Total Flight Hours: 6,000

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 670

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 2,000 Prop: 4,000 VF/VA: 6,000

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VA-35 (A-6's), USS *Enterprise* (CVN-65)
Nov. 1966 - May 1967 - 81 combat missions

Aviation Commands:

CO, USS *Niagara Falls* (AFS-3), Jul. 1975 - Oct. 1976
CO, USS *Lexington* (CVT-16), May 1977 - Nov. 1978

Combat Awards:

Navy Cross
2 Silver Stars
1 Legion of Merit
1 Distinguished Flying Cross
8 Air Medals (Individual)
4 Air Medals (Strike/Flight)
Bronze Star
2 Purple Hearts



Duty Assignment Chronology

3/55-10/56 Flight Training (Pensacola and Corpus Christi).
11/56-12/60 VA-25 and VA-65, Special Weapons Delivery Instructor.
1/61-3/63 VA-42, RAG Flight Instructor.
3/63-9/63 NATTC Glynco, GA., AIC/CCA School.
9/63-5/65 USS *Independence* (CVA-62), Assistant CATC.
5/65-5/67 VA-35 (A6's), Maintenance Officer. Vietnam Deployment.
5/67-3/73 Prisoner of War, North Vietnam.
3/73-11/73 Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, VA.
11/73-4/74 COMMATWING One, NAS Oceana, VA.
6/74-7/75 CINCLANT Staff, Norfolk, VA.
7/75-11/76 CO, USS *Niagara Falls* (AFS-3).
11/76-3/77 ARCO, Idaho.
5/77-11/78 CO, USS *Lexington* (CVT-16).
12/78-1/82 Navy/Marine Corps Liaison to the U. S. House of Representatives.

Summary of Significant Career Events

(1) Participated in First Jet Aerial Mining (A-6A) of Son Ca River, North Vietnam, February 1967.