



**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.