



Robert W. Miles, Captain USN (Ret.)
 "Bob"

Date of Designation: 17 November 1955 NA# V-8335

Dates of Active Duty: 15 July 1954 - 31 August 1977

Total Flight Hours: 6,294

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 817

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 5,465 Prop: 829 VF/VA: 5,941 VT: 353

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VA-35 Dec. 1966 – Jun. 1967, USS *Enterprise* (CVAN-65) (A-6)

Vietnam: VA-35 Jan. 1968 – Jul. 1968, USS *Enterprise* (CVAN-65) (A-6)

Total Combat Missions: 206 over North Vietnam (A-6)

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-34, Feb. 1970 – Jun. 1971 (A-6)

CO, VA-128, Jul. 1972 – Aug. 1973 (A-6 RAG)

Combat Awards:

Silver Star

7 Distinguished Flying Crosses

3 Air Medals (Individual)

20 Air Medals (Strike/Flight)

2 Navy Commendations w/combat "V"

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross

Duty Assignment Chronology

7/54-11/55 Navy Flight Training, Pensacola & Corpus Christi (SNJ, T-28, AD-1).

1/56-6/58 USNAVCICSCOL, AIC Instructor, VF pilot (F2H-1, AD-5N).

7/58-11/59 VF-21/VA-43, Flight Instructor, Replacement Pilot (F9F-8T, A4D-1).



11/59-7/62 VA-83, Safety Officer, LSO (A4D-2N).
 8/62-12/64 VA-42, Flight Instructor, Safety, LSO (A-6).
 1/65-9/66 USNPGSSCOL (Student) (T-28, T-2V).
 10/66-11/66 VA-42, Replacement Pilot (A-6).
 11/66-6/68 VA-35, Operations, USS *Enterprise*, WESTPAC Combat Deployments (A-6).
 7/68-12/68 VA-42, Flight Instructor/Operations (A-6).
 1/69-6/69 Armed Forces Staff College (Student).
 7/69-2/70 VA-42, Flight Instructor/Operations (A-6).
 3/70-6/71 VA-34, CO, Commissioned Squadron (A-6).
 7/71-6/72 COMOPTEVFOR, Attack Air Warfare Systems Officer.
 7/72-8/73 VA-128, CO, (A-6 RAG).
 8/73-6/74 USS *Nimitz*, Precomunit, Operations.
 6/74-6/76 CTF-60, Operations.
 7/76-8/77 COMMATVAQWINGPAC, Chief of Staff For Readiness.
 8/31/77 Retired from active duty.
 9/77-8/96 Oak Harbor High School NJROTC Instructor.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Entered NAVCAD training in July 1954.
- (2) Qualified Air Wing LSO.
- (3) Selected as one of six A4D pilots to Sixth Fleet Bombing Team for over-the-shoulder (O/S) toss bombing competition against Greek Air Force Team at Tanagra, Greece in June 1961 (VA-83).
- (4) Sent TAD from VA-83 to USS *Essex* (CVS-9) as LSO/ pilot with four A4D (VA-81) aircraft detachment in fighter support role operating in the North Atlantic from 11/61 - 2/62.
- (5) Selected as part of the initial transition team to establish the A-6 RAG (VA-42), and develop the flight syllabus, all-weather tactics and write the NATOPS manual.

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued

- (6) Did initial fleet carrier qualifications for the A-6 in VA-42 as both pilot and LSO. Waved the first A-6 pilot to recover aboard with the crew member partially out of the aircraft with his personal parachute deployed.
- (7) Tasked by COMNAVAIRLANT as a direct input Commanding Officer to establish a new A-6 Squadron (VA-34), commission it and make combat ready for deployment to Vietnam in six months. We did it! Also won CNO Safety Award and CNAL Battle Efficiency Award for A-6 units

