



David N. Rogers, RADM USN (Ret.)
 “Dave”

Date of Designation: 12 April 1961 NA# V17149

Dates of Active Duty: June 1959 – August 1993

Total Flight Hours: 5,303 Accident Free

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,411 Rotary: 110
 Total: 1,521

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,840 Prop: 161 VA: 4,100 VF: 500
 VMFA: 240 Helo: 302

Combat Tours - 4:

Vietnam: VA-93, USS *Bon Homme Richard*, 1968 (A4)

Vietnam: VA-93, USS *Ranger*, 1969 (A-7)

Vietnam: HAL-4/VAL-4 TDY, 1970 (OV-10/H-2)
 Included ground combat.

Gulf War: Joint Task Force South-west Asia, 1992 (GR-1)

Total Combat Missions: 211

Aviation Commands - 6:

CO, VA-192, July 1974-October 1975

Commander, Carrier Air Wing 14 July 1978-December 1979

CO, USS *Okinawa* (LPH-3) December 1980-February 1983

CO, USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV-63) May 1983-August 1984

Commander, Carrier Group 3/Battle Group Charlie January 1988-February 1989

Commander, Naval Forces Central Command Rear, January 1991-August 1993

Combat Awards: - 26

Distinguished Service Medal

18 Air Medals with Combat V

5 Navy Commendation Medals with Combat V

Combat Action Ribbon

Vietnam Gallantry Cross



Education

U.S. Naval Academy, BS 1959

Naval Post Graduate School, BS Aero Engineering 1966

University of Southern California, MS Management 1977

Duty Assignment Chronology

- 1955-59 U.S. Naval Academy, Midshipman, Annapolis, (N3N and UF).
- 1959-61 Naval Air Training Command, Flight Student, (T-34, T-28, F-9, F-11).
- 1961-64 VA-36, USS *Saratoga/Lexington*/NAS Cecil, Division Officer (A-4).
- 1964-66 U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA. Aero Engineering Student (T-2, T-28, C-45).
- 1966-68 VA-125, NAS Lemoore, CA. Instructor Pilot, Weapons Instructor (A-1, A-4).
- 1968-70 VA-93, USS *Bon Homme Richard*/USS *Ranger*/NAS Lemoore, Department Head (A-4, A-7).
- 1970-72 BuPers Detailer, Washington/TDY Vietnam (A-4, A-7, OV-10, H-2).
- 1973-75 XO/CO, VA-192, USS *Kitty Hawk*/NAS Lemoore (A-7).
- 1975-77 BuPers, Washington, Head, Air Combat Placement (A-4, A-7).
- 1978-79 CVW-14, USS *Enterprise*/USS *Coral Sea*/NAS Miramar (A-6, A-7, EA-6, F-4, F-14, RF-8, RA-5, E-2, H-3, S-3).
- 1980 COMNAVAIRPAC, NAS North Island, Air Wing Training Officer (A-7).
- 1980-83 CO, USS *Okinawa*, Western Pacific/Indian Ocean/San Diego (H-1, H-2, H-46, H-53, AV-8).
- 1983-84 CO, USS *Kitty Hawk*, Western Pacific/Indian Ocean/Arabian Sea/North Island (A-7, F-14)
- 1984-85 COM7thFleet, Western Pacific/Yokosuka, Chief of Staff (H-3).
- 1985-87 Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D. C., Deputy Assistant CNO Air Warfare (F/A-18, A-7).

Duty Assignment Chronology continued

- 1988-89 Commander, CARGRU 3, Western Pacific/IO/NAS Alameda (A-7, F-14, A-6).
- 1989-91 CNO OP-05B, Washington, D. C., Deputy Assistant CNO, Air Warfare (F/A-18, A-7).
- 1991-93 Commander, NavForCentComRear, Arabian Gulf/Bahrain/Riyadh/Tampa (F/A-18, F-15, GR-1).

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) I stayed current in or flew operational aircraft in each of 18 tours of duty.
- (2) I flew 63 aircraft: A-1, A-3, A-4, A-7, B-52, C-1, C-2, C-4, C-12, C-21, C-45, C-117, C-130, C-141, E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4, EA-6, F-4, F-5, F-9, F-11, F-14, F-15, F-16, F/A-18, F-111, GR-1, GS-4, GS-5, H-1, HT-1, H-2, H-3, H-46, H-53, H-60, IA-63, KC-10, KC-135, MB-339, N3N, OV-10, P-2, P-3, P5M, RA-5, R5D, RF-8, S-2, S-3, TR-1, T-2, TAV-8, T-28, T-33, T-34, T-39, U-17, UF.
- (3) I flew 19 of these aircraft from the decks of 16 carriers: USS *Antietam*, USS *Roosevelt*, USS *Saratoga*, USS *Lexington*, USS *Randolph*, USS *Bon Homme Richard*, USS *Ranger*, USS *Independence*, USS *Oriskany*, USS *Coral Sea*, USS *Constellation*, USS *Enterprise*, USS *Midway*, USS *Okinawa*, USS *Carl Vinson*, USS *America*.
- (4) VA-36: Led section over Soviet Albania and created an international incident. Intercept by 4 MIG-15s foiled by diving into the clouds and evading back to the ship. Was Operations Officer as a first tour pilot. Planned and flew missions for the Cuban Missile Crisis.
- (5) VA-125: Landed A-1 at night in a snowstorm at closed Tonopah Airport.
- (6) VA-93: Flew 209 combat missions over Vietnam sustaining some battle damage.
- (7) BuPers TDY to HAL-3: Engaged in ground and air combat in South Vietnam.
- (8) VA-192: Landed on a highway in the Mojave Desert after an engine failure. Squadron won the Battle E.
- (9) Rode out typhoon in the South China Sea. Okinawa crew won the Battle E.
- (10) *Kitty Hawk*: Rammed a Soviet Victor I submarine in the Sea of Japan. Brought sub propeller back to Subic in our bow. Crew won the Battle E.

- (11) JCS: Senior Planner for Operation Eldorado Canyon (Joint Strike on Libya) and later led the investigating team to USS *Stark* and on to Baghdad to find out what happened, establish procedures to preclude another occurrence, and establish reparations following the Iraqi attack on USS *Stark*. Was the Chairman's Representative to the White House for operational matters.
- (12) COMUSNAVCENT REAR planned and was Deputy Commander for Joint Task Force Southwest Asia in Riyadh enforcing the no-fly zone over Southern Iraq.
- (13) Flew an F/A-18 my last hour on active duty and was met at the plane on return by my son, Glenn, who was just starting to fly the F/A-18. Then went up on the stage at MacDill AFB and retired in my flight suit. My friend and boss, General Joe Hoar USMC officiated. Our daughter, Cindy, was there (married to a deployed F-14 pilot) as was my childhood friend and wife of 33 years, Barbara. How could you finish such a magnificent chapter in your life any better? It was a privilege to serve as a Naval Aviator.

Summary of Significant Post Career Events

- (1) President for Rogers & Associates consulting firm (3 years).
- (2) Director of Studies for Kapos & Associates (3 years).
- (3) Senior Vice President and General Manager for Titan Corporation (10 years).
- (4) Senior Fellow for the Joint Forces Staff College (3 years+).
- (5) Senior Vice President for NorthPointe LLC (1+).