



William H. Shawcross, RADM, USN (Ret.)
 "Bill"

Date of Designation: 9 June 1943 NA # P-3389
 Helo Pilot #32

Dates of Active Duty: 16 June 1942 - 1 April 1975

Total Flight Hours: 4,200

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 300 Rotary wing: 150

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 2,000 Prop: 1,400 Helo: 800 VF/VA: 3,400
 HU: 800

Combat Tours:

WW II: VT-14 (TBF), USS *Wasp* (CV-18), May - Nov. 1944. Pacific - 35 Missions.
 Vietnam: CO, USS *Coral Sea* (CV-43), Mar. 1967 - Feb. 1968. WestPac/Vietnam.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-74, Jan. 1958 - Sep. 1959
 CAG-16, Apr. 1961 - Mar. 1962
 CO, USS *Bellatrix* (AF-62), Sep. 1965 - Feb. 1967
 CO, USS *Coral Sea* (CV-43), Feb. 1967 - Feb. 1968.

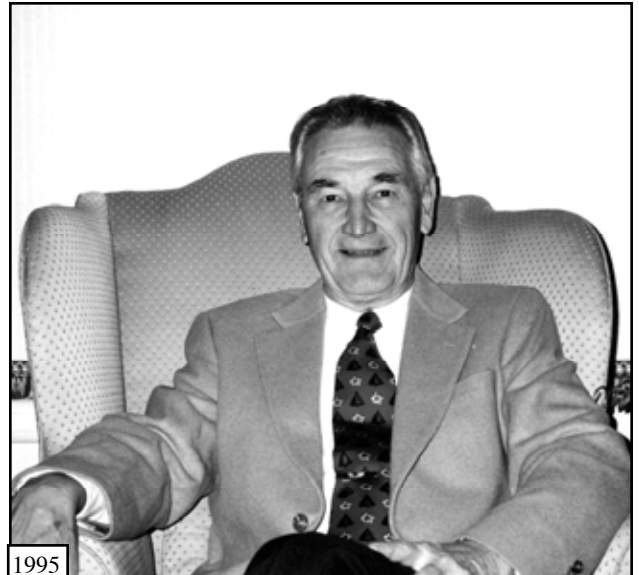
Combat Awards:

Navy Cross
 4 Legion of Merit
 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses
 6 Air Medals

Foreign Awards: Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

Duty Assignment Chronology

9/42-11/42 Naval Preflight, NAVCAD.
 11/42-2/43 Flight Student, NAS Peru, Indiana (N2S).
 3/43-6/43 Flight Student, NAS Pensacola, FL (SNJ).
 Commissioned Ensign 6/1/43.



7/43-9/43 Fight Student, NAS Fort Lauderdale (TBF)
 Designated Naval Aviator 6/9/43.
 10/43-12/44 VT-14 (TBF), Material Officer, NAS Quonset
 Point and USS *Wasp*. Seven month Pacific
 deployment. Promoted to LTJG 8/1/44.
 1/45-10/45 VT-151 (TBM), Gunnery Officer, NAS
 Oceana, VA.
 11/45-7/46 VT-17 (SB2C), Flight Officer, NAS Fallon,
 NV., and Brunswick, ME. Promoted to LT
 2/1/46.
 8/46-8/47 Princeton University, Duty Under Instruction,
 AA Degree (SNB).
 9/47-3/49 VX-3/HU-2 (HU), Flight/Projects Officer,
 NAS Lakehurst, NJ.
 4/49-11/50 NAAS Corry Field (HU/R4D), Search and
 Rescue.
 12/50-12/51 HTU-1 (HL), Flight Instructor.
 1/52-6/53 Staff, COMNAVAIRLANT, Staff Communica-
 tions Officer (TV/SNB). Promoted to LCDR
 6/1/53.
 7/53-7/54 VF-61 (F9F), Operations Officer, NAS
 Oceana, VA.
 8/54-6/55 Naval War College, Student (SNB).
 7/55-12/57 BuAer Rep, Bethpage, Long Island, Contracts/
 Product Officer (F11F/F9F/S2F/TF).
 Promoted to CDR 8/1/57.
 1/58-9/59 CO, VF-74 (F4D), NAS Oceana, VA. Med
 deployment.
 10/59-10/59 XO, VA-43 (A4D), NAS Oceana, VA
 11/59-10/60 Navigator, USS *Forrestal* (CVA-59), Norfolk,
 VA. Med deployment.
 11/60-2/61 CRAW-4 (A4D/F3H), Duty Under Instruction,
 NAS Jacksonville, FL.
 3/61-3/62 Commander, CVG-16 (A4D/F3H), NAS
 Cecil Field and NAS Lemoore, CA.
 4/62-7/62 BUPERS (PERS B111), Washington, D. C.
 8/62-6/63 Industrial College of the Armed Forces,
 Student, Washington, D. C.
 7/63-7/65 OPNAV (OP-506), Head, Air Recce Section
 and Aviation Ships Section. Promoted to
 CAPT 9/1/63. (- Continued -)

9/65-2/67 CO, USS *Bellatrix* (AF-62), Alameda, CA.
Westpac deployment.
3/67-3/68 CO, USS *Coral Sea* (CV-43), Alameda, CA.
Westpac deployment.
4/68-7/69 OPNAV (OP-506), Branch Head. Aviation
Requirements (OP-05)
8/69-7/70 JCS, Chairmans Staff Group (Navy Member),
Washington, D.C.
8/70-7/71 COMNAVBASE Subic Bay, PI. Promoted to
RADM 4/1/71.
8/71-3/75 OPNAV (OP-04), ACNO (Logistics),
Washington, D.C.
4/1/75 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Initial U. S. Navy helicopter test and evaluation (OPTEVFOR). Helicopter Development Squadron Three (VX-3), 1947-1949. Designated Helo Pilot #32.



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