

Louis E. Thomassy Jr., Captain USN (Ret.) "Tim"

Milton and Ellison Fields, FL. (DNA 3/64) Date of Designation: 6 March 1964 NA# R-7251 04/64-09/67 HC-2, NAS Lakehurst, USS Independence (CVA-62) (Det-62); North Atlantic, WestPac Dates of Active Duty: 6 June 1962 - 1 October 1991 (Vietnam) and Med deployments;

09/62-03/64

10/70-01/71

USS Richmond K. Turner (DLG-20) Total Flight Hours: 5,903 (Vietnam, North SAR) Sqd. Acft. Div., Det. Maint. & Ops., Sqd./Det. Test Pilot.

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed Wing: 679 Rotary Wing: 662 10/67-09/70 VT-9, NAS Meridian; Jet Transition/Instructor pilot; Line Div., Schedules, Standardization Approximate Flight Hours: Director, Sqd. Test Pilot.

Jet: 4,507 Helo: 1,162 Prop: 234 VA/VF: 3,093

Air Medal (Individual) – 3 Awards

RAG (VF126), NAS Miramar. Combat Tours: VA-128, NAS Whidbey, A6 FRP Training;

01/71-08/71 Vietnam: HC-2, 1965-1966, USS Independence (CVA-62) Asst. Safety. and USS Richmond K. Turner (DLG-20) - North VA-145, USS Ranger (CVA-61); two 09/71-06/74

SAR, 7 missions. WestPac deployments; Asst. Ops, Maint., Vietnam: VA-145, 1972-1973, USS Ranger (CVA-61) - 51 Operations, Sqd. Test Pilot.

missions. 07/74-03/76 VA-128, NAS Whidbey, RAG Instructor; Operations.

Aviation Commands: MATVAQWINGPAC Staff, NAS Whidbey; 03/76-01/77 VA-115, 1978-1979, USS Midway (CVA-41) A6 FRP Placement Officer. CVW-2, 1981-1982, USS Ranger (CVA-61)

01/77-06/79 VA-115, Squadron XO/CO; USS Midway MATWING-1, 1983-1985, NAS Oceana (CVA-41), Yokosuka Japan; Continuous USS Caloosahatchee (AOJ-98), 1985-1987 WestPac / Persian Gulf operations.

USS Forrestal (CVA-59), 1989-1990 MATVAQWINGPAC Staff, NAS Whidbey; 07/79-07/80 A6 Training Officer.

Combat Awards: 08/80-12/80 TAD, P-CAG Training Track; NAS Lemoore Distinguished Flying Cross – 2 awards (A7), NAS Miramar (F14), NAS North Island

(S3, H60). Air Medal (Strike Flight) – 4 awards CAG-2, USS Ranger (CVA-61); WestPac / 01/81-05/82 Navy Commendation Medal (with V) – 2 awards Persian Gulf deployment

Legion of Merit – 4 Awards (non-combat) 06/82-12/83 Pentagon, Naval Office of Program Appraisal (OPA), TacAir Analyst.

Duty Assignment Chronology 12/83-05/85 Commander, Medium Attack Wing One (CMAW-1), NAS Oceana. 03/57-06/58 USNR Enlisted; NRC Pittsburgh, PA., 06/85-10/85 TAD, Deep Draft P-CO Training.

NRC Silver Spring, MD. 11/85-08/87 CO, USS Caloosahatchee (AOJ-98), 06/58-06/62 Midshipman, U.S. Naval Academy. Norfolk, VA. 07/62-09/62 TAD, USS Enterprise (CVA-65) enroute

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Naval Flight Training.

Student Naval Aviator; Pensacola, Saufley,

TAD, Safety School, Monterey; Instrument

Duty Assignment Chronology continued

9/87-10/88 COS, CruDesGru One (CDG-1); USS Midway (CVA-41) WestPac/Persian Gulf Deployment.

11/88-1/89 TAD, ComNavAirLant; Carrier PCO Stash.

02/89-08/90 CO, USS Forrestal (CVA-59), Naval Base Mayport, Fl.; Med Deployment.

09/90-09/91 Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF), George Washington University Graduate Program (MPA).

10/91 Retired from active Duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) 1965 Participated in first extended period North SAR Helo Detachment (Vietnam, Tonkin Gulf); TAD from USS *Independence* (CVA-62) to USS *Richmond K. Turner* (DLG-20); 23 days, 7 missions, 3 combat rescues (2 day / 1 night). Three (3) additional noncombat rescues from "Indy".
- (2) 1967 Selected for and completed Rotary to Fixed Wing / Jet transition.
- (3) 1972 Specially trained and designated as a VA-145 Pave Knife LGB delivery pilot; VA-145 during Vietnam was the first and only Navy Pave Knife qualified Squadron; Squadron coordinated and led highly successful CVW-2 integrated Pave Knife combat operations. Linebacker II SAM suppression, Haiphong Harbor mining.
- (4) 1978 1979 CO of VA-115; CVW-5, USS Midway (CVA-41). Orchestrated a unique overseas (Cubi Point) squadron A6A to A6E aircraft transition with little difficulty. High tempo "Midway Magic" flight operations with no squadron aircraft accidents or major incidents. Squadron was awarded AirPac Battle "E", Safety "S", Golden Anchor awards and Navy wide Wade McClusky award for best overall attack squadron. Personally awarded ComMatVaqWingPac Senator Henry M. "Scoop" Jackson award for leadership and aviation excellence.
- (5) 1981 1982 Commander CVW-2 / USS Ranger (CVA-61). With great squadron and ship leadership support completed a Persian Gulf deployment, and a shortened 12 month pre-deployment turn-around training cycle with no aircraft accidents or major incidents.
- (6) 1985 1987 CO, USS Caloosahatchee (AOJ-98). On short notice took command of "Caloos" after it ran aground while returning from a post yard period shakedown cruise. "Caloos" was THE oldest ship in the fleet and well documented as being in unsatisfactory material condition. Serious consideration was given by NAVSURFLANT to decommission the ship.

- However, after much additional yard work and several major maintenance availabilities "Caloos" successfully completed REFTRA, OPPE, OPEVAL and pre-deployment training cycle.
- (7) 1988 Chief of Staff, Cruiser Destroyer Group One, embarked USS Midway (CVA-41) for a Persian Gulf deployment. Previous carrier operations experience and familiarity with USS Midway / CVW-5 operating doctrine assisted the smooth operational interface of surface oriented CruDesGru-1 staff, which had limited experience/knowledge of Carrier or Carrier Battle Group operations.
- (8) 1989 1990 CO, USS *Forrestal* (CVA-59). Full workup cycle and Med deployment with no aircraft accidents or major incidents. While deployed participated in several highly successful multi-national operational exercises.
- (9) 1991- Masters Degree (MPA), George Washington University.