



E. Royce Williams, Captain, USN (Ret.)
 "Royce"

Date of Designation: 15 November 1945

Dates of Active Duty: August 1943-September 1975
 (Temporary Disability Retired List)
 Retired January 1980

Total Flight Hours: 4,500+

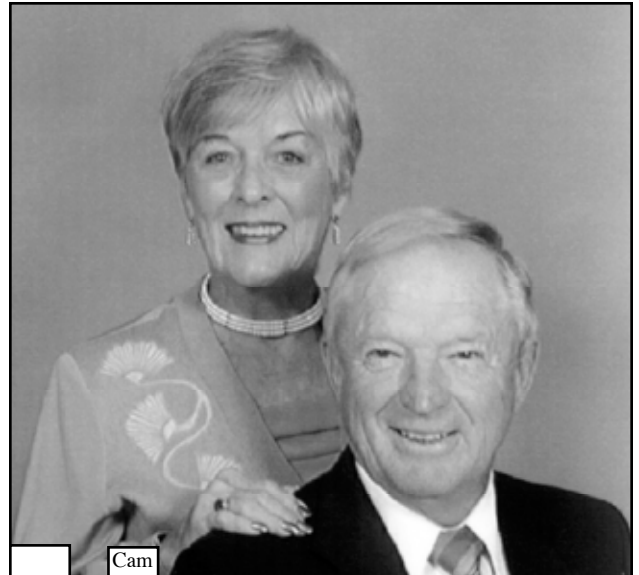
Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 518

Approximate Flight Hours:
 Jet: 3,000 Prop: 1,500 VF/VA: 4,500 Other: NFO 250+

Combat Tours:
 Korea: 1952-1953 (F9F-5) - 70 missions
 Vietnam: 1965-1967 (F-4/A-4) - 110 missions

Aviation Commands:
 O-in-C, Instructors Standardization Unit (F-86H), 1954,
 Nellis AFB
 CO, VF-33 7/64-8/65, (F-8E) USS *Enterprise*; (F-4B)/USS
America
 COMCVW-11 (F-4/A-4), 12/65-1/67, USS *Kitty Hawk*

Combat Awards:
 Silver Star
 Legion of Merit with combat "V"
 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses
 Bronze Star
 2 Meritorious Service Medals - 1 combat command
 11 Air Medals
 Navy Commendation Medal with combat "V"
 Navy Unit Commendation with Gold star
 Meritorious Unit Commendation



Duty Assignment Chronology

Was Corporal in Minnesota Guard in high school prior to enlisting in the Navy.

1943 Corpus Christi, TX. Boot Camp & VM Unit.
 1944 USNFP Murray, KY. WTS Conway, AR (N3N).
 1944 USNPFS, Athens, GA.
 1945 Preflight, Memphis, TN (N2S).
 1945 Pensacola, FL (SNV, SNJ, SBD).
 1946 Operational, Opalaka, FL (F6F).
 1946 VBF-81, USS *FDR*/USS *Princeton* (F6F).
 1946 VBF-98 (F4U).
 1946-49 VF-81/VF-13A/VF-131 (F4U, F8F) USS *Princeton*.
 1949-50 University of Minnesota. BA.
 1951 Navy Line School, Monterey, CA.
 1952-54 VF-781/VF-121 USS *Oriskany* & USS *Boxer*.
 1954-56 Nellis AFB, NV. (F-86E/F/H, F-100).
 1956-57 FAGU El Centro, CA (FJ-3).
 1958 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA.
 1959-60 VF-173 (FJ-3); USS *Intrepid* and USS *Independence* (Assistant Air Operations).
 VF-124 (F8-E).
 1960-61 Head, Officer Promotions, BUPERS.
 1961-63 VF-174 F8 RAG Student; VF-33 (F-8E, F-4B). 1st round-the-world Nuclear Task Force (USS *Enterprise*).
 1965-67 COMCVG-11, USS *Kitty Hawk*.
 1967-69 OPNAV (OP-05A) and Director POW/MIA Matters, BUPERS plus USS *Pueblo* capture and C-131 shoot-down personnel matters.
 1969-71 CO, USS *Eldorado*.
 1971-73 Staff, CINCPAC (Battle Staff Chief, Deputy J3C and first Inspector General).
 1973-74 Chief of Staff, COMFAIRWESTPAC.
 1975 Assistant Chief of Staff (Operations), COMTRAPAC.
 Naval Hospital, San Diego. Temporary Disability Retirement List, 9/75.

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Duty Assignment Chronology continued

8/78-9/78 TemAcDu Convoy Commodore; Flagships
USS *Okinawa* and USS *Vancouver*.
2/80 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) CARQUAL on CV-4.
- (2) Made night CARQUAL in F4U on straight deck.
- (3) CAG wingman for Bob Dose, Dave Richardson and CAG Lynch.
- (4) 1952 - Attacked by 7 Soviet MIG-15s. Ordered to Top Secret meeting with VADM Brisco at which he stated the NSA Team aboard the USS *Toledo* on a special intelligence mission off the coast of Vladavostok reports that you downed at least three of them. Landed crippled Panther back on USS *Oriskany*. Met with President Eisenhower, SecDef Wilson, Generals Bradley, Van Fleet, Clark, Ridgeway; Admirals Radford, Clark and others to discuss the MIG engagement.
- (5) Exchange duty at Nellis AFB. Duties on Fighter Group Staff, Training Squadron instructor, Fighter Weapons School and O-in-C of the Instructor Standardization Squadron.
- (6) Instructed gunnery and fighter tactics at Fleet Air Gunnery Unit (FJ-3s). Crashed in F9F-5 with lost power on tow take-off breaking back and neck.
- (7) Commanded VF-33 in both F8s and F4s.
- (8) As CAG, second Vietnam deployment was as 1st NFO CAG.
- (9) At CINCPAC, was 1st acting Inspector General.
- (10) Double engine fire in F4. Had RIO eject. Returned F4 to base on one engine, on fire in afterburner. Allowed engineers to study and correct cause of several similar incidents where both crew members ejected and the planes were lost.