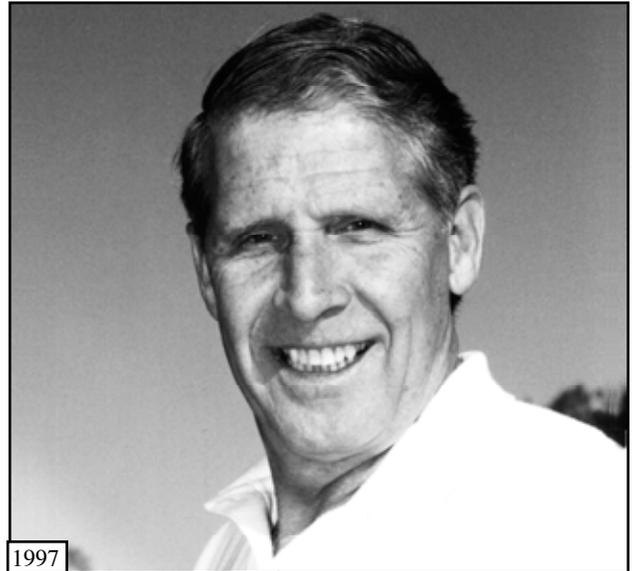




LT Phil Wood with VF-24 onboard USS *Bon Homme Richard* at "Yankee Station" in the Tonkin Gulf. 19 May 1967.

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Phillip R. Wood, Captain, USN (Ret.)
 "Phil"

Date of Designation: 12 December 1959

Dates of Active Duty: 12 June 1958 - 31 March 1986

Total Flight Hours: 5,008 (accident free)

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed: 967

Approximate Flight Hours:
 Jet: 3,552 Prop: 1,410 Helo: 40 VF/VA: 4,032
 VT: 930

Combat Tours:
Enlisted
 Korea: USS *O'Bannon* (DDE-450), Aug. 1951-Feb. 1952
 USS *O'Bannon* (DDE-450), Oct. 1952-Apr. 1953
 USS *Los Angeles* (CL-35), Oct. 1953-Feb. 1954
 Vietnam: VF-24 (F-8/A-4), Jan. 1967-Aug. 1967
 CVW-21 (F-8/A-4), Aug. 1968-Mar. 1969
 CVW-2 (F-4/A-7), Nov. 1972-May 1973
 Total - 272 combat missions. MIG-17 kill

Aviation Commands:
 CO, VF-211, May 1976 - Apr. 1977.
 COMCVW-11, Dec. 1977 - Apr. 1979
 CO, USS *Wabash* (AOR-5), Jul. 1981 - Jan. 1983
 CO, USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV-63), Aug. 1984 - Feb. 1986

Combat Awards:
 Silver Star
 Legion of Merit
 Distinguished Flying Cross
 13 Air Medals

Duty Assignment Chronology

7/58-12/59 Flight Training, NAS Pensacola/NAS Corpus Christi.

1/60-5/60 VA-111, NAS North Island, CA.

5/60-7/63 VA-196, NAS Moffett Field, CA. and NAS Lemoore, CA.

7/63-6/66 VT-25, NAAS Chase Field, Beeville, TX.

7/66-1/67 VF-124, NAS Miramar, CA.

1/67-1/68 VF-24, NAS Miramar, CA.

2/68-3/69 CVW-21, NAS Miramar, CA. (TAD VF-24)

4/69-10/70 VF-124, NAS Miramar, CA.

10/70-1/72 U. S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA.

2/72-5/72 VF-121/VA-122

6/72-6/74 CVW-2, NAS Miramar, CA.

7/74-12/74 COMNAVAIRPAC, NAS North Island, CA.

1/75-12/75 VF-124, NAS Miramar, CA.

12/75-4/77 VF-211, NAS Miramar, CA.

12/77-4/79 COMCVW-11, USS *Kitty Hawk*/USS *America*.

5/79-10/80 OPNAV, Washington, D. C.

10/80-6/81 Senior Officers Ship Material Readiness Training.

7/81-1/83 CO, USS *Wabash* (AOR-5),NAS Alameda.

1/83-5/84 CINCPACFLT, Pearl Harbor, HI.

8/84-4/86 CO, USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV-63), NAS North Island.

4/1/86 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

Captain Phillip R. Wood is a native of Sand Springs, Oklahoma. After graduation from Topeka (Kansas) High School he entered the United States Navy and served three combat tours in Korea on surface combatants. Following graduation from the University of Tulsa with a Bachelor of Science degree, he entered flight training at Pensacola and was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy. After being designated an Naval Aviator in December 1959,

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued

he served in both fighter and light attack squadrons having completed five deployments to the western Pacific. His tours included assignments as Air Wing Landing Signal Officer and Air Wing Operations Officer.

In 1969, he reported to the F-8 Crusader Replacement Air Group, Fighter Squadron 124, and served as Officer-in-Charge of the Navy Fighter Weapons School and as leader of the initial F-14 Fleet Introduction team. Upon completion of this tour, Captain Wood attended and graduated from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California with a Master of Science degree and then returned to sea duty.

After A-7 and F-4 fleet replacement training he was assigned to Carrier Air Wing-2 as Operations Officer and completed his third combat tour onboard USS *Ranger* in 1972-1973. Following a tour as VF Training Officer at Commander, Naval Air Force, Pacific Fleet, Captain Wood commenced F-14 training at NAS Miramar in VF-124. In December 1975, he reported to VF-211 serving as the Executive Officer and Commanding Officer until April 1977. Captain Wood was selected to Carrier Air Wing command and assumed the helm of CVW-11 onboard USS *Kitty Hawk* in Pusan, South Korea in December 1977. Following deployments to the western Pacific and the Mediterranean he served on the staff Deputy Chief of Naval Operation for Air. Subsequent tours included Commanding Officer, USS *Wabash* (AOR-5) and Commanding Officer, USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV-63).

Having spent all of his career in attack carrier squadrons, Captain Wood accumulated over 5,000 total accident-free flight hours and 967 carrier landings. He is a veteran of 272 combat missions in Vietnam and credited with a MIG-17 kill. His awards include the Silver Star Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, Legion of Merit, and thirteen Air Medals.

Upon leaving the Navy in 1986 he joined Northrop Corporation as Director, Military Programs. Phil is the co-author of the book "Wildcats to Tomcats: The Tailhook Navy". He is married to Nellie and resides in Solana Beach, California.