



**HOWARD L. YOUNG, CAPT., USN (Ret.)**  
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Hometown: Coronado, CA

School and College Career:

Graduated Coronado High School, Coronado, CA June 1955  
BS, U. S. Naval Academy, 1959  
MS, U.S Naval Postgraduate School, 1973.

Dates on Active Duty: June, 1959—September, 1988

Date Commissioned/Source:

Ens. USN, June 1959, U.S. Naval Academy

Date of Designation: March 1961

Total Flight Hours: 4001

Carrier/Ship Landings: 702

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3715 Prop: 286 VF/VA: 3496 VT: 505

Combat Tours:

All Weather Fighter Squadron 3 (VFAW-3), Sep 1962-Jan 1963: Cuban Missile Crisis, NAS Key West, FL, F4D 'Skyray'.  
VF-142, USS *CONSTELLATION* (CV-64), Jun 1964-Jan 1965: N & S Vietnam, F4B 'Phantom'.  
VF-142, USS *RANGER* (CV-61), Dec 1965-Jun 1966: N & S Vietnam, F4B 'Phantom'.

Combat Missions: 22 (F4D), 186 (F4B)

Aviation Commands:

CO VF-1  
CO VF-124  
CO Fleet Aviation Specialized Operational Training Group,  
Pacific Fleet  
Commander Training Air Wing FOUR



Awards:

Legion of Merit, (3 Awards)  
Meritorious Service Medal, (2 Awards)  
Air Medal, (9 Strike/Flight Awards)  
Navy Unit Commendation  
Navy Commendation Medal w/Combat "V"

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

04/61-03/63 VFAW-3, Alert Team Pilot, Avionics Div. Officer, Flight Schedules Officer, NAS North Island, NAS Key West, F4D  
04/63-09/63 VF-121, Fleet Replacement Pilot, NAS Miramar, F4B  
10/63-06/66 VF-142, Section/Division Leader, Aircraft Division Officer, Personnel Officer, NAS Miramar, USS *CONSTELLATION*, USS *RANGER*, F4B  
10/66-06/67 U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, Class 46, Naval Air Test Center (NATC), Patuxent River, MD, A4, F4, F8, OV-1, A1E  
07/67-08/69 NATC Weapons Systems Test Division, Project Test Pilot, Head, Electronic Warfare and Reconnaissance Branch, F4B/J, RF4B, A4F, F8J, RF8G, T-39D  
09/69-03/70 VF-101, NAS Key West, NAS Oceana, VA, Fleet Replacement Pilot, F4J  
04/70-01/72 VF-31, NAS Oceana, USS *SARATOGA* (CV-60), Division Leader, Operations Officer, F4J  
02/72-06/73 Graduate Student, Systems Acquisition Management, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA  
09/73-04/75 VF-124, NAS Miramar, CA, Fleet Replacement Pilot, Operations Officer, Executive Officer, F-14A 'Tomcat'  
05/75-10/77 VF-1, NAS Miramar, USS *ENTERPRISE* (CVN-65), Executive Officer, Commanding Officer. F-14A

### Duty Assignment Chronology continued

12/77-02/79 VF-124, NAS Miramar, Commanding Officer, F-14A

03/79-06/80 Naval Personnel Research and Development Center, San Diego, CA, Executive Officer

06/80-05/82 Staff, Commander Carrier Group ONE, NAS North Island, USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64), USS CORAL SEA (CV-43) Operations/Plans Officer

06/82-06/84 Staff, Commander Naval Forces Japan, Yokosuka, Japan, Operations/Plans Officer

07/84-02/85 Commanding Officer, Fleet Aviation Specialized Operational Training Group, Pacific Fleet

02/85-06/86 Commander Training Air Wing FOUR, NAS Corpus Christi, TX, T-34C, T-44A

06/86-11/88 Staff, Assistant CNO (Air Warfare), Washington, DC, Director Aviation Maintenance Program Division

### **Summary of Significant Career Events**

(1) While assigned to VFAW-3 as an Alert Team Pilot/Section Leader, Sep 1962-Jan 1963, during the Cuban Missile Crisis, 'scrambled' numerous times, weapons 'hot', in response to airborne Cuban MIG-21 fighters threatening to penetrate U.S. airspace. Led demonstration scramble max performance launch for Pres. Kennedy during his inspection tour of military reinforcements at Key West during the Crisis.

(2) VFAW-3 received the Navy Unit Commendation for its performance during the Cuban Missile Crisis and for winning the North American Air Defense Command Operational Readiness Evaluation as the only USN squadron competing against numerous USAF squadrons.

(3) Flew 186 carrier-based combat missions as Section/Division Leader, N and S Vietnam, Jun 1964-Jan 1965, and Dec 1965-Jun 1966. As a flak suppressor on major "Alfa Strike" missions into N. Vietnam, destroyed anti-aircraft (AAA) batteries, thus reducing that formidable threat against our attacking bombers. Awarded 9 Strike Flight Air Medals, and the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat 'V' for destroying rail cars in a heavily defended AAA/Surface-Air missile environment.

(4) Upon graduation from the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, served as a Fighter Branch Project Test Pilot, Weapons Systems Test Division, and as Head, Electronic Warfare & Reconnaissance Branch, Jul-1967-Aug 1969. Director and Lead Test Pilot for highest priority test and evaluation of vital Carrier-based Tactical Aircraft electronics countermeasures systems, resulting in improved aircraft survivability in the Vietnam Combat Theater.

(5) While serving as Operations Officer, VF-31, made two Eastern Atlantic/Mediterranean Sea deployments, 1970-1971, onboard USS *SARATOGA*. Routinely intercepted Egyptian bomber aircraft (Russian aircrews) attempting to

reconnoiter the CV Task Group.

Executed low-level supersonic F4J flyby and led air wing flyover for Pres. Nixon, Sec. of Defense, Sec. of State, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff and Commander SIXTH Fleet during their visit to USS *SARATOGA*, 1971.

(6) As CO, VF-1, led squadron during the second F-14A carrier deployment onboard USS *ENTERPRISE*, (Aug-1976-Feb 1977). Operating in the Western/South Pacific and Indian Oceans, the squadron operated accident free and effectively integrated the Tomcat's advanced weapon system capabilities into the fleet air defense mission.

(7) As CO, VF-124, was responsible for training Fleet Replacement Aircrews and Aviation Maintenance Personnel as the Fleet transitioned from the F4 and F8 aircraft to the F-14A. For a six-month period, VF-124 was the only fleet replacement squadron transitioning Atlantic and Pacific fleet squadrons to the Tomcat. This task was accomplished during a particularly challenging time of reduced Naval Aviation funding, which created severe logistics and manpower shortfalls.

(8) While serving as Operations and Plans Officer for Carrier Group ONE, Jul, 1980-May, 1982, awarded Meritorious Service Medal for developing and executing Operation Orders for multi-carrier fleet exercises and contingency planning during Cold War deployments to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans. Flew embarked squadron F4 aircraft during this tour.

(9) As Operations and Plans Officer for Commander Naval Forces Japan, awarded Legion of Merit for instrumental role in strengthening the U.S.-Japan bilateral relationship through the the planning and execution, together with Japan Maritime Self Defense Force senior officers, of large-scale combined underway exercises, thus significantly enhancing the ability to defend Western Pacific areas during increased Cold War tensions arising from the Soviet shoot-down of a Korean airliner (KAL 007).

(10) Served as CO, Fleet Aviation Specialized Operational Training Group, Pacific Fleet, Jul-1984-Feb, 1985, managing flight and maintenance simulators, desert and jungle aircrew Survival, Escape, Resistance, and Evasion (SERE) schools, and other specialized aviation equipment programs in units located throughout the Pacific Fleet area of operations.

(11) Major Aviation Command as Commander Training Air Wing FOUR, NAS Corpus Christi, TX, Feb 1985-Jun, 1986. Responsible for Naval Air Training Command primary single-engine and advanced multi-engine pilot training. Awarded Legion of Merit for effectively managing limited personnel, equipment, and logistics resources to achieve Pilot Training Requirements during a period of exceptionally demanding Cold War operating tempos.

(12) As Director Aviation Maintenance Program Division, Office of the Assistant CNO (Air Warfare), Sep 1986-Aug 1988, managed budgeted resources to execute all Naval Aviation Maintenance and Logistics Support Programs. Awarded Legion of Merit for “achieving full aviation support equipment availability for 15 deployable Carrier Battle Groups, driving aircraft readiness to the highest level ever experienced”.

### **Post Military Work**

(1) Elementary-Middle School Science, Math, History Teacher, 1988-Present. Developed and implemented challenging curricula, far exceeding California Academic Standards in each of these disciplines. Effectively used military service experience to imbue students with traditional values, personal discipline and good citizenship. My students routinely excel in high school and many attend and have graduated from top-ranked colleges/universities.

(2) Formed an independent contractor partnership, 1989-1990, and developed a highly successful U.S. base of operations and initial flight training program for a major foreign airline.

### **Personal**

(1) As a private pilot and airplane owner, 1990-present, joined a nationally sponsored youth and adult flight introduction program (Experimental Aircraft Association, Young Eagles/Eagles Flights) aimed at motivating aviation related careers. Over 200 Eagles/Young Eagles flown to date, including many inner city youth who would not otherwise have the opportunity for such an experience.

### **Association Membership Boards**

(1) Volunteer service as president of a private school foundation, 2002-2018: Purpose is to award tuition scholarships based on financial need.

(2) Volunteer service as chair of church finance committee, 2007-2010, responsible for structuring church operating budget, and chair, church investment committee, 2018-2021, responsible for oversight of and recommending allocation of church invested assets.