



Robert G. Dosé, Captain, USN (Ret.)

“Bob”

Date of Designation: September 1937 NA # 5333

Dates of Active Duty: September 1936 - July 1968.

Total Flight Hours: 7,000

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 810 Rotary: 10

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3,000 Prop: 3,500 Helo: 50 VF/VA: 6,946
LTA: 4

Combat Tours:

WW II: 2 tours VF-12 (Mar. 43-Nov. 43) as XO in combat and (Dec. 43-Jun. 44) as CO in combat
- 206 combat missions.
11/2/43 Strafe Buka; 11/5 Raid on Rabaul (shot down 1 1/2 Zeros). 11/19 Attacked Nauru;
1/29/44 Combat over Wotje; 1/30 Attacked Taroa.
2/2/44 to 2/24/44 Attacked Enewitok;
4/19 Attacked Sabang;
5/17 "Sourabaja".

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-12, Dec. 1943 - May 1944.
CAG-14, Dec. 1946 - Mar. 1947.
CAG-81 (later CAG 13), Mar. 1947 - May 1948.
CO, VX-3, Jul. 1956 - Jun. 1960.
Commander, First Replacement Air Group 4, Jun. 58-Jun. 60.
CO, USS *Mispillion* (A0-105), Jul. 1960 - Apr. 1961.
CO, USS *Midway* (CVA 41), Apr. 1961 - Apr. 1962.
Chief, MAAG, Netherlands, Jul. 1965 - Jul. 1968.

Combat Awards:

3 Distinguished Flying Crosses
7 Air Medals
1 British Mention in Dispatches
1 Legion of Merit (non-combat)



Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Aerial Victories: 31 1/2
1 1/2 Japanese Zeros in WW II.
26 Hellcat Drones with Sidewinder missile.
4 “Regulus” drones with Sidewinder.
- (2) Significant accomplishments:
 - 1st Fleet firing of Sidewinder missile in F9F-8, on 3 January 1956.
 - 1st Mirror landing, USS *Bennington*, FJ-3, on 22 August 1955.
 - Record breaking cross country, carrier-to-carrier, F8U-1, in 3 hours 28 minutes with in flight refueling over Dallas, USS *Bon Homme Richard* to USS *Saratoga* (CVA 60). He was greeted by President Eisenhower on the *Saratoga* upon arrival.
- (3) First fleet ejection from F8U Crusader 30 January 1957. First automated ejection in fleet.
- (4) Flew 86 different fighter aircraft, including British Spitfire, Gloster Javelin and Hawker Hunter.
- (5) Flew various airshows displaying newest aircraft including F3H Demon and F8U Crusader in VX-3, Atlantic City, including Governors Convention.
- (6) Holder of Patent for Automatic Trim Tab for aircraft in 1949 (Automatic Skid Corrector, # 2461533).
- (7) Bob Dosé and his son Curtis Dosé are the only Father/Son in the Golden Eagles. In 1972, in Vietnam Curt downed a MIG 21. This makes him and his father the only father son team in the Navy who have shot down enemy aircraft in combat.