



**Captain. August W. Elliott, USN, (Ret)**  
 "Bill"

Date of Designation: 23 November 1943 P-7432

Dates of Active Duty: 7 Feb. 1941 - 1 Sep. 1969

Total Flight Hours: 4,277

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 164

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 245 Prop: 482 VF/VA: 2,850

Other: B-25, 150

Combat Tours:

WW II: USS *Case* (DD 370) Pearl Harbor, Assist. Gunnery Officer. Ship credited with 2 1/2 Japanese aircraft.

WW II: USS *Case*, Aleutian Campaign, bombardment of Kiska Island. Ship credited with sinking small freighter and repelling an air attack.

Aviation Commands:

XO/CO VF- 66/41/1E (FM-2, FR-1 Ryan Fireball.)  
 11/44-11/46.

CO, VA-195, 12/52-6/54, USS Oriskany, Moffett Field.

CO, USS *Nantahala* (CAO) 6/63-6/64.

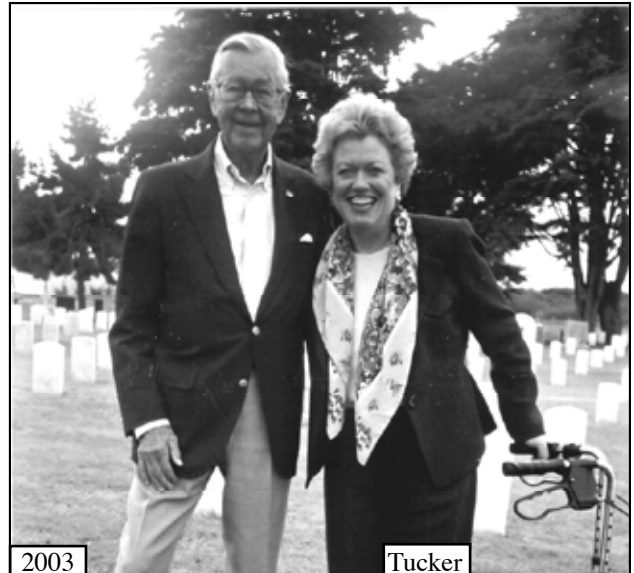
CO, USS *Shangrila*, (CVA 38), 8/65-9/66.

Combat Awards:

Legion of Merit ( Pentagon Combat)

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

6/37-2/41	Midshipman, U.S. Naval Academy.
2/41-10/42	USS <i>Case</i> , Assit. Gunnery Officer.
10/42-5/43	USS <i>John Rodgers</i> , Gunnery Officer.
5/43-11/43	Flight Training, Dallas/Pensacola.
11/43-11/44	Operational Training (F4F) Assist. Instructor, Sanford.



11/44-11/46 VF- 66/41/1E, XO/CO, NAS North Island, USS *Bairoko*.

11/46-10/48 First Fleet Staff, C.I.C. Officer. 10/45-12/50 COMAIRJAX, VF Training.

12/50-11/52 Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, Sandia Base.

12/52-6/54 VA-195, CO.

7/54-7/56 Weapons System Evaluation Group, JCS.

4/54-6/57 NavalAirWar College, Student, Senior Course.

6/57-9/58 USS *Intrepid*, Ops Officer.

9/58-8/61 CINCPACFLT, Ops Division.

8/61-4/63 ASCOS. OPS., COMSEVENTHFLT.

6/63-6/64 CO USS *Nantahala* (AO-60).

6/64-6/65 CONAVAIRLANT, ACOS, Ops & Plans.

8/65-9/66 CO USS *Shangrila* (CVA 38).

10/66-3/67 OP-60, Strategic Plans, Pentagon.

3/67-9/69 Chairman's Staff Group, Chairman J.C.S.

9/69 Retired from active duty.

**Summary of Significant Career Events**

1. In 1943, qualified on "*Wolverine*" in a snow storm.
2. Joined VF- 66 at NAS North Island November 1944 as a "nugget," just out of operational training. My seniority made me X.O. The squadron had 30 to 35 pilots, all of whom had at least one combat tour, so my flying "education" commenced immediately. Airgroup Training Officer, Cdr. John Crommelin, decided that VF-66 would be his "own operational development" squadron. Four of us were selected as "test pilots" for G-suits and related equipment with the help of a Flight Surgeon, LCDR, and an AEDO LT.
3. Early in 1945, we received the FR-1 aircraft, Ryan Fireball, a fighter aircraft with tricycle landing gear, a propeller engine and a jet in the aft fuselage. The squadron was charged with developing doctrine and safety procedures for operating jet aircraft on an aircraft carrier. First carrier qualifications was conducted on a USS *Island*, in November 1945. - Continued -

Summary of Significant Career Events - continued

4. Was an observer for Cdr. First Task Fleet of a night ASW exercise, in a P2V that crashed at sea. The submarine, POMODON, rescued the co-pilot and myself, the only two of a crew of eleven that survived.
5. As a member of the Operational Suitability Testing team at AFSWP, participated in the development of the MK-7 tactical nuclear weapon for the Navy inventory.
6. VA-195 was the first AD squadron deployed to WESTPAC in December 1953, with nuclear weapons and targets assigned to designated pilots. Jeff Davis and I did the targeting computations.



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