



William A. Mackey, Sr., Captain, USN (Ret.)
 “Wam”

Date of Designation: 5 June 1943 NA # C-5853

Dates of Active Duty: 5 August 1942 - 30 June 1973

Total Flight Hours: 6,025

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 425

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 1,700 Prop: 4,200 Helo: 40 VF/VA: 3,500

Combat Tours:

WW II: VC-69, Sep. 1943 - Mar. 1945. CVE Operations in the Atlantic.

Korea: VF-51 aboard USS *Essex*, Aug. 1951 - Mar. 1952.

Vietnam: CO, USS *Okinawa*, Feb. 1968 - Feb. 1969.
 2 H-34 Missions.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-114, February, 1957 - November 1958.

CAG-9, March 1962 - March 1963.

CO, USS *Okinawa*, February 1968 - February 1969.

Combat Awards:

Legion of Merit with Combat “V” (Vietnam).

Distinguished Flying Cross (Korea).

5 Air Medals (WW II, Korea and Vietnam).

Duty Assignment Chronology

- 8/42-6/43 Pre-flight and Flight Training (Athens, GA., Hutchinson, KS., and Corpus Christi, TX).
- 6/43-8/43 Operational Flight Training (Green Cove Springs).
- 8/16/43 Carrier quals, USS *Sable*, Lake Michigan.
- 9/43-4/45 VC-69 squadron aboard carriers *Wake Island*, *Bogue*, *Mission Bay* and *Guadalcanal*.
- 4/45-4/48 VF-74, VF-1B aboard USS *Midway*.



- 5/48-7/50 Primary Flight Instructor and Instructors Training School, NAAS Whiting Field, Milton, FL., and NAS Pensacola, FL.
- 8/50-9/50 Jet Transition Unit ONE, under instruction, NAAS Whiting Field, Milton, FL.
- 10/50-3/52 VF-51 aboard USS *Essex* (CVA-9) - Korea.
- 4/52-8/52 NAS Pt. Mugu, CA.
- 9/52-12/53 Five Term College course- Georgia Tech.
- 1/54-10/54 Line School, Monterey, CA.
- 11/54 Communications School, Newport, RI.
- 12/54-8/55 Communications Officer, USS *Midway* (CVA-41).
- 9/55-9/56 Communications Officer, USS *Lexington* (CVA-16).
- 10/56-1/57 Flight Training , Prospective CO, VF-114.
- 2/57-11/58 CO, VF-114 USS *Shangri La* (CVA-38).
- 12/58-8/61 Assistant Bureau of Weapons Representative, McDonnell Aircraft, St. Louis, MO.
- 9/61-3/62 Flight Training, Prospective CAG-9.
- 3/62-3/63 CAG-9, USS *Ranger* (CVA-61).
- 4/63-3/64 XO, USS *Lexington* (CVS-16).
- 4/64-9/66 F-111 Program, General Dynamics, Ft. Worth.
- 11/66-12/67 CO, USS *Skagit* (AKA-105).
- 2/68-2/69 CO, USS *Okinawa*.
- 5/69-1/71 Chief of Staff, COMCARDIV 4.
- 2/71-6/73 Commander, Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range and Commander, Fleet Air Caribbean.
- 7/1/73 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) First Navy pilot to reach 100 hours in F4H.
- (2) Fifty-second pilot to fly the F4H.
- (3) Made 16th landing aboard USS *Midway* (CVA-41).
- (4) One of first Navy pilots to fly the F-111.
- (5) Received aviation combat medals in WW II, Korea, and Vietnam.