



William H. Neal, III, Commander, USN (Ret.)
 “Bill”

Date of Designation: 1 January 1942 NA # 10728

Dates of Active Duty: 1 January 1941 - 1 May 1965

Total Flight Hours: 7,000

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 550

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 1,000 Prop: 6,000

Combat Tours:

WW II: VF-40, 1943 - 1945. Pacific: Guadalcanal to Okinawa, Okinawa to Japan.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-23, 1952 - 1954

CO, NAS Pensacola, 1965 - 1965

Combat Awards:

2 Distinguished Flying Crosses

8 Air Medals

Duty Assignment Chronology

10/40 Physical Exam - Blackstone Hotel, Ft. Worth, Texas.
 3/41-10/41 Flight Training - NAS Jacksonville, Florida.
 10/41-1/42 NAS Opilaka, Florida.
 3/42-12/42 NAS Jacksonville, Florida - Instrument Flight Instructor.
 1/42-6/43 NAS, Opelika, Florida - Flight Instructor.
 6/43-6/44 CASV-5, San Diego, California - Instrument Training Coordinator.
 5/44-12/45 VF-40, West Pac.
 1/46-5/46 NAS, Vero Beach, Florida - VFN Training.
 6/46-4/48 NAS, Norfolk, VA - Flight Test and Acceptance O&R.



5/48-6/50 VCN1, Barbers Point, Territory of Hawaii.
 8/50-12/51 NAS Pensacola, Florida - Engines Instructor.
 1/52-12/52 Post Graduate School, Monterey, California.
 12/52-1/53 USS *Essex* (CVA-9) - Air Operations Officer.
 2/53-6/54 FAETUPAC and Flight Air Gunnery Pac.
 7/53-9/55 CO, VF-23.
 10/56-11/58 Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D. C.
 12/58-5/60 U.S. Embassy, Germany - Advisor Group.
 5/60-4/62 SHAPE, Paris, France.
 5/62-5/65 NAS, Pensacola, Florida.
 5/65-Present Retired, Pensacola, Florida.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) First jet flight in Lockheed single seater in 1947 while in VCN-1 at NAS Barbers Point, HI.
- (2) Had first VF jet special weapons VFN squadron in the Pacific.
- (3) Graduate of Special Weapons Effect School in 1949.