

Donald Vaux Boecker, RADM, USN (Ret.) "Don"

Date of Designation: 31 January 1962 NA # V-18380

Dates of Active Duty: 6 June 1960 - 1 March 1995

Total Flight Hours: 4,118

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 818 Rotary: 5

Approximate Flight Hours: Jet: 3,737 Prop: 350 Helo: 31 VF/VA: 3,400 VT: 318 LTA: 2

Combat Tours:

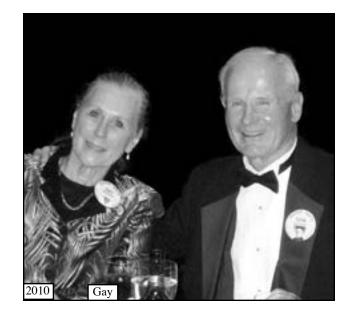
Vietnam: VA-75 (A-6A Intruder), USS *Independence* (CV-62), Jun. 1965 - Dec. 1965. 69 combat missions.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-85 (A-6A), May 1973 - Nov. 1975 Commander, Naval Air Test Center, NAS Patuxent River, MD., Jul. 1988 - Jun. 1991

Awards:

Navy Distinguished Service Medal
3 Legion of Merits
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal
6 Air Medals
2 Navy Commendation Medals with combat V
Combat Action Ribbon
Navy Unit Commendation
2 Meritorious Unit Commendations
Navy "E" Ribbon
2 Navy Expeditionary Medals
2 National Defense Service Medals
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
3 Vietnam Service Medals



Republic Vietnam Gallantry Cross 2 Navy Sea Service Deployments Republic of Vietnam Campaign

Duty Assignment Chronology

06/55-06/56	,,,
	Lakes, IL.
06/56-06/60	Midshipman, U.S. Naval Academy,
	Annapolis, MD.
06/60-09/60	Company Officer (Plebe Summer), USNA.
09/60-02/62	Flight Training, (NAS Pensacola, FL., and
	NAAS Beeville, TX.)
02/62-09/63	VA-76, NAS Oceana, VA. Deployed USS
	Enterprise (CVN-65) flying A-4C Skyhawks.
09/63-09/66	VA-75, NAS Oceana, VA. Deployed USS
	Independence (CVA-62) flying A-6A
	Intruders.
09/66-06/67	U. S. Naval Test Pilot School, NAS Patuxent
	River, MD.
06/67-10/69	
00/07 10/09	of Inspection and Survey, NAS Patuxent River
10/69-11/70	VA-42, NAS Oceana, VA. Training Officer,
10/07-11/70	A-6 RAG.
11/70-04/72	
11//0-04//2	VA-75, NAS Oceana, VA. Deployed USS
	Saratoga (CVA-60) flying A-6A's as
	Maintenance Officer.
04/72-05/73	Staff, Commander, Medium Attack Wing
	ONE, NAS Oceana, VA. Plans and Programs
	Officer.
05/73-11/75	XO/CO, VA-85, NAS Oceana, VA. Deployed
	USS Forrestal (CVA-59).
11/75-05/78	A-6A Class Desk Officer, NAVAIRSYSCOM,
	Washington, D.C. In charge of all engineering
	changes for A-6E aircraft.
05/78-12/79	XO, USS <i>Saratoga</i> (CVA-60). Med deploy-
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12/79-08/81	Staff, Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering), Tactical Air Warfare Branch (F-14, F-15, F-16 and F-18) Staff Specialist.
08/81-02/82	1
02/82-08/83	CO, USS <i>Concord</i> (AFS-5). Two Med deployments.
08/83-04/84	Head, Aviation Plans and Programs, OPNAV (OP-508).
04/84-04/86	Deputy Director, Aviation Plans and Requirements Division (OP-50B).
04/86-07/87	1
07/87-07/88	1 /
07/88-06/91	Commander, Naval Air Test Center, NAS Patuxent River, MD.
07/91-03/95	
03/1/95	Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Seventh pilot to make "Centurian" (100 arrested landings) aboard USS *Enterprise* (CVN-65) - 19 March 1963.
- (2) Member of first A-6A crew to eject in combat over Laos during Vietnam War flying from USS *Independence* (CVA-62) - 14 July 1965. Evaded ground forces for 18 hours and rescued by Air America helo.
- (3) First Navy pilot to fly TC-4C (A-6 Bombardier/ Navigator Trainer) at Peconic River, Long Island, NY., during Navy Preliminary Evaluation tests by the Naval Air Test Center - 13 November 1967.
- (4) First Navy (military) pilot to fly the A-7E and USAF A-7D as team leader for the Joint Navy/Air Force Service Evaluation at LTV, NAS Dallas, TX - 4 March 1969 and 10 May 1969.
- (5) Have flown over 90 different models of aircraft in U.S. and Europe.