



W. Scott Gray III, Capt USN (Ret)
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Date of Designation: 26 May 1954 NA# V-4602

Dates of Active Duty: 1 June 1946- 15 June 1948 V-5
 6 June 1952 - 1 Aug. 1977 USN

Total Flight Hours: 4,357

Carrier Landings: Fixed wing: 942 (223 night)
 (SNJ, F2H, F3H, F4H, F9F-8, A4, A7)

Approximate Flight Hours:
 Jet: 3,810 Prop: 547

Combat Tours:
 Vietnam: VA-36 (A4), Feb. 1966-Jun. 1966 , CVAN-65
 Vietnam: VA-147 (A7), Oct. 1967-Jun. 1968, CVA-61
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 Total combat missions: 228 (A4, A7)

Aviation Commands:
 CO, VA-147
 CO, VA-122

Combat Awards:
 23 Air Medals

Duty Assignment Chronology

09/52-02/53 USS *Owen* (DDE-827), Navigator.
 04/53-05/54 NATC Student, (SNJ, SNB, F6F, TV-2, F9F-2)
 07/54-12/57 VF-71 Admin Off, LSO (F2H-3/4, AD-5/6, TV-2).
 01/58-12/59 ATU-213, Instructor, LSO (F9F-8T, TV-2).
 02/60-06/61 VF-101 Instructor, LSO (F3H, F4D, F4H, TV-2).
 06/61-06/63 CVG-7 Staff Officer, LSO (F3H, F4H, A4).
 07/63-07/65 COMNAVAIRLANT Staff LSO (F9F-8P, A4).
 08/65-01/66 VA-44 DUINS (A4).



02/66-01/67 VA-36, Operations Officer (A4).
 02/67-05/67 VA-122 DUINS (A7).
 05/67-05/69 VA-147 (1st A7 Fleet Sqdn.) XO, CO (A7).
 05/69-08/69 COMFAIRALAMEDA, Ops. Officer (A7).
 09/69-09/70 VA-122, CO (A7, A4, T-28).
 11/70-09/72 OPNAV, OP-604 (A7, A4).
 09/72-09/73 ICAF DUINS.
 09/73-09/75 BUPERS, Deputy Director (Enlisted Personnel).
 09/75-09/77 CNO Staff, OP-09C.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) 4,350 hours of flight time, 900 plus carrier landings, 223 night carrier landings, 228 combat missions all accident free.
- (2) CO of an A7 squadron for one year, with ZERO aircraft accidents and ZERO combat losses during six months in combat in Vietnam.
- (3) As CO, turned a behind schedule A7 RAG squadron into a safe operating, ahead of schedule, efficient combat training command.
- (4) Drafted into the Landing Signal Officer (LSO) military occupational specialty (MOS) as an additional duty by Admiral "Peg Leg" Hoskins. Personally "waved" over 6,000 carrier landings with ZERO accidents. As senior CVW-7 LSO for two years, two deployments, approximately 5,000 carrier landings, the Air Wing had no carrier landing accidents .
- (5) TDY from CVG-7 to the German Navy to demonstrate the USMC SATS short airfield tactical operations catapult and arresting gear on 1,000 feet of German autobahn flying British Seahawk and French Fouga aircraft.
- (6) Maintained carrier qualified currency in at least one type of Navy aircraft for 17 years from NATC to last fleet duty assignment. (- Continued -)



- (7) As AIRLANT LSO, established formal LSO training by the RAG in order to enhance inter Air Wing coordination and standardize carrier aircraft landing techniques and recovery operating procedures. Instituted a formal curriculum, classroom and hands on practical field experience for training new LSOs.
- (8) Co-authored, produced and directed the U.S. Navy LSO training film starring JERRY ZACHARIAS that was used as a training aid and instrumental in attracting more highly qualified and motivated NAs into becoming LSOs. Four of the six 2004 Blue Angles were former Squadron LSOs.
- (9) Implemented multiple aircraft currencies for LSOs, two aircraft for Squadron LSOs, and as many as practicable for Air Wing LSOs.
- (10) Standardized the AIRLANT LSO platforms, their equipment, communications, and operating procedures.