



Robert P. Hickey, Jr., RADM USN (Ret.)
 “Burner Bob”

Date of Designation: 15 October 1965 NA# 22787

Dates of Active Duty: June 1964 - April 1995

Total Flight Hours: 5,000

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,036

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,600 VF/VA: 4,600 VT/VS/HS/Other: 400

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VF-143, USS *Ranger*, USS *Constellation*, May 1966 - Feb. 1968, 150 combat missions (F-4)

Vietnam: VF-74, USS *Forrestal*, USS *America*, May 1970-Dec. 1972, 71 combat missions (F-4)

Iraq: CCG-7, USS *Nimitz*. Dec. 1992 - Jan. 1995
 7 combat missions (F-14)

Total combat missions: 228 (F-4, F-14)

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-2, March 1980 - July 1981 (F-14)

Commander CVW-11, October 1982 - May 1984 (F-14, A-6, A-7)

CO, USS *Roanoke*, July 1986 - May 1988

CO, USS *Ranger*, July 1988 - February 1990

Commander Carrier Group-7, November 1992 - January 1995 (F-14)

Combat Awards:

Silver Star

16 Air Medals

3 Navy Commendation Medals with combat “V”

4 Navy Achievement Medal with combat “V”

Non-Combat Awards:

5 Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal



Duty Assignment Chronology

6/64-5/65 NABTC, NAS Pensacola, FL (DUINS).
 5/65-10/65 NAS Chase Field, Beeville, TX (DUINS).
 10/65-1/66 VA-43, NAS Oceana (DUINS) (F-9).
 1/66-5/66 VF-101 (DUINS) Key West, Oceana (F-4).
 5/66-2/68 VF-143 LSO USS *Ranger*, USS *Constellation* (F-4).
 2/68-2/70 436 Tactical Fighter Squadron IP, Homestead AFB (F-4D/E).
 2/70-5/70 VF-101 (DUINS) Key West, Oceana (F-4)
 5/70-12/72 VF-74 Maintenance Officer, USS *Forrestal*, USS *America* (F-4).
 12/72-6/73 Armed Forces Staff College (DUINS).
 6/73-12/75 VF-124 Training Off., NAS Miramar (F-14)
 1/76-10/76 Office of CNO, Tactical Air Analyst (OP 962).
 10/76-1/78 Bureau of Naval Personnel, Fighter Placement Officer (Pers 433B).
 1/78-12/78 XO, VF-124, NAS Miramar (F-14).
 1/79-3/80 XO, VF-2, USS *Ranger* (F-14)
 3/80-7/81 CO, VF-2, USS *Ranger* (F-14)
 7/81-10/82 Staff, COMNAVAIRPAC Fighter Train Officer
 10/82-5/84 Commander, Carrier Air Wing 11, USS *Enterprise* (F-14 A-6 A-7).
 5/84-1/86 Staff, CINCPACFLT Asst. C/S for Operations.
 1/86-5/86 Senior Officer Ship's Materiel Readiness Course (DUINS) Idaho Falls, ID.
 5/86-6/86 Surface Warfare Officers School Command (DUINS) Newport, RI.
 7/86-5/88 CO, USS *Roanoke* (AOR 7).
 7/88-2/90 CO, USS *Ranger* (CV 61).
 2/90-4/90 CAPSTONE (DUINS)
 5/90-11/92 Office of CNO Director Carrier and Air Station Programs Branch (N885).
 12/90-11/92 Office of CNO, Director Aviation Manpower and Training Division (N889).
 11/92-1/95 Commander Carrier Group 7, USS *Nimitz* (F-14).
 4/1/95 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) MIG-21 Kill, 26 October 1967.
- (2) First flight after completing F-4 RAG was a combat mission over North Vietnam.
- (3) USAF exchange pilot at Homestead AFB as F-4D/E Instructor.
- (4) Instructor pilot during VF-124 stand-up as F-14 RAG. Published first F-14 NATOPS Manual. First head of F-14 Tactics in VF-124 and led the way in F-14 Tactics development. Third pilot to log 500 hours in the F-14.
- (5) Selected to be CO of TOPGUN but billet upgraded to a Post Command CDR level and orders canceled.
- (6) VF-2 won Battle E and TOPGUN Fighter Derby during tour as the CO.
- (7) Flew 7 Operation Southern Watch combat missions during tour as Commander Carrier Group 7.
- (8) Flew all models of the F-4 and F-14 plus 35 other types.