

Tom Kilcline, Jr. Vice Admiral USN (Ret.) "Killer"

Date of Designation: February 1975

Dates of Active Duty: June 1973 - August 2010

Total Flight Hours: 5,622

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1146 (370 night)

<u>Flight Hours:</u> Jet: 5,514 Prop: 85 VF/VA: 5,210 Helo: 24 VT: 286 Adversary: 1,536

<u>Combat Tours:</u> CO VF-154, 1992 (F-14) CVW-14, 1996 & 1998 (F14/F18) Total Combat Missions: 56 (F14/F18)_

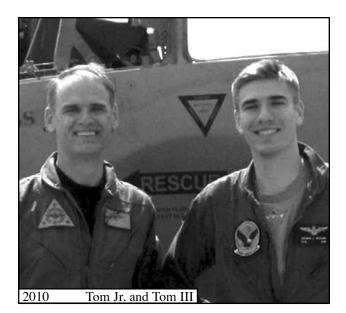
<u>Aviation Commands:</u> VF-154, 1992-1993 CVW-14, 1997-1998 Carrier Group Two, 2003-2004 Naval Air Forces, 2007-2010

Aviation Awards: Strike/Flight Air Medal (2) Air Medal with Gold Star Navy Commendation Medal

Duty Assignment Chronology

1969-1973	USNA, Midshipman.
1973-1975	Flight Training VT-1, VT-23, VT-21 &
	VF-121 (T-34, T-2, TA-4, F-4J/N).

- 1975-1980 VF-51, USS Franklin D. Roosevelt & USS Kitty Hawk (F-4N & F-14A).
- 1980-1983 VF-126 Adversary, NAS Miramar (A-4, TA-4 & NFWS F-5).
- 1983-1987 VF-213, USS Enterprise (F-14A).



1987-1988 Naval War College, Newport, RI.

- 1988-1989 Second Fleet, USS Mount Whitney.
- 1989-1990 COMFITWINGPAC, Strike Officer.
- 1991-1993 XO/CO VF-154, USS Independence, Atsugi, Japan (F-14A).
- 1993-1995 CNO Chair, National War College.
- 1995-1998 DCAG & CAG CVW-14, USS Vinson & USS Lincoln (F-14D, F18, E-2, S-3, H60, EA-6B & A-6E).
- 1998-2000 EA to US EUCOM, Stuttgart, GE.
- 2000-2001 CNAP COS, NAS North Island (C-12).
- 2001-2003 Director Aviation Plan and Requirements (OPNAV N780).
- 2003-2004 Commander, Carrier Group Two, USS *Truman* & USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (F-18 & H-60).
- 2004-2006 Director Air Warfare (OPNAV N88).
- 2006-2007 Director Warfare Integration (OPNAV N8F).
- 2007-2010 Commander, Naval Air Forces (F-5, H-60, F-18, EP/P-3, E-2, EA-6/18, E-6 and T-6/44/45).

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Initial PACFLT adversary squadron cadre. Wrote and executed first PACFLT FFARP. During this tour, received an Air Medal for landing A-4 disconnected and engine out.
- (2) Flew in TOPGUN movie as "Ice Man" for sorties filmed at sea, off and around the Big E.
- (3) First Fighter Strike Officer at COMFIT; orchestrated first Tomcat A-G capability demo during CVW-9's Fallon Det.
- (4) Took VF-154 from Miramar to Japan and led first Southern Watch sorties following Desert Storm. Expended first live bombs from Tomcat at sea on that combat mission. Squadron won "E" and "S". Brought all Sailors and jets home.

Summary of Significant Career Events congtinued

(5) As DCAG, planned and led Operation Desert Strike. Brought all Sailors and aircraft home following *Vinson* and *Lincoln* deployments.

Post Navy and Personal

- Married to incredible woman and partner since 1973. Deb and I have three daughters (Katie, Beth and Sarah), one son (Tom III) and a grand-son (David).
- Dash 3 of four generations of Tailhook aviators:
 - Chief Aviation Pilot (CAP) Tommy Thompson (1920-1945) VT-2B T4M-1 aboard USS Langley & USS Saratoga.
 - VADM Tom Kilcline, Sr. (1949-1983) VAH-9 A3D aboard USS *Saratoga* and RVAH-11. RA5C aboard USS *Forrestal*.
 - VADM Tom Kilcline, Jr. (1973-2010)
 - LT Tom Kilcline III (2008-present), VFA-32 F-18F aboard USS *Truman*.
- 2011-present: TASC Inc. Defense Sector Senior Vice President, Chantilly, VA.