



**David R. Morris RADM, USN (Ret.)**  
 "Snake"

Date of Designation: : 1 June 1959                      NA# 15302

Dates of Active Duty: 29 June 1957-31 March 1996

Total Flight Hours: 4,434

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 809

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,550 Prop: 248 VF/VA: 3,998 VT: 188

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VF-194, Oct. - Dec. 1965, USS *Bon Homme Richard*, (CVA-31) (F-8.)  
 VF-194, Nov. 1965 - Jun. 1967, USS *Ticonderoga* (CVA-14) (F-8).  
 VF-24, Feb. - Oct. 1972, USS *Hancock* (CVA-19) (F-8).

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-24 May 1972 - May 1973 (F-8)  
 CO, USS *St. Louis* (LKA-116) 1980 - 1981  
 Commander, Amphibious Squadron One, Feb. 1982 - Dec. 1983  
 Chief NATRA, July 1986 - 1988 (TA-4J)  
 Commander CARGRU. July 1988 - Aug 1989 (F-14, A-6, S-3)

Combat Awards:

3 Distinguish Flying Crosses  
 26 Air Medals (6 Individual and 20 Strike/Flight Awards)  
 2 Navy Commendation Medals w/Combat "V"

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

6/57-9/57 USS *Oak Hill* (LSD-7).  
 9/57-9/58 NABTC, NAS Pensacola DUINS (T-34, T-28, T2V).



9/58-6/59 CNAVATRA, NAATC NAS Kingsville, TX DUINS, (F9F-8, F-11).  
 6/59-8/60 VA-124 FRP (TF9F-8T, F8U).  
 8/60-2/63 VF-91, Flight Officer, NAS Alameda, CA USS *Ranger* (CVA-61) (F-8).  
 2/63-10/65 VF-124, Personnel, Weapons Training Officer NAS Miramar, CA (F-8).  
 10/65-7/67 VF-194, Admin Off. NAS Miramar, CA USS *Bon Homme Richard*, (CVA-31) USS *Ticonderoga* (CVA-14) (F-8).  
 7/67-3/69 VF-124, Plans/Programs Officer, NAS Miramar, CA (F-8).  
 2/69-9/69 VF-62, Ops. Off. USS *Shangri La*, (CVA-38) (F-8).  
 9/69-10/70 COMCARDIV FIVE, Asst. Air Operations. Deployed, South China Sea.  
 10/70-9/71 VX-4, Admin. Officer/Project Test Pilot. NAS Pt. Mugu, CA (F-4, F-8, TA-4J, US-2).  
 9/71-6/72 VF-24, XO, NAS Miramar, CA/USS *Hancock*, (CVA-19) (F-8).  
 6/72-6/73 VF-24, CO, NAS Miramar, CA USS *Hancock*, (CVA-19) (F-8).  
 6/73-6/74 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL (DUINS).  
 7/74-10/76 USS *Ranger* (CVA 61) CATCC/Air Operations Officer/Operations Officer.  
 10/76-7/79 Staff, Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet EA/Flag Secretary.  
 7/79-12/79 Chief of Naval Personnel, DUINS Senior Officer Ship Material Readiness Course.  
 1/80-2/80 Surface Warfare Officers School Command Newport, RI. DUINS.  
 2/80-2/82 CO, USS *St. Louis* (LKA 116).  
 2/82-12/83 Commander, Amphibious Squadron One.  
 2/84-1/85 Office of CNO Asst. for JCS Matters, Strategy, Plans and Policy Div. (OP-60).  
 1/85-6/86 Naval Military Personnel Command, Director, Aviation Off. Distribution Div. (NMPC-43).  
 7/86-7/88 Chief of Naval Air Training, NAS Corpus Christi, TX (TA-4J).

### Duty Assignment Chronology continued

7/88-4/90 Commander, Carrier Group EIGHT (F-14,  
A-6, S-3).  
4/90-4/91 CINCLANTFLT, Director for Operations,  
N-3/ CTF-84.  
8/91-7/93 CINCLANTFLT, Deputy and Chief of Staff.  
8/93-3/96 CINCUSNAVEUR, Deputy Commander in  
Chief  
3/31/96 Retired from active duty.

### **Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Second of five pilots to reach 3,000 Hours in the F-8 Crusader, Final total: 3,232.
- (2) Last jet carrier landing, age 60.