



Gil Rud, CAPT USN (Ret.)
 "Duster"

Date of Designation: December 1968

Dates of Active Duty: May 1967 – July 1995

Total Flight Hours: 5,600

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 789

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 5,200 Prop: 400 VA: 3,400 VT: 300

Other: Flight demonstration: 1,500

Combat Tours:

Place: USS *Oriskany*, May 1971-December 1971,
 USS *Enterprise* April 1975

Aviation Commands:

CO VA-192, June 1983-August 1984

CO Flight Demonstration Squadron (Blue Angels)
 November 1986- November 1988

CO USS *Wabash*, August 1989-July 1991

CO USS *Constellation* (CVA-64) May 1993-December 1994

Combat Awards:

5 Strike Flight Air Medals

Duty Assignment Chronology

5/67-8/67 Aviation Officer Candidate School.
 9/67-11/67 VT-1, Student (T34B).
 12/67-5/68 VT-7, Student, Meridian (T2A).
 5/68-8/68 VT-4, Student, Pensacola (T2B).
 9/68-12/68 VT-26, Student, Beeville, TX (TF9J/TAF9J)
 1/69-2/69 Naval Recruiting District Minneapolis, feed-
 back recruiter.
 3/69-8/69 VT-125 RAG Student, NAS Lemoore (A-4C/
 E/F, TA4F).



Daughter Valerie & Gil

8/69-7/70 VA-216 Airframes Branch and
 Communications Officer, NAS Alameda, *USS
 Forrestal* (A4E).
 8/70-4/71 VA-125, RAG Student, NAS Lemoore (A7A/
 A7B).
 5/71-12/71 VA-215, Line Division Officer, LSO, NAS
 Lemoore, USS *Oriskany* (A7B).
 1/72-10/74 VA122, RAG Instructor, LSO, Tactics Phase
 Head, NAS Lemoore (A7C/E, T-28B/C).
 11/74-11/76 CVW 14 LSO and VA-97 Assistant Ops
 Officer, NAS Lemoore, NAS Miramar (A7E,
 F14A, T28C).
 11/76-7/79 Navy Recruiting District San Antonio, Head
 of Officer Programs (T34B).
 8/79-1/80 Armed Forces Staff College, Student, Norfolk
 VA.
 2/80-7/80 VA-122, Student, NAS Lemoore (A7E).
 8/80-6/82 VA-147, Department Head Tour, NAS
 Lemoore, USS *Constellation* (A7E).
 6/82-8/84 VA-192, XO/CO, NAS Lemoore, USS
Ranger (A7E).
 8/84-10/85 Navy Military Personnel Command, N-432
 Head of Junior Officer Detailing, Arlington,
 VA (TA-4J, A4M (at Patuxent River)).
 11/85-11/88 Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, CO/
 Flight Leader, NAS Pensacola (A-4F, F/A-
 18A).
 6/89-2/91 USS *Wabash* (AOR-5), CO, Naval Station
 Long Beach.
 3/91-2/93 Joint Task Force Five (Counterdrug Task
 Force), Deputy Commander/Chief of Staff,
 Coast Guard Island Alameda, CA.
 5/93-12/94 USS *Constellation*, CO, NAS North Island,
 CA (F/A-18B/C).
 1/95-7/95 COMNAVAIRPAC, staff officer for CVN
 move to Naval Station Everett.

Summary of Significant Career Events

(1) First sea tour included assignments to two different
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Summary of Significant Career Events continued

squadrons, in two different types of aircraft, in two different Air Wings, on two different Aircraft Carriers, with deployment to two different theaters of operation. This resulted in a very young first tour aviator with a whole lot of patches on his flight jacket.

- (2) Following several A7 Corsair II losses to out of control flight, played a key role as tactics phase lead in the A7E RAG in instituting instructor demonstrations of aircraft departures. Helped convince leadership to go a step further moving from instructor demonstrations to actual practice departures for the students. This training significantly reduced OOC losses in the Light Attack Community.
- (3) Served as the Junior CAG LSO for the first cruise of the F-14A Tomcat and the first West Coast Cruise of the S-3A Viking. CAG decided that for me to wave the F-14, I better get qualified to fly it too. Throw me in that briar patch! Only flew the Tomcat ashore, but what a thrill that was.
- (4) In April of 1975, participated in Operation Frequent Wind, flying top cover for H-46 and CH-53 rescue helicopters during the evacuation of the embassy in Saigon.
- (5) While serving as CO of the VA-192 World Famous Golden Dragons finished as the Top Tailhooker in the Air Wing for the entire Westpac Cruise.
- (6) As the Head of Junior Officer Detailing, worked with Headquarters Marine Corps to move 90+ Marine Aviation Option First and Second Lieutenants from completion of Basic School to slots in flight training as Ensigns and Lieutenant Junior Grades. Also moved 30+ Marine Aviators from the F-4 and A-4 RAG's to slots in Navy A-6, A-7, and F-14 RAG's. The Navy got a bunch of super squared away pilots, and the Marines solved an excess problem in their training pipe line.
- (7) Assigned as the last A-4 Flight Leader and the first F/A-18 Flight Leader, led the transition of the Blue Angels from A-4 Skyhawks to F/A-18 Hornets. The transition was accomplished with only one month added to the normal winter training cycle. Of note, the team went through that challenging transition and continued flying air shows for 14 years before having the first fatal Hornet accident.
- (8) I have the unique honor of sharing Centurion Status on the USS *Enterprise* with my oldest daughter, Valerie Overstreet, who is currently serving as the Commanding Officer of VAW-117.

Post Navy Career Events

- (1) Spent 14 years working in the Aerospace industry for McDonnell Douglas and the Boeing Company. This included playing a key role in the Operational Test and Evaluation of the F/A-18E/F Super Hornet, as well as supervising the 10 Boeing Field Offices that support all Boeing products marketed to the Navy and Marine Corps.