



**William D. Young Capt. USN (Ret.)**  
 “Bill”

Date of Designation: January 1971 NA # T13593

Dates of Active Duty: 1969 to 2000

Total Flight Hours: 4422

Carrier/Ship Landings: Rotary: 1012  
 Small Deck: 467/84 (night)

Approximate Flight Hours: Fixed wing: 212 Rotary: 4210

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: 4 tours - May 1971 to May 1974.

Total Combat Missions: 38 in HC-7 including 9 Combat Rescues

Aviation Commands:

- CO, HS-12 November 1986 to May 1988.
- CO, HS-10 (FRS) July 1990 to July 1991.
- CO, USS *Inchon* (LPH-12) February 1993 to November 1994.
- CO, Amphibious Squadron TWO (Sequential Major) Dec 1994 to Aug 1996.

Comments on Commands:

1. While serving as CO of HS-12, the squadron twice deployed aboard USS Midway to the Indian Ocean, won three COMASWINGPAC Top Torpedo awards, the Battle “E”; the Isbell and Thach awards (best ASW squadron in Pacific and Navy)
2. While serving as CO of USS *Inchon* (LPD-12), the ship was diverted from a routine Med Cruise to Mogadishu, Somalia, to provide security forces ashore to support the evacuation of Air Force and Army personnel after “Black Hawk Down”. One week after returning from a six month deployment, the ship and Marine forces were alert deployed to Haiti for a potential amphibious landing.



3. Serving as Commodore of a four ship squadron, the flag ship (USS *Guam*) was diverted from the Med to conduct a non-combatant evacuation of the American Embassy in Monrovia, Liberia. Stayed in support of the American Ambassador for almost 60 days.

4. While serving as CO of HS-10 (FRS), elected to be national President of the Naval Helicopter Association (NHA) for one year.

5. Other Tours: HC-7, NAS Bermuda, HS-6, Naval War College, HS-10, OPNAV (OP-01B EA), Industrial College of the Armed Forces, BUPERS (Aviation Commander Detailer), USACOM – J61, CINCLANTFLT – Head of Fleet Training (N-7).

Combat/Flight Performance Awards:

Navy Cross - awarded for night over-land combat rescue of an A-7 pilot north of Vinh, North Vietnam on 7 August 1972.

Single Action Air Medal - awarded for a day rescue of an RA-5 pilot a few miles outside of Haiphong Harbor under fire of coastal guns. During this same time period, helicopter crew was additionally assigned to a secret mission to monitor a geographic area near the coastline of North Vietnam searching for American POW's that had possibly escaped from North Vietnam prisons.

Air Medal

Navy Commendation Medal - awarded for a 50 nm range medevac from a cruise ship off the coast of Bermuda at maximum range of the UH-1N.

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

1969	Naval Communication School.
1969-1971	Naval Flight School.
1971-1974	HC-7 Imperial Beach, CA.
1974-1978	NAS Bermuda.

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-Duty Assignment Chronology continued-

1979-1980	HS-6 North Island, CA.
1980-1982	Naval War College.
1982-1983	HS-10 North Island, CA..
1984-1985	OPNAV (OP-01).
1985-1988	HS-12 (USS <i>Midway</i> ) Atsugi, Japan.
1988-1990	BUPERS (N431) Washington, D.C.
1990-1991	HS-10 North Island, CA.
1991-1992	ICAF Washington, D.C.
1993-1994	USS <i>Inchon</i> , Norfolk, VA.
1994-1996	Amphibious Squadron TWO, Norfolk, VA. .
1996-1998	JFCOM/USACOM, Norfolk, VA..
1998-1999	CINCLANTFLT (N7), Norfolk, VA..

Additional Comments:

1. Graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1969 with a BA in History. Sigma Chi fraternity and catcher on the baseball team
2. Commissioned as a Regular Navy Ensign July 1969 from Vanderbilt NROTC

**Summary of Significant Post Career Events**

- (1) Defense Contractor with TRW at JTAASC Suffolk, VA (1999 to 2002).
- (2) English teacher at Christchurch Episcopal School Saluda, VA (2002 to 2005).
- (3) Peace Corps Volunteer Lutsk, Ukraine (2005 to 2007).
- (4) Volunteer High School Basketball Coach (2007 to 2012) Virginia State Champs 2012.
- (5) Member and Chairman of Irvington, Virginia Planning Commission (2012 to 2018).
- (6) Member and Chairman of Great Decisions Chapter (70 members) 2009 to present.
- (7) Chairman of Golden Eagle of Irvington LLC guarantor of Golden Eagle Golf Course in Irvington, Virginia (2018 to present) .