



John Monroe Smith, Captain, USN, (Ret.)
 "Hawk"

Date of Designation: 8 Jan 1965 NAO-I # 308 and 1 Jul 1967
 NA #V-23480

Dates of Active Duty: 25 Sep 1963 – 30 Sep 1993

Total Flight Hours: 4,346

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 580

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,238 Prop: 70 Helo: 12 VF/VA: 3,968
 Other: 26

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: CVW-14 Sep. 1974 - May 1975, USS *Enterprise*
 (F-14A) .

Commands:

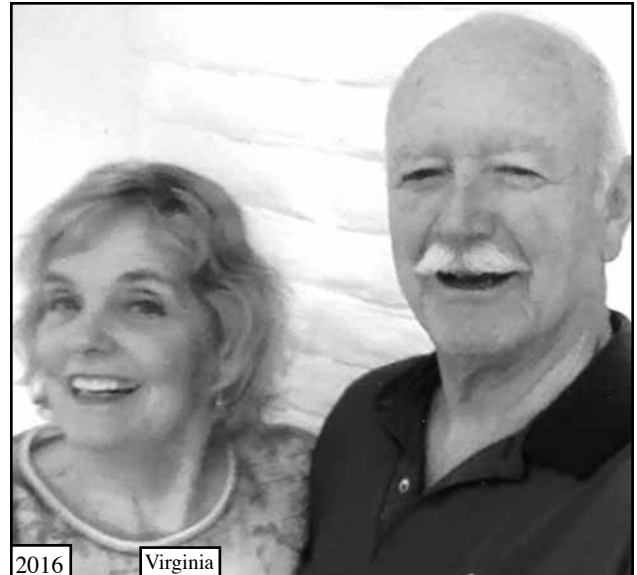
Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN); Dec.76 - Mar. 78
 CO, VF-213 "Black Lions", Jul. 79 - Dec 80 (F-14A).
 CO, Naval Station Rota, Spain; Jun. 87 - Sep. 89

Awards:

2 Legion of Merit
 Meritorious Service Medal
 Meritorious Unit Commendation
 Spanish Navy Cross
 15 Other Navy/Marine Corps Decorations

Duty Assignment Chronology

9/63-2/64 Preflight OCS; Pensacola, FL. (Class 36-63).
 2/64-4/64 Basic NAO School, NAS, Pensacola, FL.
 5/64-7/64 RIO Training, NAS Glynco, GA (T-39D).
 8/64 F-4B Pilot and RIO Familiarization Course.
 9/64-2/65 VF-101, NAS Key West/NAS Oceana;(F-4B)
 RIO Training.
 2/65-4/66 VF-102, NAS Oceana, VA/USS *America*
 (F-4B) RIO/Aircraft Division.



4/66-7/66 VT-1; NAF Saufley Field; Basic Pilot Training
 (T-34B).
 8/66-11/66 VT-9, NAS Meridian; Basic Jet Training
 (T-2A).
 12/66-2/67 VT-4; NAS Pensacola; Air-to-Air Gunnery and
 CARQUAL (T-2B).
 2/67-7/67 VT-9; NAS Kingsville; Advanced Jet Training
 (TF-9J/TAF-9J).
 8/67-2/68 VF-101; NAS Oceana/NAS Key West;
 (F-4B/J) FRS Pilot.
 2/68-3/70 VF-103,NAS Oceana/USS *Saratoga*; (F-4J)
 Asst Maintenance/LSO.
 4/70-10/73 VX-4; NAS Pt Mugu/F-14A/AWG-9/AIM-
 54A Project Officer/LSO.
 11/73-3/76 CVW-14; NAS Miramar/USS *Enterprise*;
 (F-14A) LSO/Admin/Safety/SWO.
 3/76-3/78 TOPGUN XO/CO; NAS Miramar; (F-5E/F,
 T-38A, A-4E, T-A-4J).
 4/78-5/78 VF-124 FRS, (F-14A Refresher Training);
 NAS Miramar.
 5/78-12/80 VF-213 XO/CO; NAS Miramar (F-14A) /USS
America/ NAVSTA, Norfolk, VA.
 1-81-3/81 Black Shoe Shipboard Training, NAS North
 Island.
 3-81-3/83 USS *Ranger*; Air Ops/Ops/NAS North Island
 4-83-7/83 Naval War College, Post Command Course;
 Newport, RI.
 8-83-7/85 COMFITAEWINGPAC; Operations/NAS
 Miramar.
 8-85-5/87 Chief of Naval Operations (OP-953), Tactical
 Readiness & Training.
 5-87-9-89 COMNAVACT, Spain and CO NAVSTA,
 Rota, Spain.
 10-89-9/93 COMNAVAIRLANT, Norfolk: ACOS Shore
 Activities; and Chief of Staff.
 10-93 Retired from Active Duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

(1) Graduated Preflight Training, and commissioned
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- Ensign, USNR, ranked 3-of-35 and Regimental Adjutant w/ awards in Academic, Military and Physical Training.
- (2) Chose F-4B training out of Basic NAO School and Designated NAO-I # 308 Jan-65.
 - (3) Joined VF-102 for USS America first Shake-Down/ ORE/ORI and first Deployment. Served as Airframes, Corrosion Control and Calendar Inspections Officer in Maintenance.
 - (4) Promoted to LTJG Aug-65.
 - (5) One of first few NAOs Navy-wide to be selected for "Retread" Pilot Training in 1966.
 - (6) Class Leader at VT-1, Saufley; VT-9, Meridian; VT-4, Pensacola; and VT-21, Kingsville.
 - (7) Received "High Flyer" Award 3-67, and Designated Naval Aviator # V-23480 Jul-67.
 - (8) Completed F-4B/J Phantom II Replacement Pilot Training with VF-101, Feb-68.
 - (9) Reported to VF-103 Feb-68. Served as Pers Officer, LSO, Quality Assurance and Ass't Maintenance.
 - (10) Selected by CO to oversee all aspects of Squadron's new F-4Js and integration of ACLS, Mode-I aboard USS *Saratoga*; the first deployment of both. Identified unsatisfactory ACLS system commands, determined later to be cross-wiring of Ship's Navigation System output of Pitch and Roll data to ACLS.
 - (11) Selected as Primary Project Officer for F-14A Tomcat/ Awg-9/AIM-54 OPEVAL, Jan-71. Team produced and delivered F-14A Secret Tactical Manual Supplement to CNO, (OP-05) 1 May-71. Designed and flew first six F-14A Initial Operational T&E flights, Sep-Oct-72.
 - (12) Deep selected for Lieutenant Commander, 1972.
 - (13) VX-4 Pilot Rep for Navy's Joint Evaluation Team, integrating Board of Inspection & Survey, Navy Preliminary Evaluation, and OPEVAL of F-14A. Fired first F-14A Operational AIM-54 Phoenix missile; multi-target/ Look down-shoot down w/ standoff noise jamming; Direct hit on QF-9J, and second target re-attacked w/AIM-9E Sidewinder/SEAM lock; also successful.
 - (14) First F-14A pilot to design and fly tests -vs- MiG-17 and Mig-21s; Sep/Oct-73. Briefed CNO, (OP-05).
 - (15) CAG-14 LSO aboard USS *Enterprise* for first Fleet CARQUAL and deployment of F-14A, Sep-74.
 - (16) First F-14A shipboard Barricade engagement before Frenzel lens data promulgated. Superb crew coordination and pilot skill resulted in minimal and insignificant damage to F-14A!
 - (17) First "Green Ink" in my pilot's log book: Vietnam; "Operation Frequent Wind", Apr-75.
 - (18) First XO of TOPGUN selected to CO; and last LCDR to Command NFWS; Mar-78. Completed Manpower study to increase future pilot, NFO and enlisted Manning. USMC increased pilot and length of tour assignments. Testified before Senate Armed Services Committee and built a case for replacing three aged T-38 trainers with new F-5Fs. Moved NFWS to Hgr1 and modernized classrooms.
 - (19) As CO, VF-213, sold Section Takeoff procedures to NATOPS Conference, Fall-80. Fabricated Rifle-scope installation and drafted tactics for Visual ID predicated on results of ACE/AIMVAL. Wrote RAMEC for installation of Photosonics KB-26A Gunsight camera and another for Voice recorder: both were approved. Squadron set Air-to-Air gunnery records for F-14A, Jun-80 that were never exceeded. Squadron won first COMFIT "Fighter Derby", Aug-80; after completing day/night Carrier Training.
 - (20) Selected for Major Shore Command, Fall-86, and Reported as CO Naval Station, Rota, Spain, Jun-87 and Commander, U.S. Naval Activities, Spain.
 - (21) Awarded Spanish Navy Cross signed by Spanish CNO upon tour completion.
 - (22) Reported to COMNAVAIRLANT and worked tirelessly with the most productive and fantastic group of Military and Civilian personnel assembled under a Three-Star Flag! No points for "Second Place".

Personal

Captain Smith married the former Jenny Pat Hudgins, (aka "Miss Jenny" on 5 October, 1962; one year before he joined the Navy. Her enthusiastic and unwavering support of all-things-Navy throughout his career undoubtedly allowed him to live, eat and sleep Naval Aviation, and to achieve his highest level of personal success. Their son, John Monroe Smith Jr, 48 is married to the former Sona Movsesian, also 48. They have two daughters, Madllyn L. Smith, 18, and Nicole E. Smith, 13.