



Dan Dixon, CAPT., USN (Ret)
 "Dix"

Hometown: Washington DC

High School and College Career:

High School - Northwood High School in 1979
 USNA - 1983

University of Texas at Austin receiving a Masters Degree in
 Physics - 1984

Dates on Active Duty: May 1983 – Sep 2012

Date Commissioned/Source:

06 June 1973/U.S. Naval Academy

Date of Designation: August 9, 1986

Total Flight Hours: 5000

Carrier/Ship Landings: 1033

Approximate Flight Hours:

VF/VFA: 5100, VT: 260, Helo: 80, Various others: 160

Combat tours:

Operation Southern Watch 2001 – USS *Lincoln* FA-18C
 Operation Iraqi Freedom 2005/6 USS *Theodore Roosevelt*
 FA-18A/C/ F-14D

Combat missions: 35 combat missions in FA-18A/C, F-14D

Commands:

VFA-25
 NFWS (TOPGUN)
 CVW-8
 NROTC University of Texas



Dixon Family

Awards:

Legion of Merit (x2)
 Air Medal (x3)
 Joint Meritorious Service Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal (x3)
 Navy Commendation Medal
 Navy Achievement Medal

Duty Assignment Chronology

06/83-12/84 Graduate student University of Texas at Austin
 02/84-08/86 Flight Training – T-34C, T-2C, TA-4J
 08/86-06/87 FRS FA-18, Lemoore, CA
 07/87-02/88 VFA-161 Lemoore, CA (decommissioning of CVW-10)– FA-18A, Schedules
 02/88-12/90 VFA-25 Lemoore, CA – FA-18A/C, QAO, Training Officer, TOPGUN 1989
 01/91-12/91 Empire Test Pilot School, RAF Boscombe Down - Hawk, Hunter, Jaguar, others
 01/92-04/94: VX-4 / USAF Exchange Test Pilot with 6513 TS – FA-18C, F-15C, T-38, YF-113
 05/94-12/96 VFA-97 Department Head – FA-18A – Safety, Operations, Maintenance
 01/97-12/98 TOPGUN Instructor – Readiness, FA-18C, Threat IR Missiles SME
 02/99-9/01 XO/CO VFA-25 – FA-18C
 09/01-06/04 TOPGUN CO – Strike DH – FA-18C
 07/04-09/04 Joint Forces Staff School – Norfolk, VA
 10/04-02/05 Deputy Director, Combined Air Operations Center, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
 03/05-05/05 FRS FA-18/F-14D
 05/05-08/08 DCAG/CAG CVW-8 – Oceana, VA – FA-18A/C, F-14D
 09/08-09/10 Military Deputy, Director Defense Research and Engineering (DDRE) - Pentagon
 09/10-09/12 CO NROTC University of Texas at Austin

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) 09/1986: Orville Wright Achievement Award – Top Flight School graduate 1986
- (2) 1988-1990: Top Nugget for 1988-9 deployment, Top 10 (x3) for various line periods
- (3) 1989: TOPGUN graduate
- (4) 1991: Empire Test Pilot School graduate
- (5) 1992-1994: USAF Exchange Test Pilot
- (6) 1996: Michael J Hoff CNAF Attack Aviator of the Year
- (7) 1996/2004: TOPGUN Instructor – AIM-120 SME – developed new HOBS (high-off boresight) tactics

Summary of Post Military Work

- (1) Northrop Grumman Mission Systems – BWI – Next Generation Air Dominance Program Manager
- (2) BWI NGMS Flight Test Director - Experimental R&D fleet for mission system testing.
- (3) Certified Flying Instructor for numerous midshipmen and local high school students.
- (4) Board of Directors – TOPGUN Association
- (5) Tailhook – Life Member

Personal

- (1) Married Becky in 1984 and have 4 children and 3 grandchildren.
- (2) Our 3 sons are all Naval officers serving in aviation and Explosive Ordnance Disposal.