



Dominic Gorie, Capt., USN (Ret)
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Hometown: Lake Charles, LA

High School and College Career:
Miami Palmetto High School, 1975
US Naval Academy, 1979

Dates on Active Duty: July 1975- June 2005

Date Commissioned/Source:
06 June 1979/U.S. Naval Academy

Date of Designation: 11 Sept 1981

Total Flight Hours: 7040

Carrier/Ship Landings: 650

Approximate Flight Hours:
Jet 5750, VFA 2510, T38 2590, STS 1170

Combat tours:
VFA-87 Aboard USS *Roosevelt* (CVN-71), Gulf War

Combat missions: 38

Awards:
Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit
Distinguished Flying Cross (2), 1 w/ V
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Air Medal (2)
Navy Commendation Medal (2), 1 w/ V



Duty Assignment Chronology

07/75-05/79	USNA
06/79-10/79	VA-45, TAD
11/79-09/81	USN Training Command
10/81-06/82	VA-174 A7E FRS
06/82-04/84	VA-46 (A7E)
05/84-11/84	VFA-125 FA-18 FRS
12/84-11/86	VFA-132
12/86-03/90	Test Pilot School/ Test Pilot
04/90-07/90	VFA-106, FRS Recurrency
08/90-05/92	VFA-87 Dept Head
06/92-06/94	US Space Command, Joint Duty
07/94-02/95	VFA-106, Pre-VFA Command Recurrency
03/95-06/10	NASA (Retired USN 2005)

Summary of Significant Career Events

1. Received Jim Morin Award in 1982 for Outstanding RP performance in VA-174
2. 1985 COMLATWING ONE Pilot of the Year
3. One of two Distinguished Graduates of Test Pilot School Class 92 for Outstanding DT-II Thesis, An Evaluation of the Mirage 2000
4. Airwing Combat Strike Leader. Led numerous airwing strikes during Gulf War from CVN-71.
5. While attached to USSPACECOM, screened for VFA command. Was slated as XO/CO of VFA-37 when selected by NASA to join the 1995 Astronaut Class.

6. NASA: STS-91 Pilot. Discovery. Final Shuttle-MIR Mission
STS-99 Pilot. Endeavour. Space Radar Topography Mission. Mapped the earth in 3-D.
STS-108 Commander. Endeavour. ISS Crew exchange and logistics re-supply.
STS-123 Commander. Endeavour. Delivery of Japanese Experiment Module (Kibō), and the Canadian Special Purpose Dexterous Manipulator (ISS robotic arm)

7. Following the loss of the STS-107 crew aboard Columbia, coordinated and led the search for all Columbia parts and material. NASA worked with FEMA and the US Forest Service to recover 40% of the shuttle's mass along with the data recorder, allowing an accurate accident reconstruction, subsequent modifications and return-to-flight. More than 25,000 searchers participated. More than 2 million acres searched.

Personal

1. Hotly pursued then married the former Wendy Lu Williams in August 1981. We have resided in a small Colorado town since retiring from NASA. We designed and then built with our own hands our dream home. We have two children, Kimberly and Andrew (USN special ops LCDR) and six grandchildren.

2. From 2011 to the present, I have been active with Combat Wounded Veterans Challenge, a non-profit organization dedicated to the recovery of wounded veterans thru multi-disciplined challenges. These challenges include scuba-diving, mountaineering, sailing and fishing. I've been a board member and served as President/ CEO for multiple years. Led and participated in numerous mountain challenges, including a summit of Mt Aconcagua (22,840 ft).

3. Inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2017 in the "Outstanding American" category. Prior to the event in Stillwater, OK, our daughter aptly reminded me that the selection was not based on my wrestling prowess!

4. With any free time I build fly rods then chase all manner of trout throughout the surrounding Rocky Mountains.