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## **William C. Hamilton Jr., Captain, USN (Ret.)** “Boomer”

Hometown: Anniston, AL

High School and College Career:

Anniston High School 1974  
University of Alabama 1975  
Gadsden State Junior College 1979  
Auburn University 1981 (B.A.E. Aerospace Engineering)  
University of Tennessee 1999 (M.S. Aviation Systems)

Dates on Active Duty: 3/1983-1/2016

Date Commissioned/Source:

September 1983 - Aviation Officer Candidate School

Date of Designation: 09/1985

Total Flight Hours: 5780

Carrier/Ship Landings: 920

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3700 VF/VA: 3500 Helo: 15 Prop: 2065

Combat tours:

Sep 1996	Bosnia Herzegovina	Patrols
Sep 1996 – Oct 1996	Southern Watch (Iraq)	9 Missions
Sep 1999 – Mar 2000	Southern Watch (Iraq)	12 Missions
Sep 2001 – Mar 2002	Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan)	43 Missions

Combat missions: 64

Commands:

Jan 2001 – Apr 2002	VFA-86
Sep 2005 – May 2007	USS <i>Dubuque</i> (LPD 8)
Aug 2011 – Oct 2015	USS <i>Enterprise</i> (CVN 65)

Awards:

Defense Superior Service Medal  
Legion of Merit (2)  
Bronze Star  
Air Medal with Combat V  
Air Medal  
Air Medal Strike Flight (6)  
Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2)  
Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2)  
Navy Unit Commendation  
Meritorious Unit Commendation (2)  
Navy “E” Ribbon  
Meritorious Service Medal (2)  
National Defense Service Medal (2)  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
Southwest Asia Service Medal  
Afghanistan Campaign Medal  
Iraq Campaign Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Sea Service Ribbon  
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## **Duty Assignment Chronology**

04/83-08/83	Aviation Officer Candidate School Class 21-83, NAS Pensacola FL
08/83-11/83	VT-6, SNA, NAS Whiting Field, FL, T-34C
12/83-05/84	VT-19, SNA, NAS Meridian, MS, T-2C
05/84-03/85	VT-7, SNA, NAS Meridian, MS, TA-4J
04/85-01/86	VFA-106, RP, NAS Cecil Field, FL, F/A-18A
01/86-12/90	VFA-136, Schedules/Aircraft Division Officer/LSO/Personnel Officer/Weapons Training Officer/TOPGUN/Assistant Operations Officer, NAS Cecil Field, FL, USS <i>Coral Sea</i> (CV 43), USS <i>Dwight D Eisenhower</i> (CVN 69), F/A-18A

### Duty Assignment Chronology continued

12/90-12/91 USN Test Pilot School, Student Test Pilot, NAS Patuxent River, MD, TA-4J/T-38/T-2C/ BE90/OH-6A/TH-57/UH-1H/P-3C/NU-1B/ U-6A/X-26A/C-23/Lear 25/T-33/P-51/Pitts S-2B/F-86

01/92-12/93 F/A-18 Weapon System Support Activity, Test Pilot, Naval Weapons Center China Lake, CA, F/A-18A/B/C/D USN and foreign variants

01/94-08/94 VFA-106, RP, NAS Cecil Field, FL, F/A-18A/C

08/94-11/96 VFA-83, Safety Officer/Operations Officer/ Maintenance Officer, NAS Cecil Field, FL, *USS Enterprise* (CVN 65), F/A-18C

12/96-05/99 Naval Weapons Test Squadron China Lake, Test Pilot, NWS China Lake, CA, F/A-18A/C/E/F, F/A-18D ATB

06/99-04/02 VFA-86, XO and CO, MCAS Beaufort, SC, *USS John F Kennedy* (CV 67)/*USS Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN 71), F/A-18C

05/02-05/03 Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, Student, NWS Charleston, SC

05/03-08/05 *USS Enterprise* (CVN 65), Executive Officer, Naval Station Norfolk, VA

09/05-05/07 *USS Dubuque* (LPD 8), Commanding Officer, San Diego Naval Station, CA

06/07-05/10 US Joint Forces Command, J33 Joint Deployment Operations Department Head, NSA Hampton Roads, VA

05/10-08/11 CNAL, Aircraft Carrier Requirements Officer, Naval Station Norfolk, VA

09/11-01/16 *USS Enterprise* (CVN 65), Commanding Officer, Naval Station Norfolk, VA

### **Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Regimental Commander Class 21-83 AOCS
- (2) TOPGUN Graduate 1988
- (3) TOP DOME Tournament winner 1988
- (4) US Naval Test Pilot School 1991
- (5) First to release a self-lased weapon from an F/A-18, China Lake CA, 1993
- (6) Battle "E" Winner as Operations Officer VFA-83, 1996
- (7) First to fly the F/A-18 E/F Super Hornet at night and first to fly with NVDs, China Lake CA, 1999
- (8) Engineering Award Winner for F/A-18 software design (ROE/ID and LASER INHIBIT ENVELOPE), China Lake CA, 1999
- (9) Nuclear Power School, Charleston SC, 2003

- (10) Final Operational Commanding Officer *USS Enterprise* (CVN 65)
- (11) Airwing Top Ten (20)
- (12) Airwing Top Hook (2)

### **Summary of Post Military Work**

- (1) OPEVAL Planning Team CVN-78, OPTEVFOR, Norfolk VA 2016
- (2) Contract Simulator Instructor, F/A18 A-F, NAS Oceana VA, 2017-2026

### **Personal**

- (1) Member, Society of Experimental Test Pilots