



Captain William C. Hartung, USN (Ret)

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Date of Designation: 31 December 1943 C 13041

Dates of Active Duty: June 1941-30 June 1974

Total Flight Hours: 4,150

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 450

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 1,200 Prop: 2,950 VF/VA: 2,670

Helo 12 VR/VP: 1,480

Combat Tours:

WW II: Section Base, Pearl Harbor, T. H., incl. Dec. 7, 1941, 6/41-12/42. Guam, Siapan, Palau, Philippines, Okinawa, VF-25, VF-1, VF-51, 6/44-12/44, (F-6F), 64 combat missions.

Aviation Commands: Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-161, 9/60-12/61.

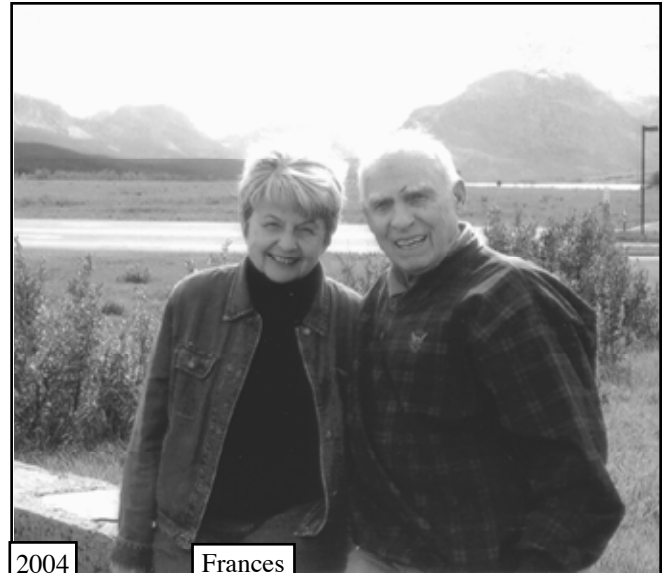
CO, VR-24, 7/71-6/74.

Combat Awards:

Air Medal (2 awards)

Duty Assignment Chronology

- 2/43-12/43 Flight Training, Livermore, CA & Corpus Christi, TX, (N2S,N2T,SNV,SNJ).
- 1/44-3/44 Operational Trn. Vero Beach, FL & Glenview, IL (F6F).
- 4/44-5/44 VF-100 NAS Barbers Point. HA Replacement Pilot. (F6F).
- 5/44-6/44 VF-25. USS *Yorktown* Palua (F6F).
- 8/44-12/45 VF51 USS *SanJacinto*, Guam, Philippines, Okinawa, (F6F), NAS San Point, WA-Kahului, Maui, T.H.
- 1/46-3/46 NAS Atlanta, GA. Under instruction, Instruments, (NH1).



- 3/46-8/47 NABTC Corpus Christi, Kingsville, Cabanis, Basic & Instrument Flt. Instructor (SNJ).
- 10/46-3/48 ATU-10 NAS Jax., Under Instruction, (PBM).
- 4/48-9/48 VPMS-2 NAS North Island, CA (PBM).
- 9/48-2/50 Professor Naval Science, Univ. Cal., Berkley, CA. (five-terms).
- 3/50-12/52 Air Group One (CVG-1) LSO USS *Coral Sea*, USS *Wasp* (F4U).
- 1/53-7/53 General Line School, Montrey CA, under Instruction.
- 8/53-8/55 NAR NAS Anacosta, DC, Asst. VF Training Officer (F8F, F4U, TBM, SNB, SNJ).
- 9/55-3/57 USS *Lexington* (CV-16), Asst. Air Ops & Weapons Employment Officer.
- 3/57-4/57 JTTU NAS Olathe KA under instruction, (TV-2, F9F).
- 4/57-9/58 VF-114 Executive Officer (F3H-2).
- 10/58-6/59 USN Test Pilot School under instruction, Class 22 (F8U, F3H-2, FJ-3/4, F4D, F11F, AD).
- 7/59-9/60 NATC Pax River, VF Branch Head WST, F4H, F3H, A3D-2Q, F8U-2N).
- 9/60-12/61 VF-161, First Commanding Officer, NAS Cecil Field, FL, NAS Miramar, CA (F3H-2).
- 1/62-10/63 USS *Oriskany* (CVA 34), Air Operations Officer.
- 11/63-9/65 OPNAV Pentagon, OP 506, Operational Requirements Branch.
- 10/6-12/66 CARDIV Six Mayport, FL Operations Officer.
- 1/67-6/69 NATC Pax River, Chief of Staff & Test Coordinator.
- 7/69-6/71 COMNAVPHIL Sangley Point, Philippines, Ops/Chief of Staff.
- 7/71-5/74 VR-24 Commanding Officer, Naples, Italy.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Stationed at Pearl Harbor 7 Dec.41 on weekend pass.
- (2) Crashed on take-off from USS *Cowpens*, VF-25, (F6F) Jun 44 at 0800. Picked up by DD and returned to CVL at 1000-no injuries. Flew on 1200 launch as CAP- Cat Shot.

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued

- (3) Shooting down Zero in one-on-one in Sept. 1944.
- (4) LSO Air Group One 7/50-7/52 approx. 9,000 cuts, (Paddles).
- (5) Test Pilot, Class 22 USN TPS, 10/58-4/59.
- (6) LSO (Paddles) on 0300 recovery subsequent to collision at sea, USS *Wasp* and USS *Hobson* (sunk) in mid Atlantic April 52. One hour delay in recovery time with 7 knots wind plus max ships speed 7 knots, total 14 knots down straight deck. Eight night VF/VA (F4U/AD,) all on # 3 wire. No wave offs. Made some good friends.
- (7) Commissioned VF-161, NAS Cecil Field with one AO2, two AN from retaining command (prison) and three stewards. Go fight!