



Andrew Lewis, VADM, USN (Ret.)

“Woody”

Hometown: Los Altos, California

High School and College: I worked as a paper boy, at a glass shop, and as unskilled labor in house renovation in high school. I was lucky enough to get an appointment to US Naval Academy, wrestled and matriculated for four years, and got one of the last pilot spots in the class of 1985.

Date Commissioned/Source: 22 May 1985 / USNA

Date of Designation: 17 April 1987 Kingsville (Snake Morris – CNATRA)

Dates of Active Duty: 22 May 1985 – 1 October 2021

Total Flight Hours: 5300

Carrier/Ship Landings: 1100

Approximate Flight Hours:
T-34, T-2, and TA-4J (1100 plus); A-7 (600); Sea Harrier (500); F/A-18 A-F, EA-18G, and F-16 (4000 plus)

Combat Tours:

Desert Storm (1991)

Deny Flight with Brits (Bosnia- 93-94)

OEF (Led first strike from ENT in October 2001)

OIF (Led first strike from TR in the Eastern Med in March 2003)

OIR (As CSG Commander).

Combat Missions: 100 plus



Commands:

VFA-15

VFA-106

CVW-3

Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center

TR / CSG-12

US Second Fleet

Joint Force Command Norfolk

Awards:

The usual Air Medals with combat Vs and Strike-Flight. My most meaningful individual awards were Sea Service Deployment ribbons, the Navy Achievement Medal I received during Desert Storm for my role in strike planning, and the Air Medal I received as DCAG when I was the on-scene commander for a mid-air near the Iranian border in the Northern Gulf. Awarded the AirPac aviator of the year in 1996, and won the Battle E as a squadron CO.

Duty Assignment Chronology

07/85-04/87 Flight student Pensacola, Corpus Christi, and Kingsville

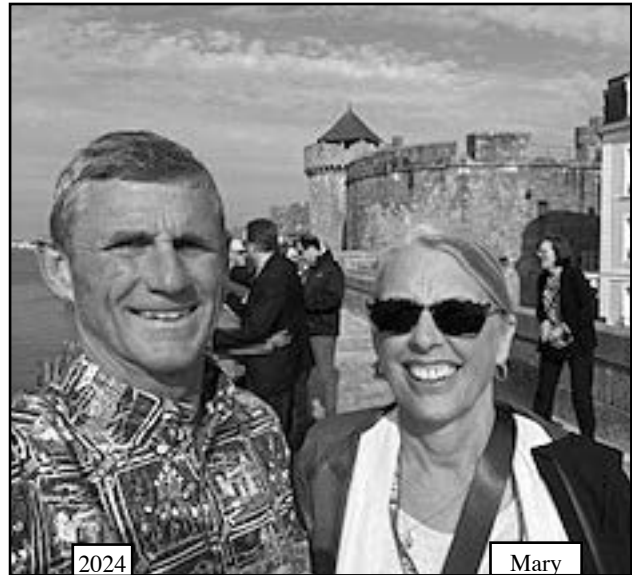
04/87-04/89 Selectively Retained Instructor (SERGRAD) T2 in Kingsville (Commodore Lonny McClung)

Apr – Nov VA-122 RAG in Lemoore (CO – Sundance Harrison)

11/89-07/91 VA-72 at Cecil Field (Embarked in JFK for two cruises). The leadership during Desert Storm in JFK was outstanding. In the front office of the Bluehawks were “Shooter” Sanders and “Lites” Leenhouts, and VA-46 was led by “Lobster” Fitzgerald. The CAG was Hardin White, the captain of the ship changed from Herb Browne to Phil Gay, and the Battle Group Commander was Riley Mixon.

07/91-05/94 Exchange tour with the Royal Navy flying the Sea Harrier FRS-1 in Yeovilton, UK (Embarked in INVINCIBLE for two deployments and a RN work-up cycle). I was the first USN pilot to fly the Sea Harrier operationally and deployed with several Falkland’s MIG Killers.

05/94-01/95: VFA-106 RAG in Cecil Field (Matt Moffit CO)
 01/95-07/97 VFA-192 at Atsugi, Japan (Embarked in INDY for two deployments) for Department Head tour under the legendary “Turk” Green.
 07/97-06/98 Air Command and Staff College Maxwell AFB, Alabama
 06/98-11/98 Armed Forces Staff College Norfolk
 11/98-08/00 Joint Warfare Analysis Center Dahlgren, Virginia
 08/00-04/01 VFA-106 RAG in Oceana (“Nose” Nosal and “Animal” Williams were the Skippers)
 04/01-11/03 XO / CO VFA-15 (Embarked in ENT x cruise and TR for cruise and work-ups)
 11/03-06/05 Executive Assistant to Airlant and the Air Boss, Jim “Zorro” Zortman. Moved from Norfolk to San Diego mid-tour.
 06/05-10/06 CO VFA-106 Oceana
 10/06-02/07 Battle Director at Al Udeid, Qatar
 02/07-02/10 DCAG and CAG-3 (C2X, Fallon, embarked in HST for three COMPTUEX and three CVW Fallon detachments) – worked for Shortney, MRT, and Blood Driscoll
 02/10-04/11 MOC Director for Shortney and MRT at NAVCENT, Bahrain
 04/11-08/12 EA to Director Joint Staff (Shortney) DC
 08/12-06/13 FFC N7 (Shortney) Norfolk
 06/13-07/14 NSAWC in Fallon, Nevada (Shortney)
 07/14-08/15 Commander CSG-12 (TR x 1 – Shortney again then Phil Davidson)
 08/15-08/17 Vice Director of J3 Joint Staff – DC
 08/17-08/18 N3N5 Navy Staff DC
 08/18-10/21: Commander SECOND Fleet, NATO Joint Force Command Norfolk, and Director Combined Joint Operations from the Sea (NATO Center of Excellence)



Summary of Significant Career Events

(1) Every day in the navy was an honor for me and my family. Serving our country alongside America’s Sailors, Soldiers, Marines, Airmen, and Coast Guardsmen; learning and flying airplanes; sailing in harm’s way; and serving in staff positions were experiences of a lifetime. The culmination of our time in the service was punctuated when assigned to re-establish the US SECOND Fleet and bring a new operational NATO Command to life.

Summary of Post Active Duty Activities/Career

(1) One year at Business Executives for National Security (BENS) and currently doing some work for the Naval War College, CAPSTONE, KEYSTONE, and as the president of a small start-up company. I am hoping to start flying and working with Shortney again in the coming months.