



**William H. Livingston, RADM, USN (Ret.)**  
 "Tag"

Date of Designation: 2 January 1943 NA # J-726

Dates of Active Duty: 9 April 1942 - 30 June 1974

Total Flight Hours: 4,800

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 317

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 1,215 Prop: 3,500 VF/VA: 3,000

Other: 1,720

Combat Tours:

WW II: VC-40 (SBDs), May 1943 - Apr. 1944, Solomon Islands, - 38 combat missions.

WW II: AG-16, VF(N) (F6F-5Ns), USS *Randolph* (CV-15)

Jun. 1945 - Sep. 1945, Japanese Homeland Campaign - 21 combat missions.

Vietnam: CO, USS *Ranger* (CVA-61), Mar. 1968 - May 1969, Vietnam, (Tonkin Gulf).

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-41 (F2H-3s), Jun. 1955 - Jun. 1957.

Director, U. S. Naval Test Pilot School, Jun. 1958 - Dec. 1960.

CO, VX-4, Jan. 1961 - Mar. 1962.

CO, USS *Ranger* (CVA-61), Mar 1968 - Jun. 1969.

Combat Awards:

Legion of Merit

3 Air Medals

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

4/42-2/43 Flight Training (NAS Atlanta and NAS Jacksonville).

2/43-3/43 Operational Training, VB, NAS Daytona Beach, FL. Carrier qualified USS *Wolverine*, Lake Michigan, March 27, 1943.



5/43-8/43 ComSoWestPac, Noumea, New Caledonia - Pool Pilot.

9/43-5/44 VC-40 (SBD's), Combat Operations, Solomon Islands Campaign.

6/44-10/44 Operational Training, VF and VF(N), NAS Vero Beach, FL.

11/44-3/45 Operational Training, VF(N), NAAF's Westerly and Charlestown, R.I.

4/45-5/45 Operational Training VF(N), NAS Barber's Point, HI.

6/45-10/45 VF(N) pilot (F6F-5N), USS *Randolph* (CV-15), Combat Operations, Japanese Homeland Campaign.

11/45-5/46 VF(N) Instructor, NAS Vero Beach, FL.

6/46-7/47 ATU-4, Instructor, NAS Jacksonville, FL.

8/47-5/49 U. S. Naval Postgraduate School (Student), Annapolis, MD.

6/49-8/49 Flight Test Division, Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, MD. (Project Pilot).

9/49-6/50 Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (Graduate Student).

7/50 FAWTULANT, NAS Key West (Refresher Training).

8/50-7/52 VF-22, (F9F-2/F2H-2), NAS Cecil Field, FL. (Maintenance Officer).

8/52-2/53 U.S. Naval Test Pilot School (USNTPS), NATC Patuxent River (Student).

3/53-3/55 Flight Test Division, NATC Patuxent River, (Project Pilot).

4/55-6/55 XO, VF-82, (F2H-4), NAS Oceana, VA.

7/55-6/57 CO, VF-41, (F2H-3), NAS Oceana, VA.

7/57-6/58 Naval War College, Newport, RI. (Student)

7/58-12/60 Director, U. S. Naval Test Pilot School, NATC Patuxent River.

1/61-4/62 CO, VX-4, NAS Pt. Mugu, CA.

5/62-5/63 USS *Hancock* (CV-19), (Operations Officer and Executive Officer).

6/63-2/66 Weapons Systems Evaluation Group, DDR&E, Pentagon, Washington, D. C.

3/66-3/67 CO, USS *Aucilla* (AO-56).

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Duty Assignment Chronology continued

- 4/67-1/68 Deputy Superintendent, U. S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA.
- 3/68-6/69 CO, USS *Ranger* (CVA-61).
- 8/69-8/70 Deputy Commander, Field Command, Defense Atomic Support Agency, Sandia Base, Albuquerque, NM. Commander, Joint Task Force Eight.
- 9/70-8/73 OPNAV (OP-982), Director, Air, Surface and Electronic Warfare Division, Pentagon.
- 9/73-6/74 U.S. Defense Attache, Naval Attache and Naval Attache for Air, United Kingdom, London, England.
- 6/30/74 Retired from active duty

**Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Married Margaret Ellen Bazler, Vero Beach, Florida in 1944. Have four daughters, four grandchildren.



- (2) Outstanding Student Award, Class Nine (9) USNTPS, 1953.
- (3) First Navy Preliminary Evaluation F11F, 1954.
- (4) U.S. Member. Advisory Group For Aeronautical Research and Development, NATO, 1958-1960.
- (5) U. S. Member, NATO Naval Armaments Group, 1970-1973.