



Greg Nosal, RDML, USN (Ret.)
"Nose"

Hometown: Everywhere and nowhere (Father was in the USAF)

High School:
Arlington Heights High School, Fort Worth, TX

Dates on Active Duty: 27 May 1981- 30 September 2013

Date Commissioned/Source:
27 May 1981/USNA

Date of Designation: 30 December 1982

Total Flight Hours: 5252

Carrier/Ship Landings: 1035 Fixed Wing/ 20 Rotary

Approximate Flight Hours:
VA/VFA/VF: 4770
SH-3/60: 79
VR/VP: 50
VS: 23
VT: 310
Other: EA-6B, E-2, B-52, Mig-29, F-4/5/15/16, C-172/182: 75

Combat tours:
Desert Storm: CVW-1/USS *America*, Jan-Apr 91, Red Sea/Persian Gulf, FA-18C
Iraqi Freedom: CVW-1/USS *Enterprise*, Jun-Aug 06, Persian Gulf, FA-18C/F, E-2, S-3, EA-6B, SH-60

Combat missions: 63; FA-18C/F, E-2, S-3, EA-6B, SH-60



Commands:

Commanding Officer, Strike Fighter Squadron 82
Commanding Officer, Strike Fighter Squadron 106
Commander, Carrier Air Wing ONE
Commander, *George H. W. Bush* Carrier Strike Group/Carrier Strike Group TWO

Awards:

Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit (2)
Meritorious Service Medal (5)
Air Medal (2 individual with combat 'V' and 6 strike flight)
Navy Commendation (4; 2 with combat 'V')
Navy Achievement (1)
VFA-86 LCDR Michael Hoff Award Nominee
VA-37 LCDR F.J. Davis Leadership Award
VA-37 Pilot of the Year
VT-25 Student Pilot of the Year

Duty Assignment Chronology

07/77-05/81 U.S. Naval Academy; Annapolis, MD
06/81-12/82 Aviation Schools Command; NAS Pensacola, FL, NAS Beeville, TX
01/83-11/83 VA-174, A-7 FRS; NAS Cecil Field, FL
11/83-08/86 VA-37; junior officer, NAS Cecil Field, FL; USS *Forrestal*
08/86-12/88 Naval Strike Warfare Center; tactics instructor, NAS Fallon, NV
02/89-05/91 Carrier Airwing ONE; Strike Warfare Officer, CAG Ops, NAS Oceana, VA USS *America*
06/91-12/91 VFA-106; replacement pilot, NAS Cecil Field, FL
12/91-05/94 VFA-86; department head, NAS Cecil Field, FL; USS *America*
06/94-08/96 Bureau of Naval Personnel; Strike Fighter Placement Officer, Navy Annex

Duty Assignment Chronology continued

08/96-02/97 VFA-106; replacement pilot, NAS Cecil Field, FL

02/97-08/99 VFA-82; Executive Officer/Commanding Officer; USS *George Washington*, USS *John F. Kennedy*

09/99-01/01 VFA-106; Commanding Officer; NAS Oceana, VA

01/01-07/02 Navy Office of Legislative Affairs, Naval Aviation Liaison to Congress

08/02-06/03 National War College, Fort McNair

07/03-02/04 VFA-106, Prospective Commander, Carrier Air Wing training

2/04-08/06 Carrier Air Wing ONE, Deputy Commander/Commander; NAS Oceana, VA USS *Enterprise*

08/06-03/07 US Northern Command/NORAD; Executive Assistant to the Commander

03/07-09/09 US Pacific Command; Executive Assistant to the Commander

09/09-09/11 OPNAV N-81D Associate Director Assessments; Pentagon

09/11-01/12 Prospective Carrier Strike Group Command training

01/12-04/13 Commander Carrier Strike Group TWO/*George H. W. Bush* Strike Group USS *George H. W. Bush*

04/13-07/13 Joint Staff, Global Force Manager J-31, Norfolk, VA

10/13 Retired from US Navy

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Fortunate and appreciative to have served with many "Great American" mentors and outstanding sailors throughout my career.
- (2) VFA-82 awarded the Battle "E" and LCDR Michael Estocin Award during squadron command. Deployed to Laage, Germany to fight and train with Former Soviet Union Mig-29s.
- (3) VFA-106, the FA-18 FRS, awarded the Safety "S." Repeated deployment to fight Mig-29s enabling replacement pilots to fight Mig-29s for their first dissimilar training.
- (4) Very proud of the success of officers who I have served with while in command:
 - a. VFA-106: Four junior officer instructors are now flag officers.
 - b. VFA-82: Seven aviators/officers achieved commander command. Two aviators achieved major command (one base/one current CVN CO)
 - c. CVW-1: 13 commanding/executive officers achieved major command (base, CAG, MAG, type wing). One commanding officer promoted to 3-star USMC general officer.
 - d. CSG-2: Five major commanders promoted to flag rank. Two are current 3-stars with one more awaiting confirmation.

(5) As a Naval Strike Warfare Center instructor, led the operational deployment of the Tactical Air Launch Decoy (TALD) to the fleet. Started Fleet Integrated Suppression Training (FIST) for airwing Fallon detachments. Key member of the Walleye reliability assessment program.

(6) Initial Strike Warfare Officer in CVW-1 and second in the Navy. After CAG (CAPT Mike Bowman) relieved CAG OPS, became the Airwing Operations Officer during Desert Shield and Desert Storm (as a pre-squadron department head). Flew multiple Desert Storm Sorties (interdiction, armed recce, defense suppression, kill box,...) and expended Walleyes on the Ramadi Bridge in Iraq with LCDR Rodger Welch.

(7) 5200+ mishap free hours. (includes one A-7 engine coming apart and one FA-18C M61 20mm machine gun exploding during a practice strafing run while deployed.)

Summary of Post Active Duty Activities/Career

- (1) Director, Lockheed Martin Center for Innovation, Suffolk, VA
- (2) Civil Air Patrol: Opportunity to continue to serve as well as fly with young cadets and instill the thrill and joy of aviation (and steer them towards naval aviation).
- (3) Tony Robbins life coach (2013)

Personal

- (1) Married Elizabeth (Liz) Donovan in 1985. We are blessed with three children; our daughter Katie and her husband Tyler and their boys Cooper and Miles; our son Greg and his wife Cheyenne and their son "Tripp;" and our son David and his girlfriend, Taylor.
- (2) We live in Virginia Beach and enjoy traveling, playing golf, volunteering, and visiting family and friends. We feel very fortunate to be a member of the Golden Eagles.

Associations/Membership/Boards:

- (1) Lifetime Member, Tailhook Association
- (2) Member, Red River Valley Association, aka The River Rats
- (3) Lifetime Member, Naval Academy Alumni Association
- (4) Wings Over American Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors
- (5) Virginia Beach Military Economic Development Advisory Committee Vice-Chairman
- (6) A-7 Corsair II Association member