

Martin G. O'Neill, Captain, USN, (Ret.) "Butch"

Date of Designation: 10 June 1942 NA # 14342

Dates of Active Duty: June 1941 - 1 July 1969.

Total Flight Hours: 4,897

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 333

# <u>Approximate Flight Hours</u>: Jet: 2,300 Prop: 2,597

### **Combat Tours:**

WW II: VC-13 (F4F), USS *Core*, 23-24 Aug. 1943. Straffed two German submarines. Damaged one sub and assisted in sinking one.

WW II: VOF-1 (F4F), USS *Wake Island*. Shot down two Japanese aircraft. Conducted ground attack sorties and naval gunfire spotting missions at Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

Vietnam: CO, USS *Currituck* (AV-7). Conducted shore bombardment with ships 5" guns, Mekong Delta.

### **Aviation Commands:**

CO, VF-14, 1 Nov. 1957 - 19 Jun. 1959.

CO, VAW-11, Jul. 1963 - Jan. 1965.

CO, USS Currituck (AV-7), 9 Feb. 1965 - 10 Feb. 1966.

CO, USS Ticonderoga (CVA-14), 1 Jun. 66 - 1 Nov. 66.

CO, USS *Franklin D. Roosevelt* (CVA-42), 10 Jan. 1967 - 20 Jun. 1967.

#### Combat Awards:

Legion of Merit - Vietnam

Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal - German sub attacks (WW II)

4 Distinguished Flying Crosses (WW II, Pacific)

13 Air Medals (WW II, Pacific)

Purple Heart (WW II, Okinawa)



## **Duty Assignment Chronology**

5/39	Entered Naval Reserve and served as an air-
	crewman in Reserve Scouting Squadron 3.
1941	Ordered to Naval Air Training Command as
	an Aviation Cadet.
7/42	Commissioned Ensign and designated a
	Naval Aviator.
8/42-45	Combat in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters
	with: Escort Scouting Squadron EIGHTEEN,
	VC-13, VOF-1 and VOF-3.
1948-51	CO, VF-134 (temporary command) and
	General Line School.
9/51-10/52	XO, 317th Fighter Interceptor Squadron
	(F-94), McChord AFB, Tacoma, WA.
10/52-4/54	Air Officer, USS Point Cruz (CVE-119).
4/54-6/56	Naval Deputy, USAF 35th Air Division, inte-
	grating Navy and Marine air defense facilities
	in support of the Air Defense Command.
6/56-11/57	Naval War College, Newport, RI Student.
11/57-6/59	CO, VF-14.
1960-7/63	CNO, Assistant for Anti-Air Warfare.
7/63-1/65	CO, VAW-11, North Island, CA.
2/65-2/66	CO, USS Currituck (AV-7).
6/66-11/66	CO, USS <i>Ticonderoga</i> (CVA-14).
1/67-6/67	CO, USS Franklin D. Roosevelt (CVA-42).
7/67-7/69	
1/07-1/09	Chief of Staff, Carrier Division Three.

## **Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Conducted Atlantic Fleet Introduction Program of the Sparrow III missile. Won Battle Efficiency Pennant and Safety Award with F3H.
- Conducted Fleet Introduction Program of E2A aircraft while CO, VAW-11.
- (3) Fired shore bombardment mission in Vietnam while servicing P5M seaplane squadron.
- (4) Served two tours with U. S. Air Force.