



Stanley F. Bloyer, Captain, USN
"Stan"

Date of Designation: May 26, 1970

Dates of Active Duty: Nov. 1, 1968 - Nov. 1, 1994

Total Flight Hours: 7,638

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,141

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,028 Prop: 310 Helo: 300 Civilian: 3,000

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VA-155, Jun. 71-Nov. 71, USS *Oriskany* (CVA-34) (A-7A).

Vietnam: VA-155, Jun. 72-Feb. 73, USS *Oriskany* (CVA-34) (A-7B).

Libya: April 15, 1968. Led successful HARM strike on Russian manned Libyan SAM site during El Dorado Canyon.

Iraq: COMCVW-6 during Operations Desert Storm and Provide Comfort, Jan. 91-Apr. 92.

Total combat missions: 200 SEASIA combat & combat support missions.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-83, May 83-Apr. 86, USS *Saratoga* (CV-60)
COMCVW-6, Jan. 91-Apr. 92 (major command) Operations Desert Storm and Provide Comfort

Combat Awards:

Distinguished Flying Cross

21 Air Medals

Navy Commendation Medal with combat "V"

Captain San Bloyer was killed in an aircraft accident on March 15, 2012, shortly after he was inducted into the Golden Eagles. Information for this Chronolog bio was taken from his nomination form and other public sources.



Significant Career Events

- (1) Upon completing Navy flight training, was named a Distinguished Naval Graduate and was offered and accepted a Regular USN commission.
- (2) Completed two Southeast Asia combat tours in VA-155, 1971-1973. Flew 200 combat/combat support missions in Vietnam. Was forced to ejected from A-7 aircraft 8 miles East-southeast of Haiphong. Managed to make it to the Gulf of Tonkin and was rescued. Flew a combat mission the next day. A month later, was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross for actions during a RESCAP mission.
- (3) As CVW-6, a Major Command (SuperCag), played principal roles in Operations Desert Storm and Provide Comfort over Iraq. In 1986 he fired the first HARM missile in combat during the Libya operation and got a direct hit on a Russian manned SAM site. (Many unhappy Libyans and Russians).
- (4) In addition to flying the Navy A-7, F/A-18, F-14, S-3B and C-1 aircraft, he held an air transport pilot certificate and was a certified flight instructor for both single and multi-engine aircraft. He was type rated in the DC-3, B-25, B-17, the SK-61 helicopter and the MIG-21. He restored his own MIG-21 and routinely flew the Russian Antonov AN-2, the worlds largest single engine biplane. He served as test pilot on an Individual Lifting Vehicle for private developers.
- (5) Started flying a Cessna 180 as a teenager and never left that airplane. He held many demanding and prestigious flying jobs in the Navy, doing outstandingly well in every one of them. He offered flight instruction in vintage aircraft and flew a variety of former military aircraft for government and defense customers for test and training purposes.