



Bret Batchelder, RADM, USN (Ret)
 “Pops”

Hometown: Parker, CO

High School and College Career:

Douglas County High School, Castle Rock, CO
 South Dakota State University (BS)
 Salve Regina University (MA)

Dates on Active Duty: 26 July 1984 – 1 September 2019

Date Commissioned/Source:

2 November 1984 - AOCs

Date of Designation: May 1986

Total Flight Hours: ~5500, + a few

Carrier/Ship Landings: 1241 Traps, a couple of weak tries in an H-60

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 5400+ Prop:100
 VFA: ~4500+ VT: 1050 (Student + IP) Helo: ~4!

Combat tours:

Desert Storm: VFA-151/CVW-5, embarked in USS *MIDWAY*, January 1991 – March 1991, FA-18A
 Iraqi Freedom: VFA-105 embarked in USS *HARRY S TRUMAN* (Eastern Med), March 2004 – May 2004, FA-18C
 Enduring Freedom: CVW-11, embarked in USS *NIMITZ*, September 2009 - January 2010, FA-18 C/E/F
 Inherent Resolve: CSG-8 embarked in USS *Harry S TRUMAN*, December 2015-July 2016, FA-18

Combat missions: 110, all in Hornets of some variant



Commands:

VFA-105
 CVW-11
 Joint Enabling Capabilities Command
 CARRIER Strike Group EIGHT
 Navy Warfare Development Command

Awards:

2 Individual Air Medals and 7 Strike Flight Air Medals

Duty Assignment Chronology

05/86 Winged - NAS Meridian, MS
 05/86-05/88 VT-7, Flight Instructor, NAS Meridian, MS, TA-4J
 06/88-04/89 VFA-125, FRS Student, NAS Lemoore, CA, FA-18A-D
 05/89-11/91 VFA-151, JO, NAF Atsugi, Japan and NAS Lemoore, CA, FA-18A
 12/91-05/95 VFA-127, Adversary Pilot, NAS Fallon, NV, FA-18A, F-5E/F
 06/95-06/96 US Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS
 07/96-08/96 VFA-125, CAT II Refresh, NAS Lemoore, CA, FA-18C/D
 08/96-08/98 VFA-151, OPSO, MO, CVW-2, USS *CONSTELLATION*, FA-18C
 08/98-02/00 Navy Personnel Command, Placement Officer, NSA Millington, TN
 03/00-04/02 VMFAT-101, XO, NAS Miramar, CA, FA-18A-D
 05/02-08/04 VFA-105, XO/CO, CVW-3, USS *HARRY S TRUMAN*, NAS Oceana, VA, FA-18C
 09/04-08/06 Joint Staff J8, Action Officer (bleeding control officer?), Pentagon, Washington, DC
 09/06-06/07 VFA-106, CAT III Refresher, NAS Oceana, VA, FA-18A-F
 07/07-05/10 CVW-11, DCAG/CAG, USS *NIMITZ*, NAS Lemoore, CA, FA-18 A-F

Duty Assignment Chronology continued

07/10-07/12 Navy Personnel Command, PERS 43, NSA
Millington, TN
08/12-08/13 OPNAV, FMB-1, Pentagon, Washington DC
11/13-02/15 Joint Enabling Capabilities Command,
Commander, NS Norfolk, VA
04/15-07/16 Carrier Strike Group EIGHT, Commander,
USS *HARRY S TRUMAN*, NS Norfolk, VA
FA-18C, E-G
08/16-08/17 Navy Warfare Development Command,
Commander, NS Norfolk, VA
08/17-08/19 United States Fleet Forces Command, Director
of Maritime Operations, Norfolk, VA

Retired

Summary of Significant Career Events

(1) Was lucky enough to fly with, and be led by, many Great Americans who trained me right and kept me on the fringe of trouble.

Summary of Post Active Duty Activities

(1) Government Relations Corporate Liaison Executive for Northrop Grumman, focus on INDOPACOM and SOCAL

Personal

(1) Enjoying Grandparenthood and spending time in rural South Dakota and the Rocky Mountains of Colorado.

Associations/Membership/Boards:

- (1) Tailhook Association
- (2) Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation