



**George B. Dom, Captain, USN (Ret.)**  
 “Elwood”

Date of Designation: 28 July 1978

Dates of Active Duty: June 1962 – June 1992.

Total Flight Hours: 6,970

Carrier/Ship Landings: 1,023

Approximate Flight Hours: Fixed wing: 7,005 Rotary: 37

Combat Tours:

USS *Coral Sea* / VFA-131: Operation Eldorado Canyon, Libya: Apr 1986

USS *America* / VFA-82: Operation Desert Storm, Iraq/Kuwait: Jan-Mar 1991

USS *Eisenhower* / VFA-37: Operation Southern Watch, Iraq: Nov 1994

USS *Eisenhower* / VFA-37: Operation Noble Anvil, Kosovo: Mar 1995

USS *Eisenhower* / CVW-7: Operation Southern Watch, Iraq: Feb-Jul 2000

Total Combat Missions: 59

Aviation Commands:

CO, Strike-Fighter Squadron 37: Apr 1995 - Jul 1996.

CO, Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron (Blue Angels): Nov 1996 - Nov 1998.

CO, Carrier Air Wing Seven: Jul 2000 - Jan 2002.

Combat Awards:

Distinguished Flying Cross (V)

Navy Commendation Medal (V) (2)

Air Medal (V) (4)

Strike-Flight Air Medals



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Awards:

Tailhooker of the Year - 2001

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit (2)

Meritorious Service Medal (3)

Navy Commendation Medal

Navy Achievement Medal

Honorary Doctor of Science, Seton Hill University

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

- 09/73-05/77 NROTC, Duke University, Battalion Commander.
- 06/77-07/78 USN Flight School: VT-2 (T-28), VT-9 (T-2C), VT-7 (TA-4J).
- 08/78-03/79 VA-122, NAS Lemoore (A-7E, TA-7C).
- 04/79-05/82 VA-146, NAS Lemoore / USS *Constellation* (A-7E).
- 06/82-06/83 VA-122, NAS Lemoore (A-7E, TA-7C, LSO).
- 07/83-01/84 VFA-125, NAS Lemoore (FA-18A, FA-18B).
- 02/84-05/86 VFA-131, NAS Lemoore, NAS Cecil Field / USS *Coral Sea* (FA-18A).
- 06/86-04/89 Navy Fighter Weps Scol (Topgun), NAS Miramar (A-4E, F-5E, F-16N, FA-18).
- 05/89-08/89 VFA-106, NAS Cecil Field (FA-18A, FA-18B, FA-18C).
- 09/89-03/9 VFA-82, NAS Cecil Field, USS *America* (FA-18C).
- 04/91-08/92 Navy Staff, OP-05, Pentagon (FA-18C).
- 09/92-05/93 National War College, Washington, DC.
- 06/93-12/93 VFA-106, NAS Cecil Field (FA-18C, FA-18D).
- 01/93-07/96 VFA-37, NAS Cecil Field / USS *Eisenhower* (FA-18C)
- 11/96-11/98 Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, NAS Pensacola.
- 12/98-6/99 VFA-106 (FA-18C), VF-101 (F-14A), NAS Oceana.
- 07/99-01/02 CVW-7 (FA-18C, F-14B, SH-60), NAS Oceana / USS *Eisenhower* / USS *JFK*.
- 01/02-06/03 Joint Staff, J-5, Pentagon.

## Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Battalion Commander, NROTC - Duke University.
- (2) Squadron and FRS LSO - nothing like waving the air wing aboard during night, pitching deck or a beautiful, sunny day at sea watching the magic of a Case-I zip-lip recovery. Or working with Cat-1's during late-night FCLPs and then watching them get their first night carrier landings on the mighty USS *Lexington*, AVT-16.
- (3) Standing up VFA-131 Wildcats, the first AIRLANT FA-18 squadron and deploying on USS *Coral Sea* for MiG intercepts and combat operations against Libya during Operation Eldorado Canyon.
- (4) Reported to Topgun as an instructor at NAS Miramar, a month after the Topgun movie was released. Project Manager of the NFWS Overland Air Superiority Training (OAST) program to remedy significant deficiencies in USN fighter performance during all Navy air wing predeployment detachments to NAS Fallon.
- (5) Authored first-ever Topgun lecture titled "Integrated Air Defense Systems" to train Topgun students in developing more effective and realistic strike plans and counter-tactics against integrated anti-air threat (EW, C2, SAMs, AAA, fighters).
- (6) January 11, 1991: leading edge flap departed my FA-18C on a fly-by of the USS *America* at 550 kts. After four ugly aileron rolls, I recovered the aircraft at an altitude of eight feet above the water. Tanked on KA-6 and diverted to NAS Sigonella.
- (7) Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross as Air Wing Strike Leader on my 36th birthday against Iraq Republican Guard forces in Kuwait despite terrible weather conditions. 2/2/1991.
- (8) Finalist for White House Fellowship and selected as Naval Aide to President. Orders cancelled when SECNAV decided the assignment was inappropriate for any naval aviator who had attended Tailhook 1991.
- (9) As squadron XO, helped successfully integrate the first AIRLANT carrier air wing when women were allowed to serve in combat.
- (10) Authored Strike-Fighter Wing Atlantic's (SFWL) number one Tac D&E project involving mixed division F-14/FA-18 tactics. Also led SFWL participation in DOD's Combat ID technology assessment and tactics development involving USAF AWACS and fighters, USN AEGIS cruisers, E-2Cs, USA Patriot Battalion, and USMC Hawk Battalion.
- (11) Served as Blue Angels' CO/Flight Leader to restore its tradition of excellence upon resignation of previous CO/Flight Leader. Two successful seasons, including the introduction of two new maneuvers: Diamond Half-Cuban Eight

on Takeoff and FA-18 Diamond Landing, the only team to land the FA-18 Hornet in formation.

(12) To dramatically reduce the requirement for FCLP that occupied a disproportionate amount of scarce resources (OPTAR, aircraft/engine life, and personnel work-hours often late at night just prior to 6-8 month deployment) and caused community unhappiness due to jet-noise, we redesigned the day carrier landing pattern to make training easier (significantly reducing the number of FCLP sorties) and to achieve higher boarding rates (day and night) and significantly greater percentage of landings on the target wire as demonstrated during work-ups and deployment.

(13) CVW-7 Team developed processes and procedures to significantly reduce the time required to complete the "kill chain" through collaboration by CVW strike planners, air crews, CVN intel analysts, and battle group assets.

(14) As Commander, CVW-7, the air wing scored the highest-ever in mission performance across all metrics during its pre-deployment detachment to NAS Fallon prior to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

## Summary of Significant PostCareer Events

(1) Upon leaving active duty I worked as a consultant in business aviation for 12 years before accepting my current position as manager of a corporate flight department for a pharmaceutical company in the San Francisco-San Jose area. With four jets (Gulfstream G650ER, Falcon 7X, Falcon 2000S x 2) and 10 pilots, we transport executives and medical/production teams all over the US and world.

(2) Concurrently, I speak to corporations and organizations of all sizes regarding naval aviation lessons in leadership and teamwork. [www.georgedom.com](http://www.georgedom.com).

(3) President of the Blue Angels Association (BAA) and board member of BAA's 501(c)(3) Blue Angels Foundation (BAF) to support wounded veterans through PTSD research, treatment, and transition assistance. [www.blueangelsfoundation.org](http://www.blueangelsfoundation.org).

## Personal

(1) Currently reside in Northern California with my wife, Rian, and two daughters -- Olivia is attending Chapman University in Southern California and Denna is a junior in high school.