



**Mark I. Fox, VADM, USN (Ret.)**  
 “MRT”

Date of Designation: 28 March 1979

Dates of Active Duty: 7 June 1978 – 1 June 2016.

Total Flight Hours: 5,041

Carrier/Ship Landings: 1,349 Fixed Wing (467 night)  
 17 Helo/Rotary Wing

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,584 Prop: 87 Helo: 90  
 VT: 250 Civilian: 120

Combat Tours:

- Libya: USS *Coral Sea* (CV-43), Operations in the vicinity of Libya 01/86 – 04/86.
- Iraq: USS *Saratoga* (CV-60), Operation Desert Shield 08/90 – 01/91.
- Iraq: USS *Saratoga* (CV-60), Operation Desert Storm 01/91 - 03/91.
- Bosnia/Herzegovina: USS *Saratoga* (CV-60), Operation Deny Flight 02/94 – 05/94.
- Iraq: USS *Enterprise* (CVN-65), Operation Southern Watch 09/96 – 11/96.
- Iraq: USS *Constellation* (CV-64), Operation Southern Watch 05/01 – 08/01.
- Iraq: USS *Constellation* (CV-64), Operation Southern Watch 12/02 – 03/03.
- Iraq: USS *Constellation* (CV-64), Operation Iraqi Freedom 03/03 – 04/03.

Total Combat Missions: 103

Commands:

- Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 81 — USS *Enterprise* (CVN 65) 1995-96.
- First CO of VFA 122, First FA-18E/F Super Hornet squadron 1998-2000.



- Carrier Air Wing 2 — USS *Constellation* (CV-64) 2001-03.
- Carrier Strike Group 10 — USS *Harry S. Truman* (CVN-75) 2008-09.
- Commander, Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center 2009-10.
- U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/U.S. 5th Fleet/ Combined Maritime Forces 2010-12.

Other Executive Leadership Assignments:

- Aviation programs LNO — USN Office of Legislative Affairs 1996-98.
- Deputy Assistant to the President and Director, White House Military Office 2003-06.
- Communications Director of Multi-National Forces, Iraq (MNF-I) in Baghdad, Iraq 2006-07.
- Deputy CNO for Operations, Plans and Strategy (N3/N5) 2012-13.
- Deputy Commander, U.S. Central Command 2013-16.

Military Awards:

- 2 Defense Distinguished Service Medals
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- Silver Star
- 3 Legion of Merit
- Distinguished Flying Cross w/ Combat ‘V’
- 2 Bronze Stars
- 5 Individual Air Medals w/Combat ‘V’ (6 Strike Flight Air Medals)
- 3 Navy Commendation Medals w/Combat ‘V’

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

- 1978-80 Flight Training - Student Naval Aviator (VT-6, VT-23, VT-21).
- 1980 VA-174 A-7E Replacement Pilot.
- 1980-83 VA-72 Weapons Training Officer.
- 1984 VA-174 A-7E Corsair II Instructor Pilot.
- 1985-87 VFA-132 Safety Officer.

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## Duty Assignment Chronology continued

1987-88 NMPC Light Attack/Strike Fighter (A-7/FA-18) JO Detailer.  
1988-89 AIRLANT Aide & Flag Lieutenant for VADM Richard M. Dunleavy, USN.  
1989 OP-05 Aide & Flag Lieutenant for VADM Richard M. Dunleavy, USN.  
1990-91 VFA-81 Operations Officer, Maintenance Officer.  
1991-93 SHAPE Maritime Plans Officer (Joint Duty).  
1993-95 VFA-81 XO.  
1995-96 VFA-81 CO.  
1996-98 Navy OLA Naval Aviation Programs Liaison.  
1998-2000 VFA-122 CO.  
2000-01 CVW-2 DCAG.  
2001-03 CVW-2 CAG.  
2003-04 White House Military Office Deputy.  
2005-06 White House Military Office Director.  
2006-07 Multi-National Force, Iraq (MNFI) Spokesman.  
2008-09 CSG-10 Commander, USS *Harry S. Truman* Carrier Strike Group.  
2009-10 NASWC Commander, Naval Strike & Air Warfare Center.  
2010-12 5th Fleet Commander  
2012-13 OPNAV DCNO, N3/N5 (Operations, Plans and Strategy).  
2013-16 CENTCOM Deputy Commander

## **Summary of Significant Career Events**

(1) Flew in the 'Line of Death' operations off of Libya aboard Coral Sea, making numerous intercepts of Libyan Fitters, Floggers and Foxbats.

(2) Launching from USS *Saratoga* in the Red Sea, scored the first Navy MiG kill of Operation Desert Storm on 17 January 1991 prior to delivering bombs on target. Was a poster child for the Strike Fighter concept for a while after that....

(3) After Desert Storm, couldn't get back from my new joint assignment at Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) to attend Tailhook '91 -- turned out missing that particular Tailhook wasn't a bad thing after all....

(4) After O-5 command of VFA-81, worked in the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs (OLA) on the Navy's highest priority programs -- the FA-18E/F Super Hornet and USS *George H.W. Bush* (CVN-77) -- little dreaming I'd have the honor and pleasure of being 5th Fleet Commander 13 years later when CVN-77, loaded with Super Hornets, make her first operational deployment.

(5) Launched off of USS *Constellation* and served as overall Mission Commander and Strike Lead for the opening strike of Operation Iraqi Freedom on 21 March 2003. Really satisfying to put together a joint and coalition opening strike of over 100 aircraft.

(6) Completed my career in Naval Aviation with nearly 5000 mishap-free flight hours in 21 different types of military aircraft, logging over 3300 hours in the F/A-18 A-F Hornet/Super Hornet and 1200 hours in the A-7E Corsair II. During my 38 year career, I flew over 100 combat sorties and logged 1349 arrested landings on 15 different aircraft carriers.

## **Summary of Significant Post Career Events**

(1) Corporate Vice President for Customer Affairs at Huntington Ingalls Industries (Washington, DC Office).