



Andrew A. Granuzzo, RADM, USN (Ret.)

“Guido”

Hometown: A native New Yorker with early days in Brooklyn and Queens. Family moved to East Quogue, LI, NY in 1955.

High School and College Career:

West Hampton Beach HS, 1958 (enlisted in the USN Oct 2 of that year)

University of West Florida, BS Mgt, 1974

Marymount University, MBA, 1984

Dates on Active Duty: 2 Oct 1958 – 1 July 2000

Date Commissioned/Source:

3 Feb 1963/NAVCAD

Date of Designation: 3 Feb 1963 NA# T8203

Total Flight Hours: 4,850

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed Wing: (8) USS *Antietam*, Rotary: 1500 (est)

Approximate Flight Hours:

Prop: 350, HT: 550, Helo: 4500 (HT incld)

Combat tours:

Viet Nam: HA(L) 3 , 01/72-- 03/72, Binh Thuy VN, UH1(B),(K),(L),(M) (Squadron Decom)

Combat missions: 22 – UH1

Commands:

HS-15

USS *Inchon*,

USS *Saipan*

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COMNAVSAFECEN

Cmdr/Dir JIATF(E)



Awards:

Distinguished Service Medal

3 Defense Superior Service Medal

4 Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal

2 Navy Commendation Medal

Good Conduct Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Duty Assignment Chronology

- 10/58-02/63 Enlisted Service - Aviation Electronics Technician, Aircrewman ZW-1 and ZP-1, and NAVCAD
- 02/63-04/63 HS-1 (DUINS), FRS, Key West, FL, SH3A
- 05/63-05/66 HS-11, Av Eq Branch, 1st Lt, Legal O, Quonset Pt, RI, SH3A
- 05/66-08/67 NAAS Fallon, NV, ATCO, SAR Pilot, H-19, C-54, C-45, H-34
- 08/67-07/69 HS-1, Power Plants O, Legal O, FRS Instructor Pilot, Key West, Fl
- 08/69-08/71 Exchange Pilot, Royal Naval Air Squadrons 700S and 826, Royal Navy, Helston, Cornwall, UK. Seaking Mk 1 (H3 Variant)
- 08/71-12/71 Army Gunship Training (DUINS) Ft Rucker, AL, UH1B
- 12/71-03/72 HA(L)-3, Squadron Pilot, Base Defense Officer, Binh Thuy, VN, UH1-B,K,L,M
- 03/72-07/74 HT-8, Flt Ldr, Maint Off, Degree Completion, Ellison Field/Whiting Field, TH-57
- 07/74-01/75 Armed Forces Staff College (DUINS), Norfolk, VA
- 01/75-08/75 HS-10, (DUINS) FRS, San Diego, CA, SH3-A
- 08/75-01/77 HS-6. Ops Officer, San Diego CA, SH3A
- 01/77-04/77 HS Wing One, Spec Projects Officer, NAS Jacksonville, FL SH3-A,D,H
- 04/77-08/78 HS-15, XO, Jacksonville, FL, SH3-H
- 08/78-01/80 Commanding Officer HS-15, Jacksonville, FL, SH3-H

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Duty Assignment Chronology continued

01/80-03/80 Nav Amphib Warfare Sch, (DUINS), Navigator Training, Norfolk, VA
03/80-05/82 USS *Forrestal* CV-59, Navigator, NavSta Mayport, FL
05/82-07/82 Com Sea Based ASW Wings Lant, Special Projects, Jacksonville, FL
07/82/-08/83 National War College (DUINS), Wash, DC. (MBA Marymount UNIV)
08/83-04/85 OPNAV, OP-554, Head, Airspace Airfields and Air Traffic Control,
04/85-07/85 BUPERS (DUINS), SOSMRC, Idaho Falls, ID
07/86-10/85 SWOS Command, (DUINS), Newport, RI
10/85-07/87 Commanding Officer, USS *Inchon*, PhilaNavShipyards and NavSta Norfolk, VA
07/87-06/89 Commanding Officer, USS *Saipan*, LHA-2, NavSta Norfolk, VA and PhilaNavShipyards
07/89-05/91 Joint Staff, J34, Chief, Joint Ops Div, J31B, Dep Dir Current Ops,
06/91-07/91 TacTraGruLant, (DUINS) Norfolk, VA
07/91-07/92 ComPhibGp-2, ComPhibStkFor, Little Creek, VA
07/92-09/94 ComNavSafeCen, Norfolk, VA
09/94-02/96 Commander/Director JIATF(E), KeyWest, FL
02/96-02/98 Dep CINC, Iberian Atlantic Area, Lisbon, Portugal
02/98-03/00 OPNAV, N45, Director Env Protection, Safety and Occ Health, Crystal City, VA
Retired 1 July '00 with almost 42 yrs continuous active duty

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Selected for Exchange Duty with Royal Navy flying the new Westland Seaking. In 2 yrs flew 837 hrs in ASW mission w over 25% night or actual instruments. Deployed in HMS Eagle to the Far East.
- (2) HAL-3 combat tour cut short by squadron decom. Flew armed combat missions supporting SEALs, Riverine Forces and ground troops and earned 1 Stk/Flt Air Medal.
- (3) Led HS-15 to operational excellence winning the Battle E and Isbell Trophy for ASW. Made rescue of downed aviator at sea and awarded a Sikorsky Winged "S".
- (4) First helo aviator to be assigned as CV Navigator.
- (5) Screened for Sequential Aviation Command and first helo aviator to screen for CV XO but never assigned.
- (6) USS *Inchon* and sequential USS *Saipan* commands successful. Took USS *Inchon* from shipyard to workups and very safe and successful Med deployment with USMC GCE and ACE. Took USS *Saipan* to NYC for Fleet Week, then in and out of 1yr Phila NSY overhaul on time (probably an LHA first). Completed workups with embarked troops and ACE and handed over just before next deployment.

(7) Joint Staff tour very challenging and pivotal to Flag selection. Started as J-34 (Psy Ops/ Civil Affairs). As Desert Shield (DS) loomed, the Chief, Joint Ops Div (CJOD), in J31, came open. I offered my services for the more exciting and relevant job to J-31, and he and the J-3 accepted. Served for 6 months as CJOD leading the joint team during DS. As Desert Storm approached I was appointed J-31B, managing Crisis Action Center/Teams until Flag selection.

(8) First Aviation Flag to Command all East Coast Amphibious Forces. Oversaw turnaround maintenance, training, and operations of forces returning from Desert Storm. Was CATF with Embarked CLF for major NATO deployment and amphibious exercise in Norway. Embarked Marine Harriers and Helos and operated safely in adverse weather. Deployed twice as CJTF4.1, coordinating counter-drug operations in Western Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and Western Pacific.

(9) As Commander Naval Safety Center, contributions to naval safety in general and Naval Aviation in particular were most significant. In '92, Navy/MC aviation mishap rate had plateaued near 3.0 class A Mishaps/ 100,000 flight hours and Class A mishap events averaged about 58/yr. Searching for new concepts, I came upon the principles of Risk Management. These were adapted to Naval culture and Operational Risk Management (ORM) emerged. This new concept was embraced by Navy/MC leadership and the forces, and along with aggressive awareness efforts produced dramatic, unprecedented, positive results. Impressive reductions were achieved in AV8 losses and CFITS. When I left the Safety Center in 9/94, FY Navy/MC Class A aviation mishap rate was 2.02 (a record low) and Class A aviation mishaps totaled 21 with 0 Fighter/Attack CFITS.

(10) Golden Helix 10/95-07/00

(11) Venerable Order of the Grey Eagle 02/97-07/00

Summary of Post Military Work

- (1) VP Safety, Emory Worldwide Airlines.
- (2) Program Director for NCS Pearson contract to hire DHS/TSA Screeners and Managers after 9/11.
- (3) Consulting in safety including a full safety audit of KBR operations in Kuwait and Iraq.
- (4) Business development consulting including Kaman KMAX with Burdeshaw.
- (5) Started successful swimming pool construction business and still part of it.

Personal

- (1) Married to the former Mary Ellen Gillmore of Pensacola
- (2) 3 grown children, 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Andy and Mary Ellen reside in Atlantic Beach FL.

Associations/Membership/Boards:

- (1) Honorary Rotarian, San Jose Rotary, Jacksonville, FL
- (2) Naval Aviation Museum Foundation Trustee
- (3) Naval Airship Association
- (4) Naval Helicopter Association
- (5) Association of Naval Aviation, Bald Eagle Squadron
- (6) Mayport Navy League Board
- (7) Dayton, Ohio Air Show Board (00-02)