



David L. Philman, RADM., USN (Ret.)
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Hometown: Bell, Florida

High School and College Career:

Bell High School (Valedictorian of 18 classmates)
 Naval Academy Prep School (last class at NTC Bainbridge, MD)
 U.S. Naval Academy, Class of 1978
 USAF Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL
 Kenan Flagler Business School, UNC

Dates on Active Duty: 7 June 1978 – 30 April 2012

Date Commissioned/Source:

07 June 1978/U.S. Naval Academy

Date of Designation: 10 January 1981 at NAS Kingsville

Total Flight Hours: Approximately 4150 including over 1000 hours each in the TA-4J, A-7E and F/18 A-F. Includes stick time in the H-60, E-6B, P-3C, P-3B, T-34C, T-2C, AH-1.

Carrier/Ship Landings: 1035

Commands:

CO Strike Fighter Squadron 151: Feb 1996 - Jun 1997
 CO Carrier Air Wing 3. Jun 2001 - Jan 2003
 CO Strike Force Training Pacific (formerly known as COMCARGRU 1). Jan 2005 - Feb 2006

Awards:

Distinguished Service Medal
 Legion of Merit (4 awards)
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards)
 Strike/Flight Air Medal (with numeral 1)
 Navy Commendation Medal (3 awards)
 Navy Achievement Medal
 Various unit citations



Duty Assignment Chronology

07/73-06/74 Naval Academy Preparatory School, NTC Bainbridge, MD.
 07/74-07/78 U.S. Naval Academy
 07/78-01/81 Aviation Schools Command
 02/81-10/81 VA-122. A-7E FRS CAT I. NAS Lemoore, CA.
 10/81-10/84 VA-146. USS *CONSTELLATION* & USS *KITTY HAWK* and at NAS Lemoore, CA
 11/84-05/87 Flight Instructor, TA-4J VT-22. NAS Kingsville, TX.
 06/87-06/89 Strike Ops. CCDG-3 USS *ENTERPRISE*
 07/89-12/89 VA-122. A-7E FRS, CAT II Refresh
 01/90-01/92 VA/VFA-27. Dept Head. USS *CARL VINSON* and NAS Lemoore, CA. A-7E to F/A-18 transition.
 02/92-05/94 U.S. Space Command. Colorado Springs, Colorado. Aide to the Deputy CINC.
 06/94-11/94 VFA-125. FA/18 FRS. CAT II Refresh
 12/94-07/97 CO/XO. VFA-151. USS *CONSTELLATION* and NAS Lemoore, CA.
 08/97-07/98 Student, U.S. Air War College. Montgomery, AL.
 08/98-03/00 Director, Aviation Programs. Navy International Programs Office.
 04/00-07/00 VFA-106. FA-18 FRS. CAT II Refresh
 08/00-07/01 Deputy CVW3 USS *HARRY S TRUMAN* and NAS Oceana, VA.
 08/01-01/03 CVW3 USS *HARRY S TRUMAN*
 02/03-05/04 Pentagon N78. Strike Aircraft Programs
 06/04-08/05 Director, Congressional Appropriations Liaison (FMBE).
 09/05-09/07 Deputy for Global Strike. U.S. Strategic Command. Omaha, NE.
 10/07-12/07 Flag Training pipeline. Various schools and seminars. FA/18 CAT III Refresh.
 01/08-02/09 Commander, Strike Force Pacific (formerly known as CarGru 1).
 03/09-05/10 Pentagon OPNAV N-88. Director, Air Warfare

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Duty Assignment Chronology continued:

06/10-05/12 Pentagon OPNAV N-9I. Director, Warfare Integration.
5/12 Retired as of 30 April 2012

Summary of Significant Career Events

(1) Was fortunate enough to serve at sea in cockpits for much of my career, to which I summarize in the phrase "I was at sea or in DC". Completed eleven major deployments and completed 1035 carrier landings onboard 12 different aircraft carriers.

(2) While deployed aboard USS *ENTERPRISE* in 1988 was the staff strike operations officer during OPERATION PRAYING MANTIS, the retaliatory action against Iranian ships after the USS *SAMUEL B. ROBERTS* suffered major damage.

(3) While a TA-4J flight instructor in Kingsville, TX lead a team of Subject Matter Experts to completely modernize the Advanced Jet training curriculum to better align and transition Students to the rigors of being a Fleet Aviator.

(4) Conducted numerous OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH missions over Iraq during lengthy deployments from 2001 – 2003. Planned and lead a major strike on Iraqi radar and missile sites while employing the new JSOW glide weapon. The strike planning, execution and post-strike analysis revealed some very important lessons learned which helped identify some design flaws that has since made the weapon much more effective.

(5) While in the Pentagon as N-88 was able to work closely with the USMC to design the Tactical Air Integration concept to better deliver Carrier Air Wing capability while preserving valuable life on the existing Fighter fleet.

(6) During the STRATCOM years, provided a reasoned voice to the rapidly changing nuclear planning, and distributed Command and Control...my least favorite assignment.

Summary of Post Military Work

(1) Acted as an independent consultant to the Aerospace Industry. Both small and large companies.

(2) Was President of the Taurean Corp, a San Antonio based cyber security company.

(3) Most of the time was spent as the Vice President of Top Aces, Corp. TAC is a company providing advanced training (Red Air) with a fleet of former Israeli F-16s, A-4N, Alpha Jet and Lears.

(4) Since 2021 am fully retired, enjoying time with family and friends.

Associations/Membership/Boards:

- (1) President of the Association of Naval Aviation (ANA)
- (2) Naval Aviation Museum Foundation
- (3) Tailhook Association
- (4) Association of Old Crows
- (5) USNA Alumni Association and Foundation
- (6) Knights of Columbus

Personal

- (1) Married to the former Sylvia Martinez of Kingsville Texas since May 1981.
- (2) We have been blessed with two wonderful daughters, Mallory and Bailey, and three grandchildren.