



Kent V. Rominger, Capt. USN (Ret.)
"Rommel"

Date of Designation: 26 September 1980

Dates of Active Duty: April 1979 – March 2005.

Total Flight Hours: 8,165

Carrier/Ship Landings: 685

Approximate Flight Hours:
Naval Aviator/NASA 5675, Space Shuttle 1667, Civilian 823

Combat Tours:
Operation Desert Storm, Iraq April – June 1991

Total Combat Missions: 10

Awards:
Defense Superior Service Medal
Distinguished Flying Cross
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
NASA Distinguished Service Medal
NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal
NASA Exceptional Service Medal
NASA Spaceflight Medal
Other Navy and NASA decorations

Duty Assignment Chronology

02/79-04/79 AOCs Graduation.
05/79-07/79 Stash Ensign VF-126.
08/79-09/80 Flight Training (VT-27, VT-26, VT-24).
10/80-10/81 F-14 RAG Student VF-124.
11/81-12/84 VF-2, NAS Miramar, USS *Ranger*, USS *Kitty Hawk* (F-14A).
01/85-03/86 Naval Post Graduate School (Aerospace Engineering MS student).
04/86-06/86 VF-124 F-14A refresher training.
07/86-07/87 USN Test Pilot School,



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08/87-08/90 Strike Aircraft Test Directorate, Carrier Suitability.
09/90-06/92 VF-211, NAS Miramar, USS *Nimitz*,(F-14B).
07/92-10/06 NASA Astronaut, Houston, TX (T-38N).
10/06-Present Transitioned to Aerospace Industry.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) TOPGUN Graduate 1983.
- (2) Logged the First Carrier Landing and Catapult launch in F-14B aboard USS *Independence* in 1988.
- (3) 1989 Test Pilot of the Year.
- (4) 1992 West Coast Fighter Pilot of the Year.
- (5) Flew 5 Space Shuttle Missions in a 6 year span, 1995-2001.
- (6) Flew 1st Space Shuttle Docking to International Space Station in 1999 (STS-96).
- (7) Chief, NASA Astronaut Office 2002 – 2006.
- (8) Astronaut Hall of Fame, 2015.

Post Military Highlights

Following retirement from the NASA Astronaut Corps in October, 2006 I went into the aerospace industry. I have held VP positions in Advanced Programs, Test and Research Development, Business Development and Strategic Programs. I was hired by ATK in 2006, ATK merged with Orbital Sciences in 2015 to become Orbital ATK. Orbital ATK was acquired by Northrop Grumman in 2018 where I currently work.

Personal

I am married to my college sweetheart, Mary Sue Rule of Durango, CO and we have one daughter, Kristin.