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I was a Redtail from August 1969 to September 1971. Below is a recent picture of my family and myself.



This was my wife's birthday party. Pictured are my son, his wife and my wife (seated). I am the old guy in the back.

My history after flight school is included below but for a summary, I entered the Navy in October 1967; had 3 flying tours in the Navy (VC-8, VP-8 and VP-56); retired in May 1994 at the rank of Captain; went to work for "belt-way" bandits from May 1994 to May 2013 and then started my own business in June 2013. Currently working part-time in my business.

We spend our summers in our Old Town Alexandria condo and our winters in our Puerto Rico condo. Old Town Alexandria offers us many restaurants and activities with access to the Potomac water taxis, and ready access to the Metro for DC trips. Puerto Rico offers us "sun and fun" in the sand; a variety of restaurants, shopping, beautiful sites like a Rain Forest and Dry Forest; and ready access to the islands of Vieques, Culebra and St Thomas. We also enjoy traveling abroad. Last year we went to Ireland and the UK, the previous trip was to the Canadian Rockies and prior to that was a train trip through northern Spain (St James Trail to Santiago) and a trip to Barcelona and Madrid.

As a humorous item, I remember the weekend night that David Settle (a young boot at the time) was on duty when he received a call where the caller said he was Colonel Sanders from Gitmo and told us to set condition "Red Fried Chicken". This created quite a commotion, with the first problem of getting the safe open and the second problem was the call to the skipper who instead of going to the squadron went to the party. I remember the skipper saying that he thought to himself, "Sanders-Chicken" and decided to go to the party.

History

VP-31, San Diego CA: May 1969 to August 1969 P-2 RAG. I was with Jake and we went somewhat "native" while in San Diego. We got reprimanded twice for our long hair.

VC-8, Rosey Roads: August 1969 to September 1971, flew P-2, S-2, and T-28. Even got some co-pilot time in the H-34 and H-1.

VP-30, Patuxent River, MD: Jan 1972 to April 1972, RAG for P-3s

VP-8, Brunswick ME: April 1972 February 1975, flew P-3A (went from the oldest P-2s to the oldest P-3s in the fleet also went from fair winds to snow)

Naval Post-Graduate School (NSPG), Monterey CA: February 1975 to April 1978, earned a Masters of Science in Engineering Acoustics (really enjoyed the tour – great area and restaurants - son born here)

ASW Operations Center (ASWOC), Sigonella Sicily: May 1978 to May 1980, Operations Officer and OIC (allowed us to travel around Europe – London, Amsterdam, Denmark, Bergen-Norway, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Berchtesgaden, Salzburg, Athens, Rhodes, Crete)

VP-56, Jacksonville FL: November 1980 to September 1982, flew the P-3C NUD (again oldest to the oldest in the fleet)

Naval Electronic Systems Command/Space and Naval Ware Systems Command, Washington DC: September 1982 to May 1994 (the dreaded DC tour):

- Over-The-Horizon Detection, Classification, and Targeting System: Test and Evaluation Director
- ASWOC: Project Manager
- Shipboard Non-Tactical ADP System/Naval Tactical Command Support System: Major Program Manager
- Naval Command and Control System: Major Program Manager

Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc., Arlington, VA: May 1994 to November 1997, Senior Associate

Systems Integration and Management, Inc., Arlington, VA: November 1997 to July 2000, Executive Vice President, Operations

C-CUBED Corporation, Arlington, VA: July 2000 to November 2003, Director, Program Management and Business Development

Kadix Systems LLC, Arlington VA: November 2003 to August 2008, Vice President, Business Development

Dynamics Research Corporation (DRC), Arlington, VA: August 2003 to May 2013, Vice President, Proposal Operations

R&C Bostian Consultants, LLC, Alexandria VA: June 2013 to Present, Owner