

AVIATION TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

William S. Donaldson Cdr. USN Ret.

❖ Civilian

- Certified Flight Instructor
- Commercial Single and Multi-Engine Land Instrument Pilot

❖ Military Experience – 24 ½ years.

- Navy Attack Pilot, A4, A6 Aircraft, 86 Combat Missions
- Special Instrument Rated
- 450 Carrier Landings in 7 Aircraft types
- Qualified Carrier Transport Plane Commander, day & night
- Qualified Nuclear Weapons Loading & Delivery
- Qualified Air Wing Strike Leader
- Qualified to deliver all air-to-ground conventional weapons
- Qualified Advanced Jet Flight Instructor in following phases:
 - Advanced Instruments
 - Advanced Aerobatics
 - Advanced Formation
 - Advanced Air to Air Gunnery
 - Advanced Bombing
 - Advanced Rocketry
 - Advanced Air to Ground Gunnery
 - Advanced Air Combat Maneuvering
 - Advanced Low Altitude Navigation
 - Advanced Armed Reconnaissance
- Qualified Carrier Air Traffic Controller
- Carrier Controlled Approach Officer – 2 years
- Served tours in aircraft maintenance as:
 - Line Division Officer
 - Aviation Weapons Officer
 - DSST Maintenance Officer
 - Maintenance Officer
- Post Maintenance Check Pilot in 6 aircraft types
- Graduate of Naval Postgraduate Schools, Long Course, Aviation Safety / Crash Investigation.

- Served tours as both Squadron and Air-Wing Safety Officer / Crash Investigator for mishaps ashore and afloat.
- Wide spectrum of investigation experience, including a missile shootdown, aircraft recovery at sea, etc.
- Author of six technical articles published for Navy / Marine Corps tactical pilots in Approach Magazine.
- Served on temporary assignment as a JAG investigator for Commander in Chief Atlantic, investigating FAA misconduct at Jacksonville Radar Air Traffic Control Center.
- Assigned by Chief of Naval Air Training to personally inspect each advanced jet training aircraft and brief every advanced jet flight instructor on procedures to prevent loss of control ejections during air combat maneuver training. Losses went from 4 per year to zero.

❖ Awards Received

- Defense Meritorious Service Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Air Medal (7 Awards)
- Joint Commendation Medal
- Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V
- Navy Achievement Medal
- Sea Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon
- Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon
- National Service Medal
- Navy E Ribbon (3 Awards)
- Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry
- Republic of Vietnam Service Medal
- Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal
- Pistol Expert Medal

❖ Professional Education

- Naval Aviation Training – Jet
- Aviation Safety School
- Carrier Air Control Approach School
- Conventional Weapons School
- Nuclear Weapons School
- NATO Nuclear Weapons Release School
- NATO Joint Weapons Targeting School
- NATO Ace Weapons Employment School
- Fire Fighting School
- Jungle, Escape, Survival School (Philippines)
- SERE School, Ramgely, Maine
- AIRPLANT Maintenance Officers School
- AIRPLANT Administrative Officers School