

# Donald Godwin Bringle

Don Bringle was born in Portsmouth, Virginia to retired Admiral and Mrs. William F. Bringle. Graduating from the DOD school at High Wycombe, England, he proceeded to the United States Naval Academy in 1972. Graduating in 1976 with a Bachelors of Science in Ocean Physics, he proceeded to Naval Aviation Flight Training, earning his Wings in 1977. Completing training with the highest Composite Grades of any Naval Aviation Training Command graduate for the period 01 July to 31 December 1977, he was ordered to NAS Miramar to fly the F-14A TOMCAT.

His operational sea-duty tours included Fighter Squadrons VF-2 11, VF- 114, command of VF-213 and the staff of Commander, Carrier Group SEVEN. He completed eight deployments, accumulated 3900 hours and flew 940 carrier missions in the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans, and the Mediterranean Sea. He earned his Officer of the Deck Underway (OOD), Independent Steaming (USS ENTERPRISE, 1988) and Command Duty Officer Underway (CDO), (USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN, 1993). He was also published in the United States Naval Institute PROCEEDINGS in 1989 and 1996.

Don Bringle's shore duty tours included instructor duty at the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN), Personal Aide to Vice President George H. W. Bush, Junior Officer Assignments at the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Operations and Executive Officers at the F-14 TOMCAT Fleet Replacement Squadron (VF-124) and Fighter Class Desk at Commander, Naval Air Forces Pacific Fleet. He earned a Masters of Science degree from the University of Southern California in Systems Management (1989).

He was selected for promotion one year early to Commander (O-5) in 1989 and selected to Captain (O-6) in 1996. He was awarded two Meritorious Service Medals, the Air Medal (Operation Southern Watch), two Navy Commendation Medals, and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Retiring from the U. S. Navy in April 1998, he dealt with the medical and care issues involved with his father, who suffered a massive stroke, until his passing away in 1999. He was hired by United Airlines in November 1998 as a Flight Officer. Served as the Political Director, San Diego Republican Party, managing and directing the Voter Registration Project for the 2000 election cycle. Additionally, he has been coordinating with Commander, Naval Air Forces Pacific Fleet, to implement a Force-wide leadership recognition awards and Junior Officer Squadron preparation training programs.