

William F. "Bill" Conklin

Athens, Georgia; Iowa City, Iowa; Pre-Flight Class (#12 Midshipman)

Name WILLIAM F. (BILL) CONKLIN Pre Flight Class? Athens, Iowa City
College BUCKNELL, COLG.V., U.Va Degree/s _____
Date Received Wings 2/21/47 V USN _____ USNR (F4U)
First Squadron VF-23 Type Aircraft: CORSAIRS
Deployed to MED, USS MIDWAY Number of deployments _____
Combat Tours: Korea 1/5; Viet Nam 1/6 (Cruises/Months)
Active Duty until 6/1/68 Number of Years 22 Active, 2 Inactive
Highest Rank Held CDR Total Flight Hours 5500 Number CV Landings 550
Types of Planes Flown F8-E, SCIMITAR, GANNET, WYVERN, SEAHAWK, SEA VENOM
(Include Any Unique Aircraft?) (2 yrs. Exchange w/ RN)
Are You a Member of: ANA V, Tailhook _____, Naval Aviation Museum _____

Retired as CO VF-194, ^{F8E} CRUSADERS (PACKET "E")
Hold USCG MASTERS LICENSE, WAS CAPTAIN OF
CRUISE SKIP (American Cruise Line). President
of Conklin Marine Centre, Annapolis, MD.
1981-1992, trained 1800 mariners for captains
licenses. Cruised 6 yrs on sailboat while
writing articles for SAH, BOATING and others.
Author of Tailhook (MASTER, MATE + OPERATOR)
for Epaves, Inc. the nation's largest
maritime licensing company. Wife, Buzzy also
holds master's license and was captain of 89
passenger tour boat (Key West).