

TACAMO Hall of Fame – 2021

William “Buff” Crowell II – Posthumous, TACAMO Sailor/Industry Partner TACAMO Survivors Association Founding Member

Service

- VQ-3 (OCT 82 - JAN 86)
- VQ-4 (JUN 89 - MAR 93)
- PMA Supporting Contractor (1994 –2021)

Key Jobs

- Key member of the VQ-4 “no standdown” EC-130Q to E-6A transition
- Recognized leader of legacy EC-130Q flight crews when the community focus was on qualifying E-6A crews
- As a supporting contractor lead for PMA Training, drove improvements in maintenance training devices for the E-6B engine, airframe, and mission equipment systems
- Responsible for enhanced E-6B flight simulators, leading to reduced landing cycles on the E-6 airframe while providing capabilities for pilot day air refueling currency
- Northrup Gruman Program Manager for Multi-Role - Tactical Data Link (MR-TCDL), an essential E-6B mission system during aircraft multi-role tasking at higher DEFCONs

Leadership/Contributions

- Aircraft/Mission Commander on the last TACAMO EC-130Q deployment
- Aircraft Commander on the final transfer of a TACAMO EC-130Q to the Boneyard
- Essential element in bridging community camaraderie between past and present TACAMO personnel; supported Navy’s retention efforts for quality Sailors, Chiefs and Officers
- Established TACAMO Survivors Association, supported the creation of TCVA

Community Service

- Recognized across the Chief’s Mess as a “Community Legend” whose genuine concern for Sailors, Chiefs, and families significantly boosted morale

Peer Recognition

- Retired Chief Petty Officers Associated
- Former COs, Commodores and PMAs
- TCVA Board of Directors