

List of Navy and Marine Corps Shoot Downs Since 1950

The following list of enemy aircraft shot down since 1950 covers only those shoot downs that are confirmed. There are a number of cases in which adequate information or verification was not available or could not be substantiated for a shoot down. These shoot downs, usually identified as “probables”, are not placed on this list. The Navy Department does not have a written policy regarding the requirements for the verification of a shoot down. It is generally accepted or believed that when an aerial engagement occurs, the pilot, NFO (RIO), or other witness must actually see the enemy aircraft crash, explode or the pilot ejecting from the enemy aircraft. The Navy has used gun camera footage since World War II. However, during the 1980s the Navy began using modern equipment more extensively, such as heads-up displays and gun camera footage, to document and verify shoot downs.

AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN DURING THE KOREAN WAR BY USN/USMC PILOTS

Date	Enemy Aircraft	Squadron	Aircraft	Weapon	Carrier	Rank	Service	Pilot	RIO/NFO
03 Jul 1950	YAK-9	VF-51	F9F-3	Guns	CV 45	LTJG	USN	Leonard H. Plog	
03 Jul 1950	YAK-9	VF-51	F9F-3	Guns	CV 45	ENS	USN	Eldon W. Brown	
04 Sep 1950	IL-4	VF-53	F4U-4B	Guns	CV 45	ENS	USN	Edward V. Laney, Jr.	
09 Nov 1950	MiG-15	VF-111	F9F-2B	Guns	CV 47	LCDR	USN	William T. Amen	
18 Nov 1950	MiG-15***	VF-52	F9F-3	Guns	CV 45	LCDR	USN	William E. Lamb	(shared with LT Parker)
18 Nov 1950	MiG-15***	VF-52	F9F-3	Guns	CV 45	LT	USN	Robert E. Parker	(shared with LCDR Lamb)
18 Nov 1950	MiG-15	VF-31	F9F-2	Guns	CV 32	ENS	USN	Frederick C. Weber	
22 Dec 1950	MiG-15	5th A.F.	F-86	Guns	*	LCDR	USN	Paul E. Pugh	
21 Apr 1951	YAK-9	VMF-312	F4U-4	Guns	CVL 29	LT	USMC	Harold D. Daigh	
21 Apr 1951	2 YAKs	VMF-312	F4U-4	Guns	CVL 29	CAPT	USMC	Phillip C. DeLong	
01 Jun 1951	MiG-15	5th A.F.	F-86D	Guns	*	LT	USN	Simpson Evans, Jr.	
01 Jul 1951	PO-2	VMF(N)-513	F7F-3N	Guns	*	CAPT	USMC	Edwin B. Long	WO Robert C. Buckingham
12 Jul 1951	PO-2	VMF(N)-513	F4U-5NL	Guns	*	CAPT	USMC	Donald L. Fenton	
23 Sep 1951	PO-2	VMF(N)-513	F7F-3N	Guns	*	MAJ	USMC	Eugene A. Van Gundy	MSgt Thomas H. Ullom
23 Oct 1951	MiG	5th A.F.	F-84E	Guns	*	LT	USN	Walter Schirra	
04 Nov 1951	MiG-15	5th A.F.	F-86	Guns	*	MAJ	USMC	William F. Guss	

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05 Mar 1952	MiG-15	5th A.F.	F-86	Guns	*	CAPT	USMC	Vincent J. Marzello	
16 Mar 1952	MiG-15	5th A.F.	F-86	Guns	*	LCOL	USMC	John S. Payne	
07 Jun 1952	YAK-9	VMF(N)-513	F4U-5NL	Guns	*	LT	USMC	John W. Andre	
10 Sep 1952	MiG	VMA-312	F4U-4B	Guns	CVE 118	CAPT	USMC	Jesse G. Folmar	
15 Sep 1952	MiG-15	5th A.F.	F-86	Guns	*	MAJ	USMC	Alexander J. Gillis	
28 Sep 1952	2 MiG-15s	5th A.F.	F-86	Guns	*	MAJ	USMC	Alexander J. Gillis	
03 Nov 1952	YAK-15	VMF(N)-513	F3D-2	Guns	*	MAJ	USMC	William T. Stratton, Jr.	MSgt Hans C. Hoglind
08 Nov 1952	MiG	VMF(N)-513	F3D-2	Guns	*	CAPT	USMC	Oliver R. Davis	WO Dramus F. Fessler
18 Nov 1952	MiG-15	VF-781	F9F-5	Guns	CVA 34	LT	USN	Elmer Royce Williams	
18 Nov 1952	MiG-15	VF-781	F9F-5	Guns	CVA 34	LTJG	USN	John D. Middleton	
10 Dec 1952	PO-2	VMF(N)-513	F3D-2	Guns	*	LT	USMC	Joseph A. Corvi	MSgt Don R. George
12 Jan 1953	MiG	VMF(N)-513	F3D-2	Guns	*	MAJ	USMC	Elswin P. Dunn	MSgt Lawrence J. Fortin
20 Jan 1953	MiG-15	5th A.F.	F-86	Guns	*	CAPT	USMC	Robert Wade	
28 Jan 1953	MiG	VMF(N)-513	F3D-2	Guns	*	CAPT	USMC	James R. Weaver	MSgt Robert P. Becker
31 Jan 1953	MiG	VMF(N)-513	F3D-2	Guns	*	LCOL	USMC	Robert F. Conley	MSgt James N. Scott
07 Apr 1953	MiG-15	5th A.F.	F-86	Guns	*	MAJ	USMC	Roy L. Reed	
12 Apr 1953	MiG-15	5th A.F.	F-86	Guns	*	MAJ	USMC	Roy L. Reed	
16 May 1953	MiG-15	5th A.F.	F-86F	Guns	*	MAJ	USMC	John F. Bolt	
17 May 1953	MiG-15***	5th A.F.	F-86	Guns	*	CAPT	USMC	Dewey F. Durnford (credit for half kill)	
18 May 1953	MiG-15	5th A.F.	F-86	Guns	*	CAPT	USMC	Harvey L. Jensen	
16 Jun 1953	PO-2	VMC-1	AD-4	Guns	*	MAJ	USMC	George H. Linnemeier	CWO Vernon S. Kramer
22 Jun 1953	MiG-15	5th A.F.	F-86F	Guns	*	MAJ	USMC	John F. Bolt	
24 Jun 1953	MiG-15	5th A.F.	F-86F	Guns	*	MAJ	USMC	John F. Bolt	
30 Jun 1953	MiG-15	5th A.F.	F-86F	Guns	*	MAJ	USMC	John F. Bolt	
30 Jun 1953	2 YAK-18s	VC-3DetD**	F4U-5N	Guns	CV 37**	LT	USN	Guy P. Bordelon, Jr.	
05 Jul 1953	2 PO-2s	VC-3DetD**	F4U-5N	Guns	CV 37**	LT	USN	Guy P. Bordelon, Jr.	
11 Jul 1953	2 MiG-15s	5th A.F.	F-86F	Guns	*	MAJ	USMC	John F. Bolt	
12 Jul 1953	MiG-15	5th A.F.	F-86H	Guns	*	MAJ	USMC	John H. Glenn	
16 Jul 1953	PO-2	VC-3DetD**	F4U-5N	Guns	CV 37**	LT	USN	Guy P. Bordelon, Jr.	
19 Jul 1953	MiG-15	5th A.F.	F-86H	Guns	*	MAJ	USMC	John H. Glenn	

20 Jul 1953	2 MiG-15s	5th A.F.	F-86	Guns	*	MAJ	USMC	Thomas M. Sellers
22 Jul 1953	MiG-15	5th A.F.	F-86H	Guns	*	MAJ	USMC	John H. Glenn

* Shore based or exchange duty with the 5th Air Force in Korea.

** Temporary additional duty (TAD) from Princeton to U.S. 5th Air Force in Korea (Navy and Marine Corps pilots had exchange duty with the 5th Air Force).

*** The credit for the shoot down of this aircraft is shared with another pilot so the person is credited for only a half a shoot down.

AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN DURING THE VIETNAM WAR BY USN/USMC PILOTS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Enemy Aircraft</i>	<i>Squadron</i>	<i>Aircraft</i>	<i>Weapon</i>	<i>Carrier</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Pilot</i>	<i>RANK AND NAME OF RIO/NFO</i>
17 Jun 1965	MiG-17	VF-21	F-4B	AIM-7	CVA 41	USN	CDR	Louis Page	LT John C. Smith, Jr.
17 Jun 1965	MiG-17	VF-21	F-4B	AIM-7	CVA 41	USN	LT	Jack E. D. Batson, Jr.	LCDR Robert B. Doremus
20 Jun 1965	MiG-17	VA-25	A-1H	Guns	CVA 41	USN	LT	Clinton B. Johnson*	
20 Jun 1965	MiG-17	VA-25	A-1H	Guns	CVA 41	USN	LTJG	Charles W. Hartman III*	
12 Jun 1966	MiG-17	VF-211	F-8E	AIM-9D	CVA 19	USN	CDR	Harold L. Marr	
21 Jun 1966	MiG-17	VF-211	F-8E	Guns	CVA 19	USN	LT	Eugene J. Chancy	
21 Jun 1966	MiG-17	VF-211	F-8E	AIM-9D	CVA 19	USN	LTJG	Phillip V. Vampatella	
13 Jul 1966	MiG-17	VF-161	F-4B	AIM-9D	CVA 64	USN	LT	William M. McGuigan	LTJG Robert M. Fowler
09 Oct 1966	MiG-21	VF-162	F-8E	AIM-9	CVA 34	USN	CDR	Richard M. Bellinger	
09 Oct 1966	MiG-17	VA-176	A-1H	Guns	CVS 11	USN	LTJG	William T. Patton	
20 Dec 1966	An-2	VF-114	F-4B	AIM-7E	CVA 63	USN	LT	Hugh D. Wisely	LTJG David L. Jordan
20 Dec 1966	An-2	VF-213	F-4B	AIM-7E	CVA 63	USN	LT	David A. McRae	ENS David N. Nichols
24 Apr 1967	MiG-17	VF-114	F-4B	AIM-9D	CVA 63	USN	LT	Hugh D. Wisely	LTJG Gareth L. Anderson
24 Apr 1967	MiG-17	VF-114	F-4B	AIM-9B	CVA 63	USN	LCDR	Charles E. Southwick	ENS James W. Laing
01 May 1967	MiG-17	VF-211	F-8E	AIM-9D	CVA 31	USN	LCDR	Marshall O. Wright	
01 May 1967	MiG-17	VA-76	A-4C	Zuni	CVA 31	USN	LCDR	Theodore R. Swartz	
19 May 1967	MiG-17	VF-211	F-8E	AIM-9D	CVA 31	USN	CDR	Paul H. Speer	
19 May 1967	MiG-17	VF-211	F-8E	AIM-9D	CVA 31	USN	LTJG	Joseph M. Shea	
19 May 1967	MiG-17	VF-24	F-8C	AIM-9D	CVA 31	USN	LCDR	Bobby C. Lee	
19 May 1967	MiG-17	VF-24	F-8C	AIM-9D	CVA 31	USN	LT	Phillip R. Wood	
21 Jul 1967	MiG-17	VF-24	F-8C	AIM-9D	CVA 31	USN	CDR	Marion H. Isaacks	
21 Jul 1967	MiG-17	VF-24	F-8C	**	CVA 31	USN	LCDR	Robert L. Kirkwood	
21 Jul 1967	MiG-17	VF-211	F-8E	***	CVA 31	USN	LCDR	Ray G. Hubbard, Jr.	
10 Aug 1967	MiG-21	VF-142	F-4B	AIM-9	CVA 64	USN	LTJG	Guy H. Freeborn	ENS Robert J. Elliot

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10 Aug 1967	MiG-21	VF-142	F-4B	AIM-9	CVA 64	USN	LCDR	Robert C. Davis	LCDR Gayle O. Elie
26 Oct 1967	MiG-21	VF-143	F-4B	AIM-7	CVA 64	USN	LTJG	Robert P. Hickey, Jr.	LTJG Jeremy G. Morris
30 Oct 1967	MiG-17	VF-142	F-4B	AIM-7E	CVA 64	USN	LCDR	Eugene P. Lund	LTJG James R. Borst
14 Dec 1967	MiG-17	VF-162	F-8E	AIM-9D	CVA 34	USN	LT	Richard E. Wyman	
17 Dec 1967	MiG-17	13 TFS	F-4D	AIM-4	432 TRW	USAF	1LT	John D. Ryan, Jr.	CAPT Doyle D. Baker USMC
26 Jun 1968	MiG-21	VF-51	F-8H	AIM-9	CVA 31	USN	CDR	Lowell R. Myers	
09 Jul 1968	MiG-17	VF-191	F-8E	**	CVA 14	USN	LCDR	John B. Nichols III	
10 Jul 1968	MiG-21	VF-33	F-4J	AIM-9	CVA 66	USN	LT	Roy Cash, Jr.	LT Joseph E. Kain, Jr.
29 Jul 1968	MiG-17	VF-53	F-8E	AIM-9	CVA 31	USN	CDR	Guy Cane	
01 Aug 1968	MiG-21	VF-51	F-8H	AIM-9	CVA 31	USN	LT	Norman K. McCoy	
19 Sep 1968	MiG-21	VF-111	F-8C	AIM-9	CVS 11	USN	LT	Anthony J. Nargi	
28 Mar 1970	MiG-21	VF-142	F-4J	AIM-9	CVA 64	USN	LT	Jereome E. Beaulier	LT Steven J. Barkley
19 Jan 1972	MiG-21	VF-96	F-4J	AIM-9	CVA 64	USN	LT	Randall H. Cunningham	LTJG William P. Driscoll
06 Mar 1972	MiG-17	VF-111	F-4B	AIM-9	CVA 43	USN	LT	Gary L. Weigand	LTJG William Freckleton
06 May 1972	MiG-17	VF-51	F-4B	AIM-9	CVA 43	USN	LCDR	Jerry B. Houston	LT Kevin T. Moore
06 May 1972	MiG-21	VF-114	F-4J	AIM-9	CVA 63	USN	LT	Rorbert G. Hughes	LTJG Adolph J. Cruz
06 May 1972	MiG-21	VF-114	F-4J	AIM-9	CVA 63	USN	LCDR	Kenneth W. Pettigrew	LTJG Michael J. McCabe
08 May 1972	MiG-17	VF-96	F-4J	AIM-9	CVA 64	USN	LT	Randall H. Cunningham	LTJG William P. Driscoll
10 May 1972	MiG-21	VF-92	F-4J	AIM-9	CVA 64	USN	LT	Curt Dose	LCDR James McDevitt
10 May 1972	2 MiG-17s	VF-96	F-4J	AIM-9	CVA 64	USN	LT	Matthew J. Connelly III	LT Thomas J. J. Blonski
10 May 1972	MiG-17	VF-51	F-4B	AIM-9	CVA 43	USN	LT	Kenneth L. Cannon	LT Roy A. Morris, Jr.
10 May 1972	3 MiG-17s	VF-96	F-4J	AIM-9	CVA 64	USN	LT	Randall H. Cunningham	LTJG William P. Driscoll
10 May 1972	MiG-17	VF-96	F-4J	AIM-9	CVA 64	USN	LT	Steven C. Shoemaker	LTJG Keith V. Crenshaw
18 May 1972	MiG-19	VF-161	F-4B	AIM-9	CVA 41	USN	LT	Henry A. Bartholomay	LT Oran R. Brown
18 May 1972	MiG-19	VF-161	F-4B	AIM-9	CVA 41	USN	LT	Patrick E. Arwood	LT James M. Bell
23 May 1972	2 MiG-17s	VF-161	F-4B	AIM-9	CVA 41	USN	LCDR	Ronald E. McKeown	LT John C. Ensich
11 Jun 1972	MiG-17	VF-51	F-4B	AIM-9	CVA 43	USN	CDR	Foster S. Teague	LT Ralph M. Howell
11 Jun 1972	MiG-17	VF-51	F-4B	AIM-9	CVA 43	USN	LT	Winston W. Copeland	LT Donald R. Bouchoux
21 Jun 1972	MiG-21	VF-31	F-4J	AIM-9	CVA 60	USN	CDR	Samuel C. Flynn, Jr.	LT William H. John
10 Aug 1972	MiG-21	VF-103	F-4J	AIM-7E	CVA 60	USN	LCDR	Robert E. Tucker, Jr.	LTJG Stanley B. Edens
12 Aug 1972	MiG-21	58 TFS	F-4E	AIM-7	432 TRW	USMC	CAPT	Lawrence G. Richard	LCDR Michael J. Eitel USN

11 Sep 1972	MiG-21	VMFA-333	F-4J	AIM-9	CVA 66	USMC	MAJ	Lee T. Lassiter	CAPT John D. Cummings
28 Dec 1972	MiG-21	VF-142	F-4J	AIM-9	CVAN 65	USN	LTJG	Scott H. Davis	LTJG Goeffrey H. Ulrich
12 Jan 1973	MiG-17	VF-161	F-4B	AIM-9	CVA 41	USN	LT	Victor T. Kovaleski	LT James A. Wise

* These two pilots shared the credit for the shoot down of the MiG-17 and each were credited for only a half a shoot down.

** Shoot down involved use of missile (AIM-9) and guns.

*** Shoot down involved use of guns and Zuni rockets.

AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN DURING THE LIBYAN INCIDENTS OF THE 1980s

<i>Date</i>	<i>Enemy Aircraft</i>	<i>Squadron</i>	<i>Aircraft</i>	<i>Weapon</i>	<i>Carrier</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Pilot</i>	<i>RANK AND NAME OF RIO/NFO</i>
19 Aug 1981	Su-22	VF-41	F-14A	AIM-9L	CVN 68	USN	CDR	Hank Kleeman	LT Dave Venlet
19 Aug 1981	Su-22	VF-41	F-14A	AIM-9L	CVN 68	USN	LT	Larry Muczynski	LT Jim Anderson
04 Jan 1989	MiG-23	VF-32	F-14A	AIM-7	CV 67	USN	LT	Herman C. Cook III	LCDR Steven P. Collins
04 Jan 1989	MiG-23	VF-32	F-14A	AIM-9	CV 67	USN	CDR	Joseph B. Connelly	CDR Leo F. Enwright, Jr.

AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN DURING THE PERSIAN GULF WAR

<i>Date</i>	<i>Enemy Aircraft</i>	<i>Squadron</i>	<i>Aircraft</i>	<i>Weapon</i>	<i>Carrier</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Pilot</i>	<i>RANK AND NAME OF RIO/NFO</i>
17 Jan 1991	MiG-21	VFA-81	F/A-18C	AIM-9M	CV 60	USN	LCDR	Mark Fox	
17 Jan 1991	MiG-21	VFA-81	F/A-18C	AIM-9M	CV 60	USN	LT	Nick Mongillo	
06 Feb 1991	Hi-8	VF-1	F-14A	AIM-9M	CV 61	USN	LT	Stuart Broce	CDR Ron McElraft

AIRCRAFT CARRIER NAMES AND DESIGNATIONS

<i>Intrepid</i> (CVS 11)	<i>Leyte</i> (CV 32)	<i>Valley Forge</i> (CV 45)	<i>Constellation</i> (CVA 64)	<i>Sicily</i> (CVE 118)
<i>Ticonderoga</i> (CVA 14)	<i>Oriskany</i> (CVA 34)	<i>Phillipine Sea</i> (CV 47)	<i>Enterprise</i> (CVAN 65)	
<i>Hancock</i> (CVA 19)	<i>Princeton</i> (CV 37)	<i>Saratoga</i> (CVA 60)	<i>America</i> (CVA 66)	
<i>Bataan</i> (CVL 29)	<i>Midway</i> (CVA 41)	<i>Ranger</i> (CV 61)	<i>John F. Kennedy</i> (CV 67)	
<i>Bon Homme Richard</i> (CVA 31)	<i>Coral Sea</i> (CVA 43)	<i>Kitty Hawk</i> (CVA 63)	<i>Nimitz</i> (CVN 68)	

Acronyms:

TRW—Tactical Reconnaissance Wing

TFS—Tactical Fighter Squadron

NFO—Naval Flight Officer

RIO—Radar Intercept Officer



A VQ-1 EC-121M aircraft similar to the one shot down by the Koreans on 15 April 1969.