

Theodore W. Triebel, Captain, USN (Ret.) "Ted"

Date of Designation: 18 January 1966 NA # V23358

Dates of Active Duty: 5 June 1964 - 1 August 1993.

Total Flight Hours: 4,421

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 643

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,301 Prop: 120 VF/VA: 4,214

#### **Combat Tours:**

Vietnam: VF-213, USS *Kitty Hawk*, Nov. 1966-June 1967 Vietnam: VF 213, USS *Kitty Hawk*, Nov. 1967-June 1968 Vietnam: VF-151, USS *Midway*, Apr. 1971-Nov 1971 Vietnam: VF-151, USS *Midway*, Apr. 1972-Aug. 1972 Total Combat Missions: 328 F-4 Phantoms

#### **Aviation Commands:**

CO, VF-103, Jan. 1981 - May 1982

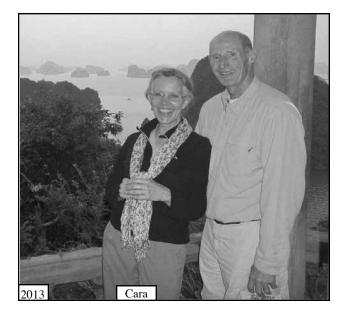
CO, Naval Support Facility, Diego Garcia, Aug. 1986 - Aug. 1987

## Combat Awards:

Distinguished Flying Cross
2 Bronze Stars with Combat "V"
Purple Heart
21 Air Medals (2 Individual, 19 Strike/Flight)
7 Navy Commendation Medals with Combat "V"
Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V"
POW Medal
Vietnam Gallantry Cross

### **Duty Assignment Chronology**

7/60-6/64 Midshipman, U.S. Naval Academy.7/64-1/66 Navy Flight Training (Pensacola, Meridian, Kingsville).



1/66-5/66 VF-121, NAS Miramar, F-4 Replacement pilot training.

6/66-7/68 VF-213, USS *Kitty Hawk*, NAS Miramar. 8/68-8/70 USAF 8th Tactical Fighter Squadron,

Holloman AFB/Spangdahlem AB, Germany.

9/70-11/70 VF-121, NAS Miramar, refresher training/CQ.

11/70-8/72 VF-151, USS Midway, NAS Miramar

8/72-3/73 POW, Hanoi, North Vietnam.

4/73-6/75 University of Washington, Seattle; Masters of Public Policy/Foreign Affairs.

7/75-8/77 VF-101, NAS Oceana, Maintenance Officer/ Instructor Pilot.

8/77-10/77 VF-171, NAS Oceana, XO, Instructor Pilot.

10/77-8/78 Headquarters, Naval Material Command, Aide to Chief of Naval Material.

8/78-1/79 OP-06, National Security Policy Officer (Op-601E).

1/79-6/79 VF-101, NAS Oceana; refresher training/CQ.

7/79-1/81 VF-103, XO; USS Saratoga, Med deployment.

1/81-5/82 VF-103, CO; transition to F-4S and USS *Forrestal* work ups.

6/82-5/83 USS *Nimitz* Asst Air Officer, Air Officer; Med. Deployment.

6/83-7/84 USS *Nimitz*, Newport News; Shipyard Coordinator.

8/84-6/85 National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

7/85-7/86 OP-06, Head Western Hemisphere Plans and Policy (Op-603).

8/86-8/87 CO, U.S. Naval Support Facility, Diego Garcia.

9/87-5/91 CO, NROTC Duke University.

6/91-5/92 CO, NROTC Piedmont Consortium (Duke, UNC, NCSU)

6/92-8/93 U.S. Naval Academy, Chief of Staff to Superintendent.

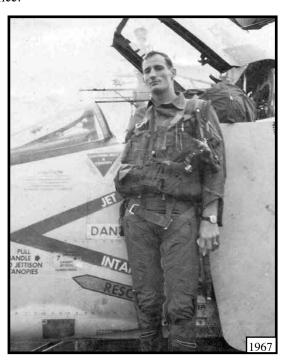
8/93 Retired from active duty

# **Summary of Significant Career Events**

(1) First Navy pilot to be selected as exchange pilot with an Air Force operational squadron (8th TFS). Deployed to Germany, stood nuclear strike alerts and operated with several NATO air forces.

### Summary of Significant Career Events continued

- 2. After refusing (verbal) orders to a RA-5 Vigilante squadron, was "awarded" orders to Miramar (VF-151) for two more combat deployments (I asked for one of those nice looking Med cruises).
- 3. Escorting a RF-8 on photo mission over NVN, was hit by one of seven SAMs launched, and ejected at 547 kts. An interesting ride . . . not recommended.
- 4. Watching B-52s from the ground during night "Chrismas Bombing," December 18-29, 1972, (Linebacker II) was a display never to be forgotten. Up to 100 SAMs per night fired; B-52s on fire and cartwheeling down; 15+ thousand tons of bombs dropped. We gained 33 POWs in that stretch of aerial heroism, and the strikes resulted in Hanoi returning to the Paris peace table and agreeing to terms.
- Was my extraordinary privilege to fly in combat with warriors whose courage was displayed daily in an environment that demanded utmost skill and personal sacrfice.



## **Post Retirement**

7/96 – 6/06: Lecturer, Sanford Institute of Public Policy, Duke University. Taught undergraduate and graduate classes in U.S. and International Security Policy.\*

This 10 year teaching stint was linked to my naval career, and I used my background to promote, to hundreds of students, the role and importance of US Armed Forces in national security policy. I took graduate students to DC for "indoc" into national security decision making. Indeed, we were able to meet w/ Steve Abbot when he was in the WH as Deputy Home Land Security Adviser; Joe Prueher helped arrange meetings w/ NSC folks (and he was kind to accept

my invitations to be a distinguished speaker at Duke, when he was our Ambassador to China); my contacts w/ the CIA, Pentagon and State ensured a robust "tour" of decision makers in important policy positions.

All this to say that this post retirement work was important to me, and also, I trust, to many Duke students who were forming attitudes and getting ready for jobs. The time spent at Duke is an integral part of my bio that reflects positively on my naval career.