



Jeff Harrison, Captain, USN, (Ret.)
 "Sundance"

Date of Designation: October 16, 1970 N/A # V-30891

Dates of Active Duty: September 1968 – August 1994

Total Flight Hours: 7,650

Carrier/Ship Landings: 773

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,600 Prop: 300 VF/VA: 4,400 VT: 290
 USN: 4,900 General Aviation: 2,750

Commands:

CO VA-37 December 1985 – July 1987 (A-7E)

CO VA-122 July 1989 – May 1991 (A-7E)

Awards:

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal (2)

Various other awards and unit citations

Duty Assignment Chronology

03/69-10/70 Flight Training, Pensacola, Meridian, Kingsville (T-34, T-2, TF-9)

10/70-08/71 VA-174, Fleet Replacement Pilot, NAS Cecil, (A-7B)

08/71-04/74 VA-87, Division Officer/Flight Officer, NAS Cecil, (A-7B)
 USS *Franklin D. Roosevelt* (CVA-42)

04/74-12/76 VA-174, Instructor Pilot/WTO, NAS Cecil, (A-7 A,B,C,E)

12/76-10/77 USS *Franklin D. Roosevelt* (CVA-42), Strike Operations

10/77-01/79 USS *Forrestal* (CV-59), Strike Operations, NS Mayport

02/79-04/80 VA-45, Department Head/Adversary Pilot, NAS Cecil, (TA-4J)



04/80-04/81 Light Attack Wing One, Operations Officer, NAS Cecil, (A-7E)

04/81-10/81 VA-174, Fleet Replacement Pilot, NAS Cecil, (A-7E)

10/81-11/83 VA-46, Department Head, NAS Cecil, USS *America* (CV-66), (A-7E)

11/83-07/84 VA-174, PCO Training, NAS Cecil, (A-7E)

07/84-07/87 VA-37, XO/CO, NAS Cecil, USS *Forrestal* (CV-59), (A-7E)

07/87-06/89 COMCARGRU Six, Air Operations Officer, USS *Forrestal* (CV-59)

06/89-05/91 VA-122, CO, NAS Lemoore

05/91-07/94 COMNAVAIRPAC, Readiness and Requirements, NAS North Island

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Three Med deployments in USS *Roosevelt*, including her final cruise. I served on her decommissioning crew.
- (2) Med/IO deployment in USS *America*. Top tailhooker in the Airwing for the cruise.
- (3) Two Med deployments and One IO deployment in USS *Forrestal*.
- (4) One Deployment with Marine Air Group 12 to Westpac as part of a Navy/Marine Corps interoperability initiative.
- (5) Served on a Joint Service (Navy/Army/Marine Corps) JAG investigation of a friendly fire incident during Operation "Urgent Fury" in Granada. Identified the need to standardize close air support procedures during Joint Operations.
- (6) Privileged to be the last Commanding Officer of Attack Squadron 122. We provided critical support to VA-46/VA-72 who, in response to Operation Desert Storm, were tasked with quickly returning to full combat status in the A-7 after being halfway through transition to the F/A-18.

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued:

(They made us proud). We were able to retire the venerable old Corsair with the style and respect it deserved. We were awarded the AirPac Safety "S" and a Meritorious Unit Citation.

(7) I made the last A-7 carrier landing.

(8) Our team at AirPac drafted the original proposal to collocate the Navy's elite air warfare training units (TopGun/Strike Warfare Center) at NAS Fallon. The objective was to further enhance the Strike/Fighter concept of operations, enhance the scope and visibility of our Fallon training complex and reduce operating costs.

Significant Post Career Events

(1) Taught for 15 years in the Jacksonville University School of Aviation under the watchful eye of Professor "Emeritus" Possum Terrell.

(2) Twice named Professor of the Year in the College of Business.

(3) Coached the Jacksonville University Flight Team who secured the "Loening Trophy". This award is presented annually to the best Collegiate Aviation Program in the Nation. I was subsequently named the Collegiate Aviation Flying Association "National Coach of the Year".

(4) The award presented to the most outstanding graduating senior in the Jacksonville University School of Aviation bears my name.

(5) Clearly, my most significant accomplishment was convincing the former Miss Judy Baker to marry me even though she had just started medical school. I figured everything after that was gravy.