



William E. Terry, RADM, USN (Ret.)

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Date of Designation: 12 April 1963 NA# T-8312
Rotary Wing # R-6582

Dates of Active Duty: September 1961 - October 1994

Total Flight Hours: 5,753

Carrier/Ship Landings: Rotary wing: 1,865
Fixed wing: 8

Approximate Flight Hours:
Helicopter: 5,464 Fixed Wing Prop: 289

Combat Tours:

- Vietnam: 1964-1965, HS-4 USS *Yorktown* (H-3)
Market Time Operations
- Vietnam: 1965-1966, HS-4 USS *Yorktown* (H-3)
Combat SAR
- Total Combat Missions: 32 / 175 hrs. (H-3)

Aviation Commands:

- CO, HS-8 5/78 - 7/79 (H-3)
- CO, HS-10 FRS 11/81 - 2/83 (H-3)
- CO, USS *Okinawa* (LPH-3), 1/85-7/86 (UH-1)
- Commander Amphibious Squadron Seven 12/87 - 8/89
- Commander Logistics Group Two 7/92 - 10/94

Awards:

- 1 Distinguished Service Medal
- 1 Silver Star Medal
- 1 Defense Superior Service Medal
- 2 Legion of Merit Medals
- 3 Meritorious Service Medals
- 1 Air Medal
- 1 Navy Commendation Medal
- 2 Navy Unit Commendation Medal
- 1 Meritorious Unit Commendation



Awards continued:

- 1 Navy "E" Ribbon
- 2 Navy overseas Service Medal
- 2 Navy Expeditionary Medals
- 2 National Defense Medals
- 2 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medals
- 5 Vietnam Service Medals
- 4 Sea Service Deployment Medals
- 1 Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Honor Medal, first Class
- 1 Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation
- 1 Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star
- 1 Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal
- 1 Expert Rifle Medal
- 1 Expert Pistol Medal

Duty Assignment Chronology

- 10/61-1/62 NAS Pensacola Pre-flight.
- 1/62-3/62 VT-1, NAS Saufley Field Pensacola, FL (T-34).
- 4/62-8/62 VT-2/3, NAS Whiting Field Milton, FL (T-28)
- 8/62-9/62 VT-5, NAS Saufley Field (CQ) (T-28).
- 9/62-12/62 BTG-10, NAS Whiting Field, (TC-45J).
- 1/63-4/63 HT-8 NAS Ellison Field, Pensacola, FL (TH-13/H-34).
- 4/63-7/63 Naval Justice School, Newport, RI.
- 7/63-12/63 HS-10, RAG student NAS Imperial Beach, CA (H-3).
- 1/64-10/66 HS-4, NAS Imperial Beach, CA (H-3)
Embarked USS *Yorktown*.
- 10/66-7/69 HS-10, Flight Instructor (H-3).
- 7/69-6/71 HC-1 Det 4 OIC, NAS Imperial Beach (H-3) Embarked USS *Hancock*.
- 6/71-12/74 Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA.
- 1/75-6/75 HS-10 RAG, Student (H-3).
- 6/75-3/76 HS-6, Maintenance Officer, NAS Imperial Beach, CA. (H-3).
- 3/76-12/76 HS-10, Executive Officer, (H-3).

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Duty Assignment Chronology continued:

1/77-5/78 HS-8, Executive Officer (H-3).
5/78-7/79 HS-8, Commanding Officer (H-3).
8/79-10/81 USS *Okinawa*, Air Boss/Operations Officer/
Executive Officer (HU-1N).
11/81-2/83 HS-10, RAG Commanding Officer (H-3).
4/83-6/84 OP-136, Career Programs, Washington, D.C.
6/84-1/85 Senior Officer Ship Material Readines Course
(SOSMRC).
1/85-7/86 USS *Okinawa* (LPH-3), Commanding Officer
(UH-1N).
7/86-11/87 Commander Destroyer Group One, Chirf of
Staff (COS).
12/87-8/89 Amphibious Squadron Seven, Commander.
8/89-4/90 Office of the CNO (OP-80), Deputy.
4/90-7/92 Commander Allied Forces Southern Europe
(AFSOUTH) ACOS Logistics.
7/92-10/94 Commander, Combat Logistics Group 2.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Rescued three airmen from North Vietnam.
- (2) Made six non-combat rescues (military and civilian).
- (3) Most flight time accumulated in the H-3 by any pilot,
military or civilian.
- (4) The first helicopter pilot to become a COS on a CCDG
staff.
- (5) During CO tour, awarded Thatch and Isabel Award.
- (6) NAVCAD to Flag Officer