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**Joseph J. Barth, RADM USN (Ret)**

“Joe”

Date of Designation: 28 April 1954 NA# V 4282

Dates of Active Duty: October 1952 - July 1984

Total Flight Hours: 5,840

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,001 Rotary: 20

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 1,250 Prop: 4,500 VF/VA: 1,650

VS: 3,500 VT: 450 Other: 250

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: USS *Kitty Hawk* (CVA63), Nov. 1965- Jun. 1966. Asst Strike Ops/Nuc. Wpns. Tech Sup. Utility Flights into SVN (C1A). CQMCARGRU SEVEN, May 1969-Nov. 1969, Staff Air Warfare Officer. CQMCARGRU SEVEN, Feb. 1970-Jul. 1970 Staff Air Warfare Officer.

Vietnam: CVW21, Feb. 1972-Aug. 1972. USS *Hancock* (CV-19) (A-4F, F-8F)

Total Combat Missions: 190 Strike missions (A-4F)

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-76, November 1967-March 1969 (A-4)  
 Commander, CVW21 June 1971-August 1972  
 CO, USS *Milwaukee* (AOR-2), May 1974-July 1975  
 CO, USS *Forrestal* (CV-59) August 1975-August 1977  
 Chief of Naval Air Training, July 1978-November 1980  
 Commander Carrier Group THREE, April 1981- Oct. 1982

Combat Awards:

2 Legion of Merit with Combat “V”  
 4 Distinguished Flying Crosses  
 4 Bronze Stars  
 19 Air Medals (2 Individual and 17 strike Flight Awards)  
 Navy Commendation Medal with Combat “V”



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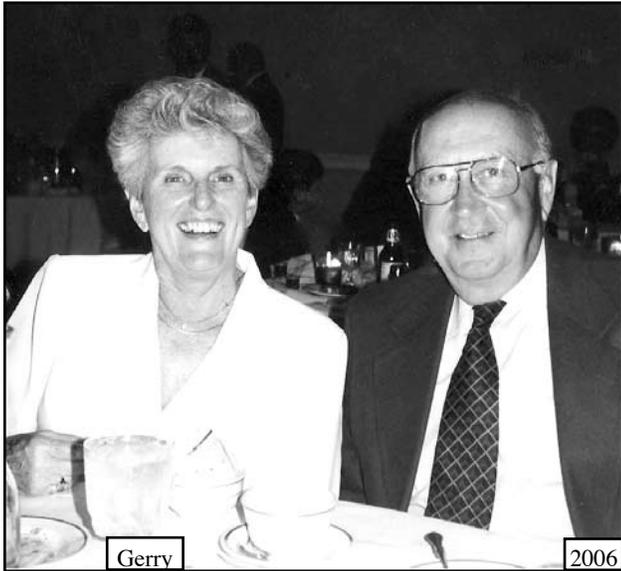
**Duty Assignment Chronology**

5/54-2/59 VS-36 (AF-2S/W, S2F).  
 2/59-2/61 Naval Aviation Safety Center, Norfolk, VA. Aide to the Commander (TF-1).  
 2/61-12/61 U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA. (T-28, SNB).  
 12/61-5/62 VA-122 (AD-6).  
 5/62-12/63 VA-115 Operations Officer (AD-6).  
 12/63-7/64 Armed Forces Staff College, Student.  
 7/64-6/66 USS *Kitty Hawk* (CVA-63), Special Weapons Officer (C1A).  
 6/66-7/67 VT-21, Jet Flight Instructor (TF-9, F-9).  
 7/67-1/68 VA-125 RAG Pilot (A-4).  
 1/68-9/68 XO, VA-76 (A-4).  
 8/68-5/69 CO, VA-76 (A-4).  
 5/69-12/70 Commander Carrier Division SEVEN Air Warfare Officer.  
 12/7-6/71 Attack Carrier Air Wing 21 PCO (A-7A/B, (A-4F, F-8F).  
 6/71-8/72 Commander, Attack Carrier Air Wing 21 (A-4F, F-8F) .  
 8/72-5/74 Commander Naval Air Force Pacific (Force Training Officer).  
 5/74-7/75 CO, USS *Milwaukee* (AOR-2).  
 7/75-877 CO, USS *Forrestal* (CV-59).  
 8/77-7/78 Commander in Chief, Pacific, Chief, Current operations Division J-3 Directorate.  
 7/78-5/81 Chief, Naval Air Training, NAS, Corpus Christi, TX. (TA-4J).  
 5/81-11/82 Commander, Carrier Group THREE.  
 11/82-7/84 Office of CNO, Director Strike and Amphibious Warfare Division.  
 1 July 1984 Retired from active duty.

**Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) While deployed with COMCARGRU SEVEN responsible for planning and execution of US Navy mission flown in support of the raid on the Son Tay POW camp in North Vietnam.

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- (2) Deployed as COMCVW-21 on USS *Hancock* (CV-19) during resumption of strikes into North Vietnam.
- (3) As Force Training Officer on COMNAVAIRPAC submitted a plan to transition the Blue Angles from F-4 Phantoms to A-4 Skyhawks which circumvented an imminent decision to terminate the team.
- (4) USS *Forrestal* was the host ship for the Bicentennial Naval Review during my tenure as Commanding Officer. On 4 July 1976 USS *Forrestal* hosted President Ford, the Vice President, The Cabinet, the Ambassador Corps, the CNO's of many Navies, and Heads of State, including Princess Grace and Prince Rainier. Over 2,400 VIP's embarked to participate in the Naval review and the Tall Ships Parade.