



Theodore R. Swartz, CDR USN (Ret.)
 “TR”, Call sign “Heavy”

Date of Designation: February 20, 1957.

Dates of Active Duty: April 13, 1954 - March 1, 1977

Total Flight Hours: 5,200

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,000

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VA-76, May 1966 -Sept. 1967, CVA-31 (A-4)

Vietnam: VA-212 and CVW-5 Ops. Officer, Oct. 1967-
 May 1969, CVA-31 (A-4)

Total 300+ combat missions

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-161 (F-4N), March 1974 - June 1975

Combat Awards:

Silver Star

6 Distinguished Flying Crosses

Bronze Star with Combat V

7 Individual Air Medals

27 Strike Flight Awards

8 Navy Commendation Medals

Duty Assignment Chronology

04/54-09/55 Enlisted ET SN, USS *Bluegill* (SSK-242).

09/55-02/57 NAVCAD, Flight Training.

03/57-09/59 VF 41, NAS Oceana, VA. Division Officer,
 and LSO. CVA-11 (F3H).

10/59-03/64 VF 174, NAS Cecil Field, FL. Tactics
 Instructor and LSO (F-8).

04/64-05/66 CVW-3 LSO, CVA 60/Med Deployments
 (F-8, F-4, A-4).



05/66-09/67 VA-76, Department Head & LSO. CVA-31
 WestPac deployment (A-4).

10/67-05/69 VA-212 and CVW-5 Operations Officer.
 CVA- 31, WestPac deployment (A-4).

06/69-06/70 RCVW 12 Staff VA Training Officer, NAS
 Miramar, CA.

01/72-02/73 VF-121, Instructor. NAS Miramar, CA (F-4).

03/73-06/75 VF-161, XO/CO aboard CVA-41, home
 ported in Yokosuka, Japan. WestPac (F-4).

70/75-03/77 CNAP Staff VF Training Officer, North
 Island, CA.

03/77 Retired from the U.S.Navy.

04/78-10/97 Air Combat Maneuvering Instrumentation
 Systems Program Manager/Director for Cubic
 Defense Systems, San Diego. Served various
 US, European and Far East customers.

10/97 Retired from the Defense Industry. Living in
 Poway, the “City in the country”, just north of
 San Diego.

Family: Married to CINC Home, Bernardine. Three
 children. One grandson, TRS III, call sign
 “Red Bull”.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) 1955 aboard the USS *Bluegill* (SSK-242). Passing the GED exam to qualify for selection to the NAVCAD Program. The XO told me I wouldn't be much of a sewer pipe sailor anyhow.
- (2) 1959/1964 Flying the F-8 Crusader, the last of the Gunfighters, and gaining the tactical knowledge of, and flying with, some of the most professional and aggressive Fighter Pilots in the Fleet.

Summary of Significant Career Events continued:

- (3) 1966/1969. Flying the A-4 Skyhawk and gaining the warrior spirit, combat leadership, and air-to ground skills needed to take the air war to the enemy in Vietnam.
- (4) June 1967 - Designated Airwing Major Strike Leader.



- (5) 1967. Credited with a MiG-17 kill on 1 May, over Kep Airfield, NVN.
- (6) 1971 - Naval War College.
- (7) 1972/1973 - CNO Professional Development Program. Masters degree program at San Diego State University.
- (8) 1973, September. Sailed under the Golden Gate in USS *Midway* for the Navy's first experiment in CVA/ Air wing Overseas Home porting, to be met by 10,000 demonstrators outside the gate at Yokosuka, Japan.
- (9) 1978/1997. Working as a defense contractor with US and various friendly foreign tactical aviation forces, to provide systems for real time and post flight air/ ground combat training and damage assessment.