



CAPT James D. Joyner, USN (Ret)
 "Lurch"

Date of Designation: February 12, 1965

Dates of Active Duty: June 1960 - July 1991

Total Flight Hours: 3,784

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 762

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3,560 VF/VA: 3,336

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VA-65, USS *Constellation*, Jun. 1966 - Dec. 1966, 90 combat missions

Vietnam: VA-65/VA-196, USS *Forrestal*/USS *Constellation*, Jun. 1967 - Dec. 1967, 43 combat missions

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-35, Nov. 1977 - July 1979

CO, USS *Kalamazoo* (AOR-6)

Commander, Logistics Squadron Two

Combat Awards:

Silver Star

Legion of Merit

2 Distinguished Flying Cross Medals

2 Meritorious Service Medals

5 Air Medals

8 Strike Flight Air Medals

5 Navy Commendation Medals

2 Navy Achievement Medals

Duty Assignment Chronology

7/61-10/63 USS *Duncan* (DDR-874) MPA/Engineering Officer.

11/63-2/65 Navy Flight Training (T-34B, T-2, F-9, F-11).



- 3/65-5/65 A6 Training VA-42 (TA-4F).
- 5/65-1/68 VA-65 M Division/Weapons Training Officer (A-6 Intruder).
- 1/68-8/70 VA-42 Instructor/Weapons Training Officer (A-6 Intruder).
- 9/70-7/72 VA-176 Training Officer/Maintenance Officer (A-6/A/B/C).
- 8/72-1/73 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA.
- 1/73-2/75 COMNAVAIRLANT Assist Safety/Medium Attack Wing One Safety Officer (A-6E).
- 2/75-6/77 USS *Forrestal* Aircraft Handling Officer.
- 6/77-11/77 Refresher training, VA-42 (A-6E).
- 11/77-7/79 CO/XO, VA-35 "Black Panthers" (A-6E).
- 8/79-6/80 Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, D.C.
- 6/80-11/80 CO/XO school, Newport, R.I.
- 11/80-6/82 Executive Officer, USS *Independence* (CVA-62).
- 6/82-6/83 Naval Air Systems Command, Washington, D.C.
- 6/83-6/84 Tactical Wings Atlantic Chief of Staff (A-6E).
- 6/84-3/85 Training for deep draft command.
- 3/85-9/86 Commanding Officer, USS *Kalamazoo* (AOR-6) (CH-46).
- 9/86-4/88 CNAL Training/Readiness Officer (A-6E)
- 4/88-7/90 Commander, Logistics Squadron Two.
- 7/90-7/91 Pentagon, OPNAV 04.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Designated a Naval Aviator in 1965.
- (2) One of first five nugget pilots to train in the A6 "Intruder".
- (3) Combat tours from USS *Constellation* (CVA-64) & USS *Forrestal* (CVA-59).
- (4) One of the first pilots to reach 3,000 flight hours in the A6 Intruder.

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued

- (5) Nominated for Intruder of the Year 1972.
- (6) Command of VA-35 "Black Panthers".
- (7) Executive Officer, USS *Independence* (CVA 62).
- (8) Commanding Officer, USS *Kalamazoo* (AOR-6).
- (9) Commander, Logistic Squadron Two.
- (10) Aircrew Training Manager, McDonnell Douglas/
Boeing.