



Joseph W. Prueher Admiral, USN (Ret.)
 "Joe"

Date of Designation: 27 December 1965

Dates of Active Duty: 5 June 1964 - 1 May 1999

Total Flight Hours: 5,650

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,068 (361 night)
 Rotary wing: 11

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 5,500 Prop: 150 VF/VA: 5,500 VR/VP: 50
 VS: 100 VT: 150 Other: Sailplanes, Beaver, Otter and
 others at TPS.

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VA-75, USS *Kitty Hawk*, Nov. 1967-Jun. 1968
 (A-6A, A-6B, KA-6D)

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-65, 1979 - 1981 (A-6E)
 COMCVW-7, 1983 - 1984 (F-14, A-6, A-7, S-3)
 CO, Naval Strike Warfare Center, Fallon, NV 1984 - 1986
 (A-7, A-6, F/A-18)
 COMCVW-8, 1988 - 1989, (A-6, F/A-18, F-14, S-3)
 COMCARGRU-1, 1991 - 1994 (Airwing aircraft)
 COMSIXTHFLT, 1994 - 1995, (Airwing aircraft)

Combat Awards:

Distinguished Flying Cross
 10 Air Medals (2 Individual/8 Strike-flight)
 2 Navy Commendation Medals with combat "V"
 Navy Achievement Medal with combat "V"

Duty Assignment Chronology

7//60-6//64 Midshipman, U.S. Naval Academy
 6/64-12/65 Navy flight training, Pensacola & Kingsville.



12/65-2/66 VA-43 (Instrument training)
 3/66-7/66 VA-42, A-6 RAG training
 7/66-1/69 VA-75, Vietnam deployment
 7/69-9/69 VA-42 Instructor
 10/69-6/70 Naval Test Pilot School, Patuxent River, MD
 6/70-7/72 Naval Air Test Center (Project Pilot/Flight
 Instructor)
 7/72-7/73 Naval War College (Student)
 8/73-12/73 VA-42 (DUNIS)
 12/73-6/76 VA-34 (Operations Officer/Admin Officer)
 6/76-10/77 Headquarters, Naval Material Command
 (Aide to Chief of Naval Material)
 10/77-10/78 OP-506F1, Program Coordinator, Surface
 Guided Weapons.
 10/78-3/79 VA-42 (DUNIS)
 3/79-6/80 VA-65 (XO)
 6/80-9/81 VA-65 (CO)
 10/81-1/83 CINCLANT (Deputy Asst. C/S for Studies
 and Analysis)
 1/83-6/83 COMNAVAIRLANT (DUINS)
 6/83-5/84 Commander, Carrier Air Wing SEVEN
 5/84-3/86 CO, Naval Strike Warfare Center, Fallon, NV.
 3/86-5/87 Office of Secretary of the Navy (EA and
 Naval Aide to SECNAV)
 5/87-7/87 COMNAVAIRLANT (DUINS)
 7/87-12/88 Commander, Carrier Air Wing EIGHT
 2/89-1/91 United States Naval Academy (Commandant
 Midshipmen)
 2/91-3/91 National Defense University (DUINS)
 4/91-11/93 Commander Carrier Group ONE
 12/93-4/95 Commander SIXTH Fleet/Commander Naval
 Striking and Support Forces, Southern
 Europe
 5/95-1/96 Vice Chief of Naval Operations
 1/96-4/99 Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command
 5/1/99 Retired from active duty
 11/99-5/01 Ambassador to China.

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Summary of Significant Career Events

1. First Commanding Officer of Naval Strike Warfare Center (now NSAWC) in Fallon, NV.
2. Commenced post Tiannaman Square communications between Peoples Liberation Army of China and U. S. Military.
3. Negotiated the release of downed U.S. Navy EP-3 crew from China.