



**DENNIS J. SAPP, CAPT., USNR (Ret.)**  
 "DENNY"

Hometown: Red Oak, Iowa

School and College Career:

Red Oak High School  
 Northwest Missouri State University

Dates on Active Duty:

February 13, 1968 - May 31, 1978  
 June 1, 1978 - January 1, 1986 Reservist  
 January 2, 1986 - February 2, 1986  
 February 3, 1986 - January 7, 1987 Reservist  
 January 8, 1987 - January 21, 1987  
 January 22, 1987 - January 1, 1991 Reservist

Date Commissioned/Source:

May 7, 1968 - AOCS

Date of Designation: July 28, 1969 NA# V-28425

Total Flight Hours: 4218

Carrier/Ship Landings: 507

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet 3750 Prop 316 Helo 8 VA/VFA 2250 VT 293

Combat Tours:

March - April 1970 VA USS *Hancock* CVA-19  
 November, 1970 - May, 1971 USS *Hancock* CVA-19  
 January, 1972 - September 1972 USS *Hancock* CVA - 19

Combat Missions: 367

Aviation Commands:

VA/VFA 305 NAS Point Mugu



Awards:

2 Distinguished Flying Crosses  
 Meritorious Service Medal  
 39 Air Medals (11 Individual, 28 Strike/Flight)  
 9 Navy Commendation Medals w/Combat V  
 Vietnamese Service Medal - One gold/2 Bronze stars  
 Meritorious Unit Citation  
 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/Gold star

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

1968	AOCS
1968-1969	Flight Training, VT7/9/4/23
1969	Recruiting Duty, NAS Olathe
1969	VA44 A4 RAG
1970-1972	VA55 USS <i>Hancock</i> CVA-19
1972-1974	NWC/NAF China Lake
1974-1977	Blue Angels
1977-1978	USS <i>Eisenhower</i> V2 Division
1978-1987	Naval Reserves, NAS Point Mugu
1987-1991	Naval Reserves Recruiting, Seattle
1991	Retire USNR

**Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Met future wife Anne, avoid draft, join Navy, War? 1966.
- (2) Squadron JO for CVW21 Complex NucWeps Delivery, 2000# shape, perfect score/bullseye at NAS Fallon - November 1971.
- (3) Airborne cover for BAT 21 rescue - April 13, 1972
- (4) On scene commander for Cdr. Jimmy Davis (VF 211) rescue - June 20, 1972.
- (5) Ironhand strike lead, Vietnam, 85 missions - 1972

### Summary of significant career events continued

- (6) On last USS *Hancock* mission received 400 CVA-19 trap patch.
- (7) China Lake Anti-radiation project officer/test pilot for R and D HARM missile plus Walleye II, FAE, Harpoon - qualified for SETP membership - 1973-1974.
- (8) Blue Angel Solo pilot - introduced 5 Delta and Solo maneuvers including newly instigated inverted maneuvers. 1975-76.
- (9) BA 5 jet engine fire - March 1976, landed aircraft, wing melted to fuselage.
- (10) V2 Division Officer plank owner USS *Eisenhower* - 1977-78.
- (11) Accepted Tailhook Top Reserve Squadron Award - 1987
- (12) Transition VA 305 A7 to VFA F/A18 as skipper - 1987.
- (13) Retired 1991

### **Post Military Work**

- (1) Airline pilot, Western, Alaska, and Delta Airlines - retired age 59 - 2004.
- (2) Volunteer to help homeless Veterans for VA entrance and housing - 2010 - present.
- (3) Multiple trips to Cambodia to work with an NGO prevent trafficking women and children. On return home one trip was through Hanoi/HaiPhong - 2008 - 2013.
- (4) Aviation Exploring Posts to encourage kids to join Navy - 1978 - present.

### **Personal**

- (1) Reside with my wife, Anne (the best day of my life was when I met her and she has put up with me for all of this!), of 53 years in Gig Harbor, Washington.
- (2) Two children, Dee, married to Jeff, and JT married to Lexi, and 3 Grandchildren, Grace, Lilah, and Lucas.