

Buddie J. PENN, Capt., USN (Ret.)
"BJ"

Hometown: Peru, Indiana

School and College Career:

Peru Public Schools BS Purdue University 1956-1960

MS The George Washington. Univ 1980

Date Commissioned/Source:

Aviation Officer Candidate (AOC) 06/62

Dates of Active Duty: April 1961 - Nov 1991

Total Flight Hours: 5609

Jet: 2837 Prop: 2772 VAQ: 2793

Carrier/Ship Landings: 364

**Combat Tours:** 

Vietnam VAH-10 KA-3B CVA-38 Vietnam VAQ-132 EA-6B CVA-66

Combat Missions: 296

**Aviation Commands:** 

OIC VAH-10 Det Da Nang, Vietnam

CO, VAQ-33 Firebirds CO, NAS North Island

Awards:

Naval Aviator Insignia Naval Parachutist Insignia

Navy Distinguished Service Medal (2)

Legion of Merit (2)

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal (10)

Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal

Navy Commendation Medal



Naval Expeditionary Medal Vietnam Air Gallantry Cross

## **Duty Assignment Chronology**

Flight Training Pensacola (T-34)
Milton (T-28), New Iberia (S-2)
Airborne Early Warning Barrier
Squadron, Pacific (EC-121K)
Division of Aerospace Safety,
University of Southern Cal
NAF El Centro, CA
(F-9, A-4, T-28, UC-45, C-47)
Designated Test Parachutist
NAS Kingsville, TX, Jet
Transition (F-9)
VAH-123 FFT VAH-10 (A-3B)
NAS Whidbey Island, WA
VA-128 FFT (A-6)VAQ-132 (EA-6B)NAS
Whidbey Island, WA
Personnel Support Activity,
Washington, DC, (BuPers)
XO/CO VAQ-33, NAS Norfolk (A-3, A-4
F-4, EC-121K)
U.S. Naval Academy, 1st BN
Officer, Annapolis, MD.
Mini/Airboss USS America
OpNav, Washington, DC
Special Assistant (00E)to CNO
CO NAS North Island, Coronado, CA.
Navy International Programs
Washington, DC

## **Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Qualified as EC-121K Aircraft Commander as a LTjg
- (2) Attended Aviation Safety Officer School.
- (3) Selected for Command as Bobby Socker.

- (4) Selected for the first EA-6B Operational Squadron.
- (5) Won "Bottle" from VA-128 LSO for OK Passes.
- (6) EA-6B Pilot-of-the-Year in 1972.
- (7) OIC Plebe Detail for Class of '83

## **Summary of Post Active Duty Activities/Career**

- (1) Worked on the JSF for Lockheed Martin
- (2) Requested to return to Govt following 9/11.
- (3) OSD (AT&L) Director Industrial Base Assets.
- (4) Nominated / Confirmed Assistant SECNAV, Installations & Environment.
- (5) Secretary of the Navy (Acting).