



**RICHARD W. BARR, CDR., USN (Ret.)**  
 “Tom”

Date of Designation: 15 February 1968

Dates of Active Duty: September 1966 to February 1987

Total Flight Hours: 5304 (Helicopter 5033 VT 271)

Carrier/Ship Landings: Rotary Wing: 2206 Fixed Wing: 5

Combat Tours:

Vietnam 1968 – 1969 HAL-3 (H-1)

Vietnam 1970 – 1971 HAL-3 (H-1)

Total Combat Missions: 1242 (H-1)

Aviation Commands:

CO HC-1 May 1982 to May 1983

Combat Awards: (Vietnam)

DFC – 1

Bronze Star – 1

Purple Heart -- 1

Single Action Air Medal – 5

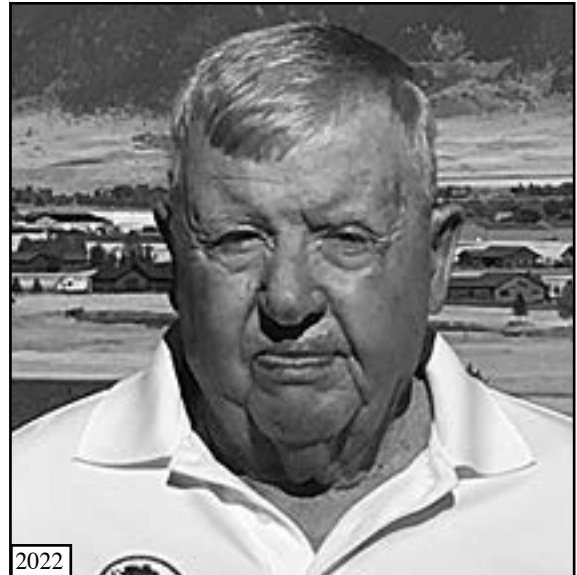
Strike/Flight Air Medal – 47

Navy Commendation Medal – 3

Numerous Unit and Campaign Medals

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

12/66-03/67 NAS Pensacola Pre-flight  
 03/67-05/67 VT-1 NAS Saufly Field T-34  
 05/67-09/67 VT-3 NAS Whiting Field T-28  
 09/67-11/67 VT-5 T-28  
 11/67-02/68 HT-8 TH-13, H-34  
 02/68-03/68 Ft Bragg H-1  
 03/68-04/68 SERE, Weapons Training San Diego  
 05/68-03/69 HAL-3 Vietnam  
 03/69-04/69 Army Hospital Japan  
 04/69-08/70 Oakland Naval Hospital (TAD NAS Alameda and NAS Moffett)



09/70-10/70 Ft Rucker, AL H-1 Refresher Training  
 10/70-10/71 HAL-3 Vietnam  
 11/71-11/74 HT-18 Instructor Pilot, Standardization Officer  
 12/74-12/77 HC-1 Det OinC, Squadron Safety Officer  
 01/78-01/81 HELWINGRESPAC, HAL Training Officer, Wing Safety Officer  
 02/81-08/81 USS *Tarawa* (LHA-1), Air Ops Officer  
 09/81-03/82 XO, HC-1  
 03/82-09/83 CO, HC-1  
 10/83-02/87 USS *Tarawa* (LHA-1) Air Boss

**Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Only Helicopter Pilot in HAL-3 (500 pilots) to serve two tours in Country.
- (2) Most Air Medals (52) and Combat Missions (1242) in HAL-3 history
- (3) Over 4000 hours in H-1 (models A, B, C, D, H, K, L, M, and N)

**Summary of Significant Post Career Events**

- (1) Owned and operated motel for 18 years
- (2) Owned and operated tree service business for 33 years
- (3) Served on Town Council of Ennis, MT for two years
- (4) Served as Mayor of Ennis, MT for five years
- (5) Member of Ennis Lions Club (32 years), President twice
- (6) Member of Board of Ennis Memorial Park (5 Years)
- (7) Member of Board of Montana Municipal Authority (5 years)