



James W. Partington, RDML USN(Ret.)
 “Jim”

Hometowns: Lincoln, NE

High School and College Career:

High School, Pius X Catholic
 University of Nebraska 1957/59
 University of Rhode Island, graduated 1971
 Naval War College Command and Staff course in 1970
 The National Defense University Capstone Course for Flag and General Officers in 1989.

Dates on Active Duty: 1959 - 1992

Date Commissioned/Source: 1961 - NAVCAD

Date of Designation: 1961

Total Flight Hours: 6546; A7=2186, S-2=1665, F-9=1278, F/A-18=603, A-4=393, T-28=256, S-3=75, UH-1 and 2=40, F-16, F-4, A-1, A-3 and other miscellaneous aircraft=50.

Carrier/Ship Landings: 1,027

Combat missions: 272

Commands:

CO VA-27
 CO VFA-125
 CO NAS Lemoore CO

Awards:

Legion of Merit (5)
 Distinguished Flying Cross (1)
 Air Medal (2) Individual, (26) Strike flight
 Navy Meritorious Service Medal (2)
 Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V (4)
 South Vietnamese Air Gallantry Cross (2)
 Presidential Unit Citation (1).



Duty Assignment Chronology

08/61-11/61	VS-41 FRP	S2F
12/61-02/65	VS-33 LSO	S2F, F9, A4
03/65-08/65	VT-27 Flight Instructor	TS2F
08/65-02/68	VT-23 Flight Instructor/LSO	F9
03/68-07/68	VA-125 FRP	A4
08/68-06/70	CVW 15 LSO	A4F, A7A
07/70-06/71	Naval War College C&S	T-28
07/71-02/72	VA-122 FRP	A7E
03/72-06/74	VA-146 OPS, ADMIN	A7E
07/74-07/77	VA-122 Ops, MO, FRAMP, WTO	A7E
08/77-05/80	VA-27 CO/XO	A7E
07/80-06/82	VFA-125 CO	F/A-18
08/82-02/84	OPNAV Staff, Hornet Program Coordinator	F/A-18
02/84-03/86	NAS Lemoore, Commanding Officer	F/A-18, UH-1
03/86-05/87	CRUDESGRU-5, Chief of Staff	
05/87-06/88	BUPERS, Director, Aviation Officer	Distribution
07/88-07/90	Strike Fighter Wings Atlantic, Commander	F/A-18, S-3
07/90-08/92	Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Commander	Cessna 182

Summary of Significant Career Events

(1) Jim was the commanding officer and commissioned the first F/A-18 FRS. Following this tour he was assigned to the Chief of Naval Operations Staff as the Program Coordinator for the F/A-18 aircraft at a critical period in the development of the weapons system. He worked with key members of the defense establishment and Congress to define operational requirements for the aircraft, complete the operational test plan and obtain approval for production.

(2) Following his tour as Commanding Officer of NAS Lemoore he served as COS CRUDESGRU-5 and Deputy Commander, Carrier Battle Group Bravo deployed on the USS *Kitty Hawk* in the North Arabian Sea/Persian Gulf operating area. Flag officer assignments included Commander, Strike Fighter Wings Atlantic and Commander, Naval Training Center Great Lakes.

Summary of Post Military Work

(1) After retiring from the Navy, Jim and Barbara returned to Lincoln, NE where he worked for five years with Senior Technologies, Inc. in three different vice president positions, strategic planning, engineering and product support.

(2) Left Senior Technologies, Inc. in January of 1998 to serve as a consultant for the Nebraska Center for Excellence in Electronics. This is a public/private venture that established an electronic testing and training facility in Nebraska. This facility successfully met the requirements for designation as a certified electronic testing laboratory.

(3) In June of 1998, he accepted a position as President of Riser Bond Instruments, a local electronics company. The company was sold to Radiodetection Ltd., an electronics company with headquarters in Bristol, UK. Jim was asked to remain with Radiodetection in a new position as President of the Cable Test Division. This division included Riser Bond and Bicotest, a similar company located in Cheshunt, UK. Jim retired from this position in 2002 and in 2003 joined the Nebraska Restaurant Association as Executive Director.

Personal

(1) In 2007 Jim, three daughters and a son in law established Deer Springs Winery east of Lincoln, NE on land homesteaded by his family in 1868. Deer Springs Winery is celebrating its 15th year of successful operations.

Associations/Membership/Boards:

(1) Jim has previously served on the board of the Lake County Illinois United Way, Lancaster County Red Cross, board president of the Nebraska Center for Excellence in Electronics, Trustee of Excelsior College, Albany, New York, the Lancaster County Visitor Promotion Committee and Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning commission.