

James A. "Jim" Helle  
Pensacola Pre-Flight Class 14-48

Name JIM HELLE Pre Flight Class 14-48 ~~FORM 15-48~~  
 College UOT BUFFALO Degree/s \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Received Wings 11/19/49 USN  USNB AND R4D-8 R5D  
 First Squadron VR-22 VR-1 DET <sup>1/50-4/53</sup> Type Aircraft: TRANSPORTS SNB  
 Deployed to WORLD WIDE Number of deployments. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Combat Tours: Korea 1; Viet Nam 1 (Cruises/Months)  
 Active Duty until 4/15/53 Number of Years 5 Active, 20 Inactive  
 Highest Rank Held CDR Total Flight Hours 17000 Number CV Landings 6 (BASIC)  
 Types of Planes Flown R4D R4D8 R5D C118  
 (Include Any Unique Aircraft) DUY, PV-2, SNB-3-5, SNJ, PBM, TBM  
VARIOUS SINGLE ENGINE, C119, VICTERS VIKOONT, FALCON, PAN JET  
CESNA 310, BEECH BONANZA, PIPER BRACE  
 Are You a Member of: ANA \_\_\_\_\_, Tailhook \_\_\_\_\_, Naval Aviation Museum

Narrative of Navy/Civilian experience after first squadron, and any comments you'd like to make. Continue on separate sheet if necessary:

APR '53 - RELEASED TO INACTIVE DUTY. SHORT EMPLOYMENT WITH CAPITAL AIRLINES  
 JULY '53 - SEPT '55 - MISC. JOBS. LONGEST STAY WITH BELL AIRCRAFT AS DATA ANALYST ON RASCAL MISSILE, X-1A, AUTO CARRIER LANDING SYSTEM.  
 SEPT '55 - JAN '56 - INSTRUMENT INSTRUCTOR / CHARTER PILOT  
 JAN '56 - NOV '60 - CHIEF PILOT CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT CO.  
 NOV '60 - OCT '71 - CAPT WITH UNITED STATES STEEL CORP.  
 OCT '71 - FEB '85 - CAPT WITH BECHTEL POWER CORP.  
 RETIRED FROM ACTIVE FLYING FEB '85,  
 RESERVE TIME INCLUDED VP & VR SQUADRONS AT NIAGARA FALLS UNTIL CLOSING A VR SQUADRON AT FLOYD BENNETT '59,  
 VR SQUADRON WILLOW GROVE '60 - '71 TOUR AS XO & CO OF THE SQUADRON AT WILLOW GROVE.  
 TRANSFER TO RETIRED RESERVE FEB '71 WITH 24 YEARS SATISFACTORY SERVICE. FOUND OUT THAT I WAS SELECTED FOR CAPT AT TIME OF TRANSFER TO RETIRED RESERVE BUT ENDED UP INELIGIBLE BECAUSE OF UNSAT YEARS FOR POINTS.  
 RETIRED PAY COMMENCED DEC 1988 AND SOCIAL SECURITY DEC 1990.