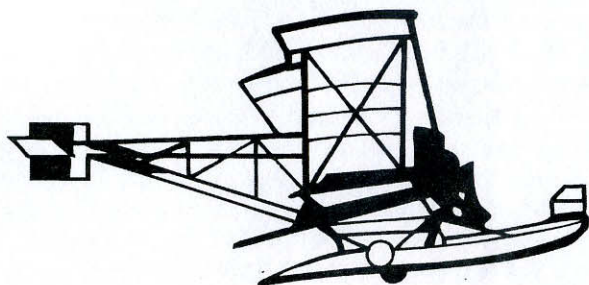

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MODERATOR:

REAR ADMIRAL FREDERICK L. LEWIS, USN (RET)

Rear Admiral Lewis graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1962 and was designated a Naval Aviator in 1963. After an initial tour of duty as a flight instructor, he trained in the F-4 *Phantom II* and participated in numerous operational deployments to the Atlantic and Pacific and twice deployed to the Gulf of Tonkin for combat operations over North Vietnam. Subsequently, he attended the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School and led the stand-up of the Atlantic Fleet's F-14 FRS. Several command assignments followed including his first carrier air wing command which he led in successful operations in the Gulf of Sidra during which his pilots downed two Libyan fighter aircraft. Various staff assignments in Washington, D.C. followed. He was then given his second air wing command when he inaugurated

the Navy's "Super CAG" program. Flag assignments include Director, Strike and Amphibious Warfare; Commander, Tactical Wings, Atlantic; and Commander, Naval Safety Center. In 1991, he assumed command of Carrier Group Four and Carrier Striking Forces, Atlantic. During his naval career, he accumulated more than 6,500 accident-free flying hours in tactical aircraft and over 1,200 carrier arrested landings. His awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (4) and Strike Flight Air Medals (8). In December 1995, he joined the National Training Systems Association as the president. Rear Admiral Lewis and his wife Allison reside in Annandale, Virginia.

PANELISTS:

MR. ROBERT W. BURNAND JR.

Mr. Burnand entered the Naval Aviation Officer Candidate program in January 1962, and was designated a Naval Aviator in 1963. In September 1963, he received orders to HS-6 at NAAS Ream Field, Imperial Beach, California, via the Replacement Air Group. He served with HS-6 during WestPac deployments in 1964 and 1966 aboard USS *Kearsarge* (CVS-33). During the 1966 deployment, he flew missions as a member of SAR DET C. After leaving active service in January 1967, he completed courses in computer software technology. He pursued a career in systems software engineering and engineering management with high tech firms in the Boston, Massachusetts area. Since leaving the computer industry, he is occupied with growing day lilies, breeding yellow Labrador Retrievers and attempting to keep the walls of a 200-year-old Vermont farmhouse in a semi-vertical position.

MR. DOUGLAS G. HEGGIE

A native of Whittier, California, Mr. Heggie was awarded an NROTC Scholarship to the University of Southern California. In 1963, he graduated with a degree in aeronautical engineering and was commissioned an ensign in the United States Navy. He proceeded to Pensacola for flight training and in 1964, he was designated a Naval Aviator and qualified as a helicopter pilot. He was assigned to HS-6 in San Diego, California. He served during the Vietnam Conflict, making two WestPac cruises aboard USS *Kearsarge* (CVS-33), flying Search and Rescue Missions over North Vietnam. He was awarded three air medals. Upon leaving active duty, Mr. Heggie pursued his love of flying. He retired in 2000, as a B-767 Captain, following a 33-year career with Trans World Airlines. At TWA, he served as an instructor and check airman on DC-9, MD-80, B-27, B-757 and B-767 aircraft. During a 10-year assignment to the TWA Training Center he helped develop and instruct in a Cockpit

Resource Management Program. Since 2000, Mr. Heggie has continued his aviation career and currently serves as a Gulfstream Captain with Berkshire Hathaway's NetJets Aviation. Mr. Heggie is grateful to the Naval Aviation program which launched him into a rewarding 45-year career in aviation.

CAPTAIN EDWARD G. MARSYLA, USNR (RET)

A native of Minnesota, Captain Marsyla entered flight training at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, as a NAVCAD in April 1964, commissioned as an ensign in the United States Naval Reserve and designated a Naval Aviator in November 1965. After completing Fleet Replacement Squadron training, he was assigned to HS-6 and deployed aboard USS *Kearsage* (CVS-33) for two tours in Southeast Asia. The squadron's mission was to conduct antisubmarine warfare and combat search and rescue operations. He attended the Naval Post Graduate School where he received his B.S. degree in engineering science in June 1972. He was Officer-In-Charge of HC-9 at Naval Air Station North Island San Diego, California, from June 1977 until August 1979. He was then assigned to the staff of Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. as an action officer in the Current Capability and Mobilization Plans Section (OP-605). Filling the billet of Reserve Forces Objectives Officer, he was involved in the assignment of Naval Reserve forces in the major OPLANS; the structuring of the Navy's level of play in major mobilization exercises and performing duties as the Navy's liaison with Headquarters Coast Guard. In May 1982, he reported to the staff of Commander Helicopter Wing Reserve where he was the Chief Staff Officer. In May 1984, he reported to HAL-5 as the X.O. that was followed by a tour as C.O. In May 1987, he reported as X.O. of the Naval Reserve Personnel Center in New Orleans. In May 1988, he assumed command of the Naval Air Facility, Washington, D.C., prior to retiring after 26 years. Captain Marsyla's awards include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Purple Heart and the Air Medal (5). Captain Marsyla and his wife Judith, reside in Corpus Christi, Texas.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RAWSON B. MORDHORST, USN (RET)

Lieutenant Commander Mordhorst, a native of Ephrata, Washington, joined the Naval Aviation Cadet program in June 1962, from Washington State University and was designated a Naval Aviator in April 1964. His career included assignments to Naval Station Midway Island flying the HOK, UH-2A and HU-16 C/D; flying the SH-3A aboard USS *Kearsarge* (CVS-33) with HS-6; HS-10; HS-4, aboard USS *Ticonderoga* (CVS-14); and HS-2, aboard USS *Enterprise* (CVN-65). Subsequent tours included assignment to NAVMACPAC in 1977; Naval Air Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, flying the UH-1N; and NAS Whidbey Island

flying the C-12 and H-3D (mountain search and rescue), accumulating more than 3,000 accident free hours in the H-3. He attended the United States Navy Post Graduate School in 1972, and received a B.S. degree in engineering science. His awards include the Silver Star; Air Medal (4) (one individual award) and the Navy Commendation Medal. After leaving the Navy in 1984, he worked for the Boeing Commercial Aircraft Company on the 767 and 747 programs, retiring after 14 years. He and his wife, Margaret, reside in Oak Harbor, Washington, and have two daughters, Liesl and Heather, and two grandsons. He enjoys motorcycling, kayaking, music, wood working and actively participates (25+ years) in the Oak Harbor First United Methodist Church Handbell Choir and the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 818.

COMMANDER R. DEANE WOODS, USN (RET)

Born in Idaho, September 1936, Commander Woods grew up on a farm in Missouri, until graduating from high school in 1954. After attending the University of Kansas for one and one half years, he enlisted in the Navy in February 1957, and subsequently was accepted for flight training as a Naval Aviation Cadet. He was designated a Naval Aviator in June 1959. His first tour of duty was in VAW-11, flying the EA-1E, where he completed a cruise and became the squadron's LSO. He left active duty in 1962 to attend the University of Kansas, graduating in June 1965, with a B.S. degree in mechanics and aerospace engineering. He also was a member of Tau Beta Phi and president of Sigma Gamma Tau engineering societies. Concurrently, he served with Naval Reserve Squadron VR-881, at NAS Olathe, Kansas. In the fall of 1965, Commander Woods returned to active duty, completed refresher training in the A-1 *Skyraider* with VA-122 and subsequently was assigned to VA-25. He deployed to the Tonkin Gulf aboard USS *Coral Sea* (CVA-43) in July 1966. On October 12, 1966, he was shot down south of Than Hoa, North Vietnam, and after two days evading, was captured by North Vietnamese soldiers. He remained a POW until freed in March 1973. After returning to the United States, he remained on active duty, transitioned to jets, and obtained his Master's degree with distinction from Naval Post Graduate School in 1976. He retired from the Navy in 1980, entered Law School and obtained his J.D. from the University of Kansas in 1983. A member of the Indiana Bar since 1984, his practice concentrates on Defense Litigation, Workers' Compensation Defense and Appellate Practice. Commander Woods married Sheryn Huckino, the girl who wore his POW bracelet, in 1973. They have a son, Matthew, an engineer with Northrop Grumman, and a daughter, Kendi, a Chicago attorney.