

## R. Larry Wert-Biography

Born and raised in State College, Pennsylvania

Graduated from State College Sr. High School- 1960

Graduated from Penn State University with a B.S. in Secondary Education- 1964

Completed the United States Marine Corps Platoon Leaders Class – 1963

Commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant USMCR – June 1964

Completed TBS- Nov. 1964

Promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant- Jan. 1966

Designated a Naval Aviator – Dec. 1966

Married Martha C. Wert- Jan. 1967

Reported for duty at MCAS Santa Ana, CA. Jan. 1967. Assigned to HMH-463 flying the CH-53. Served as Embark Officer and Asst. Operations Officer.

Deployed to Vietnam with HMH-463 aboard the USS Tripoli May- 1967

Served with HMH-463 for seven months as Asst. Operations Officer.

Served with MAG-16 for five months as Combat Center Duty Officer. Promoted to Captain March- 1967.

Rotated out of Vietnam June- 1968. Reported to HMH-461MCAS New River, NC.

Served with HMH-461 as a Operations Officer training replacement pilots in the CH-53. June- 1968 until Jan. 1970.

Transferred to the 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Air Wing ( Reserves) Jan. 1970. Selected for Major USMCR May- 1976

Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve June- 1978.

Retired from Raytheon Aerospace, Inc. Dec. 2007 as Director of Labor Relations.

Served as Veterans Advocate for Congressman Gregg Harper MS-03 and Congressman Michael Guest MS-03 January, 2008 to present.