

## **NHHS-SHHS Class of 1957 Veterans**

**Name:**

Jim Carnes

**Dates of Service:**

**Active Duty: From**

June 1961

**To**

June 1965

**Reserves: From**

**To**

**Branch:**

United States Navy

**Rank:**

Lieutenant (O-3)

**MOS #:**

**Description:**

Aircraft Maintenance Officer

**Duty Stations:**

NAO School, Pensacola, FL 6/61-11/61

A/C Maintenance School, Memphis

VR-6, McQuire AFB, NJ 4/62-3/63

VF-31, Cecil Field, FL 4/63-6/65

**Comments:**

I spent my Penn State years in NROTC. Three summer cruises, two to Europe.

The Navy wouldn't give me a flying billet because of my poor eyesight, but I love airplanes.

VR-6 was cushy shore duty, maintaining 25 C-118's—essentially DC-7's.

VF-31 was a jet fighter squadron flying F-3H's and then F-4's. "We get ours at night"

We had two 6-month Mediterranean cruises aboard the USS Saratoga (CVA-60).

On the summer '63 cruise, Roger Kiesel was aboard Saratoga in another squadron.

I loved the Navy and made many good friends and have many fond memories...

But...since I couldn't fly, I got out after 4 years and headed off to Princeton University.