

16. Captain Gerald Lee Hoewing, USN 1/22/1993 – 8/20/1994



Capt. Hoewing was born in 1949 in Keokuk, IO. He was commissioned through the NPOTC program at Iowa State University on May 29, 1971, and then completed flight training, receiving his designation as a Naval Aviator in August 1972. After completing A-7 Corsair II Fleet Replacement Pilot training at NAS Lemoore, CA, Hoewing served with VA-47, VA-22 and VA-94, completing several western Pacific deployments aboard aircraft carriers USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64) and USS KITTY HAWK (CV-63) between 1973 and 1980.

He then served as Operation Test Director for the F/A-18 Hornet Operational Evaluation with VX-5 at Naval Weapons Center China Lake, CA, followed by A-7 and F-14 Tomcat refresher training. His next assignment was as Operations Officer with CVW-6 aboard USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62) and USS FORESTAL (CV-59), followed by National War College, where he graduated in 1987. CDR Hoewing served as Executive Officer of VFA-81 before taking over as Commander of the squadron in May 1989. During his time with the “Sunliners”, he deployed aboard USS SARATOGA (CV-60) during Operation Desert Shield in 1990.

His next assignment as Aviation Junior Officer Assignment Branch Head with the Bureau of Naval Personnel, followed by service as Commanding Officer, USS SEATTLE. Capt. Hoewing then served as Commanding Officer, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67) from January 1995 to July 1996. He was Senior Military Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness at the Pentagon from July 1996 to July 1998, and then as Assistant Commander for Distribution with Navy Personnel Command from July 1998 to October 1999.

ADM Hoewing commanded Carrier Group Seven from October 1999 to September 2000, and then the Navy Personnel Command from September 2000 to September 2002. He served as Chief of Naval Personnel and Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower and Personnel from October 2002 until his retirement from the Navy on February 1, 2006. During his last assignment, ADM Hoewing also assumed responsibilities for Navy Training and Education beginning July 2005. VADM Hoewing is currently the President and CEO of the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation at NAS Pensacola, FL.

VADM Hoewing was the Keynote Speaker at the decommissioning of USS SEATTLE March 15, 2005.