



Captain  
Harold F. Lang,  
Chief of Staff,  
ComCarDiv  
SEVEN

Captain Harold F. Lang, Chief of Staff for Commander Carrier Division SEVEN, was appointed to the U. S. Naval Academy from his native New Jersey in 1939. Upon his graduation and commissioning on June 19, 1942, he was ordered to the cruiser MILWAUKEE.

While aboard the MILWAUKEE he participated in the "Murmansk Run" — convoy and anti-submarine duty around the northern capes of Norway protecting munitions destined for the Russian war effort through the port of Murmansk. He was assigned to the cruiser SALT LAKE CITY in October 1944, where he served through the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa, and the subsequent occupation of Japan.

He attended flight schools at Pensacola and Jacksonville, Florida, and was designated a Naval Aviator in August 1947. His first aviation assignment was with Attack Squadron 18-A flying TBM "Avengers" and AD "Skyraiders."

After training at the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Maryland, he became an armament/weapons test pilot and served as Branch Engineering Director at the Center until April 1953.

During the Korean War Captain Lang served as executive officer and acting commanding officer of Fighter Squadron 143, flying F9F-6 "Cougar" jets from the aircraft carrier ESSEX. In August 1954 he was assigned to the staff of Commander Fleet Air Hawaii as Attack Carrier and Air Group Training Officer.

During a tour as Air-to-Air Guided Missile and Space Projects Officer at the Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, Calif., he began studying for a masters degree in Dynamics and Space Technology through the University of California. He received his degree in 1961.

Captain Lang became commanding officer of Heavy Attack Squadron SEVEN in October 1958, and assumed command of Carrier Air Group SEVEN in March 1960.

He then served as Operations Officer of the nuclear-powered attack aircraft carrier ENTERPRISE, program manager for all-weather attack aircraft in the Bureau of Naval Weapons, commanded the fleet oiler KANKAKEE and the super-carrier SARATOGA, and assumed the duties of Chief of Staff of Carrier Division SEVEN in November 1966.

In addition to the Bronze Star (Okinawa - 1945) and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Dominican Republic Expedition); Captain Lang wears the American Defense Service Medal; China Service Medal; American Campaign Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (with three stars); Philippine Liberation Ribbon; European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (with two stars); Victory Medal (World War II); Navy Occupation Service Medal (Japan); Korean Service Medal; and the National Defense Service Medal.