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Smokejumper Obituary

Ewing, Hal (Pilot 1955)

Hal died March 9, 2010, in Grants Pass, Oregon. He joined the Navy after graduating from high school in Great Falls, Montana, and earned his Naval Aviator wings at Pensacola. His first assignment was in a Kingfisher seaplane and flew everything from the PBYs to Bearcat fighters. Later in his career, he flew the A-6 Intruder logging 92 night carrier landings. Hal retired as a full Commander in 1965 and moved to Cave Junction, Oregon. He flew "Gobi" jumpers until the base closed in 1982 and then continued as a lead-plane pilot out of Medford, Oregon.

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