**Bruce Johnson (Navy)**

**Recovery Helicopter Co-pilot (Apollo 11)**

Bruce was commissioned an Ensign in February 1967 and received his designation as a Naval Aviator in May 1968.

That December, Bruce reported to Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron Four (HS-4) at NAS Imperial Beach. He was assigned as the co-pilot to CDR Don Jones, the squadron’s commanding officer. He participated in the Apollo 11, 12 and 13 recovery missions. For Apollo 11, he was the co-pilot of the astronaut Recovery helicopter (#66) and was interviewed by national TV news media afterward.

He made one Westpac cruise with HS-4 that included training exercises with the Australian and Japanese Navies and performing anti-submarine search missions off the coast of Vietnam. He left active duty with the Navy in September 1972.