

A Father Talks Of Prisoner Son

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The father of a recently captured American pilot said yesterday his son had been flying two or three missions a day.

Bunny Nakagawa, father of Navy Commander Gordon Ross Nakagawa, 37, is manager of the Auburn District Fair. His son is one of eight U.S. airmen who the Vietnam News Agency said appeared at a news conference yesterday in North Vietnam.

Commander Nakagawa, an A-6A pilot, was quoted as saying his right arm was hurt and may be fractured. His navigator, Commander Kenneth Hill Higdon, was also listed as captured but apparently not injured seriously.

Nakagawa said he had been officially notified that his son had been captured.

"We've always feared this might happen," he said. "Of course, it is the consequence of the war. We are grateful that he's safe and well. We hope they can reach an agreement soon and that all

the prisoners can come home."

He said Nakagawa's wife Jeanne and their three children, ages 8 to 11, live in Oak Harbor, Wash.

Nakagawa was graduated from Lincoln High School at nearby Roseville and won a Navy scholarship to the University of California at Berkeley, his father said. He was graduated and commissioned an ensign in 1959.

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