



**John F. Bolt, Lieutenant Colonel, USMC (Ret.)**  
 “Jack”

Date of Designation: August 1942

Dates of Active Duty: 25 November 1941 - 1 April 1962

Total Flight Hours: 5,208

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 170

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 2,000 Prop: 3,000 Helo: 200 VF/VA: 3,000

Combat Tours:

WW II: VMF-214, May 1943 - Apr. 1944, Solomon Islands - 94 combat missions.

WW II: USS *Block Island*, May 1945 - Dec. 1945 - 8 combat missions

Korea: VMF-211, MAG-13, Jun. 1952 - Mar. 1953, - 92 missions.

Korea: USAF 51st Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Mar. 1953-Jul. 1953 - 43 missions

Aviation Commands:

CO, VMF-214, 1958 - 1959

Combat Awards:

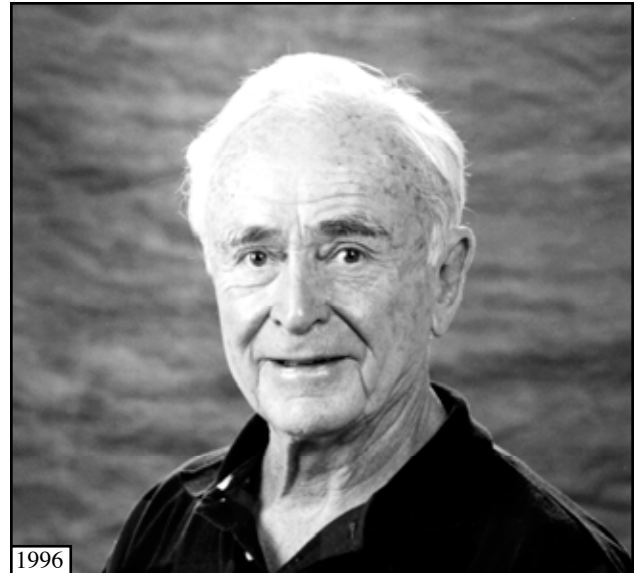
Navy Cross

3 Distinguished Flying Crosses

2 (USAF) Air Medals

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

Born in Laurens, South Carolina, May 19, 1921. Raised in the Sanford, Florida area, 1925 through 1939. Attended the University of Florida from 1939-1941 and served in the U. S. Marine Corps from July 1942 to April 1962. Military duty assignments included:



- 11/41-7/42 Naval Aviation Cadet.
- 1943-44 Marine Fighter Squadron 214 (Boyington’s Blacksheep Squadron), Solomon Island campaign. Flew 94 combat missions.
- 8/45-12/45 Second combat tour aboard the USS *Block Island*, support carrier - 8 missions.
- 1952-53 VMF-211, K-13 Korea - 92 fighter bomber missions.
- 3/53-6/53 Air Force exchange pilot, USAF 51st Fighter Interceptor Squadron - 34 missions.
- 1958-60 CO, Marine Fighter Squadron 214.
- 4/1/62 Retired from active duty as Lieutenant Colonel.
- 1970 Graduated from the University of Florida College of Law.
- 1971-72 Law Professor at the University of Florida.
- 1972-91 Attorney in New Smyrna Beach, FL.
- 5/91 Retired.

Family:

Married to the former Dorothy Wiggins Bolt of Sanford, Florida. Son Robert S. Bolt is an attorney in Tampa, FL. Daughter Barbara B. Bolt is a financial consultant in Tampa, FL.

**Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Member of Pappy Boyington’s Blacksheep Squadron.
- (2) WW II Fighter Pilot Ace - 6 aerial victories.
- (3) Holder of endurance record (14 hours, 9 seconds) in the F4U Corsair, June 1945.
- (4) First and only Marine or Navy jet ace in Korea (6 victories).
- (5) Led the first trans-Pacific flight of Navy or Marine Corps single engine aircraft from Hawaii to Japan.