



Leslie E. Brown, Lt. General, USMC (Ret.)
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Date of Designation: August 1947 NA # F25986

Dates of Active Duty: August 1940 - October 1978

Total Flight Hours: 4,300

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 69

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 1,000 Prop: 2,000 Helo: 300 VF/VA: 2,500

Combat Tours:

WW II: Platoon leader 2D MARDIV, Pacific. Participated in combat operations at Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian and Okinawa, May 1943 - Jul. 1945.

Korea: Short liaison tour with USAF Korea, Sep. 1950 - 11 missions (F-80).

Assistant Operations Officer, MAG- 12, Oct. 1950 - Jul. 1951. 25 combat missions in F4U.

Vietnam: G-3, 1st MAW, Jul. 1965 - Sep. 1965.

6 Helicopter missions.

CO, MAG-12 , Sep. 1965 - Jul. 1966. 112 combat missions in A-4.

CG, 1st MAW, Apr. 1972 - Apr. 1973. From Japan, returned major units to combat in Vietnam and Thailand.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VMF (AW)-513 (F3Ds), Japan, Sep. 1965 - Jul. 1966.

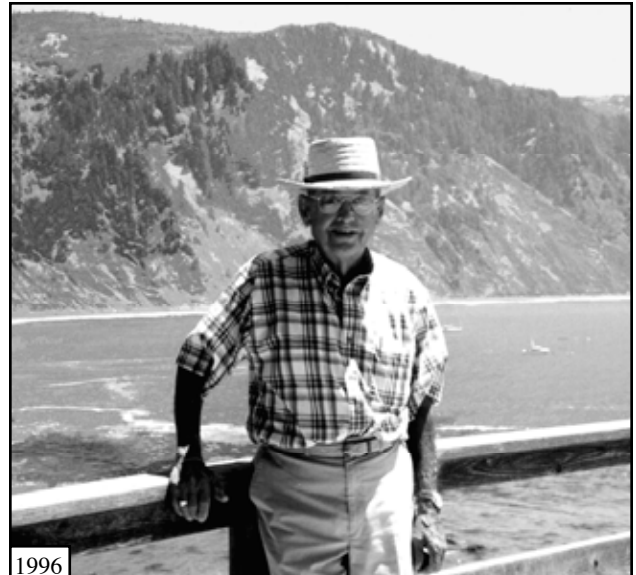
Acting CO, VMF-115, El Toro, transitioning from F-9's to F4D's, Nov. 1955 - Mar. 1957.

CO, MAG 12, Chu Lai, Vietnam, an all A-4 Air Group, Sep. 1965 - Jul. 1966.

CG, 3rd MAW, El Toro, Nov. 1970 - Mar. 1972.

CG, 1st MAW Japan, Vietnam, Thailand, Apr. 1972 - Apr. 1973

Commander Marine Corps Air Bases EAST, Jun. 1973- Jun. 1975.



Combat Awards:

1 Distinguished Service Medal

2 Silver Stars

2 Legion of Merit with Combat "V"

Distinguished Flying Cross

Bronze Star with Combat "V"

8 Air Medals

2 Purple Hearts

Various Korean and Vietnamese Presidential Unit Citations Plus U.S. PUC and various Korean and Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry.

Duty Assignment Chronology

8/40-4/43 Enlisted (2 years aboard the USS Mississippi).

5/43-6/43 F-Co., 2nd Regiment, 2d Mar Div. Field Commission from Staff NCO to 2nd Lt. USMCR.

6/43-7/45 Weapons Company, 6th Regt, 2d Mar Div.
 9/45-10/45 Instructor Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, VA.

10/45-12/45 Legal Officer, Discipline Division, HQMC.

12/45-3/46 JAG, Navy Department, General Court Martial Review Officer.

4/46-7/46 NAS Dallas, TX., Flight Training.

7/46-4/47 NATB, Corpus Christi, TX., Flight Training.

4/47-8/47 NATB, Pensacola, FL., Flight Training.

8/47-2/48 NAS, Jacksonville, FL., Flight Training

3/48-5/48 VMF-224, El Toro, CA.

5/48-4/49 VFM-214, El Toro, CA.

4/49-6/49 Legal Officer, MCAS, EL Toro, CA.

6/49-8/49 All Weather Flight, Corpus Christi, TX.

8/49-1/50 VMT-2, 1st MAW, El Toro Instrument Instr.

1/50-7/50 VMF-311, MAG-12, 1ST MAW, El Toro, CA. 1st West coast jet squadron.

7/50-10/50 USAF Liaison, Korea Flying F-80.

10/50-3/51 MAG-12, 1st MAW, Asst. Operations Officer.

5/51-9/52 Director of Instructor Training, Marine Corps School (MCS), Quantico, VA.

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Duty Assignment Chronology continued

7/53-12/53 Field Officers Course, Maxwell Field, Montgomery, AL.
12/53-4/54 VMF-533, MCAS Cherry Point, NC.
4/54-7/54 Nellis AFB, Fighter Weapons Instructor Course, F-86.
9/54-5/55 Operations Officer, MAG-11, Japan.
5/55-10/55 CO, VMF (AW)-513, Japan.
11/55-5/56 Acting CO, VMF-115, MAG-33, El Toro, CA
7/58-6/59 Student, Naval War College.
7/59-7/62 Plans Officer, G-3 Div (13 Months) and Assistant Secretary to the General Staff, QMC (37 Months).
8/62-5/63 College Degree Program, Oklahoma State (2 Degrees).
7/63-7/64 XO, MAG 13, Kanahoe, Hawaii.
7/64-6/65 Assistant G-4, Air Operations, HQ, FMFPAC, Hawaii (11 months).
6/65-9/65 G-3, 1st MAW, Vietnam.
9/65-7/66 CO, MAG-12, Chu Lai, Vietnam.
8/66-8/68 HQ, Marine Air Reserve, Glenview, IL., G-4 (8 months) and Chief of Staff (16 months).
8/68-9/70 Deputy Director for Operations, US European Command, Stuttgart, Germany. Battle Staff Coordinator (NATO).
10/70-3/72 Asst. Wing Commander (3 Months), and CG, 3rd Wing (12 Months), 3rd MAW, El Toro.
4/72-4/73 CG, 1st MAW, Japan.
6/73-6/75 COMCABSEAST, MCAS Cherry Point, NC.
7/75-7/77 Chief of Staff, HQ Marine Corps, Wash, D. C.
8/77-10/78 CG, Marine Forces Pacific, Hawaii.
10/1/78 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Member Marine first West coast jet squadron.
- (2) First Marine to fly a jet (F-80) in combat (USAF liaison, Korea, 1950.)
- (3) First Marine to sustain jet combat strike damage (in F-80, Korea - 1950).
- (4) Completed USAF Fighter Weapons Instructor Course (F-86's), Nellis AF Base, 1954. This was AF version of TOP GUN at the time.

- (5) First after burner Takeoff at El Toro (F4-D, 1956).
- (6) Qualified Helicopter Aircraft Commander, 1964.
- (7) As Wing G-3, developed first jet combat escort tactics for helicopters. Vietnam, October 1965.
- (8) As Wing G-3, planned and participated (as observer) in the Corps first night helicopter assault in Vietnam, July 1965.
- (9) As CO, MAG-12, operated Corps first SATS (Short airfield tactical support) airfield at Chu Lai, Vietnam. Takeoff's were JATO or catapult and landings were MOREST (Just like a carrier operation). Didn't miss a combat sortie.
- (10) Flew first combat mission launched from a land based catapult (A-4 Chu Lai, Vietnam).
- (11) As U.S. Military Ret., accompanied Vice President AGNEW to ceremonies in Tokyo returning Okinawa to Japanese rule. Emperor Hirohito presided.
- (12) As a family friend and Marine Corps rep, along with Tom Miller, accompanied John and Anne Glenn and family to all official festivities and formal ceremonies following his history making flight. This included, among many others, the ticker tape parade in New York, Joint session of U.S. Congress and UN. Social events attended by LBJ, President Kennedy and his cabinet. While in N.Y, along with John, Tom Miller and several other astronauts, officially paid our respect to General McArthur at his permanent residence in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel (where we were all staying).
- (13) Only the 2nd Aviator to be assigned as Chief of Staff, Headquarter Marine Corps (1975).

General Les Brown passed away on September 12, 1997