



**William D. Bauer, Colonel, USMC (Ret.)**  
 "Bill"

Date of Designation: 14 October 1960      NA#: V-16828

Dates of Active Duty: 4 June 1954 – 1 August 1985

Total Flight Hours: 4,049 Accident Free

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 37

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3,600   Prop: 350   Helo: 55   Glider: 3

Combat Tours:

Vietnam:      July 1967- January 1968 VMFA-314 Chu Lai  
 February 1968 – August 1968 Air Liaison  
 Officer, 1st Marine Regiment, Operations  
 Hue City (Battle of Hue), Ford, Pegasus (Khe  
 Sanh), Scotland II, Napoleon/Saline, and  
 Kentucky.

Aviation Commands:

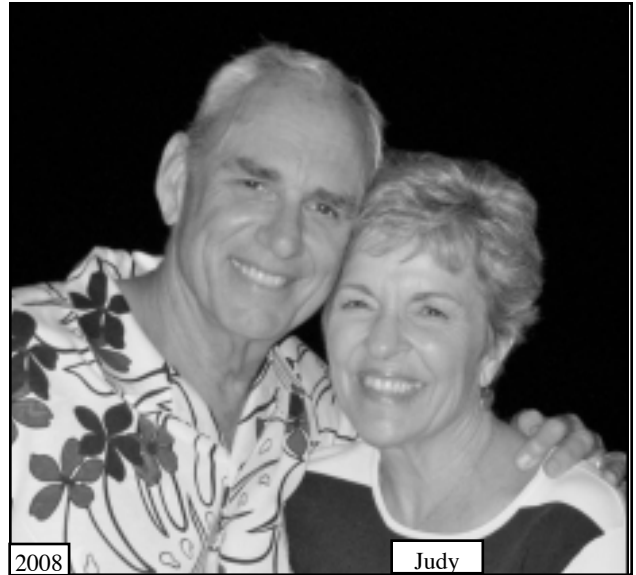
H&MS-10, MCAS Yuma, AZ (June 1974 - May 1975)  
 VMFAT-101, MCAS Yuma, AZ (May 1975 - July 1976)  
 MAG-15, MCAS Iwakuni, Japan (July 1982-July 1983)  
 Marine Air Detachment, Naval Air Test Center (August  
 1983-August 1985)

Combat Awards:

Distinguished Flying Cross  
 Bronze Star with Combat "V"  
 8 Strike Flight Air Medals

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

6/54-6/58      U. S. Naval Academy, Midshipman.  
 8/58-4/59      The Basic School, Quantico, VA.  
 5/59-10/60      Flight Student, Pensacola, FL and  
 Kingsville, TX (T-34, T-28, F-9, F-11).  
 11/60-2/63      VMF (aw) 451, Squadron Pilot, El Toro,  
 CA and Atsugi, Japan (F-8, F-9, HU-1).



2/63-1/66      VT-22, Advanced Jet Flight Instructor,  
 Kingsville, TX (F-9).  
 2/66-7/66      Student USMC Amphibious Warfare  
 School, Quantico, VA (T-28).  
 8/66-7/67      Squadron Pilot, VMFA-531, MCAS  
 Cherry Point, NC (F-4).  
 7/67-2/68      Squadron Pilot, VMFA-314. ChuLai RVN.  
 2/68-8/68      Air Liaison Officer, 1st Marine Regiment,  
 1st Marine Division, RVN.  
 9/68-1/70      Aircraft Maintenance Officer, VMFA-212,  
 MCAS Kaneohe, HI (F-4).  
 2/70-3/73      US Navy Test Pilot School; Test Pilot ,  
 Flying Qualities and Performance Branch,  
 Flight Test Division, Naval Air Test  
 Center (T-28, A-4, T-1, S-2, T-38, TH-13,  
 U-6, X-26, B-26, A-7, U-1, C-1, OV-10,  
 F-4, F-8, T-2, UH-1, AH-1, F-14, T-39,  
 T-33).  
 4/73              Requal, VMFAT-201, MCAS Cherry Point,  
 NC (F-4).  
 5/73-3/74      Staff Secretary to the Commanding  
 General, 1st MAW, Iwakuni Japan (C-117).  
 3/74-5/74      H&MS-15, Iwakuni Japan (C-117, A-4, F-4).  
 6/74-5/75      CO H&MS-10, MCAS Yuma, AZ (F-4).  
 5/75-7/76      CO VMFAT-101, MCAS Yuma, AZ (F-4).  
 7/76-8/76      Station Inspector, MCAS Yuma, AZ (F-4).  
 9/76-7/79      Headquarters US Marine Corps, Studies  
 and Analysis, and Head, Anti-Air Warfare  
 Systems Section, Department of Aviation.  
 8/79-6/80      Student, Naval War College, Newport, RI.  
 8/80-6/82      Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, FMFPAC,  
 Camp Smith, HI.  
 6/82-7/83      CO MAG-15, MCAS Iwakuni, Japan (F-4,  
 PS-1, F-16, RF-4, C-12).  
 8/83-8/85      CO Marine Aviation Detachment, Naval  
 Air Test Center, Patuxent River, MD (T-2  
 F-4, T-38, HAWK, PC-7, Andover, Alpha  
 Jet, H-58, C-12, H-57, H-1, H-46, SNJ,  
 BK-117, H-34, F-18).

## **Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Recipient of the Empire Test Pilot School Award for the Outstanding Navy Preliminary Evaluation Report for US Navy Test Pilot School Class 56.
- (2) Recipient of the Navy League Steven B. Luce Award for Outstanding Performance in the College of Naval Warfare.
- (3) Elected a Member of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots on 11 January 1973.
- (4) While assigned to the Flying Qualities and Performance Branch, Flight Test Division, Naval Air Test Center: Participated in numerous experimental/developmental test flights that included:
  - First and Second Navy Preliminary Evaluations of the F-14A. Third Naval Aviator and first Marine to fly the F-14A.
  - First flight tests of the A-7, TF-P-408 engine-air frame combination.
  - High altitude take-off and landing performance testing of the A-7, TF-P-30
- (5) CO VMFAT-101: Squadron received CNO Aviation Safety Award.