



**Bobby G. Butcher, MGen, USMC (Ret.)**  
 "Bob"

Date of Designation: 10 November 1960 NA # V-17036

Dates of Active Duty: 9 March 1959 - 31 July 1992.

Total Flight Hours: 4,287

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 76

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3,659 Prop: 542 Helo: 86 VF/VA: 2,447

VR: 219 VT: 1,415

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: Chu Lai, June 2, 1967-October 12, 1967 (A-4),  
 184 combat missions.

Vietnam: Chu Lai and Danang, June 6, 1970-June 1, 1971  
 (A-4), 56 combat missions

Aviation Commands:

VMAT-102, May 1976-June 1977

MAWTS-1, June 1980-August 1982

CG, 6th MEB, August 1987-July 1989

Combat Awards:

Distinguished Flying Cross

Bronze Star Medal with combat "V"

15 Air Medals

### **Duty Assignment Chronology**

3/59-5/59 Officer Candidate at Quantico, VA.  
 6/59-11/60 Flight Training at Pensacola, Whiting and  
 Kingsville (T-34, T-28, F-9, F-11).  
 12/60-4/61 Pilot, VMA-242, Cherry Point, NC (A-4).  
 5/60-10/63 Pilot, Embarkation Officer and Assistant LSO,  
 VMA-224 at Cherry Point and Iwakuni, Japan  
 (A-4)



11/63-4/64 Flight Instructor, VT-31, Corpus Christ, TX  
 (S-2).  
 5/64-8/66 Flight Instructor and Senior LSO, VT-22,  
 Kingsville, TX (F-9, F-11).  
 9/66-2/67 Student, Amphibious Warfare School,  
 Quantico, VA (T-28).  
 3/67-5/67 Refresher Training at MARTD Los Alamitos,  
 CA (A-4).  
 5/67-10/67 Flight Officer and LSO, VMA-311 at Iwakuni,  
 Japan and Chu Lai, RVN (A-4).  
 11/67-2/70 Aviation Staff Planning Instr., LFTCPac at  
 NAB Coronado, CA (T-33, T-28).  
 3/70-5/70 Refresher Training, VMA 214, El Toro (A-4).  
 6/70-6/71 Embarkation Officer of various units at Chu  
 Lai and Danang, RVN (A-4).  
 7/71-8/73 OIC, Officer Selection Office, Philadelphia,  
 PA (A-4, U-11, S-2, 0-2).  
 9/73- 5/74 Student, USMC Command and Staff College,  
 Quantico, VA  
 6/74-6/77 Operations Officer, Executive Officer and CO,  
 VMAT-102, Yuma, AZ (A-4).  
 7/77-7/79 Operations Officer, MCAS Yuma, AZ (A-4,  
 C-117).  
 8/79-6/80 Operations Plans Officer, 3rd MarDiv,  
 Okinawa.  
 6/80-8/82 CO, MAWTS-1, Yuma, AZ (A-4, A-6, F/A-18,  
 OV-10, UH-1, CH-46, CH-53D).  
 9/82-6/83 Student, State Departments Senior Seminar at  
 Arlington, VA.  
 6/83-6/86 Director, Plans and Policy,  
 STRIKEFOR SOUTH, Naples, Italy.  
 6/86-7/87 Assistant Wing Commander, 3rd MAW, El  
 Toro, CA (All USMC aircraft except the  
 F/A-18, EA-6B and AV-8.)  
 8/87-7/89 CG, Sixth MEB, Camp LeJeune, NC (A-4,  
 CH-46).  
 7/89-7/91 J-3, USCINCPAC at Camp Smith, HI (A-4,  
 CH-46).  
 8/91-7/92 CG, LFTCPac, NAB Coronado, CA.

## Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) 1963: Qualified (Day/Night) as an LSO for all USN/USMC aircraft while a first lieutenant.
- (2) 1964-1966: As the VT-22 Senior (and for one year the only) LSO, controlled over 10,000 FMLP's and 990 student carrier landings without an accident or incident.
- (3) 1965: Represented Training Wing Two during the rewrite of Air Combat Maneuvering and Air to Air Gunnery Syllabus caused by the elimination of the F-11 from the Training Command inventory.
- (4) 1967: Awarded DFC for exceptional accuracy of napalm impacts during a night CAS mission with no illumination available and using tracer rounds from a UH-1 to mark the target.
- (5) 1970-1971: Was the Embarkation Officer for MAG-13 when they left Chu Lai, the First MAW when they left Danang and the Third MAB when that "wrap up" force left Vietnam and still managed to fly 56 combat missions (A-4) that year.
- (6) 1974: Key participant in the briefing (Project 19) that ultimately resulted in the formation of Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron - One (MAWTS-1).
- (7) 1974-1977: CEP of 27.5 feet (over 500 impacts on raked ranges only), flying TA-4, A4E and A-4M at glide/dive angles from 10 through 45 degrees.
- (8) 1975-1982: Held every Leader/Instructor designation for the A-4.
- (9) 1976: Commanded the Marine Corps largest A-4 squadron (thirty aircraft) as a major.
- (10) 1980: Developed and implemented an "Eighteen Month Plan" to guide and focus regimental training while the Operations Plans Officer for the Third Marine Division. This concept was later adopted by all Marine divisions.
- (11) 1980-1982: Commanded MAWTS-1, firmly establishing that squadron as the premier aircrew training unit it remains to this day.
- (12) 1981: Initiated the "Commanders Orientation Course" to inform commanders of the skills and capabilities their Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI) had learned while attending the WTI Course at MAWTS-1.
- (13) 1986: Completed all requirements (NATOPS Open/Closed Book Exams, Helicopter Aerodynamics Closed Book Exam - learned by using the Programmed Instruction Handout - and thirty-one flight hours) and was formally designated a Helicopter Pilot in only ten days. (The first to ever accomplish that goal in ten days.)
- (14) 1989-1991: Directed and managed over thirty crisis response operations while the Director for Operations (J-3) for USCINCPAC.
- (15) 1991-1992: Initiated and developed the concept that combined the assets of the U. S. Navy's Naval Amphibious Schools and the U.S. Marine Corp's Landing Force Training Commands into one command (Expeditionary Warfare Training Group) on each coast.