



Ernest C. Cunningham, Colonel, USMC (Ret.)
 "Ernie"

Date of Designation: August 10, 1955 V-7715

Dates of Active Duty: 28 June 1950 - 30 June 1982

Total Flight Hours: 4,148

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 6 Rotary: 103

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3,618 Prop: 530 VF/VA: 2,002 Other: 1,365

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: Phu Bai, Quang Tri and Marble Mountain,
 RVN, June, 1968 - July 1969

Total Combat Hours: 687

Aviation Commands:

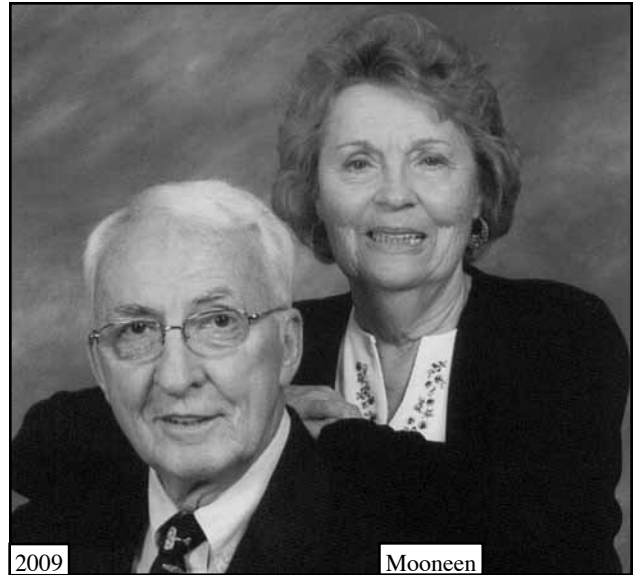
CO, H&MS-16, June 1974-April 1975
 CO, MAG-39, October 1978 - November 1979
 CO, 11th MAU, June 1979 - October 1979
 CO, ProvMAG - 50, February 1980 - May 1980

Combat Awards:

3 Distinguished Flying Crosses
 44 Air Medals

Duty Assignment Chronology

6/50-3/54 USMC Enlisted, ATC/GCA, 2ND MAW,
 3rd MAW.
 3/54-8/55 Naval Cadet, Flight Training, FL, AL & TX.
 (SNJ, T-33, F9F-2).
 8/55-9/56 VMF(N)-531, EMB. Officer, Cherry Point,
 NC (F3D-2).
 9/56-1/58 VMF(AW)-513, Japan, Okinawa (F3D-2,
 F3D-2M, SNB).
 1/58-5/59 TACC, 2nd MAW, Cherry Point, NC. (T-33,
 AD-6, AD-5, SNB)



5/59-9/59 VMF(AW)-115, Cherry Point, NC.
 Flight Officer. (F4D).
 9/59-5/60 VMF(AW)-114, Cherry Point, NC.,
 Flight Officer (F4D).
 5/60-7/61 First Marine Division, Camp Pendleton FAC,
 (SNB).
 7/61 -7/64 Training Command (T1A, T-28, SNB).
 7/64 -12/65 MWSG-17, Iwakuni, Japan (SNB, HU-16C).
 12/65-7/66 AWS, Quantico, VA. (T-28).
 7/66-6/68 VMT-1/VMAT-203, 2nd MAW (TF9J, A4B,
 TA4F).
 6/68-7/69 HMM-364/MABS-16, Vietnam (CH-46).
 7/69-8/72 HQMC, AAZ-2 (T-33).
 8/72-6/74 College Degree Program UWF, Pensacola, FL.
 6/74-7/75 H&MS-16, 3rd MAW, Tustin, CA (CH-46).
 7/75-8/76 MWSG-17, 1st MAW, Iwakuni, Japan (C-117)
 8/76-8/78 1st Marine Division, Division Air Officer,
 Camp Pendleton. CA. Chief-of-Staff, 5th
 Marine Brigade. Exercise "Brave Shield
 XVI".
 8/78-6/80 C.O. MAG-39, 3rdD MAW, Camp Pendleton,
 CA (UH1N).
 C.O. OF 11th Marine Amphibious Unit
 Joint US & Canadian Exercise "Kernal
 Potlash II" (UH-1N).
 C.O. PROV MAG-50, Joint Exercise "Gallant
 Eagle-80" (UH1N, CH-46).
 6/80 - 06/82 COMNAVPHIL, Provost Marshal, Subic
 Bay, P.I.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Carrier Qualification on the USS Monterey, 1955.
- (2) Advanced flight training in the F9F-2, 1955.
- (3) Advanced training in Night and All Weather flying in 1956, F3D.

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued

- (4) Sparrow Missile Test, shooting at drone F-6's at Okinawa in 1957, F3D-2M.
- (5) Transition into F4D, 1959-1960.
- (6) 1968 – 1969, Transition into CH-46's in 1968 followed by serving as Operations Officer, S-3, of HMM-364, flying CH-46's in Vietnam, earning 3 Distinguished Flying Crosses and 44 Strike/Flight Air Medals.
- (7) 1978, Chief of Staff, 5th Marine Brigade "Braveshield-16", joint exercise with Central Command.
- (8) 1979, Commanding Officer, 11th Marine Amphibious Unit, joint U.S. and Canadian Exercise "Kernal Potlash II".
- (9) 1980, Commanding Officer, ProvMAG-50, "Gallant Eagle-80, joint exercise with Central Command."
- (10) 1980-1982, Provost Marshal, COMNAVPHIL.