



**John K. Davis, General, USMC (Ret.)**

Date of Designation: 30 June 1954

Dates of Active Duty: 14 June 1945 - 25 August 1946  
15 August 1950 - 31 May 1986

Total Flight Hours: 4,750

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

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3,000 Prop: 1,600 Helo: 150 VF/VA: 2,900  
VR/VP: 500 VT: 800

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: Aviation Safety Officer, 1st MAW, and XO,  
MAG-11, Danang, RVN. Aug. 1969 - Aug. 1970.  
171 attack missions (VA)

Aviation Commands:

CO, VMA(AW)-224. Nov. 1967 - Jan. 1968.  
CO, VMAT(AW)-202, Jan. 1968 - Jul. 1968.  
CO, MAG-46/MARTD, Jul. 1973 - Jul. 1975.  
CG, COMCABWEST/CG, MCAS El Toro, CA., Jun. 1976 -  
Feb. 1977.  
CG, 3rd MAW, Feb. 1977 - Feb. 1978.  
CG, 1st MAW, Feb. 1978 - May 1970.  
CG, FMF Pacific, Jun. 1981 - Jun. 1983.

Combat Awards:

Legion of Merit with Combat "V" (RVN)  
Distinguished Flying Cross (RVN)  
Air Medal with bronze numeral 10

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

6/45-8/46 Enlisted Marine (Parris Island, Camp Lejeune,  
Quantico and Hawaii).  
8/50-3/51 The Basic School, Quantico, VA.



4/51-10/52 3d Amphibious Tractor Battalion, Camp  
Pendleton, CA.  
10/52-2/54 Pre-Flight and Basic flight training, NAS  
Pensacola, FL.  
2/54-7/54 Advanced Training Command, NAS Corpus  
Christi, TX.  
8/54-1/55 VMF (N)-542, MCAS El Toro, CA.  
1/55-5/56 VMF (N)-513, K-6 Korea and NAS Atsugi ,  
Japan.  
5/56-2/58 Marine Air Control Squadron 4 (MACS-4) ,  
MCAS Tustin, CA.  
2/58-10/58 VMA-121, MCAS El Toro, CA.  
10/58-6/59 VMA-311, MCAS El Toro, CA.  
8/59-7/62 Instructor, VT-26, NAS Chase Field, Beeville,  
TX.  
8/62-7/63 Student, Air Command and Staff College ,  
Maxwell AFB, AL.  
8/63-9/64 1st MAW, MCAS Iwakuni, Japan.  
10/64-8/67 Staff, Headquarters Allied Forces Europe,  
Oslo, Norway  
8/67-7/68 CO, VMA(AW)-224 and CO, VMAT(AW)-  
202, MCAS Cherry Point, NC.  
8/68-6/69 Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Ft.  
McNair, Washington, D.C.  
8/69-8/70 Aviation Safety Officer, 1st MAW and XO,  
MAG-11, Danang, RVN.  
9/70-6/73 HQMC, Washington, D.C.  
7/73-7/75 CO, MAG-46, MCAS El Toro, CA.  
7/75-2/78 Assistant Wing Commander, 3d MAW,  
MCAS El Toro, CA., and then Commander,  
COMCABWEST/CG, MCAS, El Toro, CA.,  
and Commanding General 3d MAW, MCAS  
El Toro, CA.  
2/78-5/79 Commanding General, 1st MAW, Okinawa.  
6/79-6/81 Headquarters Pacific Command, Hawaii.  
6/81-6/83 Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force  
Pacific, Camp H. M. Smith, HI.  
7/83-5/86 Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps,  
Headquarters USMC, Washington, D. C.  
6/86 Retired from active duty.

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## **Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Flown over 30 different aircraft including; the F3D, F9F, F11F, A-6, F-4, F-104, A-4, AH-64, UH-1, CH 46, CH-53, F/A-18, and the XV-15 (MV-22 Prototype). He flew 285 combat hours in the Republic of Vietnam (160 at night) and 171 combat missions (100 night).
- (2) President Marine Corps Association, 1983-1986.
- (3) Co-Chairman of the Secretary of the Navy's Advisory Committee on Retired Personnel (1989). National Commander of the Marine Corps Aviation Association (1990-1991).

### Family

General Davis and his wife, the former Jane Dickey of San Clemente, CA., have three children: Keri, Gwendolyn and Julie.