

1stLt Donovan - Marble Mountain, RVN, January 1969

The Honorable Joseph P. Donovan, Sr.
(former MAJOR USMCR)
 "Pat"

Date of Designation: 2 April 1968

Dates of Active Duty: June 1966 - June 1971

Total Flight Hours: 1,200+

Carrier/Ship Landings: USS *Iwo Jima*, USS *Princeton*,
 USS *Repose* and USS *Sanctuary*, and CONUS Training
 USS *Duluth* MBLX 1970; Day & Night Rotary 40+.

Approximate Flight Hours:
 Prop: 75 VT: 75 Helo: 1,200

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: I-Corps, RVN, MCAF Phu Bai, MCAF Marble
 Mtn.: (CH-46A&D, Aug. 1968-Sept. 1969
 Total Combat Missions: 700+ (CH-46D)

Aviation Commands:

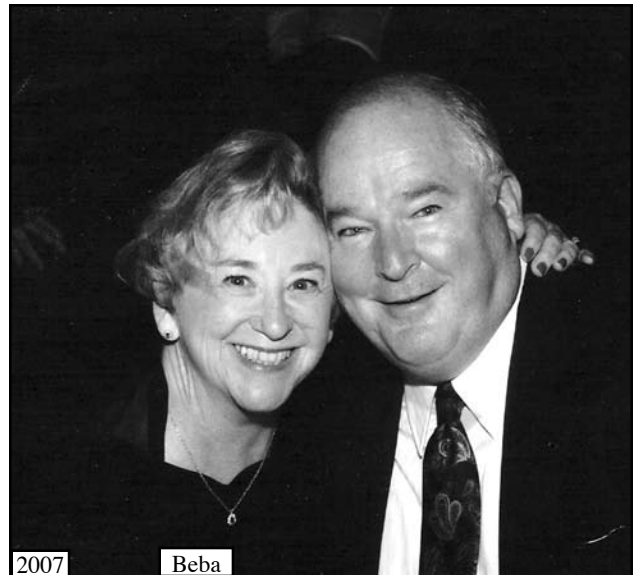
HMM-364, 1st MAW, MAG-16, Squadron Pilot, Legal
 Officer; 2 Sep. 1968-June 1969;
 HMM-364, 1st MAW, MAG-16 (CH-46D) Section Leader
 and Flight Leader, "The Purple Foxes".
 H&HS-16 Staff, MAG-16, with collateral duty flying
 as Squadron Pilot with HMM-364; 20 June
 1969-12 September 1969 (CH-46A & CH-46D).

Combat Awards:

2 Navy Crosses
 1 Silver Star
 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses
 1 Purple Heart
 35 Strike/Flight Air Medals

Duty Assignment Chronology

4/68-8/68 MCAF Camp Pendleton, HML-776 (UH-1E)
 Pilot Qualified in Model Training; LFTC NAS



2007

Coronado, FAC Certification & Naval Gunfire
 Gunfire Orientation.

- 8/68-6/69 HMM-364 Phu Bai and Marble Mtn (CH-46D).
- 7/69-9/69 H&HS-16, Marble Mtn. (CH-46D).
- 10/69-7/71 HMM-163, MCAS Santa Ana, CA. Squadron
 Pilot; TempDutyAssign CG MCAS Special
 Projects Officer; HAC Certification CH-53A
 June 1971.
- 3/72-6/72 MACG-48, NAS Glenview, IL. (CH-34D 10+
 hours).
- 10/72-10/73 VTU-Law, San Diego, CA.
- 11/73-2/76 HMM-764, MCAS Santa Ana, CA., DIFOT
 Squadron Pilot.
- 11/76-6/77 MARTD, NAS Glenview, IL. Transition
 Training UH-1E, Squadron Pilot.
- 7/1/77 Permanent Rank – Major USMC.
- 1977- Inactive Reserves.
- 10/86 Honorable Discharge.



"Ready APP" TBS MCB Quantico, August 2004

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) 2 Sep 1968. PQM in the UH-1E reporting to 1st
 MAW, assigned to fly CH-46 in HMM-364 "The
 Purple Foxes"; first under LtCol Joe Dobbratz, USMC,
 then LtCol Bud Statzer, USMC, and in January 1969
 under LtCol E. R. "The Papafox" Brady, USMC and in
 Aug. 1969 with LtCol C. R. Dunbaugh, USMC.

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued

- (2) Flying with the finest Marines, Crew Chiefs, Mechs and Gunners, who maintained and repaired our CH-46's and who flew with our brother Navy Corpsmen and Medical Doctors.
- (3) Feb 21 and 22, 1969, on first mission as Helicopter Aircraft Commander (HAC) and wingman, taking over in mid-flight as Section Leader in the Stygian pitch darkness of the mountains surrounding Elephant Valley, NW of Da-Nang, west of Hai Van Pass above DaNang Bay and then to the 'French Fort' east of Hill 55.
- (4) March 17, 1969, Go Noi Island, day medevac mission under mortar fire.
- (5) April 21, 1969 northwest of Liberty Bridge, day medevac Arizona Territory.
- (6) April 28, 1969, First Marine Division Recon Team Extract from mountains west of An Hoa; and return to extract lone member, OIC.
- (7) May 9, 1969, "Mission 5-Mike" at the Village of MyHiep(3), three clicks NW of Liberty Bridge, Arizona Territory.
- (8) Emergency external ladder extract of Marine Recon



Team from mountains west of An Hoa
Chicago Memorial Day – Grand Marshall
Beverly Hills – Morgan Park 27 May 2002

Family Recognition:

On a personal level, my dear wife Beba and I acknowledge with gratitude our sons Pat, Brian, Dan, Tom and our daughter, Captain Eileen C. Donovan, USMC. We share our great pride in our daughters-in-law, Liz, Rachel and Judy and in our seven grandchildren, Brendan, Sean, Maeve, Joy, Abigail, Grace and Rylan.

Of Singular Note:

My wife and I share the distinct privilege of having pinned The Naval Aviator "Wings of Gold" on First Lt. Eileen C. Donovan, USMC of HT-8 at NAS Whiting Field, FL., 27 July 2007.

Bar Memberships and Associations:

Illinois Supreme Court (Oct. 21, 1976) ARDC Registration #0658200 Active.

The Supreme Court of Texas, (Sept. 10, 1993). Status Active Member #00786863.

The United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, (Nov. 9, 1976).

Education:

The University of San Diego Law School J.D.

May 1975, San Diego, California

The University of Dallas, B. A.

May 1966, Irving, Texas

Aviation Awards Conferred:

Navy Cross - 17 Nov. 1969

(for medevac mission of 22 Feb. 69)

The Purple Heart - 23 Aug. 1971

(for wounds in action 22 Feb. 1969)

The Distinguished Flying Cross - 26 Sep. 1969

(for medevac of 17 Mar. 1969)

Navy Cross - 14 May 1970

(for medevac of 21 Apr. 1969)

The Distinguished Flying Cross - 14 Jan. 1970

(for medevac of 28 Apr. 1969)

The Silver Star Medal - 13 Apr. 1970

(for medevac of 9 May 1970)

Air Medal, Strike Flight with Numerals 35

(700 missions 15 Sep. 1968 - 26 Jul. 1969)

Pilot of the Year 1970 – American Helicopter Society -

Frederick L. Feinberg Award