



**Andrew S. Dudley, Colonel USMC (Ret.)**  
"Scotty"

Dates of Active Duty: 1967 - 1995

Total Flight Hours: 4,500+

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 350

Combat Missions: 100+

Personal Awards:

Legion of Merit  
Distinguished Flying Cross  
Bronze Star  
Purple Heart  
Meritorious Service Medal  
Air Medal with combat "V", 2 stars and numeral 9)  
Navy Commendation Medal with combat "V" and 4 stars)

### **Duty Assignment Chronology**

Andrew Scott Dudley, Jr was born in Mobile, AL., on June 29, 1948. The son of WWII Veterans, he spent the next 19 years in various countries as his father remained on active duty in the United States Air Force, participating in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts.

Andrew enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1967, attending Boot Camp in San Diego, CA.

Following selection for and completing the Enlisted Commissioning Program and The Basic School, he was assigned to Williams AFR, Chandler AZ for pilot training. After USAF deprogramming - "Learning How to Fly, Talk, and Think Naval Aviator" orientation, 2nd Lt. Dudley received initial fleet training in the F-4 Phantom at MCAS Cherry Point, NC.

1st. Lt Dudley's first fleet assignment was to VMFA-251 at MCAS Beaufort, SC. Transferring to VMFA-333, Lt.



Dudley initially Carrier Qualified aboard the USS *America* and deployed with the squadron and CVW-8 in support of combat operations in the Gulf of Tonkin.

On 11 September 1972, Captain Dudley was the wing man for Major "Bear" Lassiter for the only all-Marine Mig kill of the Vietnam conflict. Upon return from SEASIA, Captain Dudley deployed aboard the USS *Independence* for continuation of his Landing Signal Officer (LSO) training, gaining his Air Wing LSO qualification.

Captain Dudley, still in VMFA 333, deployed aboard USS *Nimitz*, participating in air operations, flight deck certifications, and a brief North Atlantic cruise. Captain Dudley then transferred to VMFA 451 for operations aboard USS *Forrestal*.

Following Airborne training in 1976, Captain Dudley served with the 2nd Naval Air and Ground Liaison Company, earning his Parachutist Wings of Gold. In 1978, Captain Dudley transferred to the 3rd MAW where he served in VMFA 314 and as the 3rd MAW LSO.

Major Dudley was transferred to CVW-14 where he served as Chief Staff Officer, Marine Liaison Officer and Air Wing LSO aboard USS *Coral Sea*. Following the WestPac cruise, Major Dudley then transferred briefly to MAG 31 in Beaufort, SC before reassignment to NAS Cecil Field FL as Officer in Charge of the Atlantic Fleet Hornet Introduction Team.

Major Dudley then served as the Executive Officer of VFA-106 from Squadron Commissioning until transferring to MCAS Beaufort in 1986. After a stint as Airfield Operations Officer, Lt. Col. Dudley reported to duty at MAG 15, 1st MAW in Iwakuni, Japan for duty as Executive Officer.

Returning to CONUS in 1989, he then severed as Executive Officer of MAG 31 before assuming Command of the "Warlords" of VMFA 451 in January of 1990.

Duty Assignment Chronology continued:

In August 1990, the "Warlords" deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, returning to CONUS in March of 1991.

Colonel Dudley next transferred to MCAS El Toro, CA., where he assumed Command of Marine Air Group 46 in May of 1992. The Air Group relocated to NAS Miramar in 1994 and Col. Dudley retired from active service in September 1995.

"Scotty" has been happily married to the former Darlene Anne Eddy for over forty years.

**Post retirement:** Scotty has been a Manufacturing Plant Manager, Corporate Air Director, and Summary Court Judge.

He now rides a Harley.