



**Richard A. Gustafson, MGEN USMC (Ret.)**  
"Gus"

Date of Designation: 15 Jan. 1960 V-15881

Dates of Active Duty: 7 Jun. 1957 to 1 Oct. 1990.

Total Flight Hours: 5,602

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 139

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,954 Prop: 580 VF/VA: 3,844

VR/VP: 340 VT: 336

Other: VX-5 809 RDT&E: 186 Helo: 68

Combat Tours:

11/67 - 10/ 68 Chu Lai RVN, VMA-211/MAG-12 (A-4E, A-6A) - 427 missions.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VMA-513, Japan, AV-8's, Sep. 1975 - Jul. 1976.

CO, MAG-32, A-4's, and AV-8's, Cherry Point, May 1981 - Apr. 1983.

CG 8th MAB, Air/Ground, Iceland, Jun. - Aug. 1983.

CG 3rd MAB, Air/Ground, Korea, Sep. - Dec. 1983.

CG 2nd MAW, Apr. 1988 - Jul. 1990.

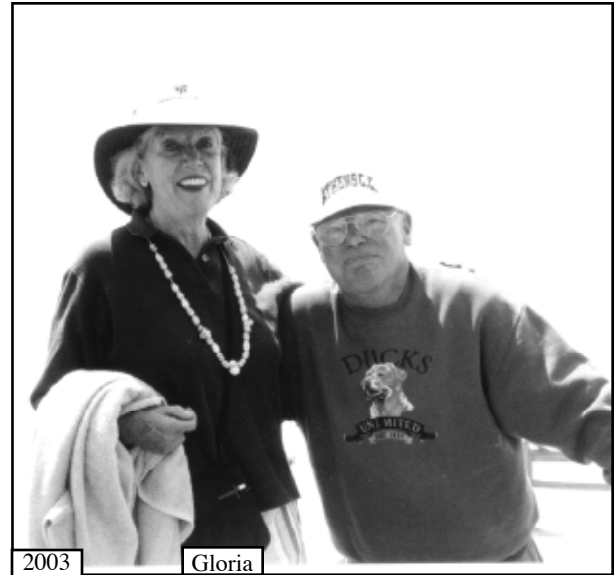
Combat Awards:

Distinguished Flying Cross

29 Strike/Flight Air Medals

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

6/57-3/58 Basic School, Quantico, VA., Student.  
5/58-1/60 Flight Training.  
1/60-3/62 VMA-311, El Toro, *USS Coral Sea*, *USS Midway*, MCAS Iwakuni (A4D-2).  
4/62-3/64 MARTD Norfolk (A4D-2).  
3/64-10/64 USN Test Pilot School.  
10/64-8/67 VX-5 (A4C/E/F, A-7A, A-1E/H).



9/67-11/67 VMA-211, Iwakuni (A-4C).  
12/67-9/68 MAG-12, Chu Lai, RVN (A-4E/C, TA-4F, A-6A).  
10/68-7/69 MAG-32, S3A; MCAS Beaufort (A-4C, TA-4F, F-4B).  
8/69-8/70 USN PG School, Monterey, CA. (T-1A.) Student.  
9/70-5/72 Cranfield Institute of Technology, England. Student (C-1A, C-131) NAF Mildenhall.  
6/72-7/75 PMA-257B (AV-8A) London, England; Hunter, Whirlwind, Harrier with RAF; AV-8A with Hawker Siddeley, C-1A with NAF Mildenhall.  
9/75-7/76 CO, VMA-513, MCAS Iwakuni (AV-8A).  
8/76-5/77 Army War College Carlisle, PA. Student.  
6/77-4/81 HQMC, APW-21, APP-21, APW.  
5/81-4/83 CO MAG-32, MCAS Cherry Point (AV-8A, A-4M, OA-4M).  
4/83-8/83 AWC 2nd MAW (A-4M, AV-8A).  
9/83-6/84 AWC 1st MAW, Okinawa (F-4S, A-4M).  
6/84-4/86 DEP CMDR FMF Pacific, Camp Smith, HI. (TA-4F).  
6/86-3/88 DEP CMDR/Chief of Staff U.S. Forces Japan, (A-4M, O/A-4M).  
4/88-7/90 CG 2nd MAW, MCAS Cherry Point (AV-8B, F/A-18A).