



Robert Hickerson, Colonel USMC (Ret.)
 “Bob”

Date of Designation: July 1, 1968 NA# V-26815

Dates of Active Duty: September 1966 – July 1994

Total Flight Hours: 4,460

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 120

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3,517 Prop: 313 Helo: 55 Other: 565

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: Chu Lai RVN: MAG-12, VMA-223, January-August 1969 (A-4E).

Vietnam: DaNang RVN: MAG-11, H&MS-11, August 1969-January 1970 (TA-4F).

Vietnam: USS *Hancock*, CVW-21, VA-55, June-September 1972 (A-4F).

Total Combat Missions: 316 (470 Combat hours in A-4/TA-4).

Aviation Commands:

CO, MAG-42 det A (NAS Cecil Field) July 1985–June 1987 (A-4M)

CO, MAG-42 (NAS Alameda) July 1990–April 1992 (A-4M; RH-53D)

Combat Awards:

2 Single Mission Air Medals

27 Strike/Flight Air Medals

5 Navy Commendation Medals w/Combat “V”

Duty Assignment Chronology

9/62-6/66 NROTC, Univ of California, Berkeley.
 9/66 Commissioned, MCB Quantico, VA.
 9/66-1/67 The Basic School, Quantico, VA.
 2/67-7/68 Student, Naval Aviator (T-34/T-2/F-9).



7/68-1/69 Squadron Pilot, VMA-214, MCAS El Toro, CA (A-4C).
 1/69-9/69 Squadron Pilot (Schedules Officer), VMA-223, Chu Lai, RVN (A-4E).
 9/69-1/70 S-1 Officer, H&MS-11, DaNang, RVN (TA-4)
 1/70-4/72 Asst. Ops Officer/NATOPS Officer, VMA-324, Beaufort, SC A-4E/A-4M).
 4/72-7/73 LSO, CVW-21/VA-55, NAS Lemoore, CA, and USS *Hancock* (A-4F).
 7/73-9/73 LSO/VMA-311 (TAD), Iwakuni, Japan (A-4E)
 9/73-7/76 Weapons Instructor, MAWTUPAC, MCAS El Toro, CA (A-4/TA-4).
 7/76-6/78 S-3 Officer, VMAT-102, MCAS Yuma, AZ (A-4M/TA-4).
 7/78-6/79 Student, USMC Command and Staff College, Quantico, VA.
 6/79-5/82 S-3 Officer/XO VMA-214, MCAS El Toro, CA and Iwakuni, Japan (A-4M).
 5/82-7/84 Instructor, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS.
 7/84-6/85 Student, Naval War College, Newport, RI.
 7/85-7/87 CO, MAG-42 det A, 4th MAW, NAS Cecil Field, FL (A-4M).
 7/87-6/89 Deputy G-3 (Air), FMFPac, Camp Smith, HI.
 7/89-12/89 AC/S Aviation Logistics, FMFPac, Camp Smith, HI.
 12/89-7/90 Deputy G-3 (Air), FMFPac, Camp Smith, HI.
 7/90-4/92 CO, MAG-42, 4th MAW, NAS Alameda, CA (A-4M/RH-53D).
 4/92-6/93 C/S, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, New Orleans, LA (C-12/UH-1N/A-4M).
 6/93-7/94 C/S, Marine Reserve Force, New Orleans, LA (C-12/UH-1N/A-4M).

Summary of Significant Career Events

(1) 1969. Flew 143 combat missions in A-4E with VMA-223 from Chu Lai.

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued

- (2) 1969-1970. Flew 95 combat missions in TA-4F with H&MS-11 Playboys from DaNang. Qualified as TAC(A)/FAC(A) and designated as "Playboy 26."
- (3) 1970-1971. As Assistant Operations Officer/NATOPS Officer of VMA-324, served as NATOPS Model Manager for fleet introduction of A-4M.
- (4) 1972. Assigned as Assistant CVW-21 LSO aboard USS *Hancock* for LSO qualification. Flew 78 combat missions with VA-55 from USS *Hancock* during period June 72 to Sep. 72. Designated as Training LSO qualified to wave A-4, A-3, F-8, E-1, C-1 and C-2 aircraft day/night.
- (5) 1973-1976. Assigned as Weapons and Tactics Instructor for A-4 series aircraft at Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Unit Pacific (MAWTUPAC) at MCAS El Toro, CA.
- (6) 1984-1985. Assigned as student at Naval War College, Newport, RI. Graduated with highest distinction (top 5% of class).
- (7) June 1990. Designated helicopter pilot at HT-8, NAS Whiting Field, FL.