



**Jefferson D. Howell Jr., LtGen, USMC (Ret.)**  
 “Beak”

Date of Designation: 15 October, 1965 NA# V22789

Dates of Active Duty: 21 September, 1961 to 31 July, 1998.

Total Flight Hours: 4,292

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 8 (T-2A, TF-9J)

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,042 Prop: 69 Helo: 181 VF/VA: 2,641

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: Chu Lai: 6/67 - 11/67.

Da Nang: 5/68 - 7/68.

Da Nang, RVN & Nam Phong, Thailand: 5/72 - 4/73.

Total combat missions: 334 F-4B.

Operation Deliberate Force, Aviano, Italy : Bosnia 8/93.

Total combat missions: 1 F-18D.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VMFA 212, 7/78-6/80.

CO, MAG 24, 7/84- 7/86.

CG, 2nd MAW, 5/92-6/94.

CG, MARFORPAC, 9/95-5/98.

Combat Awards:

Air Medal, 2 individual and 25 Strike Flight Awards.

Bronze Star Medal with Combat V.

Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V.

Vietnam Cross of Gallantry.

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

9/61-9/62 The Basic School & PLC Platoon Leader, Quantico, VA.  
 9/62-2/63 2nd Btn, 7th Marines, Platoon Leader, Camp Pendleton, CA.  
 3/63-2/64 3rd Btn, 3rd Marines, Platoon Leader, Camp Schwab, Okinawa.



2/64-4/64 2nd Btn, 5th Marines, Platoon Leader, Camp Pendleton, CA.  
 4/64-10/65 Flight Training, Student, Jet pipeline (T-34, T-2A, TF/AF-9J, F-11).  
 11/65-2/66 H&MS 24, Training Officer, Cherry Pt. NC (T-1A, C-47).  
 2/66-5/67 VMFA 531, Squadron Pilot, Schedules O., Cherry Pt, NC, (F-4B).  
 5/67-8/67 VMFA 323, Iwakuni, JA, TDY to Chu Lai, RVN [F-4B].  
 8/67-7/68 VMFA 542, Schedules Officer & Flight Officer, Chu Lai, RVN, Iwakuni, Japan, Da Nang, RVN, (F-4B).  
 8/68-7/69 VT 21, Flight Inst, NAS Kingsville, TX. (TF-9J, AF-9, TA-4J).  
 9/69-1/71 University of TX., Grad School, Austin, TX. (TA-4J, T-33).  
 1/71-4/72 VMFAT 101, Flt Inst and AMO, MCAS Yuma, AZ (F-4B).  
 5/72-6/73 VMFA 115, AMO, DaNang, RVN& Nam Phong, Thailand (F-4B).  
 7/73-6/76 USNA, Economics Professor, Annapolis, MD, (T-33).  
 6/76-6/77 Marine Corps Command & Staff College, Student, Quantico, VA.  
 7/77-6/80 VMFA 212, XO & CO, MCAS Kaneohe, HI, Iwakuni, JA (F-4J&S).  
 7/80-5/81 Air War College, Student, Montgomery, Al.  
 6/81-6/84 HQMC, APP-2, OP-50M, Washington, DC.  
 7/84-7/86 MAG 24, Commanding Officer, MCAS Kaneohe, HI (F-4S, TA-4F, CH-46, CH-53, UH-1N).  
 7/86-7/87 1st Marine Brigade, Chief of Staff, Kaneohe, HI (F-4S).  
 8/87-6/89 HQMC, APP & OP-50M, Washington, DC.  
 7/89-6/91 NATO, HQ Northern Command, Asst. CoS, Operations, Senior Naval Officer, Kolsas, Oslo, Norway.  
 7/91-5/92 HQMC, Asst. CoS for Aviation, Washington, DC (F-18, C-12).

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### Duty Assignment Chronology continued

5/92-6/94 2ndMAW Commanding General, MCAS  
Cherry Pt., NC (F-18A,C,D, CH-46, CH-53,  
UH-1N, C-130, TAV-8B).  
7/94-9/95 MARFORPAC Deputy CG, Camp Smith, HI  
(CH-53, F-15)  
9/95-5/98 MARFORPAC Commanding General, Camp  
Smith, HI (F-18).

### **Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Joined the Marine Corps on a dare from a fraternity brother, April, 1960.
- (2) Commissioned a Marine Officer, August, 1961.
- (3) Designated Naval Aviator, October, 1965.
- (4) Every command I had.
- (5) Squeezed MACH 2 out of a clean F-4B, July, 1971.
- (6) Flew 12 Linebacker day BARCAP missions during fall of 1972.
- (7) Survived mid-air collision with Japanese Mitsubishi F-1, March, 1980.
- (8) May 1980, awarded the US Navy League's John Paul Jones Award.
- (9) Survived UH-1N crash off of Lanai, October, 1984.

### **Post Marine Corps Significant Events**

- (1) Vice President SAIC 1999-2002.
- (2) Center Director, NASA Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center 2002-2005.
- (3) Adjunct Professor/Senior Research Fellow, LBJ School for Public Affairs, University of Texas 2006-Present.