



CAPT Thomas J. Hudner Jr., USN (Ret.)
 “Tom”

Date of Designation: 12 August 1949 NA # T-5

Dates of Active Duty: 6 June 1946 - 1 April 1973.

Total Flight Hours: 4,120

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 243

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 1,650 Prop: 2,470 VF/VA: 1,850 VT: 350

Combat Tours:

Korea: VF-32 (F4U-4), Oct. 1950 - Jan. 1951.

Total Combat Missions: 26

Aviation Commands:

CO, VT-24, Feb. 1965 - Mar. 1966

Combat Awards:

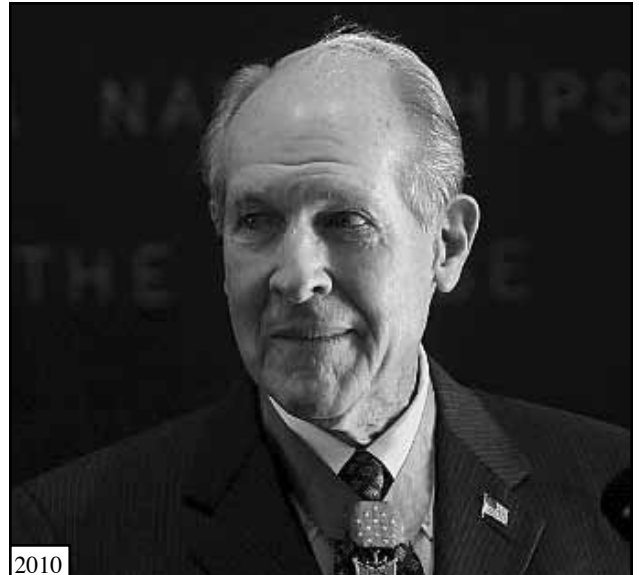
Medal of Honor

Legion of Merit

Air Medals (2)

Duty Assignment Chronology

- 6/46 Graduated U.S. Naval Academy (Class of 1947).
- 6/46-9/46 Enroute to first duty assignment (Aviation indoctrination at NAS Jacksonville, travel and surface travel across Pacific).
- 9/46-4/47 USS *Helena* (CA-75) - China Station.
- 4/47-4/48 Staff CinCPac/CinCPacFlt, Pearl Harbor.
- 4/48-8/49 Flight Training, Pensacola, Corpus Christi.
- 10/49-11/49 VA-75 Quonset Point, RI (AD-3).
- 11/49-7/52 VF-32, NAS Quonset Point, RI, NAS Sanford FL, USS *Leyte* (CV-32) (F4U-4).
- 8/52-10/53 Naval School All Weather Flight Instructor, NAS Corpus Christi, TX.



- 10/53-9/55 Aide/Flag Lieutenant to ComCarDiv3
- 11/55-12/55 Jet Transitional Training Unit, Olathe, KS (F9F-6).
- 1/56-8/57 VX-3 Atlantic City (TV-2, F9F-8, AD-5N,6, F3D, F3H, F4D, FJ).
- 9/57-1/60 60th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Otis AFB, MA. (F94C, F101B).
- 2/60-5/62 Aide to Chief Bureau of Weapons, Washington, D.C
- 7/62-6/63 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL.
- 7/63-5/64 XO, VF-53 , NAS Miramar, CA (F-8E).
- 6/64-1/65 Staff, ComNavAirPac (F9F-6).
- 2/65-3/66 CO, VT-24 NAAS Beeville, TX (F9F-6).
- 4/66-4/68 Navigator, XO USS *Kitty Hawk* (CVA-63)
- 5/68-3/71 JCS J-3, Air Ops, SEAsia
- 3/71-2/73 OpNav OP59x, Washington, D.C.
- 3/1/73 Retired from active Duty

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) In Korean War, was awarded Medal of Honor for attempted rescue of squadron mate shot down in mountainous terrain of Chosin Reservoir. Pilot trapped in cockpit of burning plane. Even with assistance of rescue helicopter pilot, was unable to free the pilot.