



John I. Hudson, LTGEN, USMC (Ret.)

Date of Designation: 11 June 1954 NA # V-4623

Dates of Active Duty: 23 July 1952 - 31 January 1959;
21 May 1962 - 1 November 1989

Total Flight Hours: 5,720

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 54

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 2,962 Prop: 2,693 Helo: 65 VF/VA: 2,439
VR/VP: 711 HS/HC/HU: 65 VFP: 678 VT: 1,827

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: XO, MABS-15; XO and CO, VMFA-115,
MAG-15, 1st MAW, Chu Lai, Nov. 1967-Nov.
1968 (F-4B), 308 combat missions

Aviation Commands:

CO, VMFA-122, MAG-33, 3d MAW, MCAS El Toro, CA.,
Jul. 1966 - Jan. 1967
CO, VMFA- 115, MAG-15, 1st MAW, Chu Lai, RVN,
Aug. 1968- Nov. 1968
CO, MCCRTG-10, 3d MAW, MCAS Yuma, AZ., Jul. 1976 -
Oct. 1977
CO, MCAS Yuma, AZ., Oct. 1977 - May 1980
CG, 4th MAB (Air/Ground Exercises in CONUS, Norway,
Denmark, Germany, Caribbean), Oct. 1980 - Jun. 1983
CG, 3d MAW, MCAS El Toro, CA, Jun. 1985 - Oct 1987
CG, I MAF, MCB Camp Pendleton, CA., Apr. 19'86 - Aug
1986

Combat Awards:

Distinguished Flying Cross (Cuban Missile Crisis)
Bronze Star with Combat "V" (Vietnam)
25 Air Medals (Strike/Flight - Vietnam)
1 Air Medal (Single Mission - Vietnam)



Duty Assignment Chronology

7/52-2/53 NRTC San Diego & NTC Norman, OK.
(Navy Recruit & Tech School Student).
2/53-6/54 Pensacola, FL. & Corpus Christi, TX. (NAV-
CAD) SNJ, SNB-5, AD-1.
7/54-6/55 VMC-2, 2d MAW, MCAS Cherry Pt., NC.
(Pilot) AD-3W, AD-4N.
6/55-6/57 NABTC, Pensacola, FL. (Flight Instructor)
SNJ, T34-A, TV-2, XTT1.
6/57-12/57 Photo Recon School, NATTC, Pensacola, FL.
(Student) F9F-6P, SNB-5, T-28C.
12/57-1/59 VMCJ-2, 2d MAW, MACS Cherry Pt., NC.
(Pilot) F9F-8P, EF-10B, AD-5W.
2/59-5/62 VMF-124, MARTD, NAS Memphis, TN.
(Pilot) (Inactive Duty) F9F-6, FJ-4.
5/62-6/63 VMCJ-2, 2d MAW, MCAS Cherry Pt., NC.
(Pilot) F8U-1P, EF-10B, AD-5W.
8/63-11/63 1st Bn, 5th Mar, 1st MARDIV, MCB Camp
Pendleton, CA. (Bn Air LnO) SNB-5.
11/63-11/64 2nd Bn, 3rd Mar, 3rd MARDIV, Okinawa,
Japan. (Bn Air LnO, S-3A, CO H&S Co)
TF-9J, SNB-5.
12/64-1/65 VMF(AW)-312, MAG-33, 3d MAW, MCAS
El Toro, CA. (Pilot) C-47H, U-11A.
1/65-3/65 Naval Aviation Safety Officers' Course,
University of Southern California (Student)
UH-34D.
4/65-6/66 H&MS-33, MAG-33, 3d MAW, MCAS El
Toro, CA. (Group Aviation Safety Officer)
F8E, T1A, F8B, A4E, F8C, EF-10B, F4B,
RF4B, C-47H.
6/66-1/67 VMFA-122, MAG-33, 3d MAW, MCAS El
Toro, CA. (XO, 1 Month; CO, 7 Months) F4B.
1/67-10/67 H&MS-33, MAG-33, 3d MAW, MCAS El
Toro, CA. (Gru S-4) F4B, RF4B, F4J, T1A.
11/67-4/68 MABS-15, MAG-15, 1st MAW, Chu Lai,
RVN. (XO) F4B.
4/68-11/68 VMFA-115, MAG-15, 1st MAW, Chu Lai,
RVN (XO, 4 Months; CO, 3 1/2 Months) F4B.
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Duty Assignment Chronology - continued

1/69-1/70 MWHG-2, 2d MAW, MCAS Cherry Pt., NC. (Wing G-3 Training) T-33B, C-117D, TA4F.

1/70-6/71 Murray State University, KY. (Student, College Degree Program) UC-45J, T-41, C-117D, TS-2A, OH-13E.

7/71-6/73 HQMC, Arlington, VA. (Head, Enlisted Technical Manpower Requirements Branch) T-33B.

7/73-5/74 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, AL. (Student) No Flights.

7/74-1/75 MWHS-1, 1st MAW, MCAS Iwakuni, Japan. (Wing Aviation Safety Officer) TA4J, TA4F, F4B, C-117D.

1/75-8/75 MAG-15, 1st MAW, MCAS Iwakuni, Japan. (XO) F4B, F4J, C-117D.

8/75-10/77 MCCRTG-10, 3d MAW, MCAS Yuma, AZ. (XO, 12 Months; CO, 14 Months) F4J, F4N, A4M, TAV-8A, TA4J, AV-8A, UH-1N.

10/77-5/80 MCAS Yuma, AZ. (CO) F4J, F4N, C-117D, UC-12B.

5/80-4/81 2d MAW, MCAS Cherry Pt., NC. (Asst. Wing Commander, 11 Months; CG, 4th MAB, 7 Months) F4J, F4S, A4M, A6E, UC-12B, UH-1N.

5/81-6/83 LFTCLANT, NAB Little Creek, VA. (CG, LFTCLANT; CG, 4th MAB) A6E, UC-12B

6/83-5/85 MCDEC, MCB Quantico, VA. (Director, Education Center) No Flights.

5/85-5/85 NATC, Pensacola, FL. (TAD, Student, Helo Training) TH57C.

6/85-10/87 3d MAW, MCAS El Toro, CA. (CG, 3d MAW, 29 Months; CG, I MAF, 4 Months) TF-18, F/A-18A, UH-1N, OV-10D, AH-1T, CH-46E.

10/87-10/89 HQMC, Arlington, VA. DC/S (M&RA) No Flights.

11/1/89 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Flew high-speed, low level photo recce in the F8U-1P over Cuba during the missile crisis. Some photos from my cameras were shown in the United Nations and on national TV by U.N. Ambassador Adalai Stevenson to prove there were Russian missiles in Cuba. Was awarded the DFC.