



Jerry Mitchell, COL USMC (Ret.)
 "Jerry"

Date of Designation: March 3, 1954

Dates of Active Duty: June 51 - Sept 1976

Total Flight Hours: 4,700

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 414

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,000 Prop: 650 VF/VA: 2,000

VR/VP: 2,000 Helo: 50

Combat Tours:

1964-65 VM CJ-1 Danang, RVN, (RF8P, EF10).

1964-65 Point Yankee, North Vietnam, (CV 41, CVA 43, CVA 31, (RF8P) 64 Missions.

1969-70 First Marine Aircraft Wing - G-2 Officer, (RF-4B) 17 Missions.

Aviation Commands:

CO, Marine Air Detachment - Pensacola, FL, 1967.

CO, Marine Control Squadron Nine 1968.

CO, VMFA 333 1969.

CO, MWSG-37 1976.

Combat Awards:

Legion of Merit w/Combat "V" Gold Stars for second and third awards.

Distinguished Flying Cross w/Gold Star for Second Award.
 8 Air Medals

Duty Assignment Chronology

1951-54 Artillery Officer, Flight School (SNJ,SNB, F6F).

1954 VMF 323, Squadron Pilot (F9F-2).

1954-55 VMF311, Squadron Pilot, Korea (F9F-5).

1955 VM-1, Asst. Ops. (OE-1, L-20).

1955-57 VMAW 214, Asst Ops, LSO (F2H4).



1958-1960 VM CJ-3, Safety Off., LSO. (F9F8P, RF-8P, EF-10).

1963-1966 VM CJ-1,VM CJ-3, Ops Officer, LSO (F98P, EF-10).

1967-1968 VT-4 Naval Trng Command, Engineering Officer. (T-1A, T2B, T28).

1969 CO Marine Detachment, (T-1A, T2B, T28).

1969-1970 CO Marine Control Squadron Nine (F4J, TA4F, F9FT, TV).

1970 CO VMFW 333 (F4J).

1971-1972 G-2 Section, HQMC (F8, TV, C117).

1972-1975 Naval Attache, US Embassy Jakarta, Indonesia (C117).

1975-1976 CO, MWSG-37 (C-130R, C117).

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) In the 1950's active in extending range of tactical photo aircraft with in flight refueling. Flew non stop from NKD to NZJ and non stop from NZJ to Bermuda in F9F8P.
- (2) 1965 planned and lead 4 plane super sonic mosaic over N. Vietnam in search of SAM Sites. Discovered two which were destroyed the next day. Flew 111 missions over North Vietnam.
- (3) Was second mirror qualified LSO in the USMC. As LSO for eight years controlled approximately 20,000 carrier approaches without an accident.