



**Manfred A. Rietsch, Colonel, USMC**

Date of Designation: 27 October 1967

Dates of Active Duty: Mar 1966 – Apr 1992

Total Flight Hours: 7,000

Carrier /Ship Landings: Fixed Wing 73

Approximate Flight Hours: Jet 6,900 Prop 100  
VF/VA 6,700

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: Chu Lai RVN: 8/68 – 5/70 (F-4)  
- 653 missions

Desert Storm/Desert Shield:  
Sheikh Isa AB, Bahrain: 01-02/91 (F/A-18)  
- 77 missions

Aviation Commands:

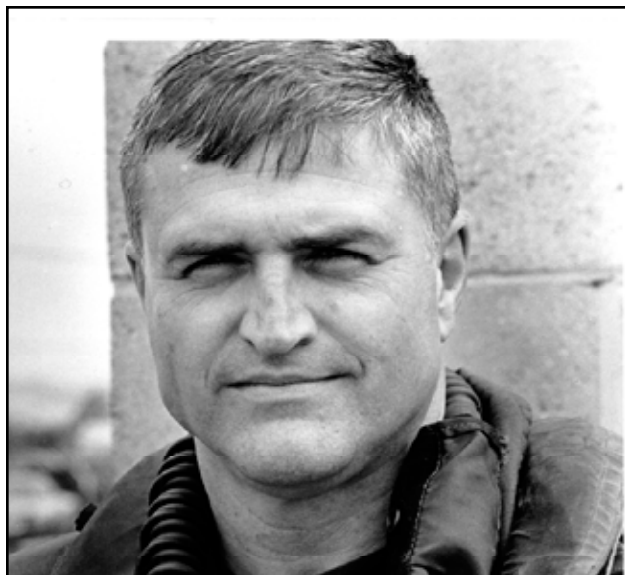
CO VMFA-531 6/84-7/86  
CO Marine Aircraft Groups 11 & 70 01-08/91

Combat Awards:

1 Distinguished Flying Cross  
60 Air Medals

**Chronological List of Duty Stations**

7/66-10/67 Training Command, (T-34, T-2A/B, F-9).  
11/77-7/68 VMFA – 513, Cherry Point, NC (F-4).  
8/68-5/70 VMFA-314, ChuLai, RVN, Maint. Control  
Officer (F-4).  
01-06/73 Amphibious Warfare School, Quantico, VA.  
06/73-05/77 Navy Fighter Weapons School, Miramar,  
Ops Officer (F-4,A-4, F5-E).  
06/77-05/80 VMFA-212, Hawii, OPS Officer/XO (F-4).  
06/80-05/83 HQAFNorth, Kolsas Norway, Air Exercise  
Officer Flight Leader (F-84, C-47, T-33).



06/83-05/84 3rd MAW El Toro, Wing Combat Readiness  
Officer (F-4, F/A-18, A-4).  
06/84-07/86 VMFA-531, El Toro, CO (F/A-18, A-4).  
07/86-07/87 Air War College, Montgomery, AL.  
07/87-07/89 SEC NAV Office, EA to ASECNAV for  
M&RA.  
01/90-0791 MAG 11/70, El Toro / Desert Storm (F/A-18,  
KC-130).

**Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) First Marine Assigned as a Top Gun Instructor.
- (2) Flew the most (F-4) missions in RVN.
- (3) Commanded the largest USMC Air Group during the Desert Shield/Desert Storm.