



Harry E. Sexton, Col USMC (Ret.)
 “Harry”

Date of Designation: 24 February 1954

Dates of Active Duty: August 1952 - January 1978

Total Flight Hours: 7,000

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 250 Rotary: 200

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 5,000 Prop: 500 VF/VA: 5,000 Helo: 1,500
 Other: 500

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VMF(AW)-212 Apr.-Dec. 1965 USS *Oriskany*
 Yankee Station (F-8E)

Vietnam: HML-367 MAG-16 Feb. 1970-Jan. 1971
 Marble Mountain (AH-1G)

Total Combat Missions: 400 (150 F-8E, 250 AH-1G)

Aviation Commands:

CO, HML-367 Vietnam, Mar. 1970 - Oct. 1970 (AH-1G)
 Cobra)

CO, MWHG 3rd MAW, MCAS El Toro Feb. 1971-Mar.
 1972

Combat Awards:

Navy Cross

2 Legion of Merits w/Combat “V”

Distinguished Flying Cross

44 Air Medals/Strike Flight Awards

Duty Assignment Chronology

3/54-1/56 VMF 451, MCAS El Toro, Atsugi, Japan (FJ-2)

1/56-6/57 VMF 115, MCAS El Toro (F9F-5, F4D
 Skyray).

7/57-4/58 VMFT-10, MCAS El Toro (F9F-8).

5/58-2/59 VMF 334, MCAS El Toro (F8U-1).



- 3/59-7/60 HML 364, MCAF Tustin (HUS-1).
- 8/60-7/61 HML 163, MCAF Fatima, Okinawa (HUS-1).
- 7/61-8/63 MCRD Floyd Bennett, NAS New York
 (FJ-4B A4D).
- 8/63-1/66 VMF 212, MCAS Kaneohe, USS *Oriskany*,
 Tonkin Gulf (F-8E).
- 1/66-6/66 1st Marine Brigade, MCAS Kaneohe.
- 7/66-6/67 Marine Command & Staff College, Quantico,
 VA.
- 7/67-6/68 Syracuse University, College Degree Program.
- 7/68-8/69 Headquarters Marine Corps, Manpower,
 Major monitor.
- 9/69-2/70 Transition training.
- 3/70-10/70 CO, HML-367, Vietnam, (AH-1G Cobra).
- 11/70-1/71 1st. Marine Air Wing.
- 1/71-6/73 CO, MWHG , MAG 13 3rd. Marine Air Wing.
- 7/73-7/74 Naval War College.
- 8/74-1/78 Dept of Defense, Marine Representative Air
 Munitions Requirement & Development
 Committee.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) May 1965 - Dec. 1965: Member of VMF(AW)-212 (F-8E) deployed aboard USS *Oriskany*, Vietnam Yankee Station. VMF(AW) 212 was the only Marine F-8 Crusader Fighter Squadron to deploy aboard a Navy Carrier in combat during the Vietnam War.