



1969 Jim and his Mother

Robert J. Short, Jr, LtCol., USMC (Ret.)
 “Jim”

Date of Designation: 7 January 1969 # V27551

Dates of Active Duty: 1 October 1966 to 31 October 1986.

Total Flight Hours: 4,150

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed Wing 3 Helo 11

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3,800 Prop: 350 VF/VA: 2750 Helo: 11 VT: 325
 VU: 400

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: February 1970-July 1970 VMA-311 Chu Lai.
 July 1970-February 1971 VMA-311 Da Nang.

Total Combat Missions: 287 (278---A-4E) (9---Helo)

Aviation Commands:

CO, H&MS-10 May 1974 to July 1974.
 OIC, MWHS-1 Maintenance/supply Det. Kadena AFB
 June 1979 to June 1980.
 CO, VMA-223 September 1983 to May 1985

Combat Awards:

Distinguished Flying Cross
 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry
 Navy Commendation Medal -W/Combat “V”
 Air Medal-18th Award

Duty Assignment Chronology

1966 42nd OCS.
 1967 The Basic School, Class 4-67, Pensacola -
 flight training.
 1968 Meridian, Pensacola, Kingsville.
 1969 Cherry Point, VMAT - 203
 Beaufort, VMA - 324



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1970 Viet Nam, VMA-311.
 1971 Yuma, VMAT-102.
 Millington, AMO School.
 1972 Yuma, VMAT-102.
 1973 Yuma, VMAT-102.
 Yuma, H&MS-10.
 1974 Yuma, H&MS-10.
 1975 Auburn University - ADP.
 1976 HQMC - C4 Systems Division.
 1979 Kadena AFB - MWHS-1.
 1980 Cherry Point, MAG-32, AOO, ASO.
 1981 Cherry Point, VMA-331.
 1982 Cherry Point, VMA-331.
 Westpac, VMA-331.
 1983 Westpac, VMA-223.
 Cherry Point, VMA-223.
 1984 Cherry Point, VMA-223.
 1985 Cherry Point, VMA-223.
 USNB Norfolk - COMOPTEVFOR.
 1986 USNB Norfolk---COMOPTEVFOR.
 1986 Released from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant on 16 Dec. 1966.
 Married the former Judith Carole Joseph of Toms River,
 N.J. on 17 Dec 1966.
- (2) Finished initial flight training at Pensacola at the top
 of the class and got the only USMC jet slot available.
- (3) LSO SCHOOL - 1969.
- (4) AMO SCHOOL - 1971 (Class Honorman).
 1971-1973 was AMO of largest USMC squadron
 (number of aircraft).
- (5) XO, H&MS-10 as Capt (Major’s billet).
 CO, H&MS-10 as Capt (LtCol’s billet).
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- Summary of Significant Career Events continued -

- (6) Conceived and developed the “picture window” concept of ordnance delivery to ensure accurate target impact (where an infinite number of “picture windows” exist, with different parameters of airspeed, altitude and dive angle, one of which the a/c must fly through at release).
- (7) 1981-1985 went XO, XO, CO with two squadrons, multiple deployments, two Transpacs, two Westpacs all accident free.
- (8) Post retirement, created multiple corporate entities, eventually merging them into The Beach Group, Inc., and became President and Chairman of the Board.
- (9) Began a third “career” as a professional competitive fisherman, fishing B.A.S.S. and FLW sanctioned bass tournaments all across the USA - remains on the pro-staffs of Ranger Boats, Evinrude/BRP motors, Lowrance electronics, Minn-Kota/Johnson Outdoors and Anglers Choice Marine.
- (10) Jim and Judie have four children, (two sets of twins) and twelve grand children.