



**Archie D. Simpson, Col., USMC, (Ret.)**  
 "Hap"

Date of Designation: 4 October 1942 15131

Dates of Active Duty: 23 October 1941 - 1 August 1969

Total Flight Hours: 5,500

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 25

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 600 Prop: 4,800 Helo: 20 VF/VA: 2,100  
 VR/VP: 2,500 HU/VFP: 450 VT: 250  
 (Civilian): 100

Combat Tours:

WW II: 11/42- 8/43 Guadalcanal, VMSB-132 (SBDs) 68 Missions  
 WW II: 8/44-8/45 Midway Island, VMSB-343 (SB2Cs) 132 (Submarine Escort)  
 Korea: 9/50-12/50 Korea, VMF(N) 542 (F7Fs) 26 Missions  
 Vietnam: 5/66-4/67 Vietnam, J-5, MACV(U8F)

Aviation Commands:

CO, HQTRS SQDN, MCAS Cherry Point, NC 5/51-4/53  
 CO, VMGR-252 2nd MAW 1/54- 6/55  
 CO, H&MS-11. MAG-11, 1st MAW, Japan/Taiwan 9/58-11/59  
 CO, MWSG-27, 2nd MAW, 6/64-1/65  
 CO, MAG-14, 2nd MAW, 1/65-3/66

Combat Awards:

Air Medal with 5 Silver Stars and 4 Gold Stars  
 Meritorious Service Medal  
 Distinguished Flying Cross -w/1 Silver Star & 4 Gold Stars  
 Legion of Merit



**Duty Assignment Chronology**

- 10/41-1/42 NAS, Anacostia, DC: Elimination Flight Training- (N3Ns).
- 1/42-6/42 NATC, Pensacola, FL (class 1-B, 42PC) Student (N3Ns, SNJs, NJs, SNV, OS2Us).
- 6/42-8/42 NAS, Opalocka, FL Student -Advanced Flight Training (SNJs, SBCs).
- 8/42-10/42 NAS, North Island, CA -Pilot -VMSB-132 (SBDs).
- 10/42- 8/43 NAS New Hebrides/Guadalcanal - Pilot VMSB-132 (SBDs).
- 9/43-8/44 MCAS, Cherry Point, NC, Atlantic and Greenville, NC -Training Officer -VMSB-343 (SBDs, F4U, SNJs, SB2Cs).
- 8/44-8/45 NAS EWA, Oahu, Hawaii & NAS Midway Island - Flight Officer (SB2Cs, SBDs & SNJs)
- 9/45-1/48 HQTRS, US Marine Corps, Div. of Aviation, Washington, DC -Staff Officer - (SNJs, JRCs, JRBs, SB2Cs, TBM, F3As, F4Us).
- 2/48-10/48 MCS, Quantico, VA, A WSJR. School, Student (F4Us, JRBs).
- 10/48-12/49 MCAS, El Toro, CA, VMP-254, Photo Pilot (F4U-4Ps, F7F-3Ps).
- 12/49-4/50 MCAS, El Toro, CA, MAG-33. Group Photo Pilot (F7Fs, F4Us TO-1s).
- 5/50-3/51 Korea, VMF(N)-542., Training Officer (F7F-3Ns SNBs).
- 5/51-4/53 MCAS, Cherry Point, NC, CO, HQTRS SQDN (SNBs, F7Fs, JRBs, R4Ds, F4Us, ADs)
- 6/53-6/55 2nd MAW, MCAS, Cherry Point, NC, XO-CO, VMGR 153 & 252 (R4Ds. R4Q-2s)
- 7/55-7/57 NAS, Glenview, IL, Marine Liaison Officer CNARESTRA. (SNBs, ADs, R5Ds, HOP , JRBs, TV-2s, F9Fs)
- 8/57-6/58 MCS, Quantico, VA -Senior School. (ADs, SNBs, JRBs, T34s).
- 6/58-7/58 NAS, Olathe, KS, Jet Transitional Training, (F9Fs, SNB).

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9/58-11/59 NAS, Atsugi, Japan & Ping Tung, Tiawan, CO, H&MS-II (TVs, R4Ds, FJs, F4Ds, F8Us).

12/59-8/60 Univ. of MD (Boot Strap Program) BS Degree, -MS, (T28s, R4Ds, SNBs).

9/60-8/62 HQTRS. CINC PAC FLT, Honolulu, Hawaii, Aviation Planner, (SNBs, R4Ds, ADs, F9Fs, A4Ds).

8/62-7/63 MAG-13, 1st MAR Brigade, Kanehoe Bay, Hawaii XO, MAG-13 (A4Ds, F9Fs, F8Bs, TF9Js, UH-34s).

8/63-6/64 2nd MAW, MCAS, Cherry Point, NC, WING NATOPS Officer (A1Es, A4Cs, R4Ds, F9Fs, C117s).

6/64-1/65 2nd MA W, MCAS, Cherry Point, NC: CO, Marine Wing Service Group 27 (A4s, C117s, KC-130s).

1/65-3/66 2nd MAW, MCAS, Cherry Point, NC; CO, Marine Air Group 14; (A4s, T1As, C117s, A6As).

5/66-5/67 MACV Saigon, Vietnam; Deputy Chief, Force Development DIV. J3 (U8Fs, SNBs).

5/67-8/69 HQMC, Washington, DC; Staff Officer, Plans and Programs, (T28s).

8/01/69 Retired from Active Duty.

## Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Awarded the Air Medal for participating as a dive bomber pilot in 34 hazardous missions, 5 of which were against enemy shipping, at Guadalcanal between 4 November and 23 December 1942.
- (2) Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for Heroism and Extraordinary Achievement in aerial attacks against the enemy as pilot of a dive bomber in the Solomon Islands from June to August 1943 and on July 17th, scored a direct hit on an enemy destroyer while it was underway using evasive maneuvers, despite heavy anti-aircraft and a numerical superior force of enemy fighter planes.
- (3) Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for Heroism and Extraordinary Achievement in aerial flight as pilot of a night fighter aircraft during operations against aggressor forces in Korea on 19 October 1950, by volunteering to escort and locate by radar, drop zones for an Air Force Transport Plane assigned to drop intelligence agents by parachute far behind enemy lines at night, in inclement weather and over hazardous terrain.
- (4) Awarded Chinese Air Force Wings with Scroll by the Republic of China Air Force, Taiwan on 4 March 1959, for conspicuous ability and earnest efforts at Ping Tung Air Force Base, CAP.
- (5) Checked out and logged flight time in some 38 different model military aircraft ranging from the N3N to MACH I Jets, during active duty status.