



**George Trautman, LtGen, USMC (Ret.)**  
 “Trouser”

Date of Designation: 5 April 1976

Dates of Active Duty: 6 June 1974 - 31 March 2011

Total Flight Hours: 4,015

Carrier/Ship Landings: Rotary Wing: 1,048

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 15 Prop: 275 Tilt Rotor: 25 Rotary Wing: 3,700

Combat Tours:

Desert Shield/Storm: HMLA-169, Dec. 1990-Apr. 1991  
 (37 flights)

Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom: USCENTCOM, Jun.  
 2002-Aug. 2004

Iraqi Freedom: DC(Aviation), Nov.-Dec. 2009 (4 flights)

Total Combat Missions: 41

Aviation Commands:

CO/XO, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169, June  
 1990-Apr. 1993

CO, Marine Aircraft Group 36, Sep. 1997-Jun. 1999

AWC, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Aug. 2000-Nov. 2001

CG, 1st Marine Brigade and Deputy CG I MEF, Nov. 2001-  
 Jun. 2002

CG, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Jun. 2005-Jun. 2007

DC(Aviation), Jul. 2007-Feb. 2011

Combat/Other Flight Performance Awards

Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal (Operation  
 Desert Storm)

Air Medal-Strike/Flight with numeral ‘1’ (Operation Desert  
 Storm)

Combat Action Ribbon (Operation Desert Storm)

Defense Superior Service Medal (Operation Enduring  
 Freedom)

Defense Superior Service Medal (Operation Iraqi Freedom)



### **Duty Assignment Chronology**

6/74-1/75	The Basic School (TBS), Quantico, VA.
2/75-2/76	Naval Aviation Training Command (NATC), Pensacola, FL.
4/76-4/77	HMLA-267, MCAS Camp Pendleton, CA.
4/77-4/78	HMH-463, MCAS Kaneohe, HI.
4/78-10/80	HMM-165, MCAS Kaneohe, HI.
10/80-7/83	HMLA-267, MCAS Camp Pendleton, CA.
7/83-10/84	MAG-39, MCAS Camp Pendleton, CA.
11/84-7/87	Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron-1, MCAS Yuma, AZ.
8/87-6/88	College of Naval Command and Staff, Newport, RI.
7/88-6/90	USS <i>Okinawa</i> (LPH-3).
6/90-5/93	HMLA-169, MCAS Camp Pendleton, CA.
6/93-6/94	The Brookings Institution, CMC Fellow, Washington, DC.
6/94-6/97	Joint Staff, J-8, Pentagon.
7/97-6/99	MAG-36, MCAS Futenma, Japan.
6/99-8/00	Aviation Weapons Requirements Branch Head (APW-1), Pentagon.
8/00-11/01	Assistant Wing Commander, 3d MAW, MCAS Miramar, CA.
11/01-6/02	CG 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade and Deputy CG I Marine Expeditionary Force, MCB Camp Pendleton, CA.
7/02-7/04	CG Marine Forces Central Command. (Forward) and Deputy Director for Plans and Policy, US Central Command, McDill AFB, Tampa, FL.
8/04-6/05	CG Marine Corps Base Hawaii and Deputy CG Marine Forces Pacific, Camp HM Smith, Honolulu, HI.
6/05-6/07	CG, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, MCAS Futenma, Japan.
7/07-2/11	Deputy Commandant for Aviation, HQMC, Pentagon.
3/11	Retired from active duty

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## Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Earned my private pilot's license while flying Cessna 150's prior to joining the Marine Corps.
- (2) Deployed with HMM-165 on USS Okinawa (LPH-3) as the first embarked squadron to enter the Arabian Gulf through the Strait of Hormuz in 1980. Flew logistics support sorties in preparation for Operation Eagle Claw - the Iran hostage rescue mission.
- (3) Participated in NASA Ames developmental project assessing human factors associated with cockpit voice recognition and associated aural warnings.
- (4) Served as principal author of the first Helicopter Defensive Air Combat Maneuver manual published by MAWTS-1 in 1983.
- (5) Deployed with HMLA-169 to provide disaster relief to the people of Bangladesh during Operation Sea Angel.
- (6) As deputy commandant for aviation, oversaw aviation forces made up of almost 40,000 officers and enlisted Marines with responsibility for developing requirements and transition plans for the delivery of new aircraft such as the MV-22 Osprey, UH-1Y Venom, AH-1Z Viper, and F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.
- (7) Conceived "Harvest Hawk," an armed intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance package for the KC-130J that was procured in record time at extremely low cost.
- (8) Orchestrated support for the first combat deployments of the MV-22B Osprey, UH-1Y Venom and AH-1Z Viper.
- (9) Introduced policies and procedures that led to the lowest aviation mishap rates in USMC history during my three-year tenure as Deputy Commandant for Aviation.
- (10) Instrumental in forming and serving as a charter member of the Penn State Vertical Lift Research Center of Excellence Advisory Board for the university's Department of Aerospace Engineering.
- (11) After leaving the Marine Corps, founded a consulting firm, G. J. Trautman Enterprises, served on multiple boards, and led the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation as Board Chairman from 2016-2020.