



Frank G. Wickersham III, Col. USMC (Ret.)
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Hometown: Daytona Beach, Florida

High School and College Career:

Georgia Military Academy ('61), Engineering Diploma;
 University of Florida ('65), BA Education (Social Studies);
 Catholic University of America ('87), MA International
 Relations

Dates on Active Duty: 16 March 1966 to 31 August 1993

Date Commissioned/Source:

27 May 1966, 40th OCS, Quantico, VA

Date of Designation: 16 Jun3 1967, Naval Aviator Number
 T-10566

Total Flight Hours: 6068

Carrier/Ship Landings: Rotary 200

Approximate Flight Hours: Prop: 2603, Rotary: 2865

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: (HMM 363, VMO-2, HML 367),
 Dates: 7 Nov 67 – 22 Jan 70, 3 Mar 71 – 4 May 71,
 Locations: I Corps, II Corps, Laos, Cambodia, South China
 Sea, North Vietnam, Special Landing Force, (9th MAB), USS
Iwo Jima, USS *Princeton*, USS *Dubuque*
 Type A/C: H-34D, UH—1E, AH-1 G/J, OV-10A

Desert Storm: COMNAVCENT Fleet Marine Officer

Dates: 7 Aug 90 - 30 Apr 91
 Locations: Diego Garcia, Oman, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia,
 Kuwait, Iraq, USS *Blue Ridge* (LCC-19)
 Type A/C: NA, duties ashore and at sea

Combat Missions: 1700, A/C type: H-34D, UH-1E, AH-1G/J,
 OV-10A



Commands:

OIC, MCAF Camp Pendleton
 CO, H&MS 39
 CO, VMO-2 (OV-10A)

Awards:

Legion of Merit (2 awards)
 Meritorious Service Medal
 Distinguished Flying Cross (4 awards)
 Air Medal (Individual Action with Combat “V”, 4 awards)
 Air Medal (Strike Flight, numeral 85)
 Navy Commendation Medal (with Combat “V”)
 Navy Achievement Medal (with Combat “V”)
 Purple Heart
 Marine Corps Combat Action Ribbon
 RVN Meritorious Unit Citation (with Gallantry Cross with
 Palm and Frame)
 Southwest Asia Service Medal (with 3 stars)
 Navy Unit Commendation
 Joint Meritorious Unit Award
 Kuwait Liberation Medal
 Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (3 awards)
 Commendation, CATF 7th Fleet (Rear Admiral P.L. Lacy) for
 special flight operations (Operation Mighty Yankee) off the
 coast near North Vietnamese City of Vinh 20-21 October 68
 from USS *Dubuque* (LPD 8).

Duty Assignment Chronology

09/65-03/66 USMCR IRR Pfc
 03/66-05/66 40th OCS, MCB Quantico, VA
 (Commissioned 2d Lt.)
 06/66-07/67 Naval Aviation Flight Student, NAS
 Pensacola, FL (T-34, T-28, H-13, H-34)
 07/67-10/67 Transition Pilot, HMMT-301, MCAS Tustin,
 CA (H-34)
 11/67-01/70 Combat Pilot, HMM-363, VMO-2, H&MS-
 16, Southwest Asia, (UH-34D, UH-1E,
 AH-1G, OV-10A)

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Duty Assignment Chronology continued

03/70-12/70 Squadron Instructor Pilot, VMO-1, MCAS New River, NC (UH-1E, OV-10A, AH-1G)

01/71-03/71 Fleet Test & Eval Pilot/ Maintenance Officer, AH-1J Combat Evaluation Team, NAS Pax River (Weapons Test)

03/71-05/71 Maintenance Officer/ Combat Pilot, HML-367, RVN Marble Mountain, MAG16, (AH-1G/J)

05/71-02/72 Maintenance Officer /Instructor Pilot, Subunit 1, H&MS 36, MCAS Okinawa (cadre standup of HMA 369, AH-1J)

02/72-08/74 Officer Selection Officer, 6th MCD, Jacksonville, FL, (T-28)

08/74-05/75 Student Amphibious Warfare School, Quantico, VA

07/75-06/77 Maintenance Officer/Instructor Pilot, VMO-2, MCAS Camp Pendleton, CA (OV-10A)

06/77-07/78 Commanding Officer, MCAF Camp Pendleton, CA (OV-10A)

08/78-06/79 Student, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico, VA

06/79-06/81 Air Officer, 4th MEB, USS *Mount Whitney* (LCC -20)

06/81-03/82 CO, H&MS 39, MAG 39 Camp Pendleton, CA (OV-10A)

03/82-04/83 CO, VMO-2, MAG 39 Camp Pendleton, CA (OV-10A)

05/83-06/84 G-3 Training Officer, 3d MAW, MCAS El Toro, CA (OV-10A)

06/84-06/88 Plans Officer/Division Chief, PP&O, HQMC Washington, DC

06/88-06/90 Assistant G-3/ G-1 2d MAW, MCAS Cheery Point, NC (OV-10A/D)

06/90-06/92 Fleet Marine Officer, CONSEVENTHFLT/ COMNAVCENT, Japan/ Persian Gulf (Operation Desert Storm) (USS *Blue Ridge* LCC 19)

06/92-08/93 HQSC BN, MCCDC Quantico, VA

31 Aug 93 Retired from Active Duty

Summary of Significant Career Events

Held a variety of positions to include:

Fleet Marine Officer (FMO) /Special Staff Officer to Commander Naval Forces Central Command and Commander U.S. 7th Fleet (Gulf War/Japan); Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, Human Resources, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing; Director, Joint Strategic Branch, Plans, Policies and Operations, Headquarters Marine Corps; Special Advisor/Trusted Agent to Commandant of the Marine Corps on International Treaties and Arms Control; Marine Corps SIOP/RISOP Officer; Deputy Commander, Air Combat Element, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Somalia); Commanding Officer, Marine Observation Squadron Two; Commanding Officer, Marine Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 39; Commander, Marine Corps Air Facility, Camp Pendleton; Brigade Air Officer, 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (NATO/Cuba); Advisor, Marine Corps Foreign Military Sales Project Officer

(Morocco), Fleet Test Pilot/Maintenance Officer, AH-1J Cobra Combat Test and Evaluation Team (Patuxent River/Vietnam); Marine Corps Officer Selection Officer, Jacksonville, FL; Squadron Operations Officer, Squadron Strike/Flight Leader (Vietnam), Aircraft Maintenance Officer, Instructor Pilot and Post-maintenance Test Pilot.

Achieved the following courses and recognitions:

Aviation Safety Award for 5000 hours of accident free flight hours; assignment as a Joint Specialty Officer by the Secretary of Defense; certification by the US Army Aviation School as a AH-1G Instructor in Transition and Gunnery; completion of the US Air Force Special Operations School course in Crisis Response Management; completion of the US Army Senior Commander/ Chemical Officer Course; completion of the US Army Toxic Agent Training Course at the Chemical Decontamination Training Facility; completion of the US Air Force Special Operations School in Counterinsurgency; completion of the US Air Force Special Operations School in Dynamics of International Terrorism; completion of the US Army Airborne Course, Ft. Benning, GA; awarding of Marine Parachutist Insignia (60 parachute jumps); completion of the US Air Force Nuclear Weapons Advanced Course, Kirtland AFB, NM; completion of the US Air Force Senior Officers Ballistic Missile Course, Vandenberg AFB,CA; National War College (non-resident) Course; NPGS Aviation Safety Command Course; Joint Aviation Supply and Maintenance Material Management Course; Defense Mapping Course; Intelligence Management Course; achieved Shellback in Neptune's Court 15 Mar 92 (USS *Blue Ridge* LCC 19).

Summary of Post Military Work

(1) Worked for the Strategy International Group, Los Alamos Technical Associates and VSE Corporation. With the first two organizations, Mr. Wickersham worked on classified projects dealing with Weapons of Mass Destruction and Counterterrorism. As Vice President of the Field Service Support Group, VSE Corporation, Mr. Wickersham lead projects in Kuwait and Iraq involving the Tanker Ballistic Protection System and Battle Damage Repair of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles (Second Gulf War 2004-2008)

(2) Holds a FAA Commercial Pilot License (#1676169) for SEL/MEL Airplane and Rotorcraft with Instruments Rating for both Airplane and Rotorcraft. He has a Tail Wheel endorsement and owns a Legend Cub.

Associations/Membership/Boards:

(1) As a veterans issues advocate, Mr. Wickersham has served variously as: Chair, Virginia's Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations; Chair, Virginia's Veterans Service Foundation, President, Virginia Council of Chapters of the Military Officers Association; National Legislative Officer, Military Order of the Purple Heart; Commander, Department of Virginia, Military Order of the Purple Heart; President, Northern Virginia Chapter, Military

Officers Association; Commander, Chapter 363 Northern Virginia, Military Order of the Purple Heart; Chair, Business And Networking Group, Military Officers Association; Chair, The Professional Group, Institute of Public Policy, George Mason University; and Legislative Representative for the Marine Corps Reserve Association to The Military Coalition.

(2) Served as 3d Vice President, Virginia Council of Chapters, Military Officers Association and a second appointment as Chair, Virginia Joint Leadership Council.

(3) A Life Member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and the Experiment Aircraft Association. Also, he is a member of Quite Birdmen and a Chapter Leader of the Virginia Aeronautical Historical Association.

(4) A Senior Fellow in the College of Fellows in the International Strategic Studies Association and Pi Kappa Phi national fraternity.

Personal

(1) Married to Margret Smith Wickersham of Sydney, Australia. They have been married for eight years.

(2) Previously married to Nancy Taylor Wickersham for 40 years until she passed away from cancer. They have a daughter, Taylor-Lee Wickersham Stokes who is a Prosecutor/Lawyer in Auburn, AL.