



**Elmer G. Glidden Jr., Colonel, USMC (Ret.)**  
"Elmer"

Date of Designation: 1 November 1940      NA # 6843

Dates of Active Duty: February 1940 - 1 January 1970

Total Flight Hours: 4,000

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 15

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 130    Prop: 3,900    VF/VA: 1,900

Combat Tours:

WW II: Midway Island, 1942 - 3 missions  
VMSB-231, Guadalcanal, Sep. - Nov. 1942; 14 missions

WW II: VMSB-231, Marshall Islands, Mar. 1944 - Apr. 1945; 85 missions

Vietnam: III MAF

Aviation Commands:

CO, VMSB-231, Oct. 1942 - May 1945

CO, VMF-323, Feb. 1949 - Feb. 1950

CO, MARS-37, Nov. 1954 - Dec. 1955

CO, Marine Detachment, Memphis, TN., 1957

CO, Marine Barracks, Panama Canal Zone, 1967 - 1970

Combat Awards:

Navy Cross with 1 gold star

Distinguished Flying Cross with 2 gold stars

Air Medal with 2 silver stars and 1 gold star

Legion of Merit



### **Duty Assignment Chronology**

- 2/40-12/40    Flight Training, Pensacola, FL.
- 1/41-3/41    VMS-2 & VMSB-231, NAS San Diego, Hawaii and Midway Island.
- 4/41-6/42    VMSB-241, Midway Island.
- 7/42-6/45    VMSB-231; Hawaii, Guadalcanal, MCAS El Toro, CA, Midway and Marshall Islands.
- 7/45-47      HQMC, Marine Amphibious Warfare, Junior Course.
- 1948-51     MCAS El Toro, VMF-323, MAG (G-1).
- 1951-53     Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- 1953         Marine Amphibious Warfare, Senior Course.
- 1954-55     MARS-37, Iwakuni, Japan.
- 1956         MCAS Cherry Point, NC., MAG G-3.
- 1957-58     Marine Detachment, Memphis, TN.
- 1959-60     MCAS El Toro, Wing G-1, MCAS G-4.
- 1961         National War College, Washington D.C.
- 1962-63     Pentagon, Vietnam Section.
- 1964         MCAS El Toro, MAG G-3.
- 1965         Vietnam III MAF Staff.
- 1966         MCAS El Toro, MAW G-1.
- 1967-70     Marine Barracks, Panama.
- 1/1/70       Retired from active duty.