



John F. Kinney, BGEN, USMC (Ret.)
 “John”

Date of Designation: 22 August 1939 NA # 6051
 Helo -20 November 1957 NA #3808

Dates of Active Duty: May 1938 - 30 June 1959.

Total Flight Hours: 5,725

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 48 Rotary: 20

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet - 600 Prop - 4,080 Helo - 1,045 VF/VA - 2,000
 VR/VP - 1,200 HS/HC/HU - 1,045

Combat Tours:

Wake Island (Dec. 4 - Dec. 23, 1941) - 11 combat missions
 Korea (Aug. 1950 - Aug. 1951) - 125 combat missions

Aviation Commands:

CO, Marine Aviation Technical School, Aug. 1948 - Aug. 1949.
 CO, VMF-311, Mar. 1951 - Aug. 1951.
 CO, MAG-13, Jul. - Aug. 1955.
 CO, MAG-16, Jan. 1958 - Apr. 1959.

Combat Awards:

Silver Star
 2 Legion of Merit with Combat “V”
 Distinguished Flying Cross
 Bronze Star with Combat “V”
 13 Air Medals
 POW Medal

Duty Assignment Chronology

1942-45 Wake Island. After Engineering Officer and all mechanics were killed, took over and with assistance of two others, kept the F4F’s flying through December 22, 1941. Was a



POW for 3 1/2 years. Escaped with five others and made it across China back to Washington D. C. (Only living Naval Aviator to have made a successful escape)
 1951 Korea. When F9F-2s had only flown approximately 500 hours in Nov. thru Feb. 1951, the Marine Corps ordered AU-1's and just about abandoned hope for use of jets. Was given Command of VMF-311 and discovered the causes of the mechanical problems and solved them. Revised employment plans to increase utilization and enable VMF-311 to fly over 2,000 hours per month.
 1952-53 Headquarters USMC, OP REQMTS. Assigned to prepare the requirements specs for a jet attack aircraft; working with Douglas Ed Heinaman, developed the specification for an aircraft that became the A4D. This jet widely used by the US and Allies for over 35 Years.
 1958-59 MAG-16 Helicopters. Perfected the technique for using Helicopters in actual instrument conditions and demonstrated ZERO/ ZERO Med- Evacs. Perfected the coordination of helicopter lifting thru use of actual metrological conditions with weight and balance.
 1959-60 Ling Temco Vought Test Pilot. Launched CORVUS Missile (HARM) from A4D/A3D Point Mugu, CA
 1961-65 Hiller Aircraft. Managed the assembly and Test of H-23 ARMY Helicopter production. Managed demonstration and setting of six light Helicopter world speed records at Edwards Air Force Base
 Lockheed Missile and Space. Developed many cost saving methods.