



**Thomas H. Miller, Lt. General, USMC (Ret.)**  
"Tom"

Date of Designation: 1 March 1943      NA # C-3504

Dates of Active Duty: 13 August 1942 - 1 July 1979.

Total Flight Hours: 10,000

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 21    Rotary: 25 (approx)

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 2,200    Prop: 7,800    VF/VA: 4,000  
VR/VP: 1,500    VU/VFP: 15    VT: 500    VH: 700  
Civ: 3,000

Combat Tours:

WW II: VMF-155 (F4Us), Feb. 1944 - Jan. 1945.  
Marshall & Gilbert Islands - 107 Missions (CAP & Strike)  
Korea: VMA-323 (F4U/AU-1), Dec. 1952 - Dec. 1953.  
K-6, K-3 & JOC - 106 Missions.  
Vietnam: CO, MAG-11 (FWD) & G-3/CofS, III MAF, 1965 & 1970. Danang - 118 Missions (VF, VA & Helo).

Aviation Commands:

CO, VMA-323, Apr. - May 1953 (Korea).  
CO, VMFA-513 (F6As & F4Bs), Nov. 1962 - Apr. 1964.  
CO, MAG-11 (FWD) (F-8s/F4Bs/EF-10s/R4D), Vietnam, Apr. - Jun. 1965  
CG, 6th MAB (air/ground) Turkey, Jul., Aug., Sep. 1971.  
CG, 8th MAB (air/ground) Norway, Jul. - Sep. 1972  
CG, 2nd MAW, Apr. 1972 - May 1974.  
CG, FMF Pac, Apr. - Jun. 1975.

Combat Awards:

2 Distinguished Flying Crosses & 15 Air Medals (WW II)  
Distinguished Flying Cross (Korea)  
Legion of Merit (Combat V) (Vietnam)  
Distinguished Flying Cross for World Speed Record F4H-1,  
5 Sep. 1960 (non-combat)  
Distinguished Service Medal (non-combat)



**Duty Assignment Chronology**

7/42-3/43	Flight Training, NAS Dallas & Corpus Christi, TX.
3/43-5/43	OTS-8 Trng. Squadron, MCAS Cherry Point.
5/43-6/43	VMR-353, Camp Kearny, CA.
6/43-2/44	VMO/F-155, NAS El Centro, CA.
2/44-12/44	VMO/F-155 Overseas (Hawaii, Midway, Marshall & Gilbert Islands).
1/45-12/45	VMF-914 & MAG-91, MCAS Cherry Point.
12/45-10/46	Naval Air Test Center (Service Test) NAS Patuxent River, MD.
10/46-4/47	Marine Corps Air Technical School, Quantico, VA (Student).
4/47-5/49	Marine Corps Air Station, Ewa, HI. (Engineering Officer).
6/49-6/51	ATU-1 and NSAWF, Naval Air Training Command (Flight/Instrument Instructor.)
6/51-9/52	Marine Corps Air Technical School, Quantico, VA (Instructor.).
9/52-11/52	VMA-224, MAAF Edenton, NC (Jet refresher course).
12/52-5/53	XO/CO, VMA-323, Korea.
5/53-6/53	1st Marine Air Wing HQ, Korea.
6/53-12/53	Joint Operations Center (JOC) Seoul, Korea.
1/54-6/55	MCAS El Toro, CA.
6/55-6/57	XO, VMA-224, MCAS El Toro, CA.
7/57-6/58	Naval War College, Newport, RI (Student).
6/58-7/61	BuAer/BuWeps, Navy Dept. Washington, D. C. (F4H-1 Class Desk Officer).
8/61-6/62	Marine Corps Senior Staff School, Quantico, VA.
7/62-11/62	Hdqtrs, MAG-15, MCAS El Toro, CA.
11/62-4/64	CO, VMFA-513, MCAS El Toro, CA.
5/64-7/65	XO/CO (FWD), MAG-11 (Atsugi, Japan/Danang, South Vietnam).
8/65-6/66	US Army War College, Carlisle, PA (Student).
6/66-11/69	Hdqtrs, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. Deputy DCS (Air).

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### Duty Assignment Chronology continued

12/69-12/70 G-3/Chief of Staff III MAF, Danang, South Vietnam.

1/71-7/74 Hdqtrs, 2nd Marine Air Wing, Cherry Pt., NC.

7/74-7/75 Deputy CG/CG, Fleet Marine Force Pacific, HI.

7/75-7/79 Deputy Chief of Staff (Aviation), Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps, Washington, D. C.

7/1/79 Retired from active duty.

### **Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) As a test pilot at Naval Air Test Center during 1945-46, flew 17 different model test aircraft including single engine, two engine and four engine aircraft, plus jet aircraft (YP-59 & FR-1) and helicopters.
- (2) First Marine Corps pilot to fly A4D-1 during Fleet Introduction Trials (FIP Program) Aug.-Sep. 1956.
- (3) Flew 500 KM World Closed Course Speed Record in F4H-1 at Edwards AFB, 5 Sep. 1960.



- (4) Demonstrated first live bomb drop (22,500 lb bombs) from F4H-1 at New River, NC, 24, 25 and 26 Apr. 1961.
- (5) Flew first non-stop, unrefueled transcontinental flight in F4H-1, 10 Apr. 64 (MCAS El Toro to MCAS Cherry Point).
- (6) First American to fly British Harrier, High-performance V/STOL aircraft on 25 Oct. 1968, at Dunsfold Airdrome, England.
- (7) Performed first inflight thrust vectoring maneuvers for air-to-ground and air-to-air tactics in Harrier in Oct.-Nov. 1968.
- (8) Oldest pilot (55 yrs.) to fly YF-17 (F-18 prototype) on 26 Jun. 1978 at Edwards AFB, CA.
- (9) Holder of Naval Aviation's Gray Eagle Award 1978-1979.
- (10) Holder of Marine Corps Aviation's Silver Hawk Award 1978-1979.
- (11) Awarded Paul E. Heueter Memorial Award for significant contribution to VTOL aircraft development.
- (12) Awarded United Kingdom's coveted John Curtis Wilkenson Sword Award for significant contribution to Anglo-American aerospace cooperation.