

Marion E. Carl, Major General, USMC (Ret.) "Marion"

Date of Designation: 1 December 1939

939 NA # 6235 Jet Pilot #34 Marine Helo Pilot #1

Dates of Active Duty: 1 December 1939 - 1 June 1973

Total Flight Hours: 14,000

Combat Tours:

- WW II: Midway, Guadalcanal
- Korea: Post war duty
- Vietnam: Photo-Recon flights and Red China flights in 1955

## Aviation Commands:

CO, two Marine fighter squadron, including the first jet squadron.CO, Photo-recon Squadron.

Marine Aircraft Group

Marine Brigade

Marine Aircraft Wing

Marine Corps Air Bases Eastern Area

<u>Combat Awards</u>: 2 Navy Crosses 4 Legion of Merit 5 Distinguished Flying Crosses 14 Air Medals

## **Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) First Marine Corps Ace, Aug. 26, 1942. Destroyed 18 enemy aircraft.
- (2) First Marine designated as a helicopter pilot, Jul. 1946.
- (3) First Marine to land a jet aboard an aircraft carrier, Nov. 1, 1946.



- (4) First pilot in the world to be catapulted in a Jet aircraft (P-80) from the deck of an aircraft carrier.
- (5) World Speed Record 650.7 MPH in Douglas Skystreak, Aug. 25, 1947.
- (6) World Altitude Record 83,235 ft. in Douglas Skystreak, Aug. 21, 1953.
- (7) Leader of the first Marine Jet Aerobatics Team, 1948.
- (8) Five and one-half years as Test Pilot, four years as Chief Test Pilot, carrier type aircraft, Flight Test Division of Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, MD., 1945-47 and 1949-52.
- (9) First military pilot to wear a full pressure suit, Aug. 1953.
- (10) Flew 260 different types and models of aircraft, including single and multi-engine:
  - seaplanes,
  - (reciprocating) land planes,
  - turbo-props,
  - jets,
  - helicopters,
  - transports and rocket powered aircraft.
- (11) Flew 30 different experimental (X) aircraft.
- (12) First living Marine to be enshrined in the Naval Aviation Hall of Honor, May 8, 1986.
- (13) First Marine to be enshrined in the Navy Carrier Aviation Test Pilots Hall of Honor, Oct. 10, 1987.
- (14) Received the Octave Chanute Award for notable contributions to the Aeronautical Sciences.