



**John Harris, LtCol USMC (Ret.)**  
"John"

Date of Designation: 10 September 1968

Dates of Active Duty: January 1968 - March 1988

Total Flight Hours: 3,741

Carrier/Ship Landings: Rotary: 368 day/81 night

Approximate Flight Hours:

Helo: 3,274 Jet: 324 Prop: 143

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: January 1969-February 1970, HMM-364  
Combat Flight Hours: 694 Missions: 330

Combat Awards:

3 Distinguished Flying Crosses  
4 Air Medals (Individual)  
41 Air Medals (Strike/Flight Awards)  
Purple Heart  
Navy Commendation with Combat V

### **Duty Assignment Chronology**

1/68-3/68 Officer Candidate School (OCS).  
4/68-9/68 Naval Flight Training, Pensacola, FL.  
10/68-12/68 Advanced Helicopter Training.  
1/69-2/70 Republic of Vietnam (HMM-364).  
3/70-5/72 MCAS Santa Ana, CA (HMM-263, HMH-463).  
6/72-10/75 Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. (proficiency flying at NAS Andrews).  
11/75-2/76 Refresher Training, MCAS Santa Ana, CA.  
3/76-4/77 NAS Atsugi, Japan - Camp Fuji Helicopter Support Detachment.  
5/77-6/81 MCHS Kaneohe, HI (HMM-262, FMFPAC HQ).  
7/81-6/83 Headquarters, USMC, Washinton, D.C.  
6/83-5/84 Pentagon, Washington, USN



6/84-3/88 USMC Doctrine Command, Quantico, VA

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

- (1) Suffered gunshot wound during combat mission. MEDEVAC to Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan for medical operations. Returned to combat duty after two month recuperation.
- (2) Selected as one of first two aviators assigned duty at Marine Barracks, 8th & "I", Washington, D.C., and served additional duty as White House Social Aide under Presidents Nixon and Ford.
- (3) While OIC of NAS Atsugi Det, devised and implemented procedure to ferry CH-46's to/from Taiwan Rework Facility. Required three internal fuel tanks for 7+ hours flight to facility.
- (4) Served as Senior Marine Aide-de-Camp to CG FMFPAC (LtGen Les Brown), and Senior Aide-de-Camp to CNO (Adm James Watkins).
- (5) Made two WestPac tours of approximately 7 months each aboard USS *Tarawa* and USS *New Orleans*.

### **Significant Post Military Career Events:**

- (1) Employed by McDonnell Douglas Corporation and The Boeing Company, 1988-2010.
- (2) Worked with McDonnell Douglas team to secure Tripartite Agreement among Spain, Italy and U.S. to remanufacture AV-8B Harriers to more combat capable configuration.
- (3) Director, USMC Program in Washington, D.C., Boeing Office. Programs included USMC transition from F-4s to F-18s, AV-8B remanufacture, CH-46 sustainment and Test and Evaluation of MV-22. Retired in 2010 following successful IOC of MV-22.