



**James M. Collins II, COL., USMC (Ret)**  
 “Red Dog”

Hometown: Martinsville, NJ

High School and College Career:

St. Peter High School, New Brunswick, NJ  
 BA Philosophy, Mississippi State University, MS  
 MS Global Leadership, University of San Diego, CA  
 MS equivalency, National War College.

Dates on Active Duty: 11/66-08/69 and 06/70-07/02

Date Commissioned/Source:

08/07/70, Aviation Officer Candidate

Date of Designation: 03/02/73

Total Flight Hours: 3,696

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed Wing: 10

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3,400 Prop: 190 VF/VA: 2,600 VT: 850 Helo: 40

Combat tours:

Vietnam : 1st Recon Battalion, 01/08/69-08/07/69, DaNang, Vietnam  
 Desert Shield/Storm : VMFA-212, 12/15/90-05/15/91, Sheik Isa, Bahrain, F/A-18C

Combat missions: 39 ; F/A-18C

Commands:

VMFA- 212: 06/29/90- 08/10/92  
 Marine Aircraft Group-11: 01/19/96-01/29/98

Awards:

Purple Heart Medal  
 Combat Action Ribbon  
 Air Medal w/Combat “V” and 3\*  
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal



Meritorious Service Medal (Squadron Command during Desert Storm)  
 Legion of Merit w/1\* (Air Group Command)  
 Defense Superior Service Medal

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

- 09/70-03/73 Student Naval Aviator, Pensacola, FL/Meridian, MS, T-34, T-2C, TA-4
- 04/73-03/74 VMFAT-201, Student, Cherry Point, NC, F-4J
- 04/74-03/75 VMFA-451, Section and Division Lead/ Mission Commander, Beaufort, SC, F-4J
- 05/75-06/76 BLT-3/2, Air Officer/Fire Support Coordinator, Camp Lejeune, NC
- 12/76-05/79 VT-19, Operations Officer/Flight Instructor/ Spin Stan Instructor/Gun Boss, Meridian, MS, T-2C, TA-4
- 08/79-05/80 Amphibious Warfare School, Student, Quantico, VA
- 08/80-07/83 VMFA-212, Logistics Officer/Maintenance Office/Executive Officer/Section and Division Lead/Mission Commander/Air Combat Training Instructor, Kaneohe, HI, F-4J, F-4S
- 07/83-05/84 Air Force Command and Staff College, Student, Montgomery, AL
- 06/84-06/87 Marine Aircraft Group 41, Operations Officer/ Section and Division Lead/Mission Commander/Air Combat Training Instructor, Dallas, TX, F-4S, CH-53A/D
- 07/87-06/88 U.S. Pacific Command, Executive Assistant to the J-3, Camp Smith, HI
- 06/88-09/89 VMFAT-101, Transition Student, El Toro, CA, F/A-18C
- 07/89-08/90 1st Marine Brigade, Assistant G-3/Brigade Air Officer, Kaneohe, HI
- 06/90-08/92 VMFA-212, Commanding Officer/Mission Commander/Air Combat Training Instructor, Kaneohe, HI/Sheik Isa, Bahrain/Iwakuni, Japan, F/A-18C

### Duty Assignment Chronology continued

08/92-05/93 National War College, Student, Fort McNair, VA  
07/93-05/95 U.S. European Command, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff/CINC, Stuttgart, Germany  
06/95-01/96 VMFAT-101, Student/Refresher Training/Special Projects 3d Marine Aircraft Wing, El Toro, CA, F/A-18C  
01/96-01/98 Marine Aircraft Group 11, Commanding Officer, Miramar, CA, F/A-18C, F/A-18D, C-130J, T-34C  
01/98-08/98 3d Marine Aircraft Wing, G-3, Miramar, CA, F/A-18C  
09/98-07/02 Naval Forces Pacific/U.S. Naval Air Forces, Force Marine, NAS North Island, CA

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

- (1) Led VMFA-212 from Hawaii for Desert Shield/Storm and return...remained in command for a subsequent work up and a six-month WestPac deployment
- (2) Led MAG-11 headquarters and 11 squadrons over a two-year transition from MCAS El Toro to MCAS Miramar
- (3) Force Marine at AirPac/AirFor for two Air Bosses (VADM Bowman and VADM Nathman)
- (4) Headed two Class A accident boards
- (5) Top Hook and "E bombs as Student Naval Aviator
- (6) Air Command & Staff College Distinguished Graduate
- (7) Air Combat Tactics Instructor

### **Summary of Post Military Work**

- (1) Consultant, Navigator LLC
- (2) Consultant, Booz Allen Hamilton
- (3) Adjunct Professor, University of San Diego School of Business, Master's Program in Global Leadership.
- (4) Tailhook Foundation, Board Member
- (5) Warriors & Quiet Waters, Board Member
- (6) Avid golfer and fly fisher