



**Frank C. Lang, Maj. General, USMC (Ret.)**  
 "Frank"

Date of Designation: 1 March 1943      NA # P-1662

Dates of Active Duty: August 1942 - 1 July 1978

Total Flight Hours: 5,000

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 60    Rotary: 160

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 2,000    Prop: 2,500    Helo: 700    VF/VA: 3,000  
 VR/VP: 700    VT: 500

Combat Tours:

WW II: VMF(N)-532 (F4U-2), Tarawa, Roi Namur, Engebi, and Saipan, Dec. 1943 - Oct. 1944 - 108 combat missions.

WW II: VMF-511 aboard USS *Block Island* (CVE-106), Jun. - Sep. 1945. Philippines, Borneo and Okinawa in night-fighter unit.

Korea: VMF(N)-542 (F7F-3N), Kimpo, Yonpo, Masan, Aug. 1950 - Mar. 1951 - 38 combat missions.

Vietnam: HQ 1st Marine Division, Chulai, Danang area, Jul. 1966 - Jul. 1967 - 93 combat missions with VMO-2 Division Air 0.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VMF(AW)-513 (F3D-2), Dec. 1956 - Jan. 1958, Atsugi, Japan.

CO, HMM-264 (UH-34D), MCAS New River, NC., Oct. 1963 - Jan. 1964.

CO, MAG-26 (UH-1, HOK, UH-34D HR-2S, CH-46, and C-117), MCAS New River, NC., Jun. 1965 - Jun. 1966

CG, 3rd MAW, Apr. 1972 - Aug. 1972.

CG, IMEF, Camp Pendleton, 11 Aug. - 24 Aug. 1972.

CG, COMCABSWEST, MCAS El Toro, Aug. 1972 - Apr. 1973.

CG, 1st MAW, MCAS Iwakuni, Japan, Apr. 1973 - Apr. 1974.



Combat Awards:

2 Distinguished Flying Crosses (WW II)

12 Air Medals (WW II)

4 Air Medals (Korea)

Legion of Merit with Combat "V" (Vietnam)

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

- 8/42-3/43    Flight Training, NARB Squantum, MA and NAS Pensacola, FL.
- 3/43-5/43    NAS Miami, FL and NAS Norfolk, VA. Advanced training and carrier qualification (CQ).
- 3/43-12/43    VMF(N)-532, MCAS Cherry Point, NC.
- 12/43-10/44    VMF(N)-532, overseas.
- 11/44-12/44    ABG-2, NAS NORIS, (JM-1 training).
- 1/45-4/45    MCAS Eagle, Mountain Lake, training F7F.
- 5/45-6/45    NAS Barbers Point, HI., day and night CQ.
- 6/45-11/45    VMF-511 (F6F-3N) aboard USS *Block Island* (CVE-106).
- 11/45-1/46    MASG-46, El Toro, Pensacola, Cherry Pt.
- 1/46-7/46    VMF(N)HQ-MAG-53, Cherry Point, NC.
- 7/46-6/47    HQ MAG-31, MCAS Miramar, CA.
- 6/47-5/48    VMF(N)-542, MCAS El Toro, CA.
- 5/48-3/49    HQ FMFWESTPAC, Tsingtao, China.
- 3/49-7/49    First Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.
- 7/49-8/50    VMF(N)-542, MCAS El Toro, CA.
- 8/50-3/51    VMF(N)-542, Korea.
- 3/51-4/52    VMF(N)-542, MCAS El Toro, CA.
- 4/52-12/52    HQ AIRFMFPAC, MCAS El Toro, CA.
- 12/52-6/53    Air Command & Staff College, Montgomery, AL.
- 6/53-7/56    ASO, Philadelphia, PA. (Aircraft Programs).
- 7/56-10/56    VMF(AW)-542, MCAS El Toro, CA.
- 11/56-1/58    VMF(AW)-513, NAS Atsugi, Japan.
- 2/58-7/59    MTRG-20, VMT-1, MCAS Cherry Point, NC.
- 8/59-6/60    Marine Corps Senior School, Quantico, VA.
- 7/60-7/63    HQ USCINCEUR, Paris, France.
- 7/63-7/66    MAG-26, MCAS New River, NC.
- 7/66-7/67    HQ First Marine Division, Vietnam.

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### Duty Assignment Chronology continued

8/67-6/68 Naval War College, Newport, RI.  
7/ 68-9/69 HQ Marine Corps.  
9/69-9/71 HQ Defense Supply Agency, Cameron Station, VA.  
9/71-8/72 AWC-CG, Third Marine Aircraft Wing.  
8/72-4/73 COMCABSWEST/CG MCAS El Toro, CA.  
4/73-4/74 CG First Marine Air Wing, Iwakuni, Japan.  
5/74-3/77 HQPACOM J-3, Camp Smith ,Hawaii.  
3/77-7/78 HQ FMFPAC, Camp Smith, Hawaii.  
7/1/78 Retired from active duty.

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

- (1) Overseas WW II, (1943-1944) with VMF(N)-532, flying F4U-2 land based, first single engine night fighter for the Marine Corps.
- (2) USS *Block Island* (CVE-106), WW II (Jun. 1945-Sep. 1945) flying the F6F-5N.
- (3) Conducted comparative evaluation of radar in the F3D-2 and F2H-2N at VC-4, NAS Atlantic City, NJ (13 Sep. - 5 Nov. 1952).
- (4) Gray Eagle, Silver Hawk. May - 1 July 1978.