



**Herbert H. Long, Colonel, USMC (Ret.)**  
"Herb"

Date of Designation: 19 November 1941      NA # 9755

Dates of Active Duty: 15 Mar 1941 - 30 June 1968.

Military Flight Hours: 5,000

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 240 (218 prop, 22 jet).

Combat Tours: Total Combat Missions - 173

World War II:      Guadacanal

VMF-121 (F4F), 12/23/42 - 1/30/43

VMF-122 (F4F), 4/10/43 - 4/25/43

VMF-122 (F4U), 6/13/43 - 7/23/43

USS Bunker Hill (CV- 17)

VMF-451 (F4U), 2/10/45 - 5/11/45

Aviation Commands:

CO, VMF-114 (8/2/45 - 3/1/46), Santa Barbara, and  
Cherry Point, NC.

CO, VMF-114 (3/1/47 - 7/15/48), Cherry Point and  
USS *Salerno Bay*.

CO, VMF-451 (7/1/56 - 5/1/57), Atsugi, Japan.

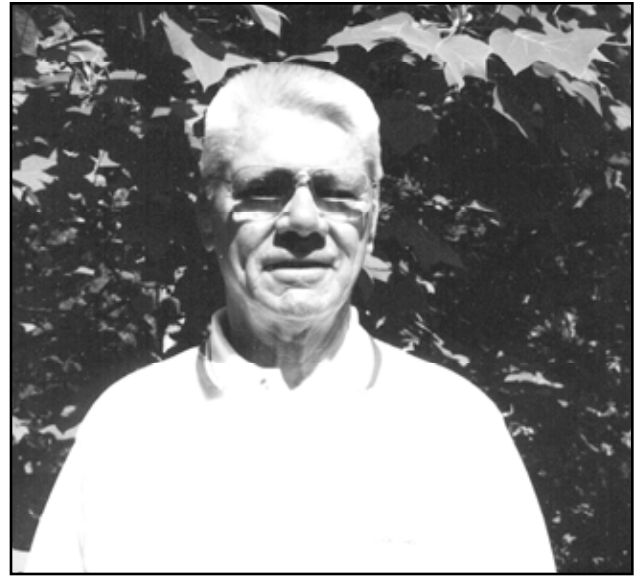
Combat Awards:

2 Purple Hearts

17 Air Medals

8 Distinguished Flying Crosses

Legion of Merit with Combat "V" (Vietnam)



**Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) WW II, Destroyed 10 enemy aircraft. Member of the American Fighter Aces Association.
- (2) 3 - 5" Hvar Rocket hits on Japanese aircraft carrier Ryuho at Kure Naval Base, Inland Sea, Japan.
- (3) Exchange pilot with British night fighter Squadron 809 and Carrier Trials Unit, RNAS Ford. Participated in the sea trials of new aircraft carrier "*Eagle*." Flew to and operated from RNAS Halfar, Malta.
- (4) Led "pathfinder" flight from MCAS Kaneohe to Naval Station Midway and return, 16 August 1958, in FJ-4 aircraft. (A "first" for naval aviation single engine and single seat jet aircraft). Data from this flight contributed to the successful TransPac of VMF-212 and VMF-214 from MCAS Kaneohe to MCAS Atsugi in response to the Que Moy-Matsu Crisis, 5-8 October 1958.