



Jeremiah W. Pearson, III MGen, USMC (Ret)
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Date of Designation: 27 Oct 1961 V-18152

Dates of Active Duty: 6 Jun. 1960 to 1 Aug 1992

Total Flight Hours: 8100

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 330 carrier landings in T-2, F-9, A-4, A-6, A-7, F-4, F-18

Approximate Flight Hours:
 Jet: 7,000+ Helo: 100+ VF/VA: 5,000+

Combat Tours:
 1968-1969 Vietnam
 1990-1991 First Gulf War
 405 Combat Missions in F-4, OV-10 and F-18

Aviation Commands:
 Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 24 (TA-4) one year.
 Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 235 (F-4) three years (Hanson Award Squadron in final year).
 Marine Aircraft Group 11 (F-18, RF-4) two years.
 Fourth Marine Aircraft Wing (A-4, F-18, OV-10, CH-46, CH-53, UH-1, AH-1, C-12) one year.
 Marine Corps Research, Development and Acquisition Command (F-18, C-12) one year

Combat Awards:
 Defense Distinguished Service Medal
 Distinguished Service Medal
 Distinguished Flying Cross
 Bronze Star with Combat "V"
 27 Air Medals
 Combat Action Ribbon



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Duty Assignment Chronology

- 6/60-10/61 Flight Training.
- 11/61-7/64 VMA 324 includes Med Cruise in USS *Independence* and Cuban Missile Crisis.
- 8/64- 7/65 VT-9, Flight Instructor.
- 8/65-6/68 Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, MD
 Naval Test Pilot School – Class 43 and Flight Test, Carrier Suitability.
- 7/68-8/69 VMFA 542, Danang RVN, Aircraft Maintenance Officer.
- 9/69-1/73 Naval Missile Center, Point Mugu, CA Flight Test.
- 2/73-6/73 Armed Forces Staff College, Student.
- 7/73-7/74 VMFA 232, Operations Officer.
- 8/74-7/77 Headquarters Marine Corps, Aviation Plans Officer in Division of Aviation.
- 8/77-8/77 H&MS-24, CO.
- 7/77-7/81 VMFA 235, CO.
- 8/81-6/82 Air War College, Student.
- 7/81-5/84 Third Marine Aircraft Wing, Logistics Officer.
- 5/81-5/86 Marine Aircraft Group 11, CO.
- 6/86-7/86 Third Marine Aircraft Wing, Assistant Wing Commander.
- 8/86-7/88 U.S. Central Command, Commander Forward Headquarters (Iran-Iraq War).
- 8/88 Helicopter Flight Training.
- 9/88-4/89 Headquarters Marine Corps, Assistant D/CS for Aviation.
- 5/89-7/89 Fourth Marine Aircraft Wing, Commanding General.
- 8/89-7/91 Marine Corps Research, Development and Acquisition Command, Commanding General.
- 8/91-3/92 Headquarters Marine Corps, Director of Plans.
- 4/92-3/95 NASA, Head of Manned Space Flight.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Initial test pilot tour- Flight Test (Carrier Suitability) Patuxent River (The only Marine in Carrier Suitability).

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- (2) Firsts while at Patuxent River:
 - Determination of minimum end speeds for F-4J aircraft during initial sea trials.
 - Initial structural demonstration of F-4J on shipboard catapults and arresting gear.
 - Development of auto-throttle for F-4J including initial sea trials.
 - Development of auto-throttle for A-7A.
 - Initial sea trials for steam ingestion in A-7A.
 - Development of automatic carrier landing system.
- (3) Second test pilot tour – Flight Test at Naval Missile Center Point Mugu.
- (4) Firsts while at Point Mugu:
 - Initial firings of the AIM-7F and ALIM-9M missiles throughout the operational envelopes.
 - Over 100 missiles fired.
- (5) Selected Associate Fellow in the Society of Experimental Test Pilots.
- (6) While assigned to the Marine Corps Research, Development and Acquisition Command was deployed to Saudi Arabia as the Deputy Commander of Marines during the First Gulf War. While deployed, flew F-18s from Bahrain.
- (7) Last assignment in the Marine Corps was as Head of America's Space Flight program at NASA. Supervised 19 successful Space Shuttle missions including the first Hubble Space Telescope repair mission. Responsibilities were for operations, safety, personnel, logistics and budgeting for all matters related to the manned space flight program. After retirement from The Marine Corps, remained as the Head of Space Flight for three years. Was awarded the NASA Distinguished Service Medal and the NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal.
- (8) Own Hampton Air, and operate a Beechcraft Bonanza B-35