



Ross S. Mickey, Colonel, USMC (Ret.)

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Date of Designation: 12 July 1940 NA # 6553

Dates of Active Duty: July 1939 - 31 December 1965

Total Flight Hours: 5,000

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 500 Prop: 4,4850 Helo: 15 VF/VA: 1,500
 VR/VP: 800 HS/HC/HL: 15 VS: 50 VU/VFP: 200
 VT: 2,435

Combat Tours:

WW II: CO, VMF(N)-534 (F6F-3N), Mariannas, Mar.
 1944 - May 1945.
 Korea: CO, VMF(N)-513 (F3D-2N) and CO, Tactical Air
 Control Squadron-2 (MTACS-2), Mar. 1953 - Jan.
 1954.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VMF(N)-532 (F4U-2N), May 1943 - Sep. 1943
 CO, VMF(N)-534 (F6F-3N), Sep. 1943 - May 1945
 CO, VMF(N)-544 (F7F-3N), May 1945 - Sep. 1945
 CO, VMF(N)-513 (F3D-2N), Mar. 1953 - May 1953
 CO, MTACS-2, Sep. 1953 - Jan. 1954
 CO, MAG-12 (A4Ds, F3DQs, F4HPs), Apr. 1962 - May
 1963

Combat Awards:

Bronze Star
 Air Medal

Duty Assignment Chronology

9/39-8/40 AVCAD Flight Training, Pensacola, FL.
 9/40-2/41 USMC Basic School, Philadelphia, PA.
 2/41-12/41 Flight Instructor, Pensacola, FL.
 1/42-11/42 MCAS Cherry Point, NC.
 11/42-5/43 VMF(N)-531, MCAS Cherry Point, NC.



5/43-9/43 VMF(N)-532 (F4U-2N), Cherry Point NC.
 9/43-5/45 VMF(N)-534 (F6F-3N), Pacific.
 5/45-9/45 VMF(N)-544, (F7F-3N), Eagle Mt. Lake, TX.
 9/43-8/48 BUAER, Fighter Desk.
 9/48-5/49 Senior Amphibious Warfare School.
 6/49-5/51 COMAIRPAC Staff, San Diego, CA.
 5/51-1/53 Joint Amphibious Warfare Board
 2/53-1/54 VMF(N)-513 & MTACS-2, Korea.
 1/54-12/55 MCAS Kaneohe, HI.
 1/55-8/59 Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps,
 Washington, D. C.
 9/59-5/60 Student, National War College, Washington,
 D. C.
 6/60-4/62 Air FMFPAC Staff.
 4/62-5/63 MAG-12, Pacific.
 7/63-12/65 National War College staff.
 1/66-6/80 Grumman Aerospace Corp. Bethpage, LI.
 6/80-6/85 Grumman St. Augustine Corp.
 6/85-6/87 Flagler Health Systems.
 Industrial Development Authority, St.
 Augustine, FL.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Charter member VMF(N)-531 first USMC night fighter squadron (PV-1s).
- (2) CO, VMF(N)-532, first USMC single place, night fighter squadron (F4U-2N's).
- (3) BUAER. Fighter Desk F9F Project Officer. Supervised program from its initial design through development and delivery of first production aircraft (Sep. 1945-Aug. 1948).
- (4) Deployed MAG-12 to Udorn, Thailand, June 1962. First Marine tactical unit deployed to Asian mainland at beginning of Vietnam conflict.

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued

- (5) 1966-67. Director, A6 Intruder programs, Grumman Aerospace Corp. Revitalized program, developed A6E, A6E TRAM and KA6D
- (6) 1969. Vice President, Grumman Aerospace Corp. Director of Grumman aircraft programs for A6E, KA6D, EA6B, E2C, C2A, F-111B, TC4C, OV-1D. Plus High Speed Train and Flagstaff hydrofoil.
- (7) 1974. Senior Vice President, Grumman Aerospace. Director of all Grumman programs - aircraft, space, ground transportation and marine. Included all of above aircraft plus F-14, EF-111, all space programs including the shuttle trainer aircraft, the TACRV air cushioned train and Israeli 100 ton hydrofoil. All development programs were under my overall management supervision.
- (8) 1978. Vice President, Grumman Corporation (in addition to being Senior Vice President of Aerospace) Director International Affairs. Coordinated efforts to promote overseas procurement of F-14s and E2Cs.
- (9) 1980. President, Grumman St. Augustine Corporation. Founded this new division of Grumman dedicated to the remanufacturing and complete modernization of existing aircraft. Initial projects were conversion of HU-16s to commercial amphibious transports; complete modernization of 44 A4Ds for Malaysia; rework of S-2s for Peru, Uruguay and others. This organization now has a \$1 billion plus business base.
- (10) 1983-1987. Member, Florida's Aviation Advisory Council; Chairman, Flager Health Care System and associated hospitals; Chairman, St. John's Industrial Development Authority.