



Harlan Chapman, LtCol, USMC (Ret.)
"Harlan"

Date of Designation: 30 September 1958

Dates of Active Duty: June 1956 - July 1976.

Total Flight Hours: 3,300

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 200

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3,000 Prop: 300

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VMF (AW)-212, Apr. 1965-Nov. 1965, USS *Oriskany*, Yankee Station (F8E).

Vietnam: POW, Nov. 1965-Feb. 1973.

Total Combat Missions: 110

Aviation Commands:

CO, VMF (AW)-314, El Toro, CA, June 1974-June 1975 (F4N).

Combat Awards:

Silver Star

Legion of Merit with combat "V"

Distinguished Flying Cross

Bronze Star with combat "V"

10 Air Medals

Purple Heart with gold star

Duty Assignment Chronology

10/58-09/59 VMCJ El Toro, CA. (F3D2Q).
10/59-11/60 VMCJ Iwakuni, Japan (F3D2Q, F8P).
12/60-11/62 H&MS El Toro, CA. (F9F8T, T2V).
12/62-12/63 Anglico, Camp Smith (Army Jump Wings).
01/64-11/65 VMF-212, MCAS Kaneohe, USS *Oriskany*
Tonkin Gulf (F8E).
11/65-02/73 POW, Vietnam.



03-73-09/73 Medical, debriefing and R&R. No flights.
10/73-05/74 VMAT-102, MCAS Yuma, AZ (TA4F, F4B).
06/74-06/75 CO, VMF (AW)-314, El Toro, CA (F4N).
07/75-07/76 Station Headquarters, El Toro, CA (T28, T39).

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) 5/65-11/65 Member VMF(AW)-212 (F8E). Deployed aboard USS *Oriskany*, Vietnam, Yankee Station. VMF (AW)-212 was the only Marine F8 Crusader fighter squadron to deploy aboard a Navy carrier in combat during the Vietnam war.
- (2) CO, VMF (AW)-314, El Toro, CA.