



**Michael P. Sullivan, MGEN, USMC (Ret.)**  
"Mike"

Date of Designation: 9 October 1956 NA # V-10498

Dates of Active Duty: June 1953 - October 1991

Total Flight Hours: 8,700

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 150 Rotary: 30

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 7,850 Prop: 700 Helo: 150 VF/VA: 8,000

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VMFA-531 (F-4), 1965  
VMFA-314 (F-4), 1968 - 1969  
400+ combat missions

Aviation Commands:

CO, VMF-323 (F-4), 1973 - 1974  
MAWTUPAC, 1974 - 1975  
CO, MAG-11, 1981 - 1982  
CO, MAG-41, 1983 - 1985  
CG, 2nd MAW, 1987 - 1988

Personal Decorations:

Distinguished Service Medal  
Legion of Merit with gold star in lieu of second award  
Distinguished Flying Cross  
Meritorious Service Medal  
24 Air Medals (1 individual and 23 strike/flight)  
2 Navy Commendation Medals, one with combat "V".

### **Duty Assignment Chronology**

General Sullivan was born in Los Angeles, California. He was commissioned through the Naval Aviation Cadet Program, upon completion of flight school in October 1956.

From June 1985 until June 1988, he served as the Commanding General and Assistant Wing Commander of



the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF Atlantic, MCAS, Cherry Point, North Carolina, while also serving as the Commanding General, 10th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, from 1985 to 1987.

He then served as Deputy Commander Warfighting/Director, MAGTF, Warfighting Center, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Virginia. His last duty assignment was Deputy Commander, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, Norfolk, Virginia. He retired from active duty in October 1991.

General Sullivan's operational tours have included VMA-121, VMF (AW)-513, NO. 23 SQDN (RA.F. Exchange Pilot), VMFA-531, VMT-2, VMFA-122, 2nd Anglico, VMFA-314, VMFA-323 and two tours with MAWTUPAC. He served two combat tours in Vietnam, flying F-4s.

General Sullivan's other command tours include C.O. VMFA-323, MAWTUPAC, MAG-11 and MAG- 41.

Staff tours have included Assistant Chief of Staff G-3, Assistant Chief of Staff G-1 3d MAW; Aviation Instructor; Staff Planning School; LFTCPAC; MCCRES Aviation Evaluator HQMC; and two tours as the F-4/F-8 Flight Test Officer at Cherry Point, N.C. and North Island, Calif

Since July 1993 he has been Assistant Vice President, First Citizens Bank, Cherry Point, NC., and is a Consultant on the Joint Strike Fighter.

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

- (1) Alfred A. Cunningham Award as Marine Aviator of the Year, 1974.
- (2) Silver Hawk Award (Longest Flying Active Duty Marine Aviator), 1990.

- (3) Over 8,000 flight hours primarily in the F-4 and other fighter aircraft. Qualified in the F/A-18 and the AV-8B and have flown all Marine helicopters.

Family:

Major General Sullivan and his wife Nicole have three sons, Steven, John and Byron.