



Frederick R. Payne, BGEN, USMC (Ret.)
"Fritz"

Date of Designation: 1 September 1936 NA # 4286

Dates of Active Duty: May 1935 - July 1958.

Total Flight Hours: 4,720

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 25 Rotary: 30

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 32 Prop: 4,233 Helo: 455 VF: 730 VA: 120
VT: 10

Combat Tours:

WWII: POA, USS *Saratoga*-Hawaii (Infamous relief of Wake Island), 8 - 25 Dec. 1941.

Midway, Dec. 1941 - Feb. 1942.

WWII: South Pacific, Hebrides-Guadacanal, Apr. 1942 - Dec. 1942.

Northern Pacific, Aleutians-Kiska, Jul.-Nov. 1943

Central Pacific, Kwajalein-Roi Namour, Jan. 1944 - Feb. 1944. (Air Officer, Amphib Group-3).

Southwest Pacific, Aitape-Hollandia, Mar.-Apr. 44.

Central Pacific, Guam, May 1944 - Aug. 1944.

Korea: Air Control Group ONE, Feb. 1952 - Oct. 1952.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VMF-212, Nov. 1942 - Jan. 1943.

CO, MAG-23, Jan. 1943 - May 1943.

OINC, ASTU-7.

CO & AO, MATU, NAS Jacksonville, FL, Feb. 1950 - Feb. 1952.

CO, MACG-2, 21 Mar. 1952 - May 1953 (Korea).

CO, MAG-36, NAS Tustin, CA, Dec. 1955 - Jul. 1957.

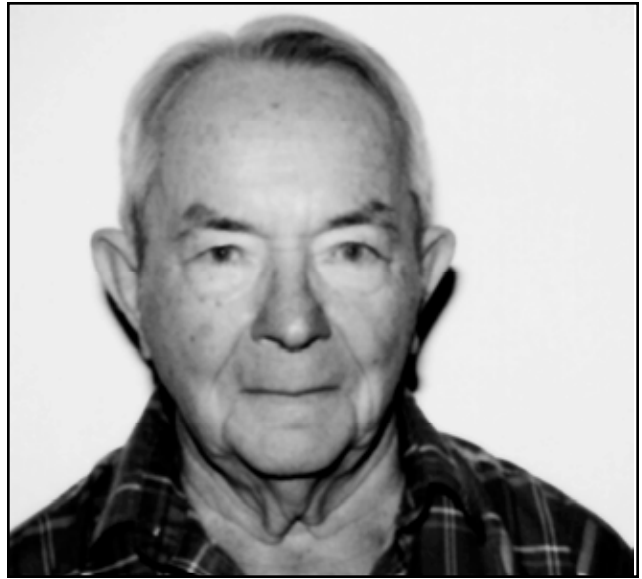
Combat Awards:

Navy Cross

Distinguished Flying Cross

Legion of Merit with combat "V"

6 Air Medals



Duty Assignment Chronology

- 1936 Commissioned 2nd Lt (7/36) and designated a Naval Aviator (9/36).
- 9/36-40 Basic School and VMF-9M at Quantico, VA.
- 1940-11/42 VMF-2 at NAS North Island, later stationed in Hawaii. Returned to the States to form VMF-221.
- 11/42-11/42 VMF-221. Embarked for Midway aboard the USS *Saratoga*, Dec. 8, 1941. Hawaii-Midway, Feb. 1942. Combat operations: New Hebrides - Guadalcanal and Aleutians-Kiska, Apr. 1942-Nov. 1942.
- 11/42-1/43 CO, VMF-212.
- 1/43-5/43 CO, MAG-23. Combat operations: Kwajalein, Jan. 1944 - Feb. 1944. Aitape-Hollandia, Mar. 1944 - Apr. 1944. Guam, May. 1944 - Aug. 1944.
- 8/44-2/50 Served with "Joint Exercise "MIKI" and in various assignments HQMC and OPNAV.
- 2/50-2/52 CO + AO MARTU, NAS Jacksonville, FL.
- 3/52-5/52 XO & CO MACG-1 (Korea).
- 6/52-11/55 Liaison officer with the 5th Air Force.
- 12/55-7/57 CO, MAG-36, MCAS Tustin, CA.
- 7/57-7/58 Tactical Air Commander for the Fourth Atomic Exercise Brigade. Responsible for planning and control of land and air elements in atomic weapons tests during 1957.
- 7/58 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Designated "Marine Corps Ace" with 5 1/2 confirmed aerial victories.
- (2) Landed first fighter aircraft Eastern Midway Island.
- (3) 1st Marine pilot to land on actual LPH (USS *Thetis Bay*).