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Harry E. Sexton, Col USMC (Ret.)
"Harry"

Date of Designation: 24 February 1954

Dates of Active Duty: August 1952 - January 1978

Total Flight Hours: 7,000

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 250   Rotary: 200

Approximate Flight Hours:
Jet: 5,000 Prop: 500   VF/VA: 5,000   Helo: 1,500
Other: 500

Combat Tours:
Vietnam: VMF(AW)-212 Apr.-Dec. 1965 USS *Oriskany*
              Yankee Station (F-8E)
Vietnam: HML-367 MAG-16 Feb. 1970-Jan. 1971
              Marble Mountain (AH-1G)
Total Combat Missions: 400 (150 F-8E, 250 AH-1G)

Aviation Commands:
CO, HML-367 Vietnam, Mar. 1970 - Oct. 1970 (AH-1G)
    Cobra)
CO, MWHG 3rd MAW, MCAS El Toro Feb. 1971-Mar.
    1972

Combat Awards:
Navy Cross
2 Legion of Merits w/Combat "V"
Distinguished Flying Cross
44 Air Medals/Strike Flight Awards

Duty Assignment Chronology

3/54-1/56   VMF 451, MCAS El Toro, Atsugi, Japan (FJ-2)
1/56-6/57   VMF 115, MCAS El Toro (F9F-5, F4D
             Skyray).
7/57-4/58   VMFT-10, MCAS El Toro (F9F-8).
5/58–2/59   VMF 334, MCAS El Toro (F8U-1).

3/59-7/60   HML 364, MCAF Tustin (HUS-1).
8/60-7/61   HML 163, MCAF Fatima, Okinawa (HUS-1).
7/61-8/63   MCRD Floyd Bennett, NAS New York
             (FJ-4B A4D).
8/63-1/66   VMF 212, MCAS Kaneohe, USS *Oriskany*,
             Tonkin Gulf (F-8E).
1/66-6/66   1st Marine Brigade, MCAS Kaneohe.
7/66-6/67   Marine Command & Staff College, Quantico,
             VA.
7/67-6/68   Syracuse University, College Degree Program.
7/68-8/69   Headquarters Marine Corps, Manpower,
             Major monitor.
9/69-2/70   Transition training.
3/70-10/70   CO, HML-367, Vietnam, (AH-1G Cobra).
11/70-1/71   1st. Marine Air Wing.
1/71-6/73   CO, MWHG , MAG 13 3rd. Marine Air Wing.
7/73-7/74   Naval War College.
8/74-1/78   Dept of Defense, Marine Representative Air
             Munitions Requirement & Development
             Committee.

Summary of Significant Career Events

(1)   May 1965 - Dec. 1965: Member of VMF(AW)-212
       (F-8E) deployed aboard USS *Oriskany*, Vietnam
       Yankee Station. VMF(AW) 212 was the only Marine
       F-8 Crusader Fighter Squadron to deploy aboard a
       Navy Carrier in combat during the Vietnam War.