



Russel M. Stromberg, LtCol., USMC (Ret.)
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Date of Designation: 3 June 1971 NA#13663

Dates of Active Duty: June 1969 – September 1990.

Total Flight Hours: 4500

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed Wing: 20 VSTOL:263 Helo:15

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3,500 Prop: 900 VF/VA: 3,300 Helo: 100

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VMA-311, June-Nov.1972, Bien Hoa RVN.

Total Combat Missions: 144

Aviation Commands:

OIC, Marine Aviation Det., Kadena AFB, Okinawa (Mar.-Oct. 1981).

OIC, VX-5 Det. A China Lake CA. Oct. 1984-June 1985 (AV-8B, A-4).

VMA-513 MCAS Yuma AZ July 1988-July 1989 (AV-8B).

VMA-214 MCAS Yuma AZ July 1989-Aug.1990 (AV-8B).

Combat Awards:

8 Air Medals

Duty Assignment Chronology

06/65-06/69 US Naval Academy
 07/69-12/69 The Basic School MCB Quantico, VA.
 01/70-12/70 USAF Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laredo AFB, TX.
 01/71-06/71 VMAT 203 MCAS Cherry Point, NC (TA-4).
 07/71-01/72 VMA-324 MCAS Beaufort, SC (A-4M).
 02/72-04/72 VMA-311 MCAS Iwakuni, Japan (A-4E).
 05-72-11/72 VMA-311 Bien Hoa AB RVN (A-4E).
 11/72-01/72 H&MS 12 Iwakuni Japan (TA-4).



01/72-04/75 VMA-231 MCAS Cherry Point, NC (AV-8A)
 05/75-06/77 VMA-513 Det A, MCAS Cherry, NC (AV-8A).
 07/77-06/78 USN TPS, NAS Patuxent River, MD (T-38, TA-4, T-2, F-100, RF-4, T-33, OV-1, B-26, OH-58, AH-1, U-1).
 07/78-10/80 Strike Aircraft Test Directorate, NAS Patuxent River, MD (AV-8A, AV-8C, YAV-8B, TAV-8, A-4M, TA-4, A-3, OV-10).
 11/80-03/81 31st MEU, LHA-1, WESTPAC, (AV-8A, UH-1).
 04/81-10/81 OIC, Marine Aviation Detachment, Kadena AFB, Okinawa, Japan (CT-39, AV-8A).
 11/81-07/84 Operational Test Director, Marine Corps Projects, VX-5 China Lake, CA. (A-8B, AV-8A, A-4M, TA-4, F-18, A-7).
 08/84- 06/85 OIC, VX-5 Det. A, Operational Test Director AV-8B Operational Evaluation, (AV-8B, AV-8A, A-4M).
 07/85-06/88 Aviation Plans and Programs (APP-2), HQMC, Washington, DC.
 07/88-05/89 CO, VMA-513, MCAS Yuma, AZ (AV-8B).
 06/89-08/90 CO, VMA-214, MCAS Yuma, AZ (AV-8B).

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) 1975-76 Designated AV-8A demonstration pilot to support national airshows. Selected to fly the AV-8A demonstration at the 1976 US Bicentennial Air Show in Washington DC.
- (2) Project Officer/Lead Test Pilot for the development of a VSTOL (Harriers and helos) Night/IMC Shipboard Lighting System for L-Class Ships. First AV-8 night landings and takeoffs from LHA Class Ships. Production version of this prototype system currently installed on all Wasp and America class amphibious assault ships to support night/IMC helicopter, AV-8B and F-35B shipboard operations.

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued

- (3) Operational Test Director and Lead Test Pilot for AV-8B Operational Test and Evaluation. Seven month test program included shipboard trials and 4 weapons deployments. Cited by COMOPTEVFOR as “most thorough and comprehensive weapons system OPEVAL to date”.

- (4) Commanding Officer of VMA-214 - First DON “Night Attack” squadron equipped with night vision goggles and navigation FLIR. Squadron developed first AV-8B night attack pilot training and Night Systems Instructor syllabi.