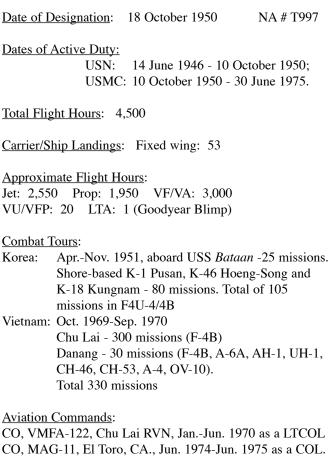


Robert E. Howard Jr., Colonel, USMC (Ret.) "Bob"



Combat Awards:

Legion of Merit with combat "V" 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses 5 Air Medals 21 Strike Flight Air Medals



Duty Assignment Chronology

1950	VMT-2, MCAS El Toro, Training Sqd. (F-4U)
1951	VMF-312, USS Bataan/Korea combat tour
	(F4U-4/4B).
1952	AES-12, MCAS Quantico. Close Air Support
	demonstration squadron (F8F/F6F).
1953	NAS Patuxent River, MD., Test Pilot School,
	Class 10.
1954	VMF-312, MCAF Miami Masters/MCAS
	Cherry Point (F9F-4/FJ-2).
1955	VMF-235, NAS Atsugi, Japan (FJ-2/FJ-4).
	O&R test pilot, Nippi Aircraft (Japanese).
1956-1960	NOTS China Lake, CA. USMC Project
	Officer, Sidewinder missile.
1960-1963	USN Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA.
	BS/MS Aeronautical Engineering.
1963-1964	1st Marine Aircraft Wing, MCAS Iwakuni,
	Japan. Assistant Operations Officer.
1964-1965	MAG-15, MCAS El Toro, CA. Group S-1.
1965-1968	HQMC, Washington, D.C. Joint Planning
	Group, Action Officer on JCS matters.
1968-1969	National War College/George Washington
	University. MS International Affairs.
1969-1970	Chu Lai, RVN. Operations Officer, MAG-13
	then CO, VMFA-122.
	Danang, RVN. Operations Officer, 1st Marine
	Aircraft Wing.
1970-1974	HQMC, Washington, D.C. Head, Enlisted
	Assignments, Personnel Department.
	Military Secretary to Commandant Marine
	Corps.
1974-1975	MCAS El Toro, CA. CO, Marine Aircraft
	Group Eleven. (3 F-4J squadrons, 1 RF-4/
	EA-6 recon squadron, 1 Headquarters
	squadron, 1 Air Base squadron).

Retired from active duty.

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Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Interesting working as test pilot on Sidewinder airto-air missile (GMU-61) at China Lake. There were three Navy officers in GMU-61 at the airfield and I had my office in Michelson Laboratory with the engineers. We flew the F9F-8, F3D-2, F8U-1, F3H, FJ-4 and F4D as well as a borrowed USAF F-104A. We rigged the F-104 with a Navy full-pressure suit sys tem, and I was able to fire a number of missiles at test points between 60,000 and 70,000 feet from mach 1.5 to 2.0. Over a period from May 1959 to May 1960 I flew that airplane 65 times for a total of 50 hours. Almost everything I did in the airplane was in full afterburner. The J-79 burned about 28,000 lbs/hour in full afterburner on takeoff or at mach 2.0. The F-104 carried 6,000 pounds of fuel.
- (2) While CO of VMFA-122 in Chu Lai, RVN, the squadron had a complement of twelve F-4B aircraft. In May 1970, the squadron flew 770 combat sorties, and on 24 May the squadron delivered 107.2 tons of ordnance while flying 50 combat missions.

Personal Information

Colonel Howard and his wife, the former Rodella Ailene Sutter of Tacoma, Washington, have four children, six grand-children and two great-grandchildren.