



Charles M. Kunz, Colonel, USMC (Ret.)

“Charlie”

Date of Designation: 30 September 1941 NA # 9068

Dates of Active Duty: 14 December 1940 - 30 June 1967

Total Flight Hours: 6,800

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 493

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 1,300 Prop: 5,500 VF/VA: 3,600

VR/VP: 1,900 Other: 1,300

Combat Tours:

WW II: VMF-221 (F2A-3), Midway Island, Feb. 1942 - Jun. 1942 - 1 mission.

WW II: VMF-224 (F4F-4), Guadalcanal, Aug. - Oct. 1942 - 80 missions.

WW II: VMF-311 (F4U-4), Roi, Marshall Islands, May 1944 - Mar. 1945 - 165 missions.

WW II: MAG-31 (F4U-4), Okinawa, Apr. 1945 - Sep. 1945 - 10 missions.

Korea: VMF-323 (F4U-4), USS *Sicily* & K-1, May 1945 - Nov. 1951 - 100 missions.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VMF-311 (F4U), May 1944 - Mar. 1945.

CO, VMF-225 (F4U), May 1947 - Jun. 1949.

CO, VMF-323 (F4U), May 1951 - Sep. 1951.

CO, VMF-214, Oct. 1951 - Dec. 1951. Return to States.

MARTD Jacksonville, FL., (F8F-2), Jan. 1952 - Jan. 1954.

MABS-24, Jul. 1956 - May. 1957. Support squadron.

VMF/A-531 (F2H-4, F9F-8B), Jun. 1957 - Jul. 1958.

MAG-12 (A4, F8, FJ, F3D), Jan. 1961 - Aug. 1961



Combat Awards:

Navy Cross

Silver Star

3 Distinguished Flying Crosses

Bronze Star with Combat “V”

8 Air Medals

2 Purple Hearts

Duty Assignment Chronology

12/40-9/41 Flight Training, NAS Kansas City, KS., and NAS Corpus Christi, TX.

9/41-12/41 Advanced Carrier Training Group (ACTG), NAS North Island, CA.

12/41-3/42 Headquarters, MCAS Ewa, HI.

3/42-6/42 VMF-221, Midway Island.

6/42-8/42 VMF-212, 223 and 224 - squadron pilot.

8/42-10/42 VMF-224, Guadalcanal - pilot.

10/42-12/42 In transit to the U. S. and Naval Hospital, San Diego, CA.

1/43-1/44 Instructor, VF operational, NAS Jacksonville.

2/44-5/44 Senior Course, Quantico, VA.

6/44-9/45 VMF-311, MAG-12, Marshall, Gilbert and Okinawa.

10/45-7/49 Headquarters, MAG-91, VMF-225.

10/49-4/51 Headquarters, MCAS El Toro, CA.

5/51-12/51 VMF-323 and VMF-214, USS *Sicily*, (Yellow Sea) K-1, Korea.

1/52-1/54 MARTD, Jacksonville, FL.

2/54-6/54 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA.

7/54-6/56 Headquarters FMFLANT, Norfolk, VA.

7/56-7/58 MABS-24, VMA-531, MCAS Cherry Point, NC.

7/58-10/60 CNO, OP-05 Staff, Washington, D. C.

11/60-12/61 MAG-12, Headquarters, 1st MAW, Iwakuni, Japan.

1/62-6/65 Headquarters, AirFMFPAC, El Toro, CA.

7/65-6/67 Headquarters FMFLANT, Norfolk, VA.

6/67 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Member of the American Fighter Aces Association, having shot down 8 enemy aircraft. On 4 June 1942, at Midway Island, 2 "VAL" bombers shot down while flying a F2A-3 aircraft. From Aug.- Oct. 1942, 2 "Zeros" and 4 "Bettys" shot down flying F4F-4 aircraft at Guadalcanal.