



CAPT Patrick (PD) MCGovern, USN (Ret.)
"Magoo"

Hometown: Tulsa, OK

High School and College Career:

BS-University of Tulsa
MS-University of Southern California

Dates on Active Duty: Feb 1968 – Sep 1990

Date Commissioned/Source: Feb 1968

Date of Designation: 06/10/69

Total Flight Hours: 5,029

Carrier/Ship Landings: 496

Flight Hours:

H-3 A,D,G,H: 2784
H-1 B,G,H,J,K,T: 747
H-60 B: 417
T-2: 71
Misc: 1115 (28 different T/M/S, from X-26 glider to KC-135 and Presidential VH-3D)

Combat tours:

Republic of Vietnam: Oct 1969 - Oct 1970

Combat missions: 694

Commands:

CO, HS-3, Oct 1981-Nov 1982
RW Chief Test Pilot, Sep 1985-Jun 1987
HS Wing One: Jul 1987-Aug 1990

Awards:

Distinguished Flying Cross (4)
Single Action Air Medal (4)
Strike/Flight Air Medal (27)
Meritorious Service Medal



Awards (cont'):

Distinguished Service Medal
Presidential Unit Citation

Duty Assignment Chronology

10/69 - 10/70 HA(L)-3
02/71 - 12/73 HS-11
01/74 - 06/75 HS-1
07/75 - 03/79 USN Test Pilot School
04/79 - 11/82 HS-3
02/83 - 08/85 *USS SARATOGA CV-60*
08/85 - 08/87 Rotary Wing Test Directorate
09/87 - 09/90 Com HS Wing One

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) A Vietcong radio message was intercepted that advised to avoid incursions when Seawolf 53 was airborne (SW 53 was my exclusive call sign)
- (2) Nighttime engagement of two VC T-54 tanks resulted in disabling both with no friendly casualties!
- (3) Saved the Lamps MK III program over a year and millions by recruiting a P-3 Program Manager after two previous candidates flunked TPS
- (4) Conducted an SH-3H weapons System Test at St Croix requiring "island hopping" over 1000 miles with only Navajos on both ends
- (5) Performed dusk rescue of the remaining crew of a sinking Polish merchant ship over 100 miles from *Saratoga* in sea-state 4, wind gusts 40-50 mph. Forced into a down-the-throat landing due to low fuel state.
- (6) *Saratoga* Air Dept won coveted "Yellow E" as best flat deck in the Atlantic Fleet for 1983 and 1984

(7) As CDR HS WING ONE developed an H-60 production plan for USN to meet the needs of all the H-60 lines (Air Force, ASW, and Combat SAR) for Desert Storm

Summary of Post Military Work

Association of Naval Aviation-JAX (CO in 1987)
Clay County Commissioner
Director Council on Aging

Personal

Happily married for some 52 years with 3 children; 4 grandchildren