



**Lawrence Ross Roberts, COL., USMC (Ret.)**  
“Migs”

Hometown: Northport, Long Island, NY

High School and College:

High School: Saint Anthony’s High School

College: State University College NY at Fredonia

Dates on Active Duty: 1984 – 2010

Date Commissioned/Source: 1984 / Platoon Leaders Course

Date of Designation: 15 June 1990

Total Flight Hours: 8700 Military plus Civilian

Carrier/Ship Landings: 205

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet:T-2/TA-4/FA-18: 3240 Prop T-34C: 350

Flight Hours by Aircraft Type:

VFA: FA-18 A/B/C/D/E/F: 3100

VT T:34C/T2C/TA4: 240

Combat tours:

Operation Deny Flight: 7 Jan-14 April / VMFA-251 / Bosnia Herzegovina: 42

Operation Desert Fox CVW-3 VMFA-312, 17-21 Dec 1998: 3

Operation Deny Flight CVW-3 VMFA-312, Feb 1999: 1

Operation Southern Watch CVW-3 VMFA312, April, 1999: 2

Operation Southern Watch MAG-11, VMFA-533, 6 Feb-17Mar 2003: 11

Operation Iraqi Freedom MAG-11, VMFA-533, 20 Mar-14 May 2003: 34

Combat missions: FA-18 A/C/D: 93



Commands:

VMFA(AW)-533 “Hawks”: Commanding Officer (December 2002 – May 2004)

Joint Fires Integration and Interoperability Team (JFIIT) US Joint Forces Command: Commanding Officer (July 2006 – 2008)

Marine Aviation Training Support Group 23 (MATSG-23): Commanding Officer (July 2008 – May 2010)

Awards:

Air Medal Numeral “6”

Air Medal Combat V

Bronze Star

Legion of Merit

Defense Superior Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal

Naval Commendation Medal

Naval Achievement Medal

## **Duty Assignment Chronology**

1985-1987	Artillery Officer, B Battery 1stBn 12th Marines Kaneohe Bay, HI
1987-1988	1st Marine Brigade Kaneohe Bay, HI
1988-1990	Student Naval Aviator, NAS Pensacola, NAS Kingsville
1990-1991	F/A-18 Pilot, VFA-106 NAS Cecil Field
05/91-06/94	FA-18 pilot VMFA-251 MCAS Beaufort, SC
07/94-08/96	FA-18 Instructor Pilot VFA-125 NAS Lemoore, CA
08/96-08/97	Executive Officer MATSG 23 NAS Lemoore, CA
09/97-06/99	Safety Officer, Operations Officer, Maintenance Officer VMFA-312 /CVW-3 USS <i>Enterprise</i>
07/99-07/00	Future Operations Officer MAG-31
08/00-06/01	Student Naval Command and Staff College Newport RI

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#### Duty Assignment Chronology continued

07/01-07/02 Expeditionary Operations Officer US 6th Fleet  
07/02-10/02 VFA-125  
12/02-05/04 CO VMFA-533  
07/04-06/05 Executive Officer MAG-31  
08/05-01/06 Air War College Maxwell AFB  
07/06-06/08 Commander, Joint Fires Integration and Interoperability Team (JFIIT), Eglin AFB, Florida  
07/08-06/10 Commanding Officer, MATSG-23, NAS Lemoore, California

#### **Associations/Membership/Boards:**

- (1) Society of the Cincinnati (Maryland Line)
- (2) Quiet Birdman

#### **Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Transition from Artillery to Aviation: Became a third-generation Naval Aviator in June 1990.
- (2) Operation Deny Flight - Air Interdiction Mission Commander CVW-3. Mission commander for two 16 plane strikes and assistant mission commander for one 16 plane strike during Operation Desert Fox employ laser guided bombs against Iraqi command and control sites and missile storage facilities
- (3) Led VMFA(AW)-533 during Operation Iraqi Freedom, MAG-11, 3rd MAF executing nearly 34 combat sorties in support of the 1st Marine Division.
- (4) As Commander of JFIIT, enhanced joint fires integration and interoperability across military branches.
- (5) Oversaw Marine aviation training programs as Commanding Officer of MATSG-23.
- (6) Authored numerous aviation articles published in the Marine Corps Gazette and USNI Proceedings

#### **Summary of Post Military Work**

- (1) Check-6 2010-2015, VP of Operations Asia Pacific Commercial Aviation: First Officer B757/767/777/ Captain, Boeing 767, FedEx Express 2015-Present
- (2) Beechcraft Debonair owner / pilot

#### **Personal**

- (1) Family: Third generation Naval Aviator, Oldest Son Ross is a Major AH-1Z Pilot in the USMCR and is a 4th generation Naval Aviator. Younger son Owen is an F-15 pilot 1/LT in the 122ND FS (NOLA ANG)