



Henry W. Steadman, Colonel, USMC (Ret.)
 "Hank"

Date of Designation: November, 1954

Dates of Active Duty: 2 June 1945 - 1 June 1949
 1950 - 1978

Total Flight Hours: 5,600

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed Wing: 5 Rotary: 100

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 1480 Prop: 156 Helo: 2635

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: HMM-361, Jul 1965 - Apr 1966, Marble Mountain (H-34)

Vietnam: HMM-364, Sep 1970 - Jun 1971, Marble Mountain (CH-46)

Total Combat Missions: 500 (H-34, CH-46, AH-1J, UH-1, CH-53)

Aviation Commands:

CO, HMM-361, Apr 66 - Jul 66, (H-34)

CO, HMM-364, Sep 70 - Feb 71, (CH-46, AH-1, UH-1, CH-53)

CO, MAG-29, Jun 74 - Jul 75, (AH-1J, UH-1, OV-10)

Combat Awards:

2 Silver Stars

Legion of Merit, Combat "V"

Distinguished Flying Cross

25 Air Medals

Purple Heart

2 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry



Duty Assignment Chronology

1945 Basic Training USMC, Parris Island, SC.
 11/52-5/53 The Basic School, Student, Quantico, VA.
 6/53-11/54 Flight School, Student, NAS Pensacola, FL;
 NAS Kingsville, TX (SNJ, F-6, F-9).
 12/54-5/56 VMF-224 Pilot, MCAS El Toro, CA (F-9F).
 6/56-3/57 MARS-37 Maint Off, MCAS El Toro, CA.
 (F-9F, F-3D, TV-2, AD, Beechcraft SNB,
 R-4D, OE-2).
 3/57-4/57 VMF-323 FJ-4 Checkout, MCAS El Toro, CA
 5/57-7/58 VMF-323 "Death Rattlers" Pilot, NAS Atsugi,
 Japan (FJ-4).
 9/58-6/59 5th Marine 8th Batt, Air Liaison Off, Camp
 Lejeune, NC (Beechcraft).
 6/59-9/59 Helicopter Training, Ellison Field, FL.
 10/59-12/60 HMM-462 Sqdn Training Off, MCAS Santa
 Ana, CA (HR2S) .
 12/60-2/61 Aviation Maint School, Millington, TN.
 3/61-10/61 HMM-462 Asst Sqdn Maint/Ops Officer,
 MCAS Santa Ana, CA (HR2S).
 11/61-5/62 Naval Aviation Safety School, USC, CA.
 1962-1965 Aviation Safety & Stan Off (Helo & Jet),
 MARTD NAS Los Alamitos, CA (A-4, H-57,
 H-37).
 7/65-4/66 Sqdn XO & CO, HMM-361, Marble Mtn,
 Vietnam (H-34).
 1966-1967 Marine Corps Command & Staff College,
 Student, Quantico, VA
 1967-1970 Helo Employment Instructor, MCDEC,
 Quantico, VA.
 1970-1971 CO, HMM-364, Marble Mtn, Vietnam
 (CH-46).
 1971-1974 G-3, 3rd Marine Brigade, MCAS Kaneohe, HI
 (CH-46/53, UH-1, T-28, C-117).
 1974-1975 CO, MAG-29, MCAS New River, NC.
 1975-1976 Industrial College of Armed Forces, Student,
 Ft. McNair, VA
 8/76-7/78 Joint Logistics Planner, HQ USMC.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) 1947 Ceremonial Guard at Marine Barracks 8th & I, Washington, D.C.
- (2) 1947-1948 Honor Guard on The Freedom Train (carried many of America's priceless documents throughout Continental United States celebrating successes and freedoms won during World War II).
- (3) 1948-1964 ... Model for USMC Recruiting Poster.
- (4) Early 1960's Marine Corps helo support for early feasibility studies of Dyna-Soar Program (to develop a spaceplane for use on a variety of military missions; subsequently cancelled).
- (5) Two Vietnam tours, 1st as XO then CO of HMM-361, in H-34; Hiep Duc mission (lead of large force insertion in face of overwhelming VC resistance) resulted in 1st Silver Star). 2nd tour as CO ("Papa Fox") of HMM-364 Purple Foxes. Shot down during an armed insertion (actions taken to rescue trapped gunner and co-pilot resulted in 2nd Silver Star/1st Purple Heart). 500 Vietnam Combat Missions.
- (6) 1972 Key Staff Coordinator for President Nixon visit to MCAS Kaneohe, HI.
- (7) 1967-1970 Helo Employment Instructor at MCDEC, Quantico.
- (8) 1974-1975 CO of MAG-29, MCAS New River, NC.
- (9) 1975-1976 Industrial College of the Armed Forces Student.

Post-Retirement: After retirement: 6 years at NAS Whiting Field, FL as Sim Instructor (Helo & Fixed Wing); 3000 Sim Events.