



Charles F. Bolden Jr., USMC (Ret.)
 “Panther”

Date of Designation: May 1970 V-29918

Dates of Active Duty: June 1968 – Jan 2003

Total Flight Hours: 7,270

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 10 Rotary: 15

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3,230 Prop: 250 VF/VA: 810/1,900
 VT: 300 Rotary: 100 Other: Space Shuttle: 680

Combat Tours: Viet Nam 1972-73

Aviation Commands:

Executive Officer MABS-13 (1977-78)
 Space Shuttle Commander STS-45 (1992)
 Space Shuttle Commander STS-60 (1994)
 CG 3d MAW (2000-02)

NASA Experience:

Shuttle Columbia Pilot:	STS-61C	Jan. 1986
Shuttle Discovery Pilot:	STS-31	April 1990
Shuttle Atlantis Commander:	STS-45	Mar.-Apr. 1992
Shuttle Discovery Commander:	STS-60	Feb. 1994

Flight Performance Awards:

Defense Distinguished Service Medal
 Defense Superior Service Medal
 Legion of Merit (2)
 Distinguished Flying Cross
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2)
 Air Medal (9)
 NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal
 NASA Exceptional Service Medal (3)
 NASA Space Flight Medal (4)
 Inducted U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame (2006)



Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) First deployment with VMA(AW)-533, Nam Phong, Thailand, Viet Nam Conflict 1972-73 (100 combat missions).
- (2) U.S. Navy Test Pilot School 1978-79.
- (3) Project pilot Systems/Strike Aircraft Test Directorates 1979-80.
- (4) NASA Astronaut June 1980-June 1994.
 - Lead Astronaut Shuttle Vehicle Test and Checkout, KSC.
 - Director JSC Safety Division.
 - Lead Astronaut Shuttle Avionics Integration Laboratory.
 - Assistant Deputy Administrator NASA HQ.
 - Pilot for STS-31, Hubble Space Telescope Deploy Mission.
 - Commander for STS-45, NASA’s first “Mission to Planet Earth”, Atmospheric Laboratory for Applications and Science.
 - Commander for STS-60, first US-Russian joint shuttle mission.
- (5) Deputy Commandant, U.S. Naval Academy 1994-95.
- (6) Assistant Wing Commander 3d MAW 1995-97
- (7) Deputy Commanding General 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Commanding General I MEF (Fwd), Kuwait 1997-98.
- (8) Deputy Commander U.S. Forces Japan Tokyo 1998-2000.
- (9) Commanding General 3d MAW 2000-02.
- (10) Sr. Vice President TechTrans International 2003-05.

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued

(11) President JackandPanther LLC 2005-09.

(12) NASA Administrator 2009-Present.