

TACAMO Hall of Fame – 2020

Don Hutcherson – TACAMO Sailor/Industry Partner

Service

- Over 26 years of TACAMO service
- VQ-4 (JAN 79 – AUG 82)
- VQ-4 (AUG 86 – AUG 89)
- NAMTRAGUDET (AUG 89 – AUG 92)
- VQ-3 (AUG 92 – JAN 97)
- NAVAIRSYSCOM (JAN 97 – NOV 2000)
- Rockwell Collins (2001 – 2010)

Key Jobs

- Inflight Technician, NATOPS Instructor, Branch Chief, Quality Assurance Division Chief, Maintenance Control Chief
- NAMTRAGUDET MAS/VLF PA Instructor; Master Training Specialist Certification
- NAVAIRSYSCOM Naval Liaison Officer for the E-6B Block/Airborne Command Post (ABNCP) Production Program, Waco, TX
- Rockwell Collins Test Director for VLF Modified Miniature Receive Terminals (TACAMO Mission Essential Equipment)
- Rockwell Collins Integrated Logistics Support Manager for development of the Antenna-Tensioner Reeling Machine (TACAMO Support Equipment)

Leadership/Contributions

- Independent duty assignment as the on-site government authority for the \$490 million dollar E-6B ABNCP Production Program
- Recognized as the driving force for the on-time delivery of 11 E-6B ABNCP aircraft; IOC achieved 6 months ahead of schedule requirements
- Stellar training skills – handpicked to teach TAC-IV VLF PA theory/troubleshooting to French government engineers (ASTARTE VLF Program)
- Mentor to young Sailors – unique ability to coach Inflight Technicians who had fallen behind in their training track to qualify as originally scheduled

Community Service

- Avid supporter of TCVA
- TCVA's "Go-To" person in Patuxent River providing a local contact and logistics support along with arranging for storage of Boneyard artifacts
- Provided his home as central hub for 2022 reunion planning and museum set-up

Peer Recognition

- COs/XOs
- PMA leadership