



TACAMO
Community Veterans Association



TACAMO Hall of Fame – 2023

Mark Herkert – TACAMO Sailor/Civilian Support

Service

- ≥VQ-4 (Mid 70s)
- ≥VQ-4 (Early 80s)
- ≥VQ-3 (Mid – Late 80s)
- ≥Strategic Communications Support Unit (Tinker) (Late 80s – Early 90s)
- ≥STRATCOMWING ONE (92 – 96)
- ≥Wing Executive Assistant (96 – 23)

Key Jobs

- ≥Instructor Pilot, QA, NATOPS Model Manager, Assistant Ops Officer, Maintenance Officer
- ≥Handpicked to lead the VQ-3 Fleet Introduction Team during the most difficult days of the EC-130 to E-6A transition
- ≥OIC STRATCOMWING ONE Support Unit, Tinker
- ≥Wing Executive Assistant to the Commodore

Peer Recognition

- ≥Honorary Commodore 2023, proclamation signed by all Commodores from 1996 to present

Leadership/Contributions

- ≥Oversaw all phases of construction at Tinker for new TACAMO hangars, Wing Headquarters building, CNATT & VQ-7 training spaces, IMA facilities, Navy PSD and supply warehouse
- ≥Success of the VQ-3 and VQ-4 homeport changes directly related to Mark's dogged determination and dedication to the TACAMO program
- ≥Established all elements of necessary base support prior to homeport change
- ≥Enabled squadrons/training commands to begin immediate flight operations and support functions – on time as scheduled
- ≥Key factor in the initial standup of the E-6 alert capability at Offutt AFB during the ANBCP transition
- ≥Established contractual requirements to enable 707 aircrew training for E-6 flight crews at Tinker AFB

Community Service

- ≥Boy Scout Leader
- ≥Philmont Scout Ranch Lead Counselor



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