Fair Winds and Following Seas: COL George Dodenhoff, USMC, Ret

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â€œDodeâ€• was a WWII veteran, joining the Marines in 1942. His first combat was on Okinawa with VMF-311, the Hellâ€™s Belles, flying CAS missions in the F4U-8. Of note, VMF-311 were the first to use the F4U in the close air support role. His career later had him assigned to the famed VMF-214 in Korea, flying CAS for the Chosin Reservoir battle. He continued on to complete a 29 year career, comprised of a cross training assignment with the USAF flying the F-86 and serving in the Congo, Vietnam, and other duties that included a tour at the Naval War College. He passed away August 6th, 2015.

I have been provided access to the items from his desk, where I spent a number of hours, working on his computer and listening to the stories of an old warrior and leader over about a decade. My intention is to put together as much material as is possible from his notes, log books and models and document my recollection of his career oral history I was able to hear.

For the first stop, with his wife, Priscillaâ€™s permission, is to share the memorial service for Col Dodenhoff.

More to follow in a series Iâ€™ll post as â€œFrom the Desk of Col D.â€•

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