



Bernard M. de Mahy Jr.

Lt. Colonel Bernard M. de Mahy Jr. was a native of St. Martinville, LA and a resident of Tustin, CA who served two separate tours at MCAS Tustin prior to his passing on April 27, 1999.

Born March 2, 1947, Bernard was the second child and first son of Anne and Dr. Bernard de Mahy who served as a doctor in the US Army during WWII. He attended the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, graduating in 1969 with a B.S. in Education. Upon graduation he was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and began flight training in Pensacola, FL. He received the wings of a Naval Aviator in May 1970 and began flying the CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter.

His 22 years of active duty took the de Mahy's to many stations around the country, including Tustin, CA, Beaufort, SC, Monterey, CA, Washington, D.C., and Kaneohe, HI. Bernard also served abroad in Taiwan, the Philippines, Japan, Germany, and cruises aboard the USS New Orleans and USS Enterprise. Among his various awards were Meritorious Service Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Sea Service Deployment (two stars).

Bernard was serving as the Executive Officer, second in command, for MCAS Tustin at the time of his retirement from the Marine Corps in 1991. He then began his second career, in the education field, at Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana, CA until the time of his death. He survived by his wife Pamela and his children Marc and Jennifer.

