

# LT. COL. MARION RAYMOND RODGERS, USAF RETIRED

*Detroit, Michigan Born: September 23, 1921*

Education—University of Maryland and Southern Colorado State College

**1930**

- Walked to Newark Airport to observe Ford Trimotor and Curtiss Condor Passenger Aircraft from Roselle, NJ

**1942 December–1944 January**

- Served with Army Coast Artillery, Anti-Aircraft prior to reassignment for pilot training to Keesler AB, Tuskegee Institute and Tuskegee AAF
- 332nd Fighter Group

**July 1944–August 1945**

- Commissioned Class 44B
- Flew 68 combat missions with 99th Fighter Squadron

**May 1948–June 1949**

- Commander, 99th Fighter Squadron, Lockbourne AAF, Ohio

**July 1949–October 1950**

- Communications Officer, 28th Command Squad, Mitchell Field

**Nov 1950–June 1951**

- Communications Officer, Air Task Group 3.4, Eniwetok Island (atomic weapons testing)

**August 1955–December 1953**

- Staff Communications Officer, Rome Air Development Center, New York

**January 1954–June 1954**

- Attended Air Command and Staff College

**July 1954–June 1955**

- Staff C-E Officer, 4902nd Air Defense Wing, McGuire AFB, New Jersey
- Communications-electronics advisor to the Korean Air Force

**August 1956–June 1957**

- Radar Evaluation Officer, 6023rd Radar Evaluation Flight, Japan

**July 1958–August 1959**

- Commander, 6023rd Radar Evaluation Squadron, equipped with B-29 aircraft, Okinawa

**August 1959–June 1963**

- C-E Staff Officer and eventual Director of



Communications-Electronics, Spokane Air Defense Sector, Larson AFB, Washington

**July 1963–March 1965**

- Chief, Radar Evaluation Branch, Air Defense Command, Colorado Springs—final active duty assignment
- Retired from military service

**June 1965–June 1966**

- Communications Consultant, Mountain States Telephone Company

**July 1966–March 1967**

- Program Manager, Apollo Project, Goddard Space Flight Center, Maryland

**March 1967–December 1979**

- Returned to Air Force as federal employee
- Chief, Communications Resources and Requirements Branch, NORAD/ADCOM
- Editor of Aerospace Defense Command's Communications Electronics Digest

**1983**

- Retired from Civil Service career, September
  - Host to KKTU's "Involvement" series, 20 years
- Resides in Colorado Springs with wife Suzanne

*Marion R. Rodgers  
December 13, 2009*