

COL. JAMES E. "JIM" RANDALL USAF RETIRED

Roanoke, Virginia

Born and raised in Roanoke.

1944

- Accepted for pilot training. Sworn into the Army Air Force Reserves March

1945

- Graduated from Addison High School
- Called to active duty and sent to Keesler AFB for basic training August
- Completed training, and took leave. Returned from leave. Transferred to Tuskegee Army Air Field.

1946

- Assigned to the Office of the Chief of Safety while awaiting assignment to a flying class.
- Called to personnel. Informed that all flight training had been terminated.
- Discharged at Fort Meade, MD February 22
- Enrolled in Hampton Institute September

1949

- Assigned to Randolph AFB, TX for basic pilot training as an Aviation Cadet
- Reported to Las Vegas Army AFB, NV September

1950

- Graduated as a fighter pilot flying the P-51 Mustang March

1950-1952

- Completed instructors school and instructed basic flying at Perrin AFB, TX and P-51 Advance Flying Training at Craig AFB, AL

1952-1953

- Assigned to the 18th Fighter Bomber Group in Korea flying 65 missions in the F-51.
- Reassigned to the Korean Air Advisory Group teaching Koreans to fly the F-51.
- Flew 10 missions for the Republic of Korea Air Force

1953-1957

- Assigned to the 1737th Ferrying Squad, Dover, DE. Flying T-6, F-51, F-84, E, G, F, RF, T33, RT33, B25, and T39. Flew eight trips across the North Atlantic to Europe.

1957-1959

- Assigned to Nellis AFB and became an F-100 instructor

1959-1962

- Assigned to Spangdahlem AB, Germany as an F-100 pilot and officer in charge of the alert facility.

1963

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- Reported to Headquarters 9th AF Shaw Air Force Base

1964-1972

- Flew the F-105 as Operations Officer assigned to 562nd Tact Fighter Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kansas
- While on Temporary Duty in Southeast Asia, was shot down on 44th mission
- Tested the F-111 as Operations Officer assigned to Nellis AFB
- Flew an F-111 at 2.4 times the speed of sound
- Vice Commander Task Force Alpha in Thailand

1972-1976

- Assigned Headquarters Air Defense Command-Colorado Springs, CO

1976-1978

- Base Commander Tyndall AFB, FL

1978-1980

- Chief of Safety HDQ Air Defense Command, Colorado, Springs

1980

- Retired after 31.5 years and over 7300 hours of flying time.

Military Education

- All weather jet instrument school
- Squad Officers' School
- Air Command and Staff College
- Fighter Weapons School

Resides with wife Essie, in Colorado Springs, Colorado.