



**COLONEL (USAF)
RALF M. MILLER
CLASS 22-52**

Colonel Miller served three years with the 44th Infantry Division and the 2nd Armored Division and survived at that time the worst aircraft accident in history with 118 servicemen killed and 19 survivors. He transferred his commission to the Air Force and completed USAF pilot training. He then served with TAC, SAC and ATC until 1966 flying T-33s, F-86s, B-47s and B-52s. He flew O-1's in Vietnam as a Forward Air Controller for Project Delta, 5th Special Forces Group and had 524 combat missions (947 combat flying hours) during a one-year tour of duty. He is believed to be the only Air Force officer to receive the Combat Infantryman Badge for ground combat in Vietnam.

He served as a Squadron Commander flying T-38s at Moody AFB, GA and after attending the Naval War College he was assigned to the Pentagon, as Executive Officer to the Assistant Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force. He later commanded the USAF Basic Military Training School at Lackland AFB and then served as Wing Commander, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB. His career culminated as Assistant Director of Operations, HQ ATC at Randolph AFB.

Colonel Miller is a Command Pilot with over 7,000 flying hours in 19 different aircraft. His awards and decorations include the Silver Star, The Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star for Valor, 19 Air Medals, Legions of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the US Army Commendation Medal for Valor, the US Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal for Valor, three awards of Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and the US Army CIB.