

Martin A. Stires
Biography

I was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, graduating from Central High School in 1957.

After attending Ohio State University for two years, I entered the United States Air Force Aviation Cadet Program. I was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and received Navigator Wings in November, 1960. I spent 6+ years as a navigator at Lockbourne Air Force Base, first flying the KC-97 and then the KC-135.

I started Undergraduate Pilot Training in March, 1967, and received Pilot Wings in March, 1968. After finishing pilot training, I went into the F-4 Phantom. I flew the F-4 for four years, including a combat tour in Vietnam. On my return from Vietnam, I became an Instructor Pilot in the Air Training Command. I served as Section Commander while instructing in both the T-37 and the T-38.

I finished my Air Force career as an Air Operations Officer with the Tactical Fighter Weapons Center, at Nellis Air Force Base. I served as Chief of the Fighter Division, Studies and Analysis. I retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in May, 1980.

After retirement, I attended Ohio State University studying accounting and business law. After passing the Uniform CPA examination, I spent 18 years as an accountant in private industry; first with a construction sub-contractor and then with Banc One.

I am married; have one daughter. I have an undergraduate degree in Business Administration from William Carey College, and a graduate degree in Public Administration from the University of Northern Colorado. I am a life member of the Military Officers Association of America; and Past President of the Military Officers Club of Central Ohio, a local affiliate of MOAA.

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