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Herbert T. Standing

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Herbert T. Standing was born in Buffalo, New York, to Herbert and Gladys (Roberts) Standing. His family moved to North Kansas City, Missouri, where he obtained his Eagle Scout award. After graduating from high school in 1948, he attended William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, for a year and a half before transferring to the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Herbert had wanted to be a pilot since he was a boy of eleven, like his father who served with the Royal Flying Corps during World War I. He applied to the United States Air Force for pilot training several weeks before graduation from the University. Shortly after graduation, while waiting to hear from the USAF, he received a draft notification from the United States Army. Herbert notified the USAF of the notice and they expedited his application.

He joined the USAF and was sent to Marana Air Base in Arizona to complete his primary flight training. Following flight training he was sent to Williams AF Base in Arizona where he received his wings and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant.

In 1954, Herbert was stationed at Nellis AF Base, Nevada where he went to fighter pilot training in the F-86 Saber Jet. He was then deployed to Korea for one year. After Korea, his next assignments took him to several AF bases and the Philippines. Herbert was sent to Viet Nam where he flew 100 combat missions from 1965–1966. He returned to the United States serving as an instructor at Nellis AF Base with the F-105 Thunder Chief. He was preparing replacement pilots who would be deployed to the Viet Nam Conflict. Herbert, along with other pilots in his squadron, can be seen preparing for flying and debriefing from a mission on the DVD set, Viet Nam, disc #4 entitled “25 Hours.” He was also an instructor for the F-111 at Cannon AFB, New Mexico. Other planes he has flown are the Piper Cub, the T-6 Texan, T-33, F-86, and F-100 Super Saber Jet. While on active duty he has served as the Flight Safety Officer, Chief of Academics and Chief of Simulator. During his career he has attended the Air Command and Staff College and the Squadron Officer School.

Medals and awards Herbert has earned are his Paratroopers Wings, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the Air Medal with Oak Cluster, the Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, as well as Combat and Campaign medals for Korea and Viet Nam.

Herbert and Tuesnelda “Nellie” Wandersee of Owensville, Missouri, were married on 27 December 1953. They have three sons, ten grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He retired from the USAF in November 1972 at Cannon USAF Base. He was employed in civilian life by American Mutual Insurance as a district engineer with their safety department until 1989 when he retired.

Besides flying, Herbert loved singing, and while in service formed a Barber Shop Quartet. They performed at various military and civilian functions

over the years. He was also a member of the Squadron Officers School Glee Club. He continued to sing Barber Shop long after his retirement with the local St. Louis Barber Shop Chapter. Herbert also builds model u-controlled airplanes and is an avid flower gardener.

Herbert's niece and the members of her chapter, Isaac Garrison, Daughters of the American Revolution wish to extend their gratitude and thanks to Herbert Standing for his service to our country.