

Misty 12 Biography, Bob Blocher



Name: Robert M. Blocher

Nickname: Bob

Date of Birth: August 1933

Highest Military Grade held: Lt Col, 05

Home Town: Massillon, Ohio

Education

1. Civilian:

M.S. Troy State University, Montgomery, AL, 1976

2. Military:

B.S. USMA West Point, NY, 1952-56

Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, AL, 1962

Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA, 1970-71.

Air War Collage, Maxwell AFB, AL, 1975-76

USAF Survival Schools at Stead, Eglin, & Clark plus a couple of Hurlburt COIN courses

Units assigned (Dates – Unit - Aircraft, if applicable):

1956-57, Primary Pilot Training, Marana AB, AZ: T-34 & T-28.

1957, Basic Pilot Training, Goodfellow AFB, TX: B-25.

1957-59, Mission Pilot, Navigator Training, Mather AFB, CA, 1957-59: T-29

1959-60, Commander, M&S Hq Squadron, Mather AFB, CA: T-29

1960-63, Aide to Vice Commander ATC, Randolph AFB, TX: T-39

1963-64, Student, USAF Operational Training Course F-100C/D/F, Luke AFB, AZ: F-100

1964-67, Tactical Fighter Pilot, 494 TFS, 48 TFW, RAF Lakenheath, England: F-100

1967, Tactical Fighter Pilot, Commando Sabre, 37 TFW, Phu Cat AB, RVN: F-100F

1967-68, Wing Operations Officer, 37 TFW, Phu Cat AB, RVN: F-100

1968-69, Instructor, Military Training Division, Air Force Academy, CO: T-33

1969-70, Air Officer Commanding, Cadet Squadron 37, Air Force Academy, CO: T-33

1971-73, Chief, Operations Plans Applications Div, Hq PACAF, Hickam AFB, HI: T-33

1973-74, Executive Officer to Vice CINC PACAF, Hickam AFB, HI: T-33

1974, Student, USAF F-4 Operational Training Course, 434 TFS, George AFB, CA: F-4

1974-75, Squadron Operations Officer, 35 TFS, 8 TFW, Kunsan AB, Korea: F-4

1976-80, Chief, Tactical & Airlift Forces Branch, DCS Plans, Hq AF Logistics Cmd, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH: non-flying, got grounded by medics for cluster headaches.

Decorations:

Silver Star
DFC, 2 Bronze Stars
3 Meritorious Service Medals
8 Air Medals
others

Pilot Flying Time (approx):

Total hours 5,000; Combat 331; Total Jet 1,800; F-100 1,065; F-4 260

Post USAF:

1980 – 83. Business Manager Mountain States Research & Development subsidiary of MSME, Tucson, AZ
1983 - 94. Dir Corporate Planning, Mountain States Mineral Enterprises, Inc., Tucson, AZ
1995 – 2008. Co-owner & operator with wife, Sandy, of 2,000 tree commercial pecan orchard, Elfrida, AZ.
2008 – present. Fully retired living the good old life in Sahuarita/Green Valley, AZ.

Voluntary services since 1980 USAF Retirement included:

Founding Director Chiricahua Community Health Centers, Inc., (clinics in Elfrida, Douglas, & Bisbee). 1995-2008
Vice Chairman, District 2 Cochise County Board of Adjustment, Bisbee, AZ. 2003 – 2008
Director, Arizona Pecan Growers Association. 2004 - 2008
Supervisor & Vice Chairman Whitewater Draw Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCD). 1996 - 2004
Founder, Editor, & Publisher of Elfrida Vision News – a quarterly newspaper. 1998 - 2000
Vice President Health Systems Agency of Southeastern Arizona Board of Directors, Tucson, AZ. 1984 - 1987