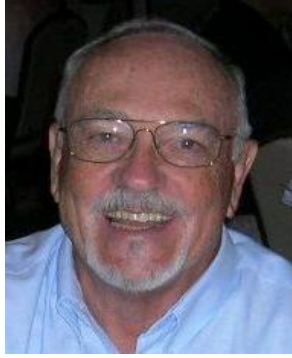


# Misty 128 Biography, Gary Nophsker



**Name:** Howard G. Nophsker

**Nickname:** Gary, "Trapper "or "Trap"

**Date of Birth:** 19 March 1938, Sharon, PA

**Highest Military Grade held:** Lt. Colonel (0036, 1455Y/J/K, retired 31 Oct 1989)

**Home Town:** Morgantown, WV from 1956-'89, but Austin TX has been home since '89

## Education

### Civilian:

1961 BSEE, West Virginia University

1973 MBA, Auburn U. at Montgomery

### Military:

1962 UPT Vance AFB, Enid, OK

1963 F-100 CCT, Luke AFB, AZ

1963 Survival Training, Nellis AFB, NV

1963 Jungle Survival, Clark AB, PI

1965 SOS by correspondence

1968 T-39 Fam. Course, Wiesbaden, Ger

1968 Sea Survival School, McDill AFB, FL

1969 TAC Life Support Systems School

1971 A-7D Upgrade, Luke AFB, AZ

1973 ColN School, Eglin AFB, FL

1973 CGSC, Maxwell AFB, AL

1976 USA CG&SC, Ft. Leavenworth, KS

1976 Master of Military Arts and Science, CG&SC

1983 AWC by Seminar, Seoul, Korea

## Units assigned w/dates & aircraft:

1959 WVU ROTC, Morgantown, WV, (36:10 hrs, soloed with 6:15 hrs) **PA-18**

1961 Class 63C, 3575PTS, Enid, OK, (129:15 hrs, soloed with 15:30 hrs) **T-37B**

1962 Class 63C, 3575PTS, Enid, OK (127:30 hrs, soloed with 10:50 hrs) **T-33A**

1962 4515/4511/4517CCTS, Luke AFB (soloed with 7:00 hrs) **F-100C/D/F**

1963 613TFS, England AFB, LA (Phalsbourg, Cigli, DaNang) **F-100D/F**

Exercises: "Big Lift", "Indian River", "Night Owl", "Desert Strike", "Deep Furrow"

1965 615TFS (volunteered to replace rotating pilot), DaNang AB, RVN **F-100D**

1966 613 TFS, Torrejon AB, Spain (Aviano, Incirlik, Wheelus) **F-100D/F**

Highlight: One week as F-100 photo ship in support of "Operation Silver Hand" (355TFS F-4s)

1968 16AF aide/exec (Maj Gen LeBailey), Torrejon AB, Spain **F-100D/F & T-39**

1969 308TFS (via request for return to VietNam), Tuy Hoa AB, RVN **F-100D/F**

1969 416TFS Det 1 (Misty 128), Tuy Hoa AB, RVN **F-100D/F**

1970 Instructor, 4430CCTS, Myrtle Beach AFB, SC **AT33**

1971 CCT Upgrade Course, Luke AFB, NV (soloed with 0 hrs) **A-7D**

1971 355TFS/356TFS, Myrtle Beach AFB, SC **A-7D**

1972 Student, Command & General Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL

1973 Instructor, US Army CG&SC, Ft. Leavenworth, KS **Cessna 172 & T-39**

Highlight: ocean hop of T-39 to Germany and return with another T-39

1976 353TFS, then 354TFW/DOX/DOT, Myrtle Beach AFB, SC **A-7D**

1978 Senior Air Force Liaison to First Republic of Korea Army (FROKA), Wonju, Korea

1979 9AF A-7/A-10 Desk, Shaw AFB, NC

1979 Aide/Exec to Commanders USAFK/7AF (Lt Gens Rosencrans, Scott, & Pickitt), Seoul, Korea

1985 Commander, 314AD, Det 1, Seoul, Korea

1987 Deputy for Operations, 602 DASC, Bergstrom AFB, TX

1989 Reluctant retirement to civilian 1<sup>st</sup> class

### **Decorations:**

Meritorious Service Medal w/2 bronze oak leaf clusters, Air Medal w/1 silver and 3 bronze oak leaf clusters, AF Commendation Medal w/1 oak leaf cluster, AF Outstanding Unit Award w/4 oak leaf clusters, Combat Readiness Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/4 bronze stars...

### **Comments:**

I was extremely fortunate to have flown both the Hun and the SLUF – that bit of luck resulted in many, many good friends and memories. Those memories were fading but thanks to reunions, the Super Sabre Society, and the PIF, they're remaining alive. THANKS!

That's my story and I'm stickin' to it