

# Gib Ahl (Misty 100) Biography

**Name:** Gilbert W. Ahl

**Nickname:** Gib

**Date of Birth:** October 13, 1939

**Highest Military Grade held:** Colonel, O-6

**Home Town:** Batavia, NY

## **Education**

**Civilian:** Antioch College, University of Maine, University of New Hampshire, and Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU). Completed degree requirements at SNHU for BS in Business Management in 1966 through off duty education program offered by USAF.

## **Military**

SOS – Correspondence

Air Command and Staff - Correspondence

Industrial College of Armed Forces - Correspondence

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

Aug 1959-Sep 1960 Navigator Aviation Cadet, Harlingen Texas

Sep - Dec 1960 Crew Training, Randolph AFB, TX **KC-97**

Jan 1961 - Jul 1963 314th Air Refueling Squad, **KC 97**, Dow AFB, Maine

Aug 1963 - Jun 1966 100th Air Refueling Squad, **KC 97**, Pease AFB, NH

Jul 1966 - Jan 1967 315th (?) Troop Carrier Wing, **C 130**, Langley AFB, VA

Feb 1967 - Feb 1968 Undergraduate Pilot Training, Class 68E, Moody AFB, GA

Mar 1968 - Oct 1968 4514th, Luke Luke AFB, AZ **F-100**

Nov 1968 - Mar 1969 612th TFS, Phu Cat, Viet Nam **F-100**

Mar 1969 - Jun 1969 Det 1 416th TFS (Operation Commando Sabre, Misty), Phu Cat AB RVN **F-100**

Jul 1969 Finished Misty tour at Tuy Hoa after 416th move from Phu Cat **F-100**

Jul 1969 - Oct 1969 612th TFS, IP, Phan Rang AB, Vietnam **F-100**

Nov 1969- Feb 1972 493rd TFS, IP, RAF Lakenheath, UK **F-100**

Feb 1972- Apr 1972 F-4 Conversion Luke AFB, AZ

May 1972- Jun 1974 Flt CC/OpsOff 493rd TFS, RAF Lakenheath, UK **F-4D**

Jul 1974 - Nov 1975 IP/Flt CC, 27th TFS, MacDill AFB, FL **F-4E**

Nov 1975 - Jun 1977 314th Air Division, Staff Officer, Osan AB, ROK

Aug 1977 - Feb 1980 IP, 56TFW/63rd TFS Ops Off, MacDill AFB, FL **F-4D**

Feb 1980 - Apr 1981 IP, Chief Stan/Eval, 56th TFW, MacDill AFB, FL **F-4D**

Jul 1981 - Jul 1982 Director Ops, USAF Section, United States Military Training Mission, Riyadh Saudi Arabia

July 1982 - Oct 1984 Staff Puke, Security Assistance Division, United States Central Command, MacDill AFB FL

Oct 1984 - Jun 1987 56TFTW Deputy Commander Resources, MacDill AFB, FL

June 1987 - Retired

## **Decorations**

Legion of Merit

Distinguished Flying Cross

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal w/10 OLC  
Joint Service Commendation Medal  
Commendation Medal w/OLC  
Presidential Unit Citation w/Valor device and OLC  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
Good Conduct Medal  
Combat Readiness Medal  
National Defense Service Medal  
Vietnam Service Medal w/4 devices  
Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross  
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

Comments: I entered the USAF as a totally naive farm kid and with no college degree. With the exception of 7 years as a navigator (thanks to a devious recruiter filling a quota) and 2 years at CENTCOM as a staff puke writing letters to each other, flying Fighters, especially the F-100 was the fulfillment of a childhood dream. Nine years of overseas assignments reinforced the belief of how lucky we are to be Americans. &nbsp;Flying combat missions with Misty was the highlight of my career. I am humbled by warriors like Bud Day and proud to have served. Other than flying, one of my most memorable experiences was on a return flight to JFK from Saudi Arabia. Upon landing the Captain made the announcement "Welcome to the United States of America" where upon the majority of passengers erupted into cheers and applause. They were all foreigners, and most of whom were of Arabic descent!