

Misty 33 Biography, Hog Piner



Name: James (Jim) T. Piner

Nickname: Hog

Date of Birth: 28 February 1937

Highest Military Grade held: Lt. Col, O-5

Home Town: Born at Barksdale Field (AFB), Louisiana (as an "AF Brat" moved until joining the AF in 1958). Retired at England AFB and settled in Pineville, LA.

Education

1. Civilian:

Southwest Texas State Teachers College, San Marcos, TX ('55-'58)
Bootstrap at University of Omaha, Omaha, Neb. ('64-'65) BA Degree.

2. Military: SOS & ICAF by correspondence ('62)

US Army Command & General Staff College ('72-73)

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

Aug. '58 - Nov. '59 : Enl., Aviation Cadet, Class-60A T-34, T-37 & T-33
Jan. '60 - July. '60 : 4533rd CCTS, Williams AFB, AZ T-33 & F-100 F/C
July '60 - Oct. '60 : 4521st CCRTRON, Nellis AFB, NV F-100 F/C/D
Nov '60 - Dec '62 : 36th TFS, Itazuke AB, Japan F-100 D/F
Jan. '63 - Aug '65 : 478th TFS Cannon AFB, NM F-100 D/F
Aug '65 - Aug '67 : Instr Plt, 4514th CCTS, Luke AFB, AZ F-100 C/D/F
Sep. '67 - Nov. '67 : 612th TFS Phu Cat AB, RVN F-100 D/F
Nov '67 - Mar '68 : Commando Sabre (Misty FAC), 416th , Phu Cat AB, RVN F100 F
Mar. '68 - Aug '68 : 612th TFS , Phu Cat AB, RVN F-100 D/F
Sep. '68 - June '70 : Instr Plt. , 4515th CCTS Luke AFB, AZ F-100C/D/F
(unit redesignated 550th TFS)
July '70 - July '72 : Gp. Command Post , Zaragosa AB, Spain U-6A Beaver
July '72 - July '73 : Student, USACGS, Ft Leavenworth, KS none
July '73 - Oct '76 : Ops Plans, HQ TAC, Langley AFB ,VA T-39
Nov '76 - Nov '78 : ADO, 51st Comp Wg, Osan AB, Korea OV-10
Jan '79 - Dec. '79 : Wg. Tng, 23rd TFW, England AFB, LA A-7
Dec '79- Mar '81 : Project Off/A-10 Conversion, 23rd TFW, England AFB, LA –
Medically Gnd'd
Mar '81 - Feb '82 : 23rd Cmbt Spt Gp, Base Ops , England AFB, LA N/A
Retired 23 yr 6 mo.

Decorations:

Silver Star, DFC, Air Medals, Vietnam Service Medals, and others

Comments:

The Hun was a great ride for over 10 yrs.

Total F-100 time = 2764 hrs. (with 451 hrs Combat).

Flew 50 missions with Misty in North VN Route Pack 1 & Laos