

Misty 67 Biography, Ross Detwiler



Name: Ross C. Detwiler

Nickname: Rosie

Date of Birth: 5 Jun 1944

Highest Military Grade held: Brigadier General, 07

Home Town: Bridgewater, Connecticut

Education

USAF Academy 1966

UPT Reese AFB, Lubbock, TX 1966-67

Advanced Fighter Training (F-100) Luke AFB, AZ 1967-68

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

May 1968 - May 1969 416 TFS, Phu Cat AB, RVN; F-100D/F

Shot down in F-100D and recovered in Laos on 22 Apr 1969 (after Misty)

Total of 225 F-100 combat missions including Misty

MISTY: Aug 1968 - Jan 1969, Det. 1, 416 TFS, Phu Cat AB, RVN; F-100F

72 Misty missions of which 33 were in NVN and 39 in Laos;

Jul 1969 - Jan 1972 Craig AFB, AL; T-37 IP

Jan 1972 - Mar 1972 Cat IV Checkout, Luke AFB, AZ; (29 hours); F-4

Apr 1972 - Apr 1973 13th TFS, Udorn RTAFB, Thailand; F-4D/E

Flew 110 combat missions in F4D/E

Participant in Linebacker I and Laredo FAC in NVN until late fall of 1972

Flight lead in Linebacker II during Christmas raids on Hanoi

Apr 1973 - May 1973 Central Instructor Pilot school, Luke AFB, AZ; F-4

May 1973 - Oct 1974 Instructor Pilot / Maintenance Test Pilot, McDill AFB, FL; F4E

Oct 1974 - Resigned active duty and joined the NY Air National Guard

Oct 1975 - May 1985 105th Tactical Support Squadron, Westchester County Airport, White Plains, NY; (IP, SEFE, & Squadron Weapons Officer); O-2

May 1985 - May 1997 Wing Vice Commander, 105th Airlift Wing (Heavy), Stewart ANGB, Newburgh, NY, incl Pilot, IP, and Assistant Manager of Rhein Mein Crew Base, Desert Shield (2 months); C5A Galaxy

May 1997 Retired as Brig Gen

Over 5,000 hours of military flying time

Total of 335 combat missions and 810 hours combat time in F-100D/F, F4D/E

Operations:

F-100 and F4 - from bases in Vietnam and Thailand
C-5 - Hurricane Hugo relief (Caribbean), Panama, Armenian Earthquake relief,
and airlift missions in support of Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and Somalia

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross (3)
Air Medal (23)
Purple Heart
Legion of Merit
Presidential Unit Citation (1 OLC)
Outstanding Unit award (3 OLC V clasp)
various others

Civilian:

1974 - 1978 Co-pilot/Captain, American Can Co., Gulfstream and Dassault Falcon
1978 - 1998 Captain, Chief Pilot, American Can Co., (now Citigroup Corporate Aviation),
Gulfstream and Dassault Falcon aircraft
1998 - 2009 Chief Pilot, Ops Mgr of Citigroup Aviation, 26 pilots, 5 jets and as many as 3
helicopters operating domestic and international routes in support of Citigroup
Corporate (Bombardier Global Express and Dassault Falcon aircraft, and Sikorsky S-76
helicopters)
2009 - Present, Director of Aviation, SJ Management, operating Dassault Falcon 7X
domestically and internationally for private corporation.

Civilian Activities:

1974 - Present, Extensive involvement in First Congregational Church of New Milford, CT.
Scholarship Fund Chair, Nominating Committee, Deacon, Investment Committee Chair,
Sunday School Teacher, Stewardship Chair.
Ran for town city council. Defeated, but received the highest vote count of those that didn't
make it. What could be better?