

Misty 15 Biography, Keith Heiniger



Name: Keith Heiniger

Nickname: Golden Eyeballs\Eagle Eye

Date of Birth: 29 November 1931

Highest Military Grade held: Colonel, 06

Home Town: Seneca Kansas

Education

1. Civilian:

BS (Geology) Kansas State

MS(Geodesy) Ohio State

2. Military: War College

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

Jun 54	Malden AB, MO	2nd Lt. T-6G Primary Pilot Training
Oct 54	Laredo AB, TX	2nd Lt. T-28/T-33(Jet) Basic Jet Pilot Training
Jul 55	Biggs AFB, TX	2nd Lt. C-45 Wing Air Intelligence Officer
Oct 56	Luke AFB, AZ	1st Lt. F-84F/F-100A Advanced Tactical Fighter Weapons
Jan 57	Chaumont AB, France	1st Lt. F-IOOD Tactical Fighter Pilot
Oct 57	Forbes AFB, KS	Capt. T-33 Standardization/Check Pilot
May 62	Ohio State Univ.	Capt. Air Force Institute of Tech. (MS Degree)
May 64	Orlando AB, FL	Capt. C-47 Geodetic Officer, AF Geodetic Survey Squadron
Jun 65	Warren AFB, WY	Capt./Major C-47
Jun 66	Cannon AFB, NM	Major F-IOOD Tactical Fighter Pilot
Nov 66	Eglin AFB, FL	Major 0-1(Airborne FAC course)
Jan 67	Kontum AB, Viet Nam	Major Unmarked FAC Acft Operating Secret in Laos
May 67	Dong Ha AB, Viet Nam	Major Forward Air Controller Air Strikes North Viet Nam
Jul 67	Phu Cat AB, Viet Nam	Major F-IOOD "Fast FAC" Strikes in North Viet Nam
Nov 67	Ubon AB, Thailand	Major 0-2 Night Strikes on Ho Chi Minh Trail, Laos
Jan 68	Warren AFB,WY	Major C-47 Geodetic Officer, AF Geodetic Survey Sqd
Oct 68	Scott AFB, IL	Major C-131 Geodetic Staff Officer Hq. MAC
Jan 71	Warren AFB, WY	Major/LtC01 C-47 Geodetic sqd., DMA
Mar 74	Warren AFB, WY	Colonel Commander, Geodetic Sqd DMA
Jan 76	Ramstein AB,Germany	Colonel Dir of Operational Intelligence, USAFE
Mar 77	Ramstein AB	Retired from Active Duty

Decorations:

Silver Star
Distinguished Flying Cross (4)
Air Medal (15)

After Retirement.

Col. Keith Heiniger was involved in numerous worldwide assignments, culminating his career with a Command Pilot Flight Rating and as the director of Operational Intelligence, USAFD Europe. During the Vietnam War he was a fighter pilot with the Misty Fast Forward Air Controllers Squadron. He successfully flew 356 aerial combat missions, accumulating more than 900 hours in aerial combat. He earned the Silver Star for gallantry, four Distinguished Flying Crosses for heroism and 15 Air Medals for meritorious actions. He retired from the Air Force in 1977 and joined the Order of Daedalians military pilots association. He became involved in professional land surveying and retired from the Wyoming Department of Transportation as a pilot in 1999.

Truly Important Stuff; Family

Married to Margaret Shipman since June 1953
Children: Victoria (born June 1954, Axtell Kansas; died August 2015)
Christine (born February 1956, Biggs AB El Paso Texas)
Laura (born October 1958, Forbes AFB Topeka Kansas)
Kelli (born July 1965, Warren AFB Cheyenne Wyoming)
Eight grandchildren (two deceased); six great grandchildren