



# O Ragin Hause Jr “Rags” PhD.



I came to the Academy from Dahlongega Georgia and almost immediately found that I was ill prepared academically. It was a tough 4 years for me in the classroom and I was honored to be allowed to take Electrical Engineering twice – the second time in the summer.

After graduation came pilot training at Moody AFB, GA. My first operational assignment was as a C-141A copilot at Charleston AFB, SC. Transports didn't suit me so I volunteered for Vietnam and got assigned to F-4s.

I fought in the Vietnam war from Ubon AB, Thailand. It was eventful as I flew all night missions with the 497 TFS “Nite Owls” and participated in the Linebacker II campaign that ended the war. Kadena AB, Okinawa was my next assignment where I flew as a “Wild Weasel” and provided SAM protection during the evacuation of the Saigon embassy.

Then I became an instructor pilot; first in the F-4E at Homestead AFB, then in the F-15A at Luke AFB. After Luke, I managed to sneak out of a staff tour and kept flying the F-15 as the Liaison officer for AWACS at Tinker AFB.

Next was Langley AFB and the 1<sup>st</sup> TFW where I was a squadron Operations Officer then the Commander of the 94<sup>th</sup> TFS. It was wonderful – too good as I got promoted early and that caused me to be moved from my command job. I was an Assistant Resource Manager briefly then went to Air War College before assuming duties as the Director of Assignments in Personnel at Tactical Air Command. Two years later I went to my last duty station and was the Director of Operations then the Vice Commander of the 33<sup>rd</sup> FW.

After retirement we moved our family to Georgia. I attended the University of Georgia and obtained a Doctorate in Applied Psychology. Jo Ann, my wife, and I spent eight years as volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) for children that become involved with the court system and were recognized for our work at the state level.

Twenty four and a half years flying and fighting – I envy you starting your career. God Speed.