



# William Leatherbee



Following Pilot Training graduation at Columbus AFB in 1970, I was blessed to enjoy a series of assignments that secured my position in several cockpits: 1970-1972 flying the C-141 at McGuire AFB, NJ; 1972-1973 serving with PACAF in Vietnam in the O-2A; completing my nine years active duty with a C-5A wing at Dover AFB, De. In 1978 my choice to serve our country while thoroughly enjoying my workplace was threatened with a pending non-flying assignment. I resigned my active duty commission, committed to the AF Reserves and continued flying the C-5 at Dover AFB another eight years. Overlapping initially with the AF Reserve years was my final choice and opportunity to remain airborne - my twenty seven year career in commercial aviation. What we do and where we do it is merely the timeline - the friends we harvest enroute is the true bio. My goal as stated with classmates in 1969 was to 'retire as an Full Colonel Command Pilot driving a new Aston Martin'. My wife, two children and collection of good friends would agree the key points are being realized.