

WILLIAM HAYWOOD HUME - CLASS 42K
PERSONAL HISTORY

Came to Douglas Primary Flying School from West Point in June 1942. Attended Basic Flying School at Gunter Field, Montgomery, Alabama. Graduated at Spence Field, Moultrie, Georgia on 13 December 1942. Returned to West Point, New York and graduated on 19 January 1943 as a Second Lieutenant, Army Air Corps.

I was engaged in P-40 transition training at Spence Field, attended and graduated from the Air Corps Central Instructor's School, Randolph Field Texas, and returned to Spence Field where I trained cadets in flying the P-40. In the Summer of 1943 I was transferred to Westover Field, Massachusetts where I instructed new pilots in flying the P-47 Thunderbolt.

In the Fall of 1943 I was transferred to the 373 Fighter Group as a pilot in the 410 Squadron and participated in the pre-overseas training. In the Spring of 1943 the Group was transferred by to Woodchurch, Kent, England where we received our initiation to combat against the Germans. When the D-Day Invasion started the 373rd was renamed a Fighter Bomber Group. We conducted missions dive bombing, strafing, and any form of mission in support of General Patton's ground troops. After the liberation of Paris I was transferred to England to instruct newly arrived P-47 pilots in the ways of combat flying. I finished the war working in Post Hostilities Intelligence in London England.

After WW2 I was transferred to Research and Development both in the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. and the Armament Laboratory at Wright Field, Ohio. In 1948 I graduated from the Air Force Institute of Technology as an Aeronautical-Electrical Engineer and was designated an Aerospace Engineer. Except for a one year tour as a Jet Fighter Pilot flying F-80s in Korea and serving as a Air Liaison Officer with the 40th Division, I remained in the Air Force Systems Command until 1958 when I left the military to go to Boeing as an Aerospace Engineer and Systems Analyst. In 1957 I qualified as a Command Pilot with 3200 hours and a Green Instrument Card.

A few years later I left Boeing and hired on in the Pentagon as a Computer Systems Analyst. I remained there until 1979 when I retired from Civil Service.

In 1973 I purchased forty acres and built a retirement home on my land at Hume, Virginia where I now reside.

In 1946 I was most fortunate to marry my Copilot, Jean Emmons McCarty by whom I have four children and four grand children. Our favorite hobbies are gardening, duplicate bridge, genealogy, and numerous local activities.