

MR. PAUL SCHLUNDT:

I CAN'T RECALL MUCH ABOUT PRIMARY. I REMEMBER FAILING MY 40 HR. CHECK AND BEING PASSED ON THE RECHECK - I CAN'T RECALL BY WHOM. TRUMAN WIFF WAS MY INSTRUCTOR.

I WENT THRU BASIC (BT-132) THEN ADVANCED IN T-6s WHERE I FLEW MY FIRST FIGHTER, P-40N. AFTER GRADUATING I WENT TO OPERATIONAL TRAINING IN WAYCROSS, GA IN P-39s + P-40s; FROM THERE TO ENGLAND INTO THE 352<sup>ND</sup> FIGHTER GROUP IN P-51s; IN APRIL 1944. 300 HOURS IN COMBAT, SILVER STAR, DFC AND 7 AIR MEDALS THEN BACK TO THE STATES INTO THE FERRY COMMAND PICKING UP AND DELIVERING ALL TYPES OF FIGHTERS TO VARIOUS BUILT IN THE US. I WAS DISCHARGED AS A CAPTAIN IN JANUARY 1947 AND GOT INTO THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD IN APRIL '47 FLYING P-47s PART TIME, GOING TO SCHOOL FULL TIME.

I WAS HIRED AS AN AIR TECHNICIAN (FULL TIME) OPERATIONS OFFICER FOR THE 131<sup>ST</sup> FIGHTER SQUADRON AT BARNES AIRPORT, WESTFIELD, MA. IN MAY 1949. AND WORKED FOR THE GUARD UNTIL I RETIRED IN 1978.

I ENDED WITH OVER 7000 HRS ALL IN CONVENTIONAL AND JET FIGHTERS - F-100D WHEN I RETIRED AS THE OLDEST COMBAT READY FIGHTER PILOT IN THE USAF -

I WENT THRU ALL OF THE FLYING POSITIONS IN THE ANG INSTRUCTOR Pilot, Ops OFFICER, SQUADRON COMMANDER, GROUP DEPUTY FOR OPERATIONS AND FINALLY GROUP COMMANDER AS A COLONEL - MY PRESENT RETIRED RANK.

THANKS TO THE CHECK PILOT WHO PASSED ME ON THE 40 HR FAILURE - I ENJOYED FLYING FIGHTERS FOR 35 YEARS - THANKS!!