



SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF

**GENERAL
JAMES V. HARTINGER**

U.S. AIR FORCE

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General Hartinger was born in Middleport, Ohio. His military career began in World War II when he was drafted in the infantry. He rose to the grade of sergeant. Following the war, he entered the U.S. Military Academy where he was a three-time All American in lacrosse, and is now in the Lacrosse Hall of Fame. Upon graduation in 1949, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force and was assigned to Randolph AFB, Texas to begin his flight training.

He has been a career long fighter pilot. After receiving his wings at Williams AFB, Arizona, in 1950, General Hartinger began flying F-84 Thunderjets for the 36th Fighter-Bomber Wing at Furstenfeldbruck AB, Germany. Later he was assigned to the 474th Fighter Bomber Wing at Kunsan AB, where he flew the F-84 in the Korean War .

Returning to Williams AFB in 1953, he served as a gunnery instructor until his transfer to Stewart AFB, New York, as an air operations officer. For four years beginning in 1958, he was assigned to the Directorate of Requirements at Headquarters USAF. During this period, he also earned a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the George Washington University.

Following his tour of duty at the Pentagon, he served as a staff officer at Headquarters PACAF. Returning to combat in 1966, General Hartinger completed more than 100 combat missions in Vietnam in the F-4C Phantom.

After a tour as the F-111 test director at Nellis AFB, Nevada, General Hartinger took command of the famed "Flying Tigers," the 23rd Tactical Fighter Wing, at McConnell AFB, Kansas. Arriving at NORAD as a Colonel in June 1970, he departed

three years later as a Major General after serving as a Deputy Chief of Staff / Plans. He was then selected Commandant of the Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

Next he became Commander of Ninth Air Force with responsibility for all Tactical Air Command forces east of the Mississippi. Then in June 1978, he took over Twelfth Air Force which includes all the TAC units in the Western United States. He returned to Colorado in January 1980, to become Commander in Chief of the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) with the responsibility for the strategic defense of North America. He was promoted to four-star general in October 1981. In September 1982, he was named the first Commander of the Air Force Space Command.

General Hartinger retired on 1 August 1984, culminating over 40 years of military service. His career spans five decades during which he served in three wars and held ranks from private to four-star general. A leader of unusually broad experience, he has commanded a fighter wing, two numbered Air Forces, a binational command, and a specified command. His pioneering initiatives as the first commander of the Air Force's newest major air command, the Space Command, laid the foundation that will guide Air Force space operations into the next century.

He is a command pilot with more than 5,000 flying hours and was the first recipient of the Master Space Badge. His military decorations and awards include two Defense Distinguished Service Medals, two Air Force Distinguished Service Medals, two Legions of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, nine Air Medals, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Combat Readiness Medal, and

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the Korean Tangil Medal. He is also the 1983 recipient of the Thomas D. White Space Trophy for his contribution to the nation's progress in aerospace. Also, he was honored by being presented the prestigious Royal Order of the Sword by the NORAD and Space Command Non-Commissioned Officers. General Hartinger is an Honorary Doctor of

Military Science, Norwich University, Vermont, and an Honorary Doctor of Laws, University of Akron, Ohio.

He is married to the former Mickey Christian of Mullens, West Virginia, and has three children: Jimmer, Kris and Mike.

Dear General Bellis,

General James V. Hartinger has dedicated more than 40 years of distinguished military service to this great nation. His lifetime of experience, leadership, and achievement contributed significantly to the national aerospace program and to the establishment of the first U.S. Space Command. General Hartinger's rich career of distinguished accomplishments presents a great challenge and inspiration to the recipient of this scholarship.

Sincerely,



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