



Lt Col Anne Hickman, USAF (Ret.)

Anne grew up on a dairy farm in rural southeast Pennsylvania. As one of three children, she was involved at an early age performing chores on the farm, and is still part owner of the historic farm dating back to the early 1700's.

Her education started in a rural one-room school house, progressed to high school in a small town, and upon graduation was granted a nursing school scholarship at age 16 to Wilmington General Hospital in Wilmington, DE. After completion of nursing school, she worked in the hospital emergency room for several years until joining the United States Air Force as a first lieutenant 1961.

Her initial assignment was to Barksdale Air Force Base (AFB), LA, followed by flight nursing school at Kelly AFB, TX. Her next assignments included Clark AFB, Philippines and Minot AFB, ND. She was then assigned to McGuire AFB, NJ on flying status where she became familiar with casualties from Vietnam. She then volunteered to go to Cam Ranh Bay Republic of Viet-Nam (RVN) on flying status, flying 152 combat missions. She was one of the first female flight nurses to be assigned in-country for one year. These missions involved C-130 aircraft flying from South Vietnam to the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). Her follow-on stations were Langley AFB, VA, Pope AFB, NC, Cannon AFB, NM, RAF Lakenheath, England, and Kirtland AFB, NM.

While assigned at Pope AFB, Anne attended the University of Rochester, NY to earn a degree as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. Preceptor-ship was at Womack Army Hospital in Fayetteville, North Carolina for 6 months. Command & Staff School and Air War College were completed at Langley AFB.

Anne retired from the USAF out of Kirtland AFB on November 30, 1989 with the rank of Lt Col, having served over 28 years. Her awards and medals include the Meritorious Medal, Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Outstanding Unit Award with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 3 stars, Air Force Overseas Short Tour Ribbon with One Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Overseas Long Tour Ribbon, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon, with One Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Training Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Device, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. She also wore the Air Force Chief Nurse Badge and Flight Nurse Badge.

