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COLONEL ROBERT EDWARD WHITING (1927 – 2015)



Robert Edward Whiting was born on 20 June 1927, in Portola, California. He served in the US Navy (S2) and US Army (PVT) during World War II and was commissioned into the United States Air Force upon graduation from West Point Military Academy June 1950. After completing pilot and navigator training in 1951, he was assigned to the 330th Bombardment Squadron, 93rd Bombardment Wing, Castle Air Force Base, California. In 1961, Colonel Whiting completed the Air Command & Staff college at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama, and obtained his Master of Business Administration degree from George Washington University, Washington D.C., in 1962.

He was stationed at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, at the Air Proving Ground Center until 1964, when he was then assigned to the Pentagon at the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Research & Development until 1966. There, he was named as the executive officer for the Royal Air Force Center for Air Warfare until 1967. After, he was assigned to the British Joint Warfare Establishment until 1969.

In 1969, Colonel Whiting returned to the Pentagon to work in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans. He later served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans & Operations Assistant for Congressional Hearings until 1971. He then took command of the 12th Air Base Group, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, until 1972, when he was transferred to Ubon Air Force Base, Thailand, to command the 8th Combat Support Group until 1973.

Colonel Whiting served on the Staff & Faculty of Air University then as Vice Command and of the Air War College from 1975 to 1977. His final assignment was as Personnel Director at Headquarters, Strategic Air Command until his retirement in 1979. His rewards and decorations included three Legions of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, The Air Medal, and two Air Force Commendation Medals.

In civilian life, he was the President of Whipper, Inc. (Super Lube) until 1985. For over twenty years he was a court-appointed advocate with Child Advocates San Antonio, earning Advocate of the Year. Colonel Whiting died on 14 June 2015 in Universal City, Texas and is buried in Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery (Section 63, Site 1031).

