



Transportation Corps Aviation Association

CITATION

HALL OF FAME AWARD

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM C. CARTER

THE TRANSPORTATION CORPS AVIATION ASSOCIATION IS PROUD TO PRESENT ITS PRESTIGIOUS HALL OF FAME AWARD TO WILLIAM C. CARTER, LIEUTENANT COLONEL, RETIRED, TRANSPORTATION CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY.

COLONEL CARTER SERVED HIS COUNTRY AS A MEMBER OF BOTH THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY. AS A NAVY ENLISTED MAN, COLONEL CARTER SERVED ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER CABOT FROM 1949 TO 1950. HE CONTINUED HIS SERVICE IN THE NAVAL RESERVE UNTIL JOINING THE ARMY IN 1952. HIS LEADERSHIP QUALITIES BECAME EVIDENT, AND HE WAS SELECTED FOR INFANTRY OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL AT FORT BENNING, GEORGIA. IN 1954 HE WAS SELECTED FOR AVIATION TRAINING AT FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA. UPON GRADUATION HE WAS SHIPPED TO JAPAN AND KOREA WHERE HE FLEW BIRD DOGS AND BEAVERS UNTIL DECEMBER 1955. HE RETURNED TO FORT BENNING WHERE HE BECAME AN INSTRUMENT PILOT AND INSTRUCTOR. COLONEL CARTER WAS THEN SELECTED FOR HELICOPTER TRAINING AT FORT RUCKER, ALABAMA FOLLOWED BY ASSIGNMENT TO FORT EUSTIS AS AN H-21 HELICOPTER PILOT AND AS AN AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE OFFICER. HE WAS SELECTED FOR THE AVIATION SAFETY OFFICERS COURSE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN 1957, FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER TOUR AT FORT EUSTIS. COLONEL CARTER WAS SELECTED TO COMPLETE HIS COLLEGE EDUCATION UNDER THE BOOTSTRAP PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OMAHA. FROM 1962 TO 1965 HE SERVED IN GERMANY AS THE S-2/3 OF THE 205TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION. IN 1965 HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE TRANSPORTATION SCHOOL AS THE CHIEF OF THE SINGLE ENGINE BRANCH OF THE AVIATION MAINTENANCE TRAINING DEPARTMENT. HE WAS ASSIGNED AS THE COMMANDER OF THE 411TH TRANSPORTATION DETACHMENT (AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE) AT FORT BENNING, WHERE HE DEPLOYED THE UNIT TO TUY HOA, VIETNAM. IN MAY 1967 HE JOINED THE 58TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION AT TAN SON NHUT AIRBASE AND THEIR AVIATION MATERIEL MANAGEMENT CENTER, PART OF THE 34TH GENERAL SUPPORT GROUP. IN 1968 HE RETURNED TO FORT EUSTIS TO BECOME THE DIRECTOR OF DOCTRINE AND LITERATURE AND THE DIRECTOR OF LOGISTICAL SERVICES. COLONEL CARTER RETIRED FROM THE ARMY ON 31 JULY 1970.

IN 1995 HE AND TWO OTHER AVIATORS FORMED THE TRANSPORTATION CORPS AVIATION ASSOCIATION. HE WAS TCAA'S FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, SERVED FOR OVER ELEVEN YEARS AS TCAA'S SECRETARY, AND TODAY IS TCAA'S HISTORIAN. HE HAS DEDICATED THE PAST 15 YEARS TO THE GROWTH OF TCAA FROM THREE LOCAL MEMBERS IN 1995 TO OVER TWO HUNDRED FIFTY MEMBERS NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY TODAY.

COLONEL CARTER HAS DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY, ARMY AVIATION, AND THE TRANSPORTATION CORPS AVIATION ASSOCIATION. IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY, TO THE TRANSPORTATION CORPS, AND TO THE VETERAN'S ORGANIZATION HE FOUNDED, WE HEREBY AWARD HIM OUR HIGHEST HONOR, THE TCAA HALL OF FAME AWARD.

GIVEN THIS DATE: 3 DECEMBER 2010

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TED A. CIMRAL
PRESIDENT, TCAA