



*Man's Flight
Through Life Is
Sustained By The
Power Of His
Knowledge*

TO HONOR

WILLIAM O. WILSON

**COLONEL, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
1921-1995**

Colonel William O. Wilson earned his pilot's wings and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army Air Corps in 1943. He flew combat missions in the South Pacific as a B-25 pilot. Remaining in the reserves after World War II, he was recalled to active duty during the Korean War and flew the B-26 Invader in that conflict. He was shot down over the Yalu River and spent 16 months as a prisoner of war, most of that time in solitary confinement. He later flew B-47s for the Strategic Air Command. At the time of his retirement from active duty in 1968, he was a member of a joint military advisory group at Headquarters Pacific Command. Colonel Wilson died in 1995.

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