



## William "Bill" Ernst

I was born in St Louis , Mo Dec 1932, Graduated Jun 1954 and commissioned a 2nd Lt. at Colorado A & M. Earned my pilot wings at Willie, checked out in B-20 then off to Whiteman and Lockbourne flying the LC-97.

In 1962 I upgraded in KC-135 as IP after CFIC then IPOS & Young Tiger in May 1964.

Off to Eielson as a Major zip to fly the TC-135. Flew the 135 A,Q,PQ DE & S models.

Off to Korea, Det One 5th AF & flew old friend T-33 faker missions. then to 15th AF/DO & Instructor in T-39 taking DV's around the country.

Jul 1973 was transferred to Offutt to take command of the 343 SRS then Dep DO in early 1976 as Col. In Jul I took command of 6950 Security Group and 12 operating locations in the IL and Europe Operating locations in UK Germany @ Spain. July was reassigned to SAC/DO as chief RC-135 Operations around the world.

Retired in 1984 and worked with E- Systems, then consulted with Riverside Research, L-3 Com, and Sierra Nevada Corp.

Pres 55th SRW Assn 1986 to 1995.