

Colonel Anthony Skur, (U.S.A.F. Retired)

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Anthony was born 1931 the third child of nine children born to Dr. Anthony and Mrs. Theresa Skur. Tony attended St. Paul's Elementary School in Euclid Ohio. He then attended and graduated from Collinwood High School in 1949. After high school, Tony attended Ohio University in Athens Ohio, only to leave due to an illness.

Tony was a member of the 7th Infantry Battalion, USMCR from 1948 to 1950. In January 1951, Tony joined the United States Air Force. He started his career as a Ground Radio Mechanic and lifeguard at Turner Air Force Base. He then became Aviation Cadet in 1952 at Spence Field Georgia and Bryan AFB Texas. Tony was then assigned as Fighter Pilot at Scott AFB Illinois in 1953. In 1957 he was stationed at Komaki AB, Yokota, Japan and Suwon, Korea as a fighter pilot [F86D) planes.

Tony's next assignment was Weapons Controller at Truax Field Wisconsin in 1960 and then as Weapons Controller, at Champion AB Alaska in 1962. He was assigned as Fighter Pilot (F-101) at K.I. Sawyer AFB Michigan in 1963 and again as Fighter Pilot Nakom Phanom RTAFB, in Thailand in 1971.

Tony then attended Mount St. Mary College receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree 1972. He then became Group Commander, 692 ADG, in Baudette, Minnesota. In 1974 he became Director, 23rd Air Division Region Control Center, Duluth, Minnesota. In 1976 Deputy Commander Operations, 20th Air Division, Fort Lee, Virginia.

Colonel Skur retired from active duty August 1978 with the following awards and decorations:

- Legion of Merit
- Meritorious Service Medal with 1 OLC
- Distinguished Flying Cross with 2 OLC
- Air Medal with 6 OLC
- HVN Gallantry Cross with Device
- Air Force commendation Medal with 1 OLC
- Combat Readiness Medal with 2 OLC
- Vietnam Service Medal with 4 Battle Stars
- National Defense Service Medal with 1 BSS
- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 5 OLC
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Good Conduct Medal (Tony Claims hardest for him to get)
- Command Pilot with 5000 hours, 4000 in Jet aircraft
- Master Weapons Controller

During his Military Service in Tokyo, Tony with the help of his Squadron the 40th helped maintain an orphanage supplied with food and clothing, a nurse, and school supplies for 39 girls (10 and under) and 1 Boy (pretty much spoiled). To provide money for the orphanage a lottery was established. In Alaska, a missionary volunteered Tony to help get the children prepared their first Communion; there were 30 Children ranging in

age from seven to fifteen. The children referred to him as Pope Tony.

After his military career, Tony received a Masters Degree in Liberal Arts from Texas Christian University. He worked as Realtor and holds a Brokers' license. He is now employed as Videographer working in the legal environment. Colonel Skur resides in Keller, Texas with wife of 45 years Kathleen, they have three sons, Tony III, Mike, Dan and a daughter Jennifer, they have two grandchildren Ian and Bailie.