



March 17, 2018



Colonel Thomas H. Kirk, Jr.
U.S. Air Force 1950-1978
Cold War, Korean War, Vietnam War (POW)



Air Force Cross Citation (in part): extraordinary heroism as an F-105 pilot near Hanoi. Led 24 aircraft against enemy forces with 7 SAR missiles fired at him delivered ordnance on target. Forced to eject over hostile territory.

Thomas Kirk was born in 1928 in Richmond, VA. Commissioned through Air Force ROTC at Virginia Military Institute.

Flew both AT-6 spotter aircraft and F-86 Sabre fighter in the Korean War. After Korea and being then stationed at Edwards Air Force Base, Thomas earned his MBA at the University of Southern California.

Flew combat missions over Vietnam in 1967 as the Commander of the 357th Tactical Fighter Squadron when he was shot down over North Vietnam. He was captured and taken as a POW. Spent 1,964 days in captivity and was released during Operation Homecoming in 1973. After being stationed at Lowry AFB in Colorado, he served his final duty as Vice Commander of all Special Forces in Europe and retired from the Air Force in 1978.

Thomas and his wife Ann have two sons, Thomas and Robert.

Saturday March 17, 2018
McCormick Ranch Golf Club

REGISTRATION must be received by 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 13th
\$25 per person includes lunch. Make check payable to: AZ Chapter MOAA
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