



GARY C. BLAIR
MAJOR GENERAL USAF (Ret)

General Blair is currently on the Board of Directors for Montana Technology Corp. and also serves as the Secretary/Treasurer. He is also a principal of Space Solutions Corp and in the past worked on a spaceport site in Montana for the Venturestar program. In addition the General is the Executive Director of the BBPF Co. and was a Security Account Executive for Creative Assets of Iowa. General Blair was the Adjutant General of Montana from 1989--1993 responsible for the supervision of the Army and Air National Guard, Veterans Affairs and Disaster and Emergency Services for the State of Montana.

General Blair was born in Iowa Falls, IA on November 9, 1938. He has an AA degree from Ellsworth College and a BS degree with honors from the University of Great Falls. He has completed graduated work with USC. His military education includes Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, Air War College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces-National Defense University at Fort Leslie T. McNair, Washington D.C.

He enlisted in the Air Force in 1957 and transferred to the active Air Force Reserve in April 1961 serving until being discharged as a Staff Sgt in 1963. General Blair served in the Air National Guard from 1964 until 1993 and during this time he completed several active duty tours. General Blair received his Navigator Wings in 1965 and Pilot Wings in February 1968. In 1969 he volunteered and served with the 405th Tactical Fighter Wing, DaNang, Republic of Vietnam flying 72 combat missions. While in the Air National Guard he held several positions including Pilot, Instructor Pilot, Flight Examiner, Weapons and Tactics Officer, Maintenance Control Superintendent, Quality Control Officer, Aircraft Maintenance Officer, Deputy Commander for Maintenance and was appointed Commander of the 120th Fighter Interceptor Group in June 1985. He held that position until Governor Stephens appointed him as the Adjutant General for the State of Montana on January 2, 1989.

General Blair is a command pilot with more than 5,000 hours of flying time in the F-89, F-102, F-106 and the F-16 aircraft. He is the recipient of 24 awards and decorations including the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three Oak Leaf clusters and the Combat Readiness Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters.

Under General Blair's leadership the 120th Fighter Interceptor Group was awarded two Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards, Two Air National Guard Distinguished Unit Flying Awards, the Air Force Association Outstanding Unit Award and the Hughes Trophy as the most outstanding fighter unit in the United States Air Force. He is the recipient of the Maj. General I.G. Brown Command Excellence Trophy and selected as an Honorary Chief by the Chief Master Sgts. Of the ANG.

General Blair is married to the former Rachel Gallagher of Great Falls, Montana. They have three children, Laura, Gary and Chad and eight grandchildren. The Blair's live in Helena, Montana

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EDUCATION/TRAINING

BS-Business Administration-With Honors, University of Great Falls
AA-Ellsworth College
Graduate Studies-ICAF (USC)

PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION

Squadron Officer School -- 1971
Air Command & Staff -- 1976
Air War College -- 1979
Industrial College of The Armed Forces -- 1982

EXPERIENCE SUMMARY

1993-Present

- Executive Director of BBPF 1993-Present
- Security Account Executive for Creative Assets of Iowa 1994-2002
- Board Member & Secretary/Treasurer of Montana Technology Corporation 1993-1999
- Consultant for Spaceport Montana assisting with an RFP 1997-1998
- Associate with L An Olson Architecture, Engineering and Environmental Corp. assisting with an RFP for Information and Communication government contract 1999.

1989-1993

ADJUTANT GENERAL, STATE OF MONTANA

- Commander of the Montana Air and Army National Guard
- Director of Montana Disaster and Emergency Services
- Director of Montana Veterans Affairs
- Member of the Air Reserve Forces Policy Council
- Chairman of the Professional Military Education Board of Advisors for the Air National Guard
- Chairman of the Personnel, Medical and Manpower Committee of The Adjutant Generals Association
- Chairman of the Air National Guard Wing Restructure Committee
- Current in the F-16 Aircraft until September 1992.

1964-1989

MONTANA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

1985-1989

- Commander of the 120th Fighter Wing
 - Lead the conversion from the F-106 aircraft to F-16 aircraft in record time and C131 support aircraft to the C-130 support aircraft at the same time.

- Safety-no aircraft accident or loss of life while commander. Up to that time the only 120th Wing Commander to have accomplished this.
- Received two overall outstanding ratings and one overall excellent rating during Higher Headquarter Inspections.
- Wing awarded two Air Force Outstanding Unit awards.
- Wing awarded two Air National Guard Distinguished Flying Unit awards.
- Wing awarded the Air Force Association Outstanding Unit award.
- Wing awarded the Hughes Trophy, which is given to the most outstanding Fighter Unit in the United States Air Force.
- Recipient of the Major General I.G. Brown Command Excellence Trophy
- Combat ready in the F-106 and the F-16 aircraft. FCF-Test Pilot in the F-106.

1977-1984

- Commander of the Aircraft Maintenance Complex.
- Maintenance squadron awarded the USAF Maintenance Dedalian—"Best of the Best".
- Received overall outstanding or excellent ratings in all Higher Headquarter Inspections.
- F-106 sortie rate increased from 1.25 sorties to 7.65 sorties before maintenance was required. None better, tops in the USAF and ANG.
- Chairman of the ANG Maintenance Manpower Committee.
- Chairman the ANG 66-1 Manual rewrite
- Selected and served two short tours in the Pentagon ANG LG Directorate
- Task Force Commander at Montana Galen Hospital during 1979 state strike
- Combat ready in the F-106 and an Instructor Pilot, Flight Examiner and FCF Test Pilot.

1977-PRIOR

- Air Operations Officer
 - Aircraft Maintenance Officer
 - Quality Control Officer
 - Weapons & Tactics Officer
 - Flight Examiner, Instructor Pilot, FCF-Test Pilot.
 - Maintenance Officer on back-to-back William Tell Weapons Victories-1974 and 1976.
 - Member of the ANG 66-1 Test Manual Writing Committee
 - Government Representative and Officer in Charge of the following projects:
 - F-102 IRAN project and also assisted twelve other F-102 units start up
 - F-106 Block S Modification speed line at Hamilton AFB, Ca. Entire USAF and ANG F-106 fleet modified.
 - F-106 Power Upgrade Program, Jacksonville, Florida—All ANG F-106's
- All of these project were completed under budget, on time and exceeded specs.

MILITARY TRAINING

Navigator Training
 Pilot Training
 Instructor Weapons School
 Aircraft Maintenance School
 Aircraft Accident-Engine Investigation Course
 Aircraft Accident Board Course for senior officers
 Reserve Components National Security Course

USAF On-Scene Commanders Course

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND

Military Command Pilot with over 5000hours
72 Combat Missions (Vietnam 1969)
24 Military Awards & Decorations Highest Award-Distinguished Service Medal
Enlisted USAF active duty 1957-1961, Air Force Reserve 1961-1963

Listed in Who's Who in the West 1990
Listed in Who's Who in America 1991
Listed in Who's Who in the World 1991-1993

Commercial Pilot Multi-Engine License Cert. No. 1821809

Montana Insurance Producer License #18570
---Lines of authority -Life, Disability, Credit Life and Disability

Securities Series 7 and Series 63 completed in 1964

PAST AFFILIATIONS

Board of Directors, Helena Area Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors, Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors, United Way-Great Falls, Montana
Member, Medal of Valor Advisory Council for Montana
Member, Montana Employer Support of Guard & Reserve Committee
Member, March of Dime
Planning Committee & Liaison, Missouri Youth Home & Kairos
Youth Service
College of Great Falls Presidents Advisory Council
Member, Military Affairs committee-Helena

PRESENT AFFILIATIONS

Member, Air Force Association
Member, National Chapter National Guard Association
Member, Montana Chapter National Guard Association
Member, American Legion
Member, Veteran of Foreign Wars