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## **MOWW BIOGRAPHY**

COLONEL DAVID B. GIBSON, USAF (RETIRED)  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
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Colonel Gibson is a Distinguished Graduate of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Program at the University of Pittsburgh. He earned his wings at Craig Air Force Base (AFB), AL, and became combat ready in the North American F-100D “Super Saber” flying 87 close air support and interdiction combat missions in 1970 while assigned to the 31<sup>st</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing (TFW) at Tuy Hoa Air Base, Republic of Viet Nam.



During the Cold War, he flew the General Dynamics F-111A/E/D “Aardvark” at Nellis and Canon AFBs, and while assigned to the 20 TFW at Royal Air Force (RAF) Upper Heyford in the United Kingdom. He later had a US Navy exchange tour flying the A-6E Intruder with VA-145 at Whidbey Naval Air Station (NAS), WA, and aboard the Forrestal-class carrier, the USS Ranger (CV/CVA-61), making 131 traps (landings) at sea.

He also served as NATO Director of Operations, 5<sup>th</sup> Allied Tactical Air Force, directing Operation DENY FLIGHT (Bosnia). He was a group commander-equivalent for the Corps-level Air Force unit providing Air Liaison Officer support to the US Army at 1<sup>st</sup> Corps, Fort Lewis, WA, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Corps at Fort Hood, TX. He retired 1996 with 28 years of service. He then served as an Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training (JROTC) instructor at Washington High School (Tacoma, WA) where he taught cadets for ten years, retiring again in 2007.

As a Companion of the Military Order of the World Wars®, Colonel Gibson served two years as the Commander, Puget Sound Chapter, two years as Washington State Commander, two years as the Commander, Region XV, two years as the Commander, Region XV, two years as a General Staff Officer, four years as a Vice Commander-in-Chief and one year as the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He is dedicated to seeing MOWW® flourish and grow via increased membership and participation, greater outreach to veterans, students and communities via the Military Order’s many outreach programs in patriotic education, scouting, ROTC and JROTC, and more.

Colonel Gibson is a command pilot. His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Combat Readiness Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. In addition, he is a recipient of the Military Order’s National Commander Award (medal), Gold Patrick Henry Award (medal), Silver Patrick Henry Award (medal) and the Perpetual Membership Medal. ★