

# Arthur G. Duston IV

## F-105 History

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**31-Aug-68**

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Ten pilots from the 34 TFS received medals approved by 7 AF in August 1968 for missions flown earlier. They were:

Lt Col Nevin G. Christensen DFC (10 OLC) SO G-2685 29 Aug 1968 (14 Dec 67)  
Maj James E. James, Jr. DFC 5 (OLC) SO G-2627 24 Aug 1968 (14 Dec 67)  
Capt Arthur G. Duston AM SO G-2606 22 Aug 68, (6 Jul - 28 Jul 68)  
Capt Chester H. Thatcher, Jr. AM SO G-2606 22 Aug 68 (28 Jun - 17 Jul 68)  
Lt Col Earl F. Bancroft AM (10 OLC) SO G-2607 22 Aug 68 (7 Jul - 28 Jul 68)  
Maj Vincent Colasuonno AM SO G-2607 22 Aug 68 (4 Jul - 23 Jul 68)  
1Lt David S. Hartman, Jr. AM SO G-2605 22 Aug 68 (4 Jul - 21 Jul 68)  
1Lt Ronald A. Hoffmeyer AM SO G-2605 22 Aug 68 (4 Jul - 21 Jul 68)  
Lt Col Rufus Dye, Jr. AM (19 - 27 OLC) SO G2603 22 Aug 68 (7 Nov 67 - 19 Jul 68)  
Capt William A. Thomas, Jr. AM (1 - 9 OLC) SO G-2601 22 Aug 68 (2 Feb - 29 May 68)

Capt Thomas departed Korat on 31 August 1968 for his next duty assignment with the 12 TFS, 18 TFW, Kadena AB, Okinawa, where he arrived on 1 September. He was joined in Okinawa by his wife, Mary Jane, and a son and daughter.

*388 TFW history, Oct - Dec 68, USAF microfilm NO585, frame 1765 & Capt Bill Thomas, AF Form 11.*

**14-Nov-68**

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Two weeks after the halt of bombing missions in North Vietnam and the suspension of the 100-mission combat tour on 1 November, the 388 Combat Support Group published Special Order P-94 that adjusted the DEROS of F-105 pilots and EWOs in the three fighter squadrons in the 388 TFW. The new dates anticipated when each man would complete his one year in combat. The two-page order introduced the list with the directive, "The DEROS of the following officers, organization indicated, PACAF, this station, are changed as indicated. Authority: AFM 36-1 and PACAF Msg 080408Z Nov 68." The names were:

Capt Darrell J. Ahrens	34 TFS	10 Mar 69
Capt James V. Barr	34 TFS	10 Mar 69
Lt Col Earl F. Bancroft	34 TFS	30 Jun 69
Capt Oral L. Bell	34 TFS	16 Apr 69
Col Felix A. Blanchard	469 TFS	2 Feb 69
Maj Eugene A. Bonfiglio	44 TFS	20 Apr 69
Maj George K. Bowling	44 TFS	30 May 69
Capt Donald R. Brian	44 TFS	1 Apr 69
Maj David Brog	44 TFS	28 Jan 69
Capt Jack D. Brooks	34 TFS	10 Mar 69
1Lt Robert E. Bryan	469 TFS	12 Jun 69
Maj Ralph C. Budde	44 TFS	19 Apr 69
Maj David J. Carroll	469 TFS	16 Apr 69
Capt Donald D. Carson	44 TFS	1 Apr 69
Maj Richard P. Cisco	44 TFS	22 Apr 69
Maj Robert M. Clark	44 TFS	31 May 69
Maj Robert G. Denison	44 TFS	22 Apr 69
1Lt David T. Dinan III	469 TFS	12 Jun 69
Maj Altman Doty	469 TFS	16 Jun 69
Maj John J. Doyle, Jr.	44 TFS	9 Feb 69
Capt Ralph E. Durnbaugh	34 TFS	16 Apr 69
Capt Arthur G. Duston IV	34 TFS	16 Jun 69
1Lt Robert C. Edmunds, Jr.	469 TFS	30 Jun 69

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Capt Olin K. Everett	34 TFS	1 Mar 69
Maj Stanley E. Goldstein	44 TFS	28 Jan 69
Capt Gene D. Hartman	469 TFS	16 Apr 69
1Lt David S. Hartman, Jr.	34 TFS	12 Jun 69
1Lt Ronald A. Hoffmeyer	34 TFS	12 Jun 69
1Lt Clarence J. Holm	469 TFS	12 Jun 69
Capt Lawrence E. Huggins	44 TFS	9 Dec 68
Capt Jerry E. Knotts	44 TFS	9 Feb 69
Capt Lawrence LeMieux	44 TFS	1 Apr 69
Capt Kenneth G. Lindell	469 TFS	12 Jun 69
Capt James E. Logan	44 TFS	31 May 69
Maj Richard D. Matthews	34 TFS	11 Apr 69
Maj Lorne F. McCormick	34 TFS	20 Apr 69
Maj Thomas P. McGowen, Jr.	44 TFS	31 May 69
Capt Richard R. Middleton	44 TFS	20 Apr 69
1Lt Phillip A. Miller	469 TFS	12 Jun 69
Maj John F. O'Donnell	388 TFW	4 Jun 69
Maj Thomas J. Phelan, Jr.	44 TFS	22 Apr 69
Capt Victor B. Putz	44 TFS	1 Apr 69
Maj Bernard C. Reck	44 TFS	31 May 69
Capt John W. Redmond	388 TFW	16 Jan 69
Maj John J. Revak	44 TFS	28 Jan 69
Capt James L. Rossetto	44 TFS	23 May 69
Capt Ronald L. Shepard	44 TFS	17 Feb 69
Maj William A. Smith	44 TFS	31 May 69
1Lt Ronald D. Stafford	34 TFS	12 Jun 69
Maj Paul F. Swanson	34 TFS	12 Jun 69
Maj Russell J. Tagliareni	44 TFS	23 May 69
Capt Chester H. Thatcher, Jr.	34 TFS	15 Jun 69
Maj John J. Thornton, Jr.	44 TFS	26 Apr 69
1Lt Marshall D. Tilley	469 TFS	12 Jun 69
Maj Clarence J. Tolle, Jr.	44 TFS	22 Apr 69
Capt Richard E. Tracey	469 TFS	16 Jun 69
Maj Albert L. Villaret	44 TFS	23 May 69
Maj Richard E. White	34 TFS	16 Apr 69
Capt Robert L. Wilbanks	44 TFS	19 Apr 69
1Lt Robert J. Zukowski	469 TFS	12 Jun 69

*Hq 388th Combat Support Group (PACAF) APO San Francisco 96288 Special Order P-94 dated 14 Nov 1968.*

**15-Apr-69**

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The 34 TFS pilot, Capt Arthur G. Duston IV flew the F-105 for the last time. Since his first flight on 1 January 1968, he had flown 308.6 hours in the Thunderchief.

*F-105 Pilot Flying Hour report dated 18 Nov 85 provided by the USAF Safety Center to Bauke Jan Douma.*