



Historical Achievements

Valley of the Giants

Lt. General James T. Stewart 1921 – 1990

James T. Stewart was born April 2, 1921, in St. Louis, Missouri, where he attended grade and high schools. He attended the University of Michigan, George Washington University and the Army Air Corps Flying School. He entered the Air Corps Pilot program in 1941. In WWII, he was a B-17 Squadron Commander (he was Clark Gable's Commanding Officer, and he was often confused with actor Jimmy Stewart, both of whom saw service with him in the Air Force while in England in 1943).

Subsequent to WWII, Stewart directed flight testing at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida, and later served as Director of Development Programming, Science and Technology, Space Systems, and the Manned Orbiting Laboratory Program. He was promoted to Brigadier General in 1964, and later, in 1970, was designated Commander of the Aeronautical Systems Division at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and made Lt. General, responsible for the development and production of all new Air Force planes and associated weaponry and ground equipment.

General Stewart's many honors and awards include: Fellow in AIAA, the 1978 Reed Aero Award, the E.F. Zukert Management Award, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, seven Air Medals, the French Croix de Guerre with Gold Star, and 13 other medals and service awards, as well as being made a Fellow in the Engineers Club of Dayton in March of 1989. He was also listed in "Who's Who in America."

Among his published articles is the 1958 *"Air Power—The Decisive Force in Korea."* Among his

community and other area services were: Trustee and Director of AIAA, National Aviation Hall of Fame, Children's Medical Center, United Way, Boy Scouts, Chamber of Commerce, and he was advisor to the National Air and Space Museum.

Following his USAF retirement, he became Vice President of E. F. MacDonald Co. (1977 – 1981), and became Consultant to USAF, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and to General Dynamics Corporation as well as a Director of Aeronca Corporation.

In 1989, General Stewart shared the following six major principles of his success:

1. Establish exactly what your goal or objective is, from the very beginning.
2. Recruit talented people who can get the job done.
3. Concentrate your time on the critical elements of which mean the difference between success and failure.
4. Don't be afraid to try innovative new approaches which may get the job done better.
5. Give key managers sufficient authority and support to get the job done.
6. Integrity is a prerequisite for any success.

General Stewart died in September 1990 and was survived by his wife, Georgia; daughter, Kellie Ann; and son, James T. Stewart Jr.

General Stewart will be long remembered and he has earned his rightful place in this, our treasured *VALLEY OF THE GIANTS!*