

## **Brigadier General David L. Young**

### **Forest, Virginia**



Inducted in 2015, Brigadier General David L. Young co-founded the Liberty University School of Aeronautics. After serving 29 years in the Air Force which included both enlisted and commissioned assignments, he retired as Brigadier General with over 6,000 hours of military flying time, over 1,200 combat hours and over 2,000 hours as instructor and examiner. His experiences in the Air Force included time at the Pentagon, U.S. Joint Forces Command, the Air Force Personnel Center, Air War College faculty, and a variety of flying assignments, twice as wing commander. Brig Gen Young co-founded Liberty University's aeronautics program in 2002 from the ground up. The aviation program grew into the School of Aeronautics, with Brig Gen Young as the founding dean. With him at the helm, the school's program grew from a mere 4 students at its inception to over 1,000 students in 2015 with 33 affiliate locations across the country. The program's expansion resulted in educational opportunities that include programs of instruction and certification for pilots, aircraft mechanics, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV), Commercial, Military and General Aviation. By 2015 the school had produced over 900 pilots and other aviation-related workers who are employed all over the world. Brig Gen Young served on the Lynchburg Regional Airport Commission, the Virginia Aviation Board, as the President of the Virginia Aviation Business Association and as a Board Member of the Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society.