

## **Brig. Gen. Benjamin S. Kelsey** **Stevensburg, Virginia**



Inducted in 1981, General Kelsey learned to fly at age 14 and owned his own “Jennie” at 17. After graduating from M.I.T., he joined the Air Corps and assisted Jimmy Doolittle in developing instrumental blind flying techniques. As a test pilot, he assisted in the development of the P-38 Lightning and the P-51 Mustang. He served as a consultant at Piper and Grumman Corporations and developed the first droppable fuel tank used on a fighter aircraft.