

Lt. General George G. Loving, Jr. (Ret.)
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During his 37 years of active duty first in the United States Army Air Forces and its successor, the United States Air Force, General George G. Loving, Jr. served his country in war and peace. As a fighter pilot in WWII where he earned the designation “ace” and in Korea he commanded a fighter bomber squadron flying 113 missions. General Loving served as test pilot and head of the task force charged with conducting operational suitability test on the new F-84-F swept wing fighter-bomber which became a mainstay in the U.S. arsenal. General Loving served the cause of aviation education both as a training officer at the Air Force Reserve Training Center at Richmond’s Byrd Field and as Commandant of the Air Force’s Air Command and Staff College providing graduate level courses in command and aeronautical fields. General Loving went on to serve as Air Force Director of Plans and in 1975 joined the United States delegation to the NATO Warsaw Pact Arms Limitation negotiations in Vienna as Senior U.S. military representative. Following his NATO duty General Loving commanded the 6th Allied Tactical Air Force in Turkey tasked with protecting U.S. interest in the Mediterranean. He then served as Commander US Forces Japan concurrently with the command of the U.S. Fifth Air Force in Japan and the Republic of Korea guarding America’s interest in the east. From his entry into the U.S. Army Air Forces at age 18 General Loving was engaged throughout his career in defending the United States against our enemies and helping to ensure the freedom of the citizens of this nation.