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BIOGRAPHY



Major General Edward F. Grillo, Jr., USAF (Ret), President, Air Force Memorial Foundation

Major General Edward F. Grillo entered the Air Force in 1967 as a graduate of the University of Miami Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He spent approximately 16 months on temporary duty in the Far East and Southeast Asia in support of Arc Light and Young Tiger combat operations and his career culminated with his service as the Director of Operations, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, IL.

Maj. Gen. Grillo was a command pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours, including 800 combat hours. He set up and commanded the first air refueling detachment in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and has commanded a squadron and three wings, including the Air Force's first Air Mobility Wing at Altus Air Force Base, Okla.

His military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Maj. Gen. Grillo earned his BA degree in Geography from the University of Miami in 1967 and also holds a Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling from Troy State University. He completed Squadron Officer School in 1971, Air Command and Staff College in 1976 and the Air War College in 1986.

Currently, Maj. Gen. Grillo is the President of the Air Force Memorial Foundation.