

# AVIATION WALL OF HONOR



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Kenneth N. Morin was born on November 13, 1939 and was raised in Gwinn, Michigan. He graduated from Gwinn High School in 1957.

He joined the Navy in 1957 and was stationed at the Naval Air Station, Agana, Guam, with the Airborne Early Warning Squadron VW-3. This unit provided cover for the 7<sup>th</sup> Fleet. He also

served in Typhoon Tracking from 1957 to 1959.

During this period, the majority of the 10 to 14 hour-long flights were out of NAS Atsugi, Japan, NAS Naha, Okinawa, or NAS Cubi Point, Philippines. In the latter years, fighter control, radar, and electronic counter-measures were provided for the Straits of Taiwan during the conflict between nationalist and mainland China. The pilots from the Peoples Republic of China relentlessly bombed Taiwan and the islands of Quemey and Matsu.

Using 250 mile radar and height finder radar, the Combat Information Teams aboard the Lockheed Warning Star Super Constellation (Naval Designation RC-121 WV-2) were able to inform Nationalist Chinese pilots of enemy aircraft position, course, speed, and altitude making "bogies" interception possible. Passive ECM was used to plot Mainland Chinese radar-controlled weapons installations. Years later, the U.S. Government admitted to and finally recognized this mission, authorizing an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for the conflict.

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He has also served in a consulting capacity to NASA, Pan American Airlines, and the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Dr. Morin is married to Viive (Akel) of Negaunee and has two daughters, Kellie and Tiina.

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