

Man's Flight

Through Life Is

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Power Of His

Knowledge



TO HONOR

RICHARD M. COPPOCK

LIEUTENANT COLONEL, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE,

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Lieutenant Colonel Richard M. Coppock began his long association with the Air Force Academy in 1957 as a member of the Academy's third class of cadets. Graduating in 1961, he was commissioned a second lieutenant with the aeronautical rating of navigator. He then embarked on a twenty-two year Air Force career logging more than 8000 flying hours, to include 440 combat missions during the Vietnam War. Upon retirement from active duty in 1983, he was selected as the first civilian head of the Academy's Association of Graduates (AOG). He provided over fifteen-years of visionary leadership to the AOG and promoted a strong bond between that organization and The Friends of the Air Force Academy Library. He continued to support The Friends after his retirement from the AOG by devoting hundreds of hours of personal time to enhancing the content of our graduate databases. Colonel Coppock died on 4 February 2020. He is survived by three children, five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Airman, Leader, Patriot, and Friend