



# **GENERAL HENRY H. ARNOLD EDUCATION GRANT**

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## **GENERAL BRUCE K. HOLLOWAY**



Perhaps best known for his service in the AAFs 23<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Group during World War II, General Bruce K. Holloway was a brave, yet modest pioneer in the Air Force. In 1942, two years after initially volunteering to fly P-40Bs in China, Major Holloway was chosen to be a part of the American Volunteer Group, or the “Flying Tigers”, who attained 13 confirmed victories over Japanese invaders.

During his tour in China, Holloway became commander of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Group and earned his status as a fighter ace. He was promoted to Colonel and returned to the United States in 1944, after being shot down by ground fire. Holloway’s engine ran long enough to carry him over the Salween River and safely back to China, where he embarked on a five day journey back to base facilitated by Chinese peasants.

General Holloway was born in Knoxville, Tennessee. Prior to entering the US Military Academy, he studied engineering at the University of Tennessee. He graduated from the Academy in 1937 and received his pilot wings one year later. After his tour in China, Holloway returned to serve as commander of the Air Force’s first jet-equipped fighter group. In this position, he performed unprecedented service and made great strides in the new field of tactical jet air operations.

After graduating from the National War College in 1951, General Holloway served in several key positions at Headquarters USAF. He later served as deputy commander for both Tactical Air Command and US Strike Command. In 1965, Holloway assumed command of the US Air Forces in Europe until he was appointed as the vice chief of staff of the US Air Force in 1966.

In his last assignment, General Holloway served as commander of the Strategic Air Command during the Vietnam War. He was responsible for the bombing missions flown by eight engine B-52s equipped with nuclear bombs. General Holloway retired in 1972, having received such honors as the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star and the Legion of Merit. He passed away in his home in Orlando, Florida on September 30, 1999, leaving behind his wife, three daughters and four grandchildren.