



BRIGADIER GENERAL RICHARD A. INGRAM

Retired Sep. 1, 1988.

Brigadier General Richard A. Ingram is deputy commander of the Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, Canadian Forces Base North Bay, Ontario, Canada. He also is commander of the 4722nd Support Squadron, Tactical Air Command, and is the senior U.S. military officer assigned to Canada.

General Ingram was born in 1931, in McLean, Texas. He graduated from Phillips (Texas) High School in 1948 and received a bachelor of business administration degree in economics from Park College in 1971. He received a master's degree in psychology from Troy State University and a master's degree in psychometrics from Auburn University, both in 1972. The general completed Armed Forces Staff College in 1969 and was a distinguished graduate of Air War College in 1972.

He enlisted in the Air Force in 1950 as a private and served as a personnel and administration specialist. From 1955 through 1958 he served as a first sergeant at Amarillo Air Force Base, Texas, and Goose Air Base, Labrador.

The general entered Officer Candidate School in 1958 and received his commission in December 1958. In January 1959 he entered undergraduate pilot training at Moore Air Force Base, Texas, training in T-28s and T-34s. Upon graduation in July 1959, he was assigned for further pilot training in T-33s at Vance Air Force Base, Okla.

After pilot training General Ingram transferred to Craig Air Force Base, Ala., for basic pilot instructor training. In May 1960 he became an instructor pilot flying T-33s and T-37s. He served as a flight instructor with the 3617th Pilot Training Squadron and as a member of the 3615th Pilot Training Wing Standardization and Evaluation Division until December 1964.

He then attended air-ground operations school and received A-1E transition training at Hurlburt Field, Fla., before being assigned to Southeast Asia. From July 1965 to July 1966 General Ingram was assigned to the 602nd Tactical Fighter Squadron at Bien Hoa and Nha Trang air bases, Republic of Vietnam, and Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, as an A-1E fighter pilot. He accumulated 280 combat missions, more than 60 of them over North Vietnam. He has 503 hours of combat flying time.

After returning to the United States, he served as an operations staff officer in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters Air Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, from July 1966 to July 1968. General Ingram graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College in February 1969. He served with the assistant for colonel assignments, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., until January 1971. He then entered Air War College, graduating in June 1972.

In August 1972 the general transferred to Reese Air Force Base, Texas, where he flew T-37s and T-38s. He served as commander of the 54th Flying Training Squadron, commander of the 64th Air Base Group and, finally, deputy commander for operations of the 64th Flying Training Wing while at Reese. In September 1976 General Ingram became commander of Shemya Air Force Base, Alaska, and commander of the 5073rd Air Base Group for a year.

From September 1977 to February 1979 he was director of information at Air Training Command headquarters, Randolph Air Force Base. The general then returned to Reese Air Force Base as commander of the 64th Flying Training Wing. In August 1980 he became commandant of the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. During his assignment at Maxwell he traveled to more than 50 countries to lecture at military and government institutions on U.S. national defense policy and the Air Force roles and mission. In addition he served as adjunct faculty member at Auburn University and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He assumed his present duties in June 1985.

General Ingram is a command pilot with more than 5,000 flying hours. His military decorations and awards include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross with two oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with 15 oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Korean Service Medal with star, Vietnam Service Medal with three service stars, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

He was promoted to brigadier general Sept. 8, 1980, with date of rank Aug. 15, 1980.