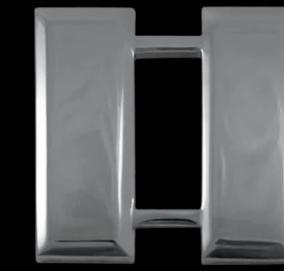
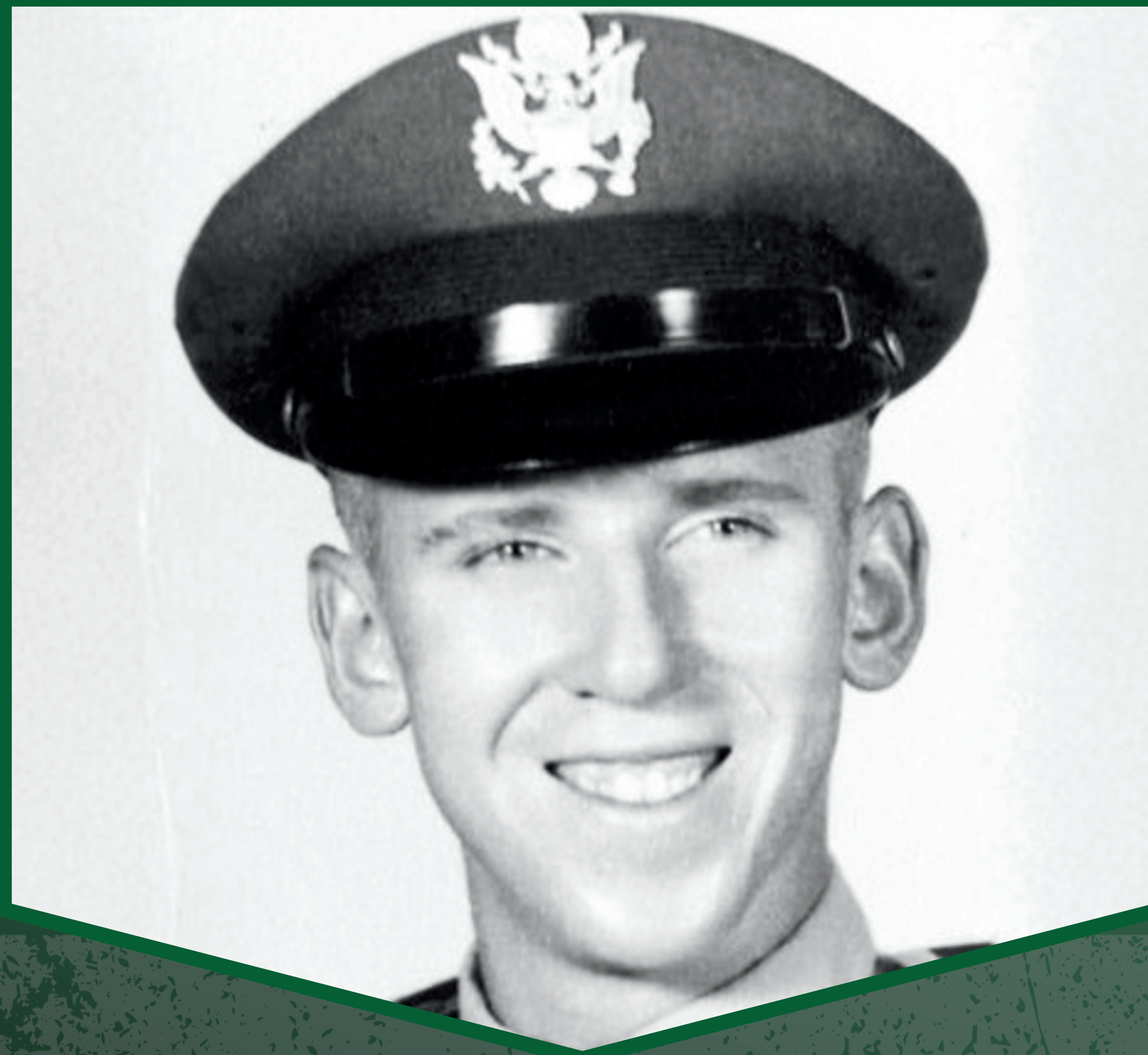




DONALD EDWARD CLARK, JR.

(JULY 6, 1939 - MARCH 23, 1966)



Air Force
Captain



Pilot



614th Tactical
Fighter
Squadron



6234th
Tactical Fighter
Wing

Years of Service: 1960 - 23 MAR 1966

Medals & Awards:

Distinguished Flying Cross

Purple Heart

Air Medal

Presidential Unit Citation

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

Longevity Award



After enlisting in the United States Air Force, **Captain Donald E. Clark, Jr.** was trained as an electronics warfare officer for the highly dangerous Wild Weasel program, which focused on the eradication of the anti-aircraft defenses of North Vietnam. As part of the original F-100F Wild Weasel 1 crew, Capt. Clark operated radar homing and warning equipment in modified aircraft to draw out enemy air defense systems so they could be destroyed. In his final mission on March 23, 1966, Capt. Clark was aboard a F-100F Super Sabre jet with pilot, Major Clyde D. Dawson, leading a detachment of planes to enemy targets over North Korea. Capt. Clark was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, and a Purple Heart for "outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty."

During his youth and early adulthood, Donald Clark lived and studied in several different states,

but claimed Lynchburg, Virginia as his hometown after 1959. Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Clark was the son of Elizabeth Mary Mooney and Donald E. Clark, Sr. After his mother died in 1952, his father eventually remarried, and in 1959 relocated to Lynchburg, Virginia, where he worked as a manager of service parts in the Communication Products Department of the General Electric Company. The family attended Westminster Presbyterian Church on Floyd Street. Prior to entering the Air Force, Clark began his studies at the University of Michigan and graduated from the University of Omaha in January, 1964, with a bachelor's degree in general education. During these years, Clark spent holidays with his family in Lynchburg. In December of 1963, he married Geraldine (Gerri) A. Lee. Their son, Donald E. Clark, III, was just a few months old when his father began his Vietnam tour.