

General Hecker was born in Kentucky in 1932 and later moved to Mobile where his good fortune landed him at Murphy High School. Guy was active with the Red Cross Club, coordinating blood drives, donating (he reached the 1 Gallon Club!), and encouraging other students to donate. He also volunteered to help in disaster relief if needed. He so valued his Red Cross activities that he still has his RC pin. Guy also sold ice cream to support the athletic department.

After graduating, he attended Marion Military Institute and continued his education at The Citadel where he graduated with honors as “a distinguished military graduate” with a bachelor of arts degree. He was commissioned through the AFROTC at the Citadel and earned his pilot’s wings at Webb AF base. In 1956 Guy became an air training officer at the newly established US AF Academy. He was next assigned to a squadron based in England. Upon returning to the US, he was assigned to the 4510th Combat Crew Training Group at Luke AF Base, serving as flight commander and chief of Plans, Programming and Scheduling Section. In 1964 General Hecker was assigned as a staff officer in fighter operations at Headquarters Tactical Air Command at Langley AFB, moving in 1967 to the Royal Air Force Command and Staff College. After graduating he was assigned to a fighter squadron in Vietnam. While there, he flew 169 combat missions in F-100s.. He returned to the US as chief regulator general officer matters at USAF Headquarters in Washington, D.C At this time Hecker earned a master’s from The George Washington University and completed the management development program at Harvard’s graduate school of Business.

His distinguished career continued with promotion to the rank of Brigadier General and becoming commander of the 45th Division at Pease AFB in 1978. He also served as special assistant for the Missile Defense Development and Acquisition and was promoted to Major General in 1980. His last post in the USAF was as Director of The Office of Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. During his Air Force career, Major General Hecker was awarded a number of military decorations, including the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit (awarded twice) and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

After retiring from military service in October of 1982, Guy teamed with Lt Gen. (and astronaut) Tom Stafford, and Lt. Gen. Kelly Burke as President of one of the most prestigious Defense consulting firms in Washington, DC.

If all this weren’t enough to keep General Hecker occupied, he gave generously of his time to organizations near and dear to him. Guy was President of the Greater Washington Area Citadel Club Alumni Association from 1980-1982 while simultaneously a member of the Presidential Advisory Council at Marion Military Institute from 1980-1984. He was awarded Alumni of the Year in from that organization in 1984. From 1978 – 2003 he served on the Advisory Committee to the Citadel Board of Visitors. He then continued on the Citadel Foundation Board of Directors from 2004-2012. He served on the Advisory Committee of the Ladies Association of Mt. Vernon,

taught for 3 years at SUNY Plattsburgh, was leader of Indian Guides for five years, and was selected to “ring the bell” to open trading for both the NYSE and NASDAQ.

Thank you for making Murphy proud.