

**MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jennifer Montgomery Supervisor, District 5

DATE: October 9, 2012

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – Adopt and present a Resolution to Clarence Emil “Bud” Anderson for his outstanding service to his country and his community.

ACTION REQUESTED

Adopt and present a Resolution to Clarence Emil “Bud” Anderson for his outstanding service to his country and his community.

BACKGROUND

Colonel Anderson has over thirty years of military service, and was a test pilot at Wright Field where he also served as Chief of Fighter Operations. He also served at Edwards Air Force Base where he was Chief of Flight Test Operations and Deputy Director of Flight Test. Colonel Anderson served two tours at The Pentagon and commanded three fighter organizations. From June to December 1970, he commanded the 355th Tactical Fighter Wing, an F-105 Thunderchief unit, during its final months of service in the Vietnam War, and retired in March 1972. He was decorated twenty-five times for his service to the United States.

After his retirement from active duty as a Colonel, he became the manager of the McDonnell Aircraft Company's Flight Test Facility at Edwards AFB, serving there until 1998.

During his career, he flew over 100 types of aircraft, and logged over 7,000 hours. Anderson is possibly best known for his close friendship with General Chuck Yeager from World War II, where both served in the 357th Fighter Group, to the present. Yeager once called him “**The best fighter pilot I ever saw**”.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

Resolution 2012-000

OCTOBER 9, 2012 IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION HONORING COLONEL BUD ANDERSON FOR HIS SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY AND HIS COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, on January 13, 1922, Clarence Emil "Bud" Anderson was born in Oakland, California and raised on a farm near Newcastle, California. In January 1942, he enlisted in the United States Army as an aviation cadet where he received his wings and commission as a Second Lieutenant in September 1942; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Anderson flew two tours of combat against the Luftwaffe in Europe, while with the 363rd Fighter Squadron of the 357th Fighter Group, based at RAF Leiston, England. He was the group's third leading ace with 16½ aerial victories. His P-51 Mustang s/n 44-414450 B6-S, nicknamed the Old Crow, carried him safely through 116 missions without being hit by fire from enemy aircraft and without Anderson ever having to turn back for any reason. He returned to the United States in February 1945 as a captain; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Anderson has over thirty years of military service, and was a test pilot at Wright Field where he also served as Chief of Fighter Operations. He also served at Edwards Air Force Base where he was Chief of Flight Test Operations and Deputy Director of Flight Test. Colonel Anderson served two tours at The Pentagon and commanded three fighter organizations. From June to December 1970, he commanded the 355th Tactical Fighter Wing, an F-105 Thunderchief unit, during its final months of service in the Vietnam War, and retired in March 1972. He was decorated twenty-five times for his service to the United States; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement from active duty as a Colonel, he became the manager of the McDonnell Aircraft Company's Flight Test Facility at Edwards AFB, serving there until 1998; and

WHEREAS, during his career, he flew over 100 types of aircraft, and logged over 7,000 hours. Anderson is possibly best known for his close friendship with General Chuck Yeager from World War II, where both served in the 357th Fighter Group, to the present. Yeager once called him "**The best fighter pilot I ever saw**"; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Anderson co-authored the book *To Fly & Fight—Memoirs of a Triple Ace*, a wonderful book that describes an exceptional man who made many sacrifices for this great country of ours; and

WHEREAS, on the 11th day of June 2012, the City of Auburn bestowed a great honor upon Colonel Anderson by naming a road leading to the Auburn Airport as Colonel Bud Anderson Way; and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2008, Colonel Anderson was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Colonel Bud Anderson is an outstanding example of a courageous war hero and public servant to our country. The Placer County Board of Supervisors takes great pride in honoring Colonel Bud Anderson for his outstanding service to his Country and his community.

Jennifer Montgomery, Supervisor District 5
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