

Mission to Mach 2 **Biography of Colonel Robert Earl Haney**

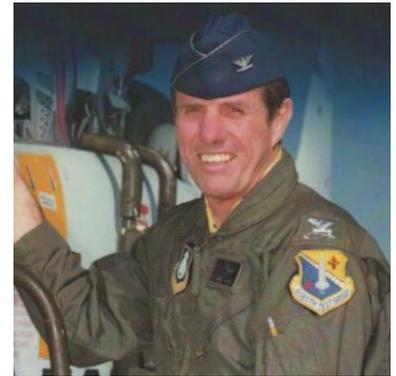
This is the story of a fighter pilot, who can convey lasting impressions of flights more than a half-century previous—an indication of the strength of passion that high performance flying stimulates.

Colonel Robert Earl Haney flew with the Air Force Thunderbirds and relates many harrowing experiences (his first mid-air and subsequent ejection). He spent two years in the ‘Top Gun’ school as an instructor

In Vietnam, Haney flew 214 combat missions in the F-4. His observations of combat flying are profound and will often cause the reader to pause and reflect on a situation that most of us cannot really appreciate.

Haney was involved with many test and evaluation programs over his 30 years of Air Force service especially his four years at Edwards AFB as a test pilot. His experience of having a flameout (losing the engine) on three consecutive flights is very dramatic as is his refusal to eject from an F-84 when the controls ‘froze’—an event that earned him much praise and a commendation.

Although the book appeals to virtually all aviation aficionados, pilots will be able to relate more closely with many of Haney’s experiences.



Dr. Lee Courtnage, a retired educator, and volunteer for the Veterans History Project, has interviewed 185 veterans; one being **Col. Haney** that resulted in this book.

