

Colonel Dellicker had a distinguished military career with 34 years of total service to the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including five years of active duty as a Navy fighter pilot and 29 years of service in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

Colonel Dellicker entered military service in 1965 by enlisting in the Naval Aviation Cadet program at Pensacola, Florida. After receiving his commission and earning his gold Navy wings, Colonel Dellicker was sent directly to Vietnam.

From 1967 to 1972, Colonel Dellicker completed three combat tours as a fighter pilot in Attack Squadron VA-22, serving on the aircraft carriers USS Ranger and USS Bon Homme Richard. He flew 201 missions in the A-4 Skyhawk, earning 16 Air Medals, a Navy Commendation with Combat "V" and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry.

Upon leaving active duty, Colonel Dellicker transferred to the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, flying the EC-121 Constellation for the 193d Special Operations Wing in Middletown. After receiving his engineering degree, he joined the 201st Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer (RED HORSE) Squadron (RHS) at Fort Indiantown Gap, where he would eventually become the 201 RHS Commander. For seven years, Colonel Dellicker oversaw numerous construction projects in the United States, Canada, Europe and South America; transforming the unit into a showcase training enterprise and effective global resource. His legacy of balancing hard work with good camaraderie still impacts the RED HORSE culture today.

Colonel Dellicker later became the first Chief Civil Engineer at the Pennsylvania Air National Guard Headquarters. In this role, Colonel Dellicker served as Liaison Officer to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, and brought his engineering and construction expertise to domestic operations.

Colonel Dellicker managed to balance his considerable military commitments with a highly successful civilian career. For 23 years, he held several management positions manufacturing industrial goods for the global marketplace. After retiring from industry, Colonel Dellicker applied his engineering and leadership expertise to education; accepting the position of Facilities Engineer at the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute near Allentown. He also was elected to four terms as Director of the Northwestern Lehigh School District, serving as Board President.

Colonel Dellicker always worked to support veterans; volunteering for regional service academy appointment boards and staying active with numerous heritage organizations like the Honorary First Defenders. He even wrote a book, "Tailhooker: Pre-Flight to Vietnam," which chronicles his military experiences for a new generation.

The singularly distinctive accomplishments of Colonel Dellicker, during a lifetime of service as a leader in military, civilian and community affairs, reflect great credit upon himself, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, and merit his induction into the Pennsylvania Air National Guard Hall of Fame.