

We Rode the Thunder

The Autobiography of the United States Air Force Thunderbirds.

1953-2003

Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Thunderbirds

So you've seen the Thunderbirds, but would you like to hear the first Commander/Leader tell how the Team started? What did the Thunderbirds do to cause a child with cerebral palsy to speak for the first time in years? What were the words of an immigrant Greek dishwasher to encourage his young son to become a Thunderbird? An Ecuadorian teenager dropped out of school, migrated to America alone, and then returned to his hometown, Quito, just 15 years later in a Thunderbird F-4. What did he write in his diary that night? How did their combat experience shape them? What is humorous to them? How do they deal with the tragedies that are a part of military service?

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Warm regards,

Dee Pfeiffer, Book Chairman
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About the Writer/Editor



Bob Gore is the novelist of the critically acclaimed military aviation thriller, *Rhombus*. He was top gun of his pilot training class in 1969, flew C-141 cargo jets on worldwide missions, and was an Air Force rescue helicopter pilot. He left the service in 1977 and then returned in 1982 as an aviator in the U. S. Naval Reserve. He retired from the service with the rank of Commander. He was Thunderbird Public Affairs Officer during the American Bicentennial and serves the Thunderbirds Alumni Association as editor of its newsletter, *Thunder Rolls*. He says of the 50th Anniversary book, "This is a terrific collection of insightful and often humorous personal stories and letters submitted by the Thunderbird family. My mission as the book's writer is to intertwine, condense, and dramatize the stories and letters in a way to give the reader a feel of what it is like to be a Thunderbird." Bob lives in Las Vegas where he is a commercial and investment real estate broker. He is a founding member of Nevada Make a Wish Foundation, the United Way Foundation, and Miracle Flights for Kids. He headed the effort to build the Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering at UNLV. Still proud to be an Eagle Scout, he has been a scout leader as well as served on the board of St. Jude's Ranch for Children and other civic and charitable groups.

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