



## Biography

Brigadier General (Retired) Don Harvel  
USAF

- Born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Graduated from West Point (United States Military Academy) in 1976. After graduation – received a commission into the Air Force. Attended pilot training at Williams Air Force Base (Willie) in Chandler, Arizona.
- Assigned to fly C-130's at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas. His next assignment was to the Air Rescue Command as an Instructor pilot at Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- In 1985, resigned from active duty Air Force. Hired by Texas Air National Guard as C-130 Instructor pilot. Also hired by Delta Air Lines. While at Delta, Don has flown (Boeing) B-727's, B-737's, B-757's, B-767's and B-777's. He has over 23,000 hours of flying time.
- During his Air National Guard career, Don served as a Squadron Commander, Group Commander, Wing Commander, Deputy Commander of the Texas Air National Guard and a national position as the Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander of Air Force Special Operations Command. He retired from the Air Force in September of 2010 with 34 years of service.
- Don, his wife – Nan, and their daughter Randee (recent graduate from Grand Canyon University) reside in Fountain Hills. They moved from Atlanta, Georgia to Fountain Hills in 2016.