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“PILOTING The World's Highest, Fastest Manned Aircraft - The A-12”



The **Lockheed A-12** was a reconnaissance aircraft built for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) by Lockheed's famed Skunk Works, based on the designs of Clarence "Kelly" Johnson. The aircraft was designated A-12, the 12th in a series of internal design efforts with the A referring to "Archangel", the internal code name of the aircraft.

SPEAKER

Ken Collins, Colonel USAF(Ret) - SR-71 Pilot, CIA Experimental Test Pilot (A-12)



Ken Collins entered the USAF in 1951 and retired in 1980. He had numerous assignments flying F-80, RF-86A, RF-84F, RF101 and completed 113 combat missions. In 1960 he volunteered and was selected for flight testing for a classified program. This evolved into the highly classified A-12 Oxcart Program. He subsequently flew 6 Black Shield combat missions in the A-12 over North Vietnam.

Ken was many Military Awards: Silver Star, Intelligence Star, Legion of Merit, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, three Air Medals, United Nations Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Viet Nam Service Medal. He is a member of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots and the Edwards AFB Historical Test, Daedalians, Roadrunners International and recognized as an Air Command & Staff's "Eagle" of their GATHERING OF EAGLES. In 2011, he was enshrined into the Kansas Aviation Hall of Fame.

After Air Force retirement Ken took a managerial position with California Microwave, Inc./Government Electronics Division in Woodland Hills, California. Over the next nineteen years he served as a Program Manager of the classified RIVET KIT program (RC-130 aircraft), Business Development Director for the RC-135, Combat Sent (electronics reconnaissance) system and other reconnaissance systems and as Vice President and General Manager, retiring in 1998.

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