

Walter L. "Chuck" Worley  
Pampa High School Class of 1965



Born in Canadian, Texas in 1946 to "Buck" and Chleo Worley, Chuck moved to Pampa with his family in 1952. After attending Sam Houston and Austin Elementary, and Robert E. Lee Junior High, Chuck graduated from Pampa High School in 1965. While in PHS, Chuck participated in Spanish Club and the Golf Team as well as working for Cabot as a janitor during the school year and as an oil field roustabout during the summers.

Chuck graduated from the University of New Mexico in 1969 with a BA and a commission as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. Following commissioning, Chuck received training as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer and was quickly assigned to Da Nang Airfield, South Vietnam. While at Da Nang, Chuck was the night Maintenance Control officer for the 366<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing where he received extensive practical experience in the maintenance and repair of battle damaged aircraft. Building on that wartime maintenance experience, Chuck was assigned as the maintenance officer to a Technical Assistance Field Team located in Teheran, Iran. Chuck managed a team of maintenance experts supporting the Imperial Iranian Air Force at Meherabad Air Base as well as time as the Commander of a team of maintenance and supply experts at Tabriz, Iran. He maximized his impact and experience by learning Farsi, the language of Iran.

While working as the Maintenance Supervisor for the 355<sup>th</sup> Equipment Maintenance Squadron he continued his academic education completing a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Northern Colorado University. Additionally, Chuck attained technical recognition by being awarded the Master Aircraft Maintenance and Munitions Officer badge. With a variety of maintenance assignments to his credit, Chuck was assigned to the Pentagon as Chief, Allied Maintenance Assessment in the Logistics Initiatives Control Center and later as the Chief, Allied and Soviet Maintenance, for the Air Force 'Checkmate' Team. During his 4-year tour in the Pentagon, Chuck supported our allies during the Falkland War and worked with members of the Royal Saudi Air Force, Royal Jordanian Air Force, and Israeli Air Force. As part of the 'Checkmate' team, Chuck contributed to numerous war plans oriented toward the Middle East and performed as the 'Soviet' maintenance expert supporting Blue-Red war-gaming scenarios managed within the Pentagon.

From the Pentagon, Chuck was selected to attend the Naval Postgraduate School for a Masters degree in National Security Affairs and the Defense Language School for Arabic. Graduating with Distinction from the Naval Postgraduate School and with a State Department fluency rating in Arabic, Chuck returned to the Washington, DC area serving with the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). At DIA, Chuck was the Force Projection analyst for countries in the Middle East and Africa north of the Sahara.

Leaving DIA, Chuck returned to the Middle East serving in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia as the Program Manager for the Peace Hawk (F-5), Peace Sun (F-15) and Peace Sentinel (E- 3A and KE-3A) aircraft programs sold to Saudi Arabia by the US.

From Riyadh, Chuck was assigned to Wright Patterson AFB initially managing the Program Objective Memorandum (POM) for Air Force Logistics Command and finishing his Air Force career as a Professor of Strategic Intelligence teaching National Intelligence courses for the Defense Intelligence College. Chuck retired from the Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1992 after 22 years of service.

Following his Air Force retirement, Chuck moved into the civilian world as a Logistics Processes expert with a knowledge US, Soviet and Allied maintenance processes as well as a working knowledge of Farsi and Arabic. After working as a consultant for various companies, Chuck formed a small consulting company that was hired by Hewlett-Packard to lead the automation of logistics systems of the Czech Army which was just emerging from Soviet domination. Moving to Prague, Czech Republic, Chuck immediately began studying Czech gaining a good working knowledge of the language, which greatly facilitated his success in automating the logistics processes of the Czech Army. Building a team of expert Israeli logistics subcontractors and superb Czech software engineers, Chuck and his team designed, built and implemented software successfully automating Czech Army logistics processes.

Chuck returned to the US after the successful completion of the Czech Army project to a Project/Program Manager job offer from a small software house located in La Jolla, California. This company specialized in developing and implementing logistics software for use by civilian and military customers. Moving to California with his family, Chuck continued to build his career in logistics software design and implementation.

The logistic process knowledge Chuck gained from his Air Force career and working with the Czech Army was key to his success in the commercial world. His initial project in California was leading a team doing logistics process design and software implementation for post-production support for the International Space Station (ISS).

Concurrent with the ISS project, Chuck was charged with completing the automation of maintenance and supply processes for the US Navy's T-45 program in Kingsville, Texas. Successfully completing these two projects led to projects with General Atomics' 'Predator' UAV project, Northrop Grumman's 'Global Hawk' UAV project and several Lockheed Martin projects including the F-22 Raptor fighter, the C-130J Hercules transporter as well as the United Arab Emirates' F-16 fighter project.

Returning once again to the Middle East, Chuck's last projects were centered in Saudi Arabia and Oman. In Saudi Arabia, he led the team designing and implementing automated aircraft maintenance processes for the Royal Saudi Air Force. In Oman, Chuck led the team designing and implementing automated logistics processes for Oman's entire Ministry of Defense including both the Air Force and Army.

After 20 years of working in and around the Middle East, Chuck and Kay, his wife of 46 years, decided to retire. They reside in Carlsbad, CA. where they volunteer for several organizations between trips to various parts of the world and spending time with their daughters' families and friends.