



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Charles G. Cleveland was born on November 13, 1927, in Honolulu, Hawaii. In 1945, he entered the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York, and graduated in 1949; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Charles Cleveland entered the United States Air Force basic pilot training in 1949, at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and received his wings in 1950, upon completion of advanced pilot training at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona. He then served as a pilot with the 31st Strategic Fighter Wing at Turner Air Force Base, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Gen. Cleveland transferred to South Korea in March 1952, where he flew F-86s as a Flight Commander with the 334th Fighter Interceptor Squadron of the 4th Fighter Interceptor Wing at Kimpo Air Base in South Korea. During his combat tour of duty, he shot down five MiG-15s and is credited with one destroyed and four damaged; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Gen. Cleveland returned to Turner Air Force Base in November 1952, where he again served in the 31st Strategic Fighter Wing. In July 1957, he transferred to Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas, and served in various operations assignments with the 27th Fighter Bomber Wing, 522nd Fighter Bomber Squadron and the 481st Tactical Fighter Squadron (TFS). Then from 1959 to 1962, he served with the 78th TFS at Royal Air Force Woodbridge, England; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Gen. Cleveland commanded the 92nd TFS at Royal Air Force Bentwaters, England, from 1962 to 1963, and served as an F-111 Project Officer at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, until May 1966; and

WHEREAS, in May 1966, he served as Executive Assistant to General William Westmoreland, Commander, Military Assistance Command in Vietnam. He attended the Royal Air Force College of Air Warfare where he became the Special Assistant to the Director of Operations for the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing (TFW) at RAF Bentwaters, and

WHEREAS, in April 1970 to June 1971, he served as Vice Commander of the 20th TFW at RAF Upper Heyford, England, overseeing the transition from F-100 Super Sabres to the F-111 Aardvark. In June 1971, Lt. Gen. Cleveland served as Commander of the 3535th Navigator Training Wing at Mather AFB, California, and as a result, transferred to Air Training Command headquarters at Randolph AFB, Texas, as Chief of Staff. In 1975, he served as Director of Personnel Programs, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Personnel at the Pentagon Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., and while serving there was named Vice Commander of Air Training Command in March 1979; and

WHEREAS, in July 1981, Lt. Gen. Cleveland's final assignment was as Commander of Air University at Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama, until his retirement from the Air Force on August 1, 1984. Lt. Gen. Cleveland wears Command Pilot Wings and the Parachutist Badge, and accumulated over 4,300 flying hours during his Air Force career. He served as Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Human Resources, August 26, 1991 - May 28, 1993;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 13, 2017, as

Lt. Gen. Charles "Chick" Cleveland Day

in the State of Alabama and in celebration of his 90th birthday.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 13th day of November 2017.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor