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Celebrity Lecture Series  
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## Triple Nickel Steve Ritchie USAF "ACE"



Whoever coined the old adage, "Those who can, do; Those who can't, teach", had better not try those words on Brigadier General Richard S. Ritchie. This hotshot fighter pilot dramatically disproved that theory, when he became the US Air Force's only pilot ace of the Vietnam War. And, he achieved his five MiG kills, in the hostile skies over North Vietnam, *after* having served as the youngest instructor pilot in the Air Force Fighter Weapons School, (the USAF counterpart to the Navy's Top Gun program). Remarkable as that is, General Ritchie has many other achievements to his credit, serving key roles in both industry and government, throughout a long and fascinating career. He is a classic example of the American tradition of what can happen when talent and self-confidence meet with good, old-fashioned hard work. Now working as a motivational speaker, General Ritchie has granted us a place in his schedule, to share some of his experiences and reflections. So, come and join us. We promise you a memorable experience.



*Brigadier General Ritchie*



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