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## The Williamsburg Eagles Chapter

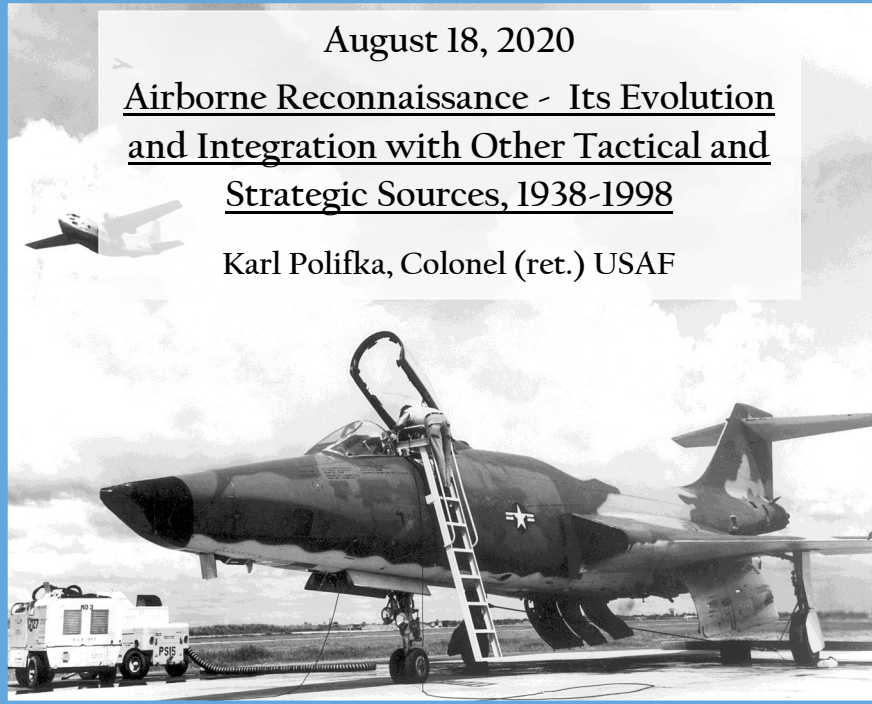
Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport  
100 Marclay Rd., Williamsburg.

Meetings the third Wednesday  
of the month at 10:00 AM

August 18, 2020

### Airborne Reconnaissance - Its Evolution and Integration with Other Tactical and Strategic Sources, 1938-1998

Karl Polifka, Colonel (ret.) USAF



“What do we need to know?” is a question perpetually confronting the intelligence community and their clients: war fighters, strategists, commanders-in-chief, policy makers and politicians.

Karl's service as an Air Force reconnaissance pilot and his later assignment as an intelligence officer give him a unique perspective on the difficulties of juggling the conflicting agendas and negotiating the turf battles of the various agencies which make up our intelligence community.

P.W. Brown, 08-11-10

This tale covers the U.S.'s late start in developing good aircraft-based reconnaissance and extends through the use of sophisticated satellite sensors.

An ability to achieve good raw imagery and electronic data is usually more certain than accurate analyses of the data, timely assessment distribution and good data-based decision making. Karl will emphatically illustrate these points in his presentation.

#### NOTES

Member photos: At our monthly meetings, Joe Kuppich will be taking head and shoulders shots of members not yet photographed. To assure accurate identification please wear your nametag. Our goal is to create a directory which allows all of us to better know other members' names.

#### NEXT MEETING

Sep 15: topic TBD

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