

Jerry Dan Shipp Bolt

Born: 3 October 1942 – 21 December 1972

(aged 30)

Captain Jerry D. S. Bolt, (USAF Academy) Class of 1964, was killed in an aircraft accident 73 miles north of Nellis AFB NV on 21 December 1972. Captain Bolt flew the slot position with the Thunderbird Aerial Demonstration Team. At the time of the accident, he was putting an F-4 aircraft through trial runs over the test range.

Following graduation, Captain Bolt attended Undergraduate Pilot Training at Craig AFB AL. Subsequent assignments included duty with the 91st Tactical fighter Squadron at Bentwaters RAF Station UK in 1966 and the 391st Tactical Fighter Squadron at Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam in 1967. Captain Bolt flew 189 combat missions in Southeast Asia including 71 over North Vietnam. From 1967 to 1971, he served as squadron test project officer with the 414th Fighter Weapons Squadron at Nellis AFB NV. In 1971 Captain Bolt was assigned to the USAF Air Demonstration Squadron at Nellis AFB NV. In 1971 Captain Bolt was assigned to the USAF Air Demonstration Squadron as narrator. In December 1971 he took over the slot position with the team. His decorations included the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with 14 Oak Leaf Clusters.

