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Top: Royce points to battle damage received in combat on Nov. 18, 1952. There were over 250 holes in his jet, yet he brought the airplane back to the carrier (Source: U.S. Navy)



Top: Three important U.S. Navy aircraft of the Korean War: (L-R) Douglas A-1 Skyraider, Grumman F9F Panthers and Vought F4U-4 Corsair (Source: U.S. Navy)

Bottom: A MiG-15 caught in gun camera footage (Source: USAF)



Bottom: A Soviet MiG-15 in flight (Source: Unknown)





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Top: Royce (middle), his brother Lynn, and sister Carol have fun with toy instruments; this photo was taken around 1930 Source: Royce Williams



Top: (l-r) Royce in Boy Scout uniform, sister Mary Jo, sister Carol, father Elmer, mother Esther; this photo was taken around 1940
Source: Royce Williams

Bottom: Royce with his wife Camilla and three sons, Bruce, Craig and Mark; this photo was taken around 1956

Source: Royce Williams



Royce's parents were positive and actively involved in teaching their kids the values and habits that would lead to their success — independence, self-discipline, getting along with others and the confidence that comes from taking on challenges. Royce also believes growing up in the rural states of South Dakota and Minnesota was also beneficial as these values were especially interwoven into prairie life.



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Royce at his home with a model of his F9F Panther and artwork depicting the same airplane

Note the piece of paper sitting on top of the stack of prints depicting Royce's "Panther" fighter plane. This particular piece of paper contains the names of the Soviet pilots he shot down on November 18, 1952. Royce carries this piece of paper with him as an honor to these pilots' service and their memory. Royce believes peace is far better than war and is grateful to have had the chance to serve his country during a difficult time and live to tell others about it.



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Top: An F9F-5 Panther from U.S. Navy Squadron VF-781 lands aboard an aircraft carrier. Notice the tail hook gripping the wire, causing the airplane to come to a quick stop. The puffs of are coming from the aircraft brakes.

(Source: U.S. Navy)

Bottom: MiG-15s taxi out to their runway to start a mission. The large numbers on the nose are called "Bort Numbers." In the Russian language the word "Bort" means "Side of ship."

(Source: Unknown)



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