Gene A. Beasley

MSgt, US Air Force, 1955-1998

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Gene E. Beasley was born on 04/01/1938 in Birmingham, AL. He attended Inglenook Grammar School and Phillips High School in Birmingham. Before enlisting, he was employed by Nifty Paper Company and worked on a Printing Press. He was interested in the Civil Air Patrol.

I enlisted in the Alabama Air National Guard, Birmingham, Al. on 6 April 1955 at the age of 17. To be able to join my mother had to sign for my twin brother and myself since we were only 17 years old. We were in the 117TRW/106TRS Unit of the Photo Recon. While stationed in the Air National Guard of Birmingham Municipal Airport, I went from Airman 2nd Class to Technical Sargent by 1965. All my training in the Air National Guard was OJT Training. I worked full time for the Air National Guard in the Civilian status and was authorized to wear my military uniform. In 1961 my unit was activated for the Berlin Crisis and sent to Dreux, France and Chaumont, France.

In 1965 I transferred to the Air Force Reserve, 908 Tactical Air Group located in Brookley AFB, Al. We were flown to Brookley AFB for Reserve training each month on a C-119 (Boxcar) aircraft. While there I was immediately promoted to Master Sargent. During the period of 1969, the Reserve 908 Tactical Air Group moved from Brookley AFB, Al. to Maxwell AFB, Al. At Maxwell AFB I worked full time under the GS Technician status and authorized to wear the military uniform.

I was involved in many rotations from Maxwell AFB to Howard AFB, Panama Canal and at the start of Desert Shield the 908 group went for a month. During my tour at Maxwell AFB, AL. I was nominated Airman of the Year for the 106 Flying Squadron and nominated Airman of the Year for the 908TAW. My jobs in the 357TAS were NCOIC of Operations and later promoted to NCOIC of Command Post of the 908TAW. I retired the Military on 31 March 1998 and retired my Civilian GS position during Aug 1998 with 43 years' service.



All of my training was OJT Training – No formal Tech Schools. I was able to use my GI bill to obtain my Single Engine Commercial Pilots License. I am a Lifetime member of the VFW. After Military Retirement I was asked to come to Gunter AFB, Montgomery, and work in Security as a Civilian Contractor September 1998. I retired from the Gunter AFB as Civilian Contractor position in 2009. Even being a Reservist allowed me to travel worldwide seeing many exciting countries.

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