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Joel Summers

United States Air Force

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Viet Nam Veteran Joel Summers entered service at Webb Air Force Base, Big Springs, Texas in 1967. His duty stations included several in the United States and Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base in Thailand. As a pilot he flew rescue missions in several types of planes including the T37, T38 and C141 as well as the HH53 helicopter.

For his service Joel received two silver stars, five Air Medals and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was honorably discharged in San Francisco, California in 1972.

His unit's motto was 'So others may live'. Joel says that 'risking your life and the lives of your crew to save another is the most rewarding thing you can do in life".

Following his military service Joel used his flying skills to become an airline pilot. He is thankful for his military training which afforded him the skills to begin a 33 year career that he loved.

He and his wife Michelle have been married 30 years and have four children, one grandchild with another on the way. One of his sons is currently service in the U.S. Marine Corps.

