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Patriot of the Month

April 2021

**Ronald J. Wilkison**  
**United States Air Force**

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Ron entered the U.S. Air Force in October 1962 at the age of 18 and just as the Cuban Missile Crisis with the Russia started. He remembers feeling that he just joined the Service and now we might be going to war.

After Basic Training in San Antonio, Texas, Ron was assigned to Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth, Texas and worked as a Security Policeman. Carswell Air Force Base had the B52 Stratofortress, a long-range, heavy bomber as well as the Convair B58 Hustler which was the first operational bomber capable of Mach 2 flight.

A highlight at the base occurred on the night of November 22nd 1963—the night prior to the President Kennedy assassination. His unit was assigned special guard duty for when President Kennedy landed at our base before staying in Fort Worth that evening and attending a breakfast ceremony the next morning prior to flying to Dallas. His personal highlight was when Jackie Kennedy waved at him as he saluted the President's limousine as it drove past. Unfortunately, the President was assassinated in Dallas the next day.

Ron was transferred to Okinawa in April 1965 until his enlistment ended in October 1966. While stationed there, he was assigned to a special armed forces police unit made up of all four branches of the service. They all lived and worked together performing normal police work in town. Ron especially enjoyed this assignment in the Air Force and holds a lot of good memories from his time there.

Saint Charles Daughters are proud to honor and recognize Ronald J. Wilkison as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and invaluable service to our great nation.