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James G. Kirkpatrick, Jr.

United States Air Force

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James G. Kirkpatrick, Jr. was born in Cameron, Missouri in January of 1949. After graduating from Osborn High School in 1967 he joined the Air Force.

James was inducted into the Air Force in October 1967 in Kansas City, MO and had Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX. He took training in Digital Techniques, Management for Air Force Supervisors, Maintenance M-37 ASR Low Level Keying, NCO Leadership, and Cryptographic Maintenance. From March to June 1969 he installed communication equipment in Support of Appollo Project.



After James finished training, which took about a year after Basic Training, he went to install communication equipment at several air force bases in California. He was then assigned to Tainan Air Force Base, Taiwan and sent to air force bases around the world to work on teletype and crypto. Because of teletype training he worked on global weather teletype machines so that global weather was able to send information to air force bases around the world for aircraft pilots.

James received the National Defense Service Award, Air Force Longevity Service Award, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal and the Joint Service Commendation Medal. He was discharged at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, FL in June of 1980. During 1972 to 1974, he was assigned to NATO and from 1977 to 1979 was assigned to NATO under General Alexander Haig.

After being discharged, James trained to work for Sorbus. He worked on large computer systems for corporations. Some of the corporations had huge computer systems (larger than a lot of houses). It was a very rewarding type of work and he did that for several years. He is now retired.

Since retirement he has been doing some fun things, such as working as a Locomotive Engineer of a train taking visitors through the Omaha Zoo.

He is married with four children, thirteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. One son-in-law and two grandchildren are in the Army National Guard. He is an active member of the St. Pius X Church. Is a member of the American Legion and Disabled Veterans of America.