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MICHAEL J. BOBRINITZ
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT (E-8)
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Michael J. Bobrinitz, U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sergeant Retired, served honorably for more than 24 years. As a young grocery clerk from Latham, New York, he knew he would be drafted for Vietnam, but did not want to join the Army. Instead, he enlisted and chose a rewarding path. Early on, as a recruit in basic training, he and his buddy failed their barracks inspection on Easter Sunday. Their training instructor ordered them to move their steel-framed beds into the closet. For the remainder of the day, they stayed in the closet and had to sing "Here Comes Peter Cottontail" over and over again. He did not think it was funny at the time, but had many good laughs about it over the years.

His first assignment after basic training was Dover, Delaware, where he served as an Air Cargo Specialist. His primary specialties were BR000-Recruiter, 15 years; T99500-Technical TNG Instructor, Recruiter, 3 years; 60251-Freight; Package Specialist, 4 years; and 73250-Personnel Specialist, 2 years.

As time passed, he found himself in Vietnam, Granada, and Desert Shield/Storm. Mr. Bobrinitz's final duty station was attached to Scott Air Force Base, where he worked in St. Louis. He found that he and his wife, Grace, liked the people and the area. They decided to make St. Louis their home and eventually moved to Sainte Geneviève, where they have resided for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Bobrinitz have three grown children: Mark, Mike, and Nicola, all of whom have served in the military. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bobrinitz's fathers served in the military and were Purple Heart recipients.

Mr. Bobrinitz found the hardest part of training was adhering to orders and structure, but he enjoyed the vacation, housing, and medical benefits. He benefited from the Montgomery G.I. Bill and attended the Community College of the Air Force. During Mike's wartime engagements, he was able to stay in touch with Grace and his children. His family enjoyed reading his updates. Mr. Bobrinitz reflected on 24 years of service and time as a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer, where he received several military awards and recognition. He learned to be more tolerant of others but less tolerant of stupidity.

