

# USAF Radar Veterans

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*09/24/1928*



*08/04/1938*

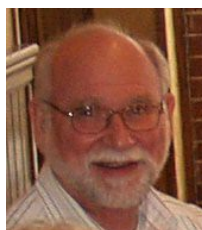
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*12/17/1940*



*06/03/1942*

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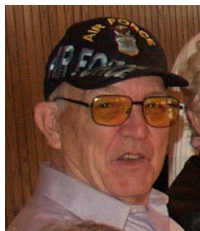
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*10/20/1942*



*11/18 /1936*

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06/12/1947



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07/19/1945



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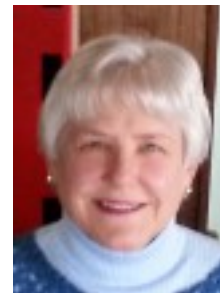
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09/13/1948

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02/10/1929



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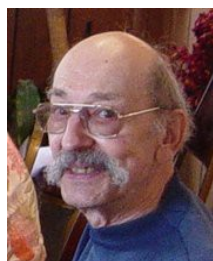


04/12/1941

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08/21/1939



07/21/1941

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*04/20/1942*

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*05/25/1942*

*03/30/1947*

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## **George Markert Air Force Biography US Army Air Corps/US Air Force 8/19/1946 - 5/26/1949**

- Enlisted at Lancaster, PA
- Train - Sworn in at Harrisburg, PA
- Train to San Antonio, TX - Troop car behind civilian cars
- Military Training Center in San Antonio (later to be called Lackland AAF)
- Basic training and testing, AGCT high enough to select radar school. (Newest and longest)
- Train to Boca Raton, FL Several days
- Casual duties (KP/Guard Duty) for several months
- Start fundamentals - well - got choice of sets - Selected ground radar - Longest school
- Finished sets - AN/CPS 5 – Graduated
- Went on 30 day delay en route to Port of Embarkation New Orleans, LA
- Transport to Panama via Puerto Rico
- Landed on Atlantic side – Train to Pacific side – Howard AAF
- Classification – Army saw I took radio in high school so made me radio operator mechanic
- Assigned to Headquarters Squadron 6<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing – F-80 Shooting Stars
- Flying status as radio operator. Flew in B-17, B-25 and C-47
- Many trips to Caribbean, Central America and the US
- Admin pilots needed to get flight time
- Berlin Air Lift Started. Only operational jet in USAF in Panama
- Loaded entire wing (75 planes) on CVE 118 USS Sicily escort carrier
- Through the Panama Canal to Atlantic side up to Glasgow, Scotland
- Assembled and checked planes and flew to Furstenfeldbruck, Germany
- Planes flew escort to C-47 & C-54's on Berlin Airlift
- Did not re-enlist. Wanted to go to college. Train to Bremerhaven for troop ship back to Camp Kilmer, NJ

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## **Ralph Bugg Air Force Biography**

**US Airforce**

**5/29/1961 – 5/28/1965**

- Enlisted at Fort Wayne in Detroit, MI
- Train to Lackland AFB in San Antonio, TX with a train change in St. Louis
- Six weeks of Basic
- Bus to Keesler AFB in Biloxi, MS
- While waiting for the next class to start, there was KP, grass cutting, completing the last two weeks of Basic training, etc
- Started 48 weeks of Radar Maintenance training
- Completed training and was assigned to 753<sup>rd</sup> Radar Squadron in Sault Ste Marie, MI
- At this time I had a car and drove to the Soo and dropped off two other classmates along the way.
- After arrival at the 753<sup>rd</sup>, I was assigned to the FPS-20
- In less than a month, I was reassigned to the new FPS-35 and remained there for the remainder of my enlistment
- I did not reenlist and left the USAF at the end of the four year tour.

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## **Edward A. Brill - Air Force Biography**

US Army Air Corps / US Air Force

8-26-1946 / 6-9-1949

- Enlisted at Lorain, OH on delayed enlistment (17 years of age w/ parent's consent)
- Sworn in at Cleveland Tank Plant for 3 years
- Train to Camp Atterbury, IN for processing
- Troop train to San Antonio, TX for 6 weeks basic training & testing
- Selected radar school with good AGCT score
- Troop train to Boca Raton, FL
- Requested GCA (ground control approach) - selected for ground radar
- 16 weeks radar fundamentals school
- 16 weeks ground radar set AN/CPS-5 school on flight line
- Graduated with MOS-953
- 2 weeks TDY - train to home in Brownhelm, OH
- Flew to San Francisco, CA - bus to Hamilton AFB
- Overseas processing - shots, etc. (saw my first jet fighter screaming down the runway at Hamilton)
- Troop ship from San Francisco to Naha, Okinawa to Tokyo - Yokohama, Japan (19 days) Pulled KP duty in officer's mess
- Army Air Corps became US Air Force - Sept. 1947 (while enroute)
- 6 X 6 truck - open air - through Japanese country side to Camp Zama for processing & assignment to Shiroy AFB just northeast of Tokyo - 611<sup>th</sup> AC & W Squadron headquarters and control center for mainland
- Assigned to Funagawa, Japan radar detachment - helped construct TPS-1B radar set on west coast
- Assigned to Haranomachi, Japan radar detachment - helped construct CPS-5 radar set on east coast just below Sendai. Remained here for the rest of my enlistment.
- Train to Shiroy AFB and truck to Camp Zama for processing
- Troop ship to San Francisco (10 days) - no duty

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- Did not re-enlist for DEW line in California - flew home to OH
- Graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1953 on GI Bill with BA in mathematics

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## **Robert Dale Goforth Air Force Biography**

US Air Force

April 1971-May 1974

- Delayed enlistment at Lorain, Ohio February 1971
- Plane (Cleveland) to San Antonio, Texas April 1971
- Basic training six weeks then bus to Keesler AFB Biloxi MS May 1971
- Scored high on entrance exam and placed in self paced AC&W Radar Repair school for 30 weeks
- Drove home from Keesler AFB (1,100 miles) January 1972
- Reported to Sault Ste. Marie (490 miles) 753 Radar Squad January 1972
- Assigned to FPS 26 Height Finder Radar
- Refused reenlistment bonus of \$13,000 1973
- USAF started closing radar sites in US 1974
- Signed up for early out and left Sault as ASA E4 Sergeant May 1974
- Back to work at U. S. Steel and started my VA approved 4-year apprentice program for Electronic Repair December 1974
- Hired away by Ford Motor May 1988 as electrician automation/robotics
- Retired when another round of early buy outs were offered in 2009