

Eagle Veteran 2021: Mike Williams

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Dr. Williams served in the U.S. Air Force from 1976 to 1982 and in the Florida Air National Guard from 1982 to 1983. He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-5) before being honorably discharged from active duty in 1982, and the Air National Guard in 1983. After Basic Training at Lackland AFB near San Antonio, Texas, he attended Technical School at Lowry AFB near Denver, Colorado. His duties included serving as an aircraft weapons systems specialist on the B-52G Stratofortress, the F-4D Phantom II, and the F-15A/B Eagle. Permanent bases of assignment included Fairchild AFB (SAC) near Spokane Washington; Kunsan AB (PACAF), South Korea; and Holloman AFB (TAC) near Alamogordo, New Mexico. Service in the Florida Air National Guard was on the F-106A/B Delta Dart in Jacksonville, FL. Temporary duty assignments while on active duty were to Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota; Clark AB in the Philippines; and Lahr CFB, West Germany.