

John W. Wood, Sr. Law Enforcement



John W. Wood, Sr. graduated from Collinwood High School in June of 1950. He enlisted in the United States Air Force on July 24, 1950. He graduated from the Air Police Academy in October 1950. Mr. Wood has served 20 years of active duty in the law enforcement and security police field while holding a variety of positions. Those positions included: Desk Sergeant, Investigations, Police Flight Commander, Non-Commissioned Officer-in-Charge, Base Police Operations, Police Training. NCO, NCO Leadership School-Tactical Instructor, NCOIC Chief Security Police Administration, Provost Sergeant Air Base Defense Team Leader and LBJ Presidential Security Team at Bergstrom AFB in Texas.

During his service time he was stationed at a variety of different bases in Texas, Florida, Washington, Korea, France, Germany, Thailand and Vietnam. He retired from the Air Force in August 1970.

While in the service he received many decorations and awards: USAF Commendation Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters, Korean Service Medal, Korean Campaign Medal with Three Campaign Stars, Republic of Korea War Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Citation Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with One Campaign Star, NCO Academy Medal, Outstanding Air Police Non-Commissioned Officer 1963, and Major Air Command Outstanding Security Police NCO for 1968.

Since his retirement from the service, his civilian employment includes Residential Supervisor for the Marbridge Foundation from 1970 to 1973, Texas Commission for Blind-Vocational Rehabilitation, Residential Supervisor, Training Instructor, and Operations Officer for the telecommunications and transportation needs statewide from 1973-1990.

His volunteer community and organizational activities include the Board of Directors for the Texas Association for Retarded Citizens and the Air Force Security Police Association. He has taught English to high school students in Takli, Thailand. Mr. Wood has assisted the staff of the Air Force Junior ROTA and has been a USTA Certified Tennis Official for junior, wheelchair, college and professional level players. He has also been on the Sun City Board Tennis Association and served as Director of Education and Training for Sun City Citizens on Patrol. He is an active church member and is a Life Member of the Collinwood High Alumni Association.

Mr. Wood attended Texas Lutheran College and St. Edwards University.

Mr. Wood and his wife of 47 years, the former Barbara Stewart, are the proud parents of three children and four grandchildren.