

In 1953 Bob Sisk was assigned to Headquarters 21st Fighter Bomber Group Chambley Air Base France.

During the deactivation process in 1957 and with the departure of the F86s, he was reassigned to the base news paper “The Sabre” as a clerk and sports writer. The highlight of his tour, besides serving with the 21st in France, was representing America, the U.S. Air Force and the Chambley Desert Rats in international basketball tournaments and exhibition games in Paris, Montbrsion, Lyon, France; Rome, Italy; Madrid and Barcelona, Spain and Luxembourg.

Sisk was one of the last members of the 21st to depart Chambley in March 1958.

During his tour in France, Bob reenlisted for 6 years. He reflected on the fact that a career in the Air Force was better than growing water melons and walking around cow patties in Texas.

Sisk was reassigned to Malstrom AFB, Montana where he was Chief Clerk in the Transportation Squadron. Four months later he was assigned to Wing Headquarters, with duties in the Wing Operations Division, Reports and Analysis. The NCOIC of Operations was M/Sgt Rustad, the NCO Club Custodian at Chambley.

Two years later, it was on to Bermuda with the 303rd Air Refueling Squadron (26 KC-97s and a complement of 800 personnel). During this time, Bob served as NCOIC of Operations.

After three years in Bermuda, T/Sgt Sisk rotated back to the states and was assigned to the NCO Prep School as an administrative supervisor at Little Rock AFB, Arkansas in 1963. Three months after his arrival at Little Rock, Sisk cross-trained into the Command and Control (CP) career field with duties as a missile controller in the Titan II command center. When he arrived for training there was only one missile on combat alert.

Subsequent assignments took him to HQ 2nd AF, Barksdale, 616th Military Airlift Command Post, Saigon and then back to HQ 2nd AF BAFB, La.

A year later, Sisk was assigned to the Air Force Emergence Operations Center (AFEOC), at the Alternation National Underground Command Center (ANMCC), Ft Ritchie, Maryland, near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Fifteen months later he attended the Air Force aircrew Survival course at Fairchild AFB, WA and jungle survival training at Clark field in the P.I.

On completion of aircrew survival training he was assigned to the 7th Airborne Command and Control Center, Udorn AB, Thailand as an airborne controller and later as Superintendent of Operations, 7th ABCCC.

Sisk completed 93 combat missions with 1,236 combat hours over Laos with the airborne control center coordinating air strikes with FAC's and providing a communications link for air rescue. The control centers were Hillsboro, Moonbean, Cricket and Alleycat.

A consecutive overseas tour follow with a NATO assigned to Italy with the Italian 6th Storm Wing, Ghedi AB, Italy as NCOIC of Emergency Action. (The Italians had two aircraft on nuclear alert).

In 1972, SMSGT Sisk return to the states and was reassigned to Carswell AFB, Texas.

He retired in 1974 as Superintendent, 7th Bomb Wing, Command and Control Division (SAC).

During his 21 years of service, he attended all Air Force professional academies; the NCO Prep-School, Malstrom AFB, the NCO Academy, BAFB and the Senior (E-8/9) Academy, Gunter AFB, Ala.

Sisk carried a Top Secret/STOP/ESI with Crypto Access clearance and maintained the Commander Eye's only correspondence.

AWARDS include Two Air Medals, Five Air Force Commendations, Presidential Unit Citation and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award among others. Overseas tours include France, Bermuda, Viet Nam, Thailand, Italy and Texas.

CIVILIAN CAREER - 21 YEARS:

Bob began his civilian career as a Life Insurance Agent for Mutual/United of Omaha after his retirement. In 1977, Sisk transferred with United of Omaha to Avanio, Italy and then to Hellenikon AB, Greece. He was a million dollar agent in Greece for 15 years. When the base closed in Greece (1990), he transferred to Incirlik AB, Turkey. He was there during the Gulf war.

After five years in Turkey he returned to his native home town, Emory, Texas to retire.

It should also be noted, that Bob served as the Hellenikon AFB Housing Referral Officer in Athens, Greece from 1980 to 1981. His was responsible for contract housing and resolving Greek landlord and American tenant disputes for 1,200 civilian and military families.

Retirement didn't last long. Bob ran for Judge (Rains County) in 1998; was elected, an took office 4 January 1999 - serving till December 2002.

Once again, the judge ran for office in 2006 and was elected County Commissioner, Pct #2. He took office on 1 January 2007, a position he currently holds.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Over the years, Sisk served on several community projects. While in Greece he served as President and Vice President of the Retiree's Association, 1987-89, President of the Military Varsity Booster Club, coached the AF base basketball team at Hellenikon AB for three years and initiated the on-going Annual Veterans Day Program in 1984. He also, served as President of the Greek/American Golf Association, Athens, Greece. While in Turkey, he again initiated an international Veterans Day Program (Turkey, British, French and US). He also served as the unofficial international honor guard co-ordinator. On his return to Emory, Texas, after 21 years overseas, he initiated in coordination with the Superintendent of schools the annual RISD high school Veteran's Day Program which he co-chairs.. Sisk is also a member of numerous civic organizations and he is a member of the Lake Fork Baptist Church.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

As a member of the American Legion, Paris, France, Post #1, Bob was asked to lead the International Honor Guard during day-long Memorial Day ceremonies in 2001. He had the privilege of representing the American contingent and laying flowers at the tomb of the "Unknown Soldier", Paris, France.



JUDGE BOB SISK led an international honor guard during Memorial Day remembrance ceremonies in Paris, France, on Sunday, May 27, 2001. Ceremonies included representatives of the American Embassy, British organizations and officials of the French government, as well as members of the American Legion. Wreaths were laid at the Arc de Triomphe, tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the American Mausoleum, the American and Lafayette cemeteries with Sunday services at the American Cathedral. American Legion Commander Johnson laid a wreath at the "Arc." Judge Sisk also laid a wreath at the "Arc" as a member and representing the American Legion, Post #1, Paris, France. Commander Johnson then rekindled the eternal flame. Another highlight of the day was a motorcycle police bus escort through Paris. Napoleon or de Gaulle could not have reached their destination in a more timely manner. Sisk's trip also included a reunion with members of the 21st Fighter Bomber Wing who were stationed at Chambley AB, France, from 1954 to 1958. Warm receptions with radio, newspaper and TV coverage were held in Jarney and Metz, France. The tour also included a visit to a French Air Force Base in Nancy. Sisk completed his holiday by visiting friends at Ramstein AB, Germany, and Lucern, Switzerland.