

## **Roy C. Leggitt, OCS Class 59-C.**

Assigned to Second Squadron both second and first class. Roy was born April 6, 1933 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. His family came to California in 1937. His father worked in the construction trade and frequently moved. Roy attended 17 grammar schools and five high schools. He graduated from Modesto High School in 1951. He worked as a shoe salesman, operating engineer, and carpenter until joining the Air Force in November 1952.

Roy did his basic training at Parks AFB in California and trained at Keesler AFB as a ground radio operator. After graduation in August 1953 he was assigned to Korea. However by the time he processed for overseas shipment and the two-week voyage on a troop ship, hostilities ceased and he wound up on Iwo Jima. In 1954 he was at Waverly AFS in Iowa and in 1955 at Moriarty AFS, New Mexico. Hoping to get his seven-level he volunteered for assignment to Lajes Field in the Azores in 1957. However, because of the excess number of former WWII pilots and navigators who had reverted to enlisted radio operators there were three techs and masters for each seven-level position at Lajes. As a staff sergeant Roy could not train for his seven-level specialty code to qualify for E-6. He chose the OCS route while at Lajes.

After being commissioned second lieutenant at the completion of OCS, Roy continued in the communications field by training as a communications officer at Keesler. His first line assignment was as OIC, Telephone Maintenance Outside Wire Plant at Eglin AFB, FL in 1960. A year later he drew another remote assignment, this time at Shemya AB as commander of the Alaskan Air Command Communications Detachment there. In 1962 he volunteered for mainland Alaska. His first assignment was Chief, Wire Branch, Directorate of Logistics. In 1963 he had a very interesting assignment as Deputy Director of the White Alice Communications System in downtown Anchorage. Roy received his commission in the Regular Air Force at this time.

Beginning right after OCS Roy attended college at night. The year prior to leaving Alaska he had enough credits to complete his last two semesters at the Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage under Operation Bootstrap. In June 1965 Roy received his BA in Natural Science magna cum laude.

He then returned to Keesler to attend the Communications-Electronics Staff Officers' Course. In 1966 he was the Chief of the Communications Division at the 30th Air Defense Division, Sioux City AB, Iowa.

In 1967 it was back to school again. This time to the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta under the AFIT program. In June 1969 Roy graduated with his MS in Information Science.

He then spent four years with the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe at Casteau, Belgium in various positions as a communications-electronics staff officer. In 1973 he returned to CONUS as Chief, Base Switching Programs Division at the USAF Communications Computer Programming Center near Tinker AFB, OK. Roy retired as a major on August 31, 1974.

Roy took advantage of his computer programming experience working first at NCR Corporation in San Diego as a software quality analyst. In late 1976 he tried his hand at real estate sales. However, in 1978 he returned to NCR as a consulting analyst. In 1984 he changed from the commercial to the defense industry. He worked with Cubic Defense Systems in San Diego as a software quality engineering technical specialist until he retired in October 1992.

Roy has three grown boys, seven grandchildren, and one great grandchild. His first wife, Elaine, died in 1984. He married Darlene in 1987. After she retired in 1996 they sold their house in San

Diego and are now full-time RVers. They rarely spend more than two weeks at any one location. They have visited all 48 contiguous states and Mexico. See *Roy's and Darlene's Great Adventure* at our web site:  
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