



SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT (RET) LEON L. MARTIN III

Senior Master Sergeant (Ret) Leon (Lee) L. Martin III, at retirement was the Superintendent of Mission Management for the 6920 Electronic Security Squadron at Misawa Air Base, Japan. He is currently the Webmaster and Newsletter Publisher, Retiree Activities Office, 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa Air Base, Japan. He is responsible for creating, maintaining and publishing the organization's internet web pages and the quarterly newsletter as well as providing assistance and information to approximately four hundred and fifty retirees, dependents and survivors of military retirees in northern Japan (to include the prefectures of Fukushima, Yamagata, Miyagi, Iwate, Akita, Aomori and the northern island of Hokkaido). He assists in casualty affairs, social security issues, tax preparation, ensuring survivors of military personnel from all branches of service receive the benefits they are entitled to. He is a life member of the Air Force Association and the Air Force Sergeants Association as well as a member of the Misawa Military Retirees Association.

SMSgt Martin was born on 12 November 1949 in Passaic, New Jersey and grew up in neighboring Clifton. He graduated from Pope Pius XII High School in Passaic in June 1967 and entered the Air Force in July 1968.

Upon completion of basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, he went to Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, for training as a Morse Intercept Operator. His next assignment was to the 6931st Security Squadron on Iraklion Air Station, Crete, Greece, in March 1969. Upon completion of this 18-month tour, he was reassigned to the 6921st Security Group at Misawa Air Base, Japan. After three years at Misawa, he PCS'd to the 6922 Security Squadron at Clark Air Base, Republic of the Philippines where he spent 2 years. In September of 1975, he was reassigned to the 6848th Security Squadron (Mobile), Kelly AFB, Texas with operations located at Medina Training Annex in San Antonio Texas. After two and a half years, following survival schools required for flying status personnel, he moved to the 6990th Electronic Security Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan as an Airborne Morse Systems Supervisor. He spent four years on flying status and in September of 1982 he returned to Misawa Air Base with the 6920th Electronic Security Group. In the early 1980s the Command was renamed from USAF Security Service to Electronic Security Command, hence the new unit designation. SMSgt Martin retired from active duty in July of 1992 and remained in place at Misawa.



After retirement from the Air Force, SMSgt Martin served as a computer technician with the 432nd Services Squadron; Computer Technician with the newly contracted Aerial Port, computer technician with the DRMO office at Misawa and finally as the Information Assurance Officer with 35th Civil Engineer Squadron. He retired in August, 20013.

SMSgt Martin resides in Oirase Chou, Aomori Prefecture, Japan with his spouse Miki and step-son, Yuuki of Towada City, Japan.

EDUCATION

- 1969 - Air Force Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory Course
- 1979 - USAF Security Service NCO Leadership School, Goodfellow AFB, Tx.
- 1983 - USAF Security Service Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Goodfellow AFB, Tx.
- 1985 - USAF Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy (correspondence)
- 1985 - Associate's degree, Communications Technology, Community College of the Air Force





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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

1988 - 1-year Certificate in Japanese Studies, University of Maryland, Far East Division
1991 - Bachelor of Arts, Management Studies, University of Maryland, Far East Division.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 1969 – September 1970, Morse Intercept Operator, 6931st Security Squadron, Iraklion Air Station, Crete, Greece.
2. September 1970 – September 1973, Morse Intercept Operator High Frequency Direction Finding Operator, 6921st Security Group, Misawa Air Base, Japan.
3. September 1973 – September 1975, Morse Systems Operator/High Frequency Direction Finding Operator, 6922nd Security Squadron, Clark Air Base, Republic of the Philippines.
4. September 1975 – June 1978, Morse Systems Supervisor, 6948th Security Squadron (Mobile), Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.
5. September 1978 – September 1982, Airborne Morse Systems Supervisor, 6990th Electronic Security Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan.
6. September 1982 – July 1992 – Various titles, culminating as Mission Management Superintendent / Far East High Frequency Direction Finding Network Superintendent, 6920th Electronic Security Group, Misawa Air Base, Japan.
7. 1 July 1992, retired from Active Duty remaining in place at Misawa, Japan.
8. July 1992 – November 1994, Computer Technician, 432nd Services Squadron, Misawa Air Base, Japan
9. November 1994 – June 1996, Computer Technician, AMC Contracted Aerial Port Operation, Misawa Air Base, Japan.
10. June 1996 – June 1999, Computer Technician, Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, Misawa Air Base, Japan.
11. June 1999 – August 2013, Information Assurance Officer / Webmaster, 35th Civil Engineer Squadron, Misawa Air Base, Japan
12. August 2013 – Retired.
13. September 2014 – present, Volunteer Webmaster / Newsletter Publisher, Retiree Activities Office, 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa Air Base, Japan

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster
Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
Air Force Combat Readiness Medal
Good Conduct Medal with 6 oak leaf clusters
Professional Military Education Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster
National Defense Ribbon with 1 bronze star
Overseas Service Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters
Small Arms Marksmanship Medal with 1 bronze star

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1983 Distinguished Graduate, United States Air Force Security Service NCO Academy
1985 6920 Electronic Security Group (ESG) Senior NCO (SNCO) of the Quarter and Electronic Security Pacific SNCO of the Quarter
1986 6920 ESG SNCO of the Quarter
1987 6920 ESG, Misawa Air Base, and Electronic Security Pacific SNCO of the Quarter
1987 6920ESG SNCO of the Year

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND Associations

Life Member, Air Force Association
Life Member, Freedom Through Vigilance Association (ESC Alumnae Assn)





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FLIGHT INFORMATION [FLIGHT RATED ONLY]

Enlisted Aircrew Member

Flight hours: 1700

Aircraft flown: RC-135

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS [OPTIONAL FOR ALL]

Permanent member, Air Force Association

Life Member, Freedom Through Vigilance Association, (Electronic Security Command Alumnae Assn)

(Current at of August 2024)

