

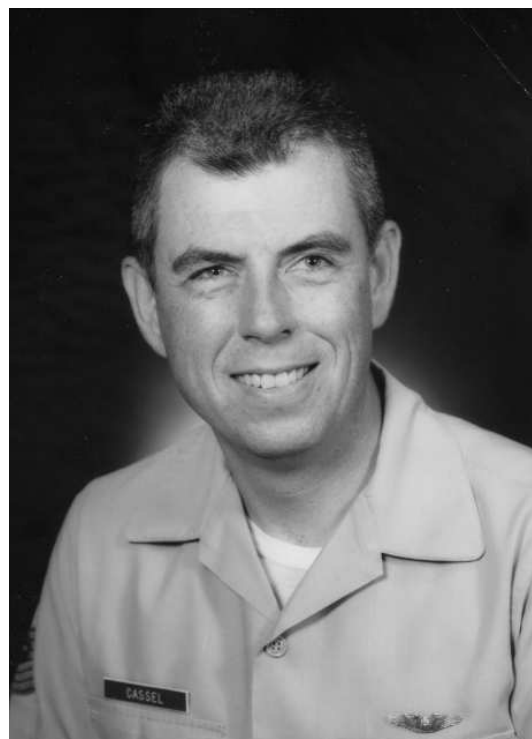
# Galaxy of Stars Honor Roll

**ID**   **Name (Maiden Name),**   **Rank, Service**

**Service Dates**

<sup>93</sup> **Wallace F. Cassel, SMSgt, USAF**

**11/15/1954 to 6/1/1975**



**Assignment Dates**   **AFSC   Job Title**  
**Unit, Assignment Location**

7/3/1959 to 6/2/1964   A30152/72   AEW&C Inflight Radar Technician  
552nd Electronic Maintenance Sq., McClellan AFB, CA

**Comments:** Assigned with the rank of Airman First Class. Achieved rank of TSgt during this assignment. Performed airborne and flight line maintenance of AEW&C radar systems. Achieved inflight skill rating of Expert. Assigned duties as Instructor Technician. Performed additional duties as shift Training NCO.

Flew missions from McCoy AFB, FL during Operation Gold Digger during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

6/16/1965 to 8/8/1965   A30172, X30172   Radar Shop Shift NCOIC, AEW&C Inflight Radar Technician  
551st Electronic Maintenance Sq., Otis AFB, MA

**Comments:** Assigned duties as swing shift NCOIC on arrival. Selected to transfer to the Chief of Maintenance section to fill a position in a special electronics liaison office called Staff Electronics.

8/8/1965 to 10/11/1968   X30172, 30190   NCOIC Staff Electronics  
551st AEW&C Wing, Otis AFB, MA

**Comments:** Staff Electronics served the wing as liaison between electronic maintenance functions of the wing and various equipment manufacturers and higher level maintenance organizations.

Promoted to Msgt during this period.

While working in this office, participated in conferences with airframe contractors formulating plans for development of AWACS aircraft. Participated in planning conferences for the development of electronic systems to be installed in EC-121R aircraft. Staff Electronics office was relieved of duties related to electronics systems on the EC-121H aircraft and took over liaison duties related to the electronics systems installed on the EC-121R aircraft as those aircraft were prepared to deploy to Thailand in support of operations in Viet Nam.

After the 553rd Recon Wing had been assigned to Thailand for 1 year, volunteered to serve in that organization.

11/15/1968 to 11/29/1969   30195   NCOIC Nav. Aids Shop  
553 Electronic Maintenance Sq., Korat RTAFB, Thailand

**Comments:** Served as NCOIC of the Navigational Aids Shop. Received AF Commendation Medal for performance of duty.

1/6/1970 to 7/30/1971   30172, 30194   Shift Chief, Radar Branch; Radar Maintenance Supt.; Asst. Avionics Branch & Radar Section Chief (TDY, Japan and Korea)  
552 Electronic Maintenance Sq., McClellan AFB, CA

**Comments:** Supervised 70-80 AEW Radar technicians performing inflight and ground maintenance on EC-121D/Q/T aircraft.

Supervised three radar maintenance shift chiefs. During TDY to Japan/Korea served as a member of advanced party to establish avionics maintenance shops when the detachment moved from Japan to Korea.

9/10/1971 to 6/1/1975   A30172   Active duty Radar Advisor to 79th AEW&C Sq (AFRES)  
Detachment OALD, 552 AEW&C Wing, Homestead AFB, FL

**Comments:** Provided technical advice and instruction in all phases of the establishment of the 79th Radar shop and flightline maintenance of radar systems installed in unit aircraft.

Served as an instructor inflight radar technician and radar standardization and evaluation examiner.

Provided classroom instruction to incoming reservists in the theory of operation of all installed radar equipment in lieu of training normally conducted at Keesler AFB, MS.

Participated in active air defense missions.

Promoted to rank of SMSgt. Retired from active duty from this assignment on 06/01/1975.