

Galaxy of Stars Honor Roll

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

Service Dates

¹⁰⁸ **Howard Williams, Sgt, USAF**

10/12/1972 to 06/30/1976



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

3/1/1973 to 10/1/1974 43251 Aircraft Reciprocating Engine Mechanic
552nd AEW&C Wing, McClellan AFB, CA

Comments: Stationed a total of 5 months TDY to Korat RTAFB Thailand (college eye). Worked primarily on the flightline & some time in ISO docks. Volunteered to go to Midway, Guam, Hawaii to help repair "connies" returning to McClellan AFB for deactivation. It was hard work but the "connie" was a fine aircraft. I was proud to have been a "grease monkey" as us eng. Mechanics were called - and Thailand was an eye opening experience!

10/2/1974 to 10/11/1975 43251 Recip. Eng. Mechanic
4600 FMS, Peterson Field, CO

Comments: Main duty was engine mechanic. I also transported mechanics and other airmen to & from many different aircraft. I remember walking to the flightline from barracks backwards due to blowing wind & snow, cold! I regret not visiting Cheyenne Mountain Air Defence Complex, I had many chances.

1/5/1976 to 6/30/1976 55151 Construction Equipment Operator
46 CES, 46th. Aerospace Defense Wing, Peterson Field, CO

Comments: From Oct to Dec 1975 went TDY to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri (US ARMY POST) to crosstrain. I regret not crosstraining to Jet eng. Mech - they are actually easier to repair than recip. Engines. Most of my time I operated snow plows on runway and base streets, operated street sweeper & other simple equip. I decided to take early out program offered. This was my biggest regret! My proudest memory in my short stint is a member of the color guard and welcoming group of service personnel for returning POWS from Vietnam in Feb 1973, while attending tech. school at Sheppard AFB. I did meet briefly with General Daniel (Chappie) James. I was helping dig a trench in the yard of his base housing. General James was an original Tuskegee Airman - as was my own dad!