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

98 **John M. Larson, SMSgt, USAR/USAF/ANG/USAFR** **11/7/1955** to **2/6/1991**

In 1975 President Ford arrived at the Portland ANG Base. This picture is taken as he shakes hands with my son and then my daughters. I am the proud parent in uniform on the right side of the photo.

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

2/12/1958 to 4/11/1958 27330 Radar Operations School
, Keesler AFB, MS

Comments: Prior to this assignment:
7 Nov 1955 - 23 Dec 1957, U.S. Army Reserves, Field Wire Maint. (MOS 310.00). Assigned to Service Battery,386th Fld Arty Btln, (104th Div., 6th Army), GWAFB, Spokane, WA. Highest pay grade held -- PFC (E-3).
Released from USAR; enlisted in USAF.
24 Dec 1957 - 30 Jan 1958, Lackland AFB, TX, in-processing and training assignment determination. Rank A3C.

4/30/1958 to 1/7/1959 27330A/50A Radar Operator
658th AC&W Squadron, Winnimucca AFS, NV

Comments: Worked all floor positions in operations. Assigned temporary duty in the Comm Center as switchboard operator.

1/10/1959 to 4/20/1961 27350 Radar Operator
827th Radar Squadron, Keno AFS, OR

Comments: Operations duty crew assignments: Scope operator, plotter, recorder, forward teller, and Movements and Identification tech. Assigned six months as Ops Clerk. Assigned for five months as a MCC Controller. Rank: A2C.

4/22/1961 to 7/6/1962 A27350A/29150 Airborne Radar Opr/Airborne Teletype
965th AEW&C Sq, McClellan AFB, CA

Comments: Airborne Radar/Dualex Operator on RC-121.Operated radar indicators, airborne Dualex/tape-writer equipment and both HF and UHF radios. Received Pro-pay P-1.

7/29/1962 to 7/27/1963 27350 Radar Operations
641st AC&W Sq, Melville AFS, Labrador Canada

Comments: Position responsibility and duty assignment was as Systems Training Problem/System Training Mission Clerk. Worked as a Training Operation Report team member in the evaluation of exercise/missions, and assisted in programming exercises/missions for the Goose Air Defense Sector. Maintained EWO Plan and routes for the sector and making revisions and updates when required. Rank: promoted to A1C.

8/19/1963 to 9/1/1963 27350 Radar Operations
635th Radar Squadron, Ft. Lawton, WA

Comments: Reassigned upon reporting in as the Radar Squadron is being deactivated.

9/3/1963 to 7/21/1965 27350 Radar Operations
757th Radar Squadron, Blaine AFS, WA

Comments: Assistant Crew Chief, Bravo Crew; later assumed duties of Crew Chief. Supervised two to three people in the operation and calibration of PPI's and HRI's and related equip.

7/23/1965 to 12/8/1969 27430/70 Combat Alert Center Controller
Det. 1 318th FIS, Walla Walla Arpt, WA

Comments: Assigned to Det 1, 337th Ftr Gp, (later known as Det 2, 325th Ftr Wing, and lastly designated as Det. 1 318th FIS). Asst. NCOIC Combat Alert Center/Duty Controller, 2 years as section training NCO. Additional duties: maintain files for the section, operate the CRYPTO/TTY facility. Coordinated Base Operations information, and operated the base telephone switchboard. Rank: promoted to SSgt (E-5).
Released from Active Duty Air Force and enlisted in the Oregon Air National Guard.

12/9/1969 to 3/8/1972 27470 Combat Alert Center Controller
123rd FIS (ANG), Portland International Airport, OR

Comments: Additional Assignments:
8 Mar 1972 - 15 Sep 1979, 153 TACCSq (ANG). AFSC: 27692/27470. NCOIC Current Plans Division. Promoted to TSgt in May 1972, MSgt in July 1974, and SMSgt in Aug 1978.
15 Sep 1979 - 21 Apr 1980, 142 Combat Support Squadron. AFSC: 75172. OJT/CDC Manager.
21 Apr 1980 - 5 Aug 1985, 116th TCSq. AFSC: 75199. Unit Training Tech.
5 Aug 1985 - 5 Feb 1991, 939th Combat Support Squadron, 939th ARRGp, Portland Air National Guard Base, OR. AFSC: 75199. Accepted a reduction in Rank from SMSgt (E-8) to MSgt (E-7) for this assignment. Training Technician and later as the Wing Training Manager. Responsible for all formal Air Force schools and retraining. Returned to grade SMSgt (E-8)), 1 Nov 1987.
6 Feb 1991 - 20 Jan 1998, Retired Reserve, in grade and status. Placed on US Air Force Retired List in the grade of SMSgt with 35 years, 1 month, and 12 days of participating service time (active duty and Guard/Reserve time).