



**A3C Frank Meier III,  
Supply Clerk, Mess Hall  
7367 Combat Support Gp.  
Chambley AB, France**

Frank attended Ferris State University for a couple years after high school graduation in 1961. Frank's educational life at FSU was mixed between little studying and mostly playing, which fortunate for Frank drove him to enlist in the United States Air force. If Frank had to do it over again, he might have reversed these experiences!

After the Air Force and during his first few employment opportunities Frank took advantage of the GI Bill and returned to FSU again in 1971, finishing up at Walsh College in Troy, Michigan shortly thereafter.

After joining the US Air Force in the early 60's for some much needed discipline, Frank was assigned a station in Chambley, France. At that time the base was on a Dispersed Operating Basis (no permanent U.S. planes) where he worked a straight 40 hours/week as supply clerk for the joint AF/Army mess hall under CMSGT Hanson.



Frank then requested and received permission to purchase a new 1965 Volkswagen in Verdun, where its use was frequent.

Frank didn't go into much detail as to why he was still an A3C at discharge, but he did not have any Article 15's or Court Martial and never dishonored the USAF, and above all received high reviews for his work performance. Frank did however enjoy his off duty time in Metz and Luxembourg, and perhaps that may have affected promotions!

Frank then had a brief stint in the Quartermaster Corp as laundry clerk which also provided him the opportunity to travel weekly to the Toul-Rosières Air Base. The experience at Chambley Air Base gave Frank many wonderful opportunities to meet many good people both on and off base (the off base people are another story), and he wouldn't trade this military experience for anything else.

After receiving his honorable discharge from the United States Air Force Frank found employment at the Stroh Brewery as bottle shop quality manager. He then was employed by Chrysler Motors as a warranty analyst, finally settling in at the family business as Vice President and General Manager where he retired.

During that period married a great women in 1969 and values to this day every moment he has together with his wife Ann. Frank and Ann have no children. Annie and Frank have lived in various communities in Michigan, and presently reside in Lexington, Michigan on a piece of lakefront property they purchased on Lake Huron. They built their present residence there in August 2002 and since retiring in 2005 they continue to enjoy their home on the lake and traveling in their Class A motor home.

Ann and Frank enjoy home theater and traveling, along with golf and anything else outdoors. All in all, his life has been pretty interesting since High School, military service and the college years, and while he has been able to stay in contact with some, regrets not seeing those that he's missed but enjoys opportunities like this to relive fond memories.

