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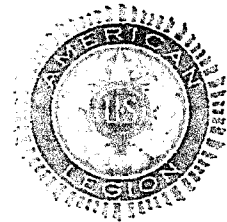
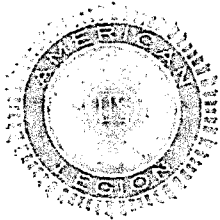
Date Submitted: ___ / ___ /20___ By: Eugene G. Freda Ser.Br: USAF

Biography: Eugene Guerino Freda PE
Major USAF Ret.

I was born to the late Guerino and Filomena Freda on March 26th, 1928 at 34 Wilson Street Princeton, New Jersey. Wilton St. is where I lived and grew up, for the next 20 years, in a section of Princeton which was called "Jugtown with my two sisters Gloria Ann and Kathryn Judith who are also deceased.

I attended the Princeton Public Elementary and Junior High Schools and my freshman year at Princeton High School. I then attended the Hun School of Princeton. I was active in three years of football and three years of crew at which I was stroke and in my third year I was also Captain. I graduated in June of 1948.

I entered the University of Miami, Florida and pursued the course of mechanical engineering. During those four years, of college life, I was active in the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and held the office of Secretary and Vice President and several other subordinate offices. I received my military draft notice in December 1951 and I also received a deferment until I graduated in June 1952.



Personal Military Service
History Continued

As a young kid I was always interested in airplanes and made many rubber powered model airplanes. After graduation in June of 1952, rather than be drafted into the U.S. Army, I chose to enlist United States Air Force. I took basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas and was selected to be the "Flight Leader" of our Flight #840. Our squadron 1st Sgt. submitted my name as a candidate for Officers School and I had to get three letters of recommendation to complete that application.

After basic training, I was promoted from Airman Basic to one stripe Airman 3rd Class assigned to receive training in jet aircraft maintenance at Amarillo AFB at Amarillo, Texas and while there I did receive notice that I had been accepted to attend Officers School. I graduated as honor student, Jet General Maintenance, and also received a letter of commendation from the base commander. In addition I was promoted to a two stripe Airman 2nd Class with a pay of \$69/mo. After graduation, I was assigned to the 27th SFW's 524th SFS at Bergstrom AFB in Austin Texas as a crew chief of an F- 84 fighter bomber aircraft in 1953. While stationed with the 27th FEW wing, my application to Officer's School became part of new plan and I received a Direct Commission as 2nd Lt. and then sent to "Officers Basic Military Course" [OBMC] school at LackLand Air Force Base in San Antonio TX. I was assigned to my class Flight #11 and again chosen as the Flight Leader. After graduation from officers school, I continued with five months of training in the field of electronics at Kessler AFB, Miss. to be followed by an additional six months of training which was then called "Atomic Energy Course {Special Weapons" -- now referred to as Nuclear Weapons} -- at Sandia Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico.



Personal Military Service
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At the accomplishment of my nuclear training in September 1954, I was assigned to the newly formed 388th FBW, stationed at Clovis AFB Clovis, NM, as the Wing's Class 39-D Officer in charge of all atomic items and weapons for which the Wing was assigned to carry out its "Special Readiness Mission" in preparation to be deployed, aboard the Gen Leroy Eltinge { a military transport ship} in November 1954, to Etain AB, France. This special mission assignment was to serve with the Western European NATO Forces from 1954 to 1956. I was in command of weapons storage and maintenance detachment which was first located at Hahn AB then later at Spangdahlem AB, Germany both of which were in the zone of US Military Occupation. At the end of my 4 year active duty of duty to occur in May 1956, I returned home and joined the Active Air Force Reserve and retired in 1975 with the rank of Major with 23 years and 6 months of service.

Ellie and I were married on December 3rd, 1960 and our family commenced with the birth of our son Russell Eugene. Russ married in 1986 and we now have a daughter-in-law Mary Jo and our grandsons Anthony, Nicholas, Zachary and Jeremy Freda.

During my civilian professional engineering career years, I was employed by Carrier Air-Conditioning Company as the Mid- Eastern Regional Service Engineer covering the States of the lower half of NJ – DE – PA – MD – VA & WV – DC and later as District Service Manager. In 1969 I left CAC to become the president of Eastern Air Balance Corporation. I received my professional engineer's license in 1969 registered in the New Jersey Pennsylvania and Delaware. In 1977, with the excellent business knowledge and encouragement of my wife Allie, the Eugene G. Freda Company was formed offering Professional Field Engineering Services. Ellie served as VP; Sec: Tres & Business Manager and did the company promotion and all field HVAC problem solving. In December of 1992, we decided to close the company and enter the active years of retirement.

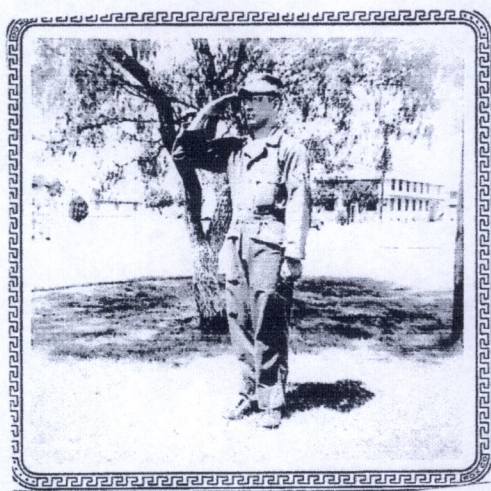
Ellie died on the 1st of November, 1998.



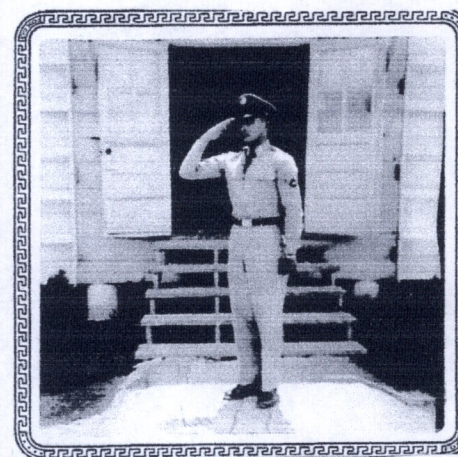
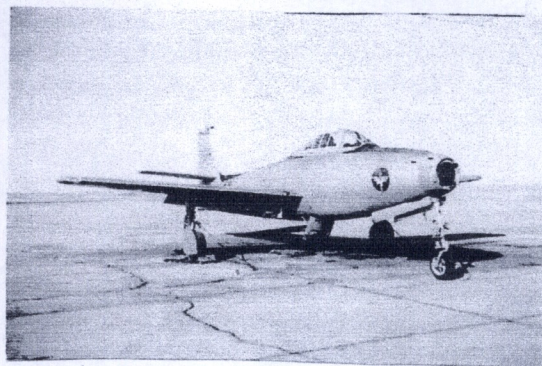
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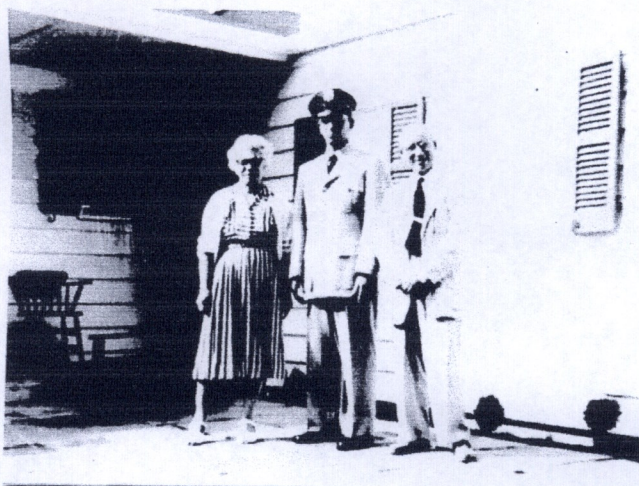
Basic Training
Lackland AFB, Tx
Jun 1952



I was a crewchief on
an F-84 aircraft.



Officer School Graduation
Sept 1953



At home on Leave prior to shipping
out To France Nov\ 1954



Major Ret. July 1957

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