



## Robert L. Sherwood

October 5, 1942 - May 5, 2025

Chief Master Sergeant, USAF (Ret) Robert Lee Sherwood

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He is predeceased by his daughter Leah Renee Sherwood (San Angelo, TX). Survived by his wife of 53 years Martha Ann Sherwood (Terre Haute, IN) and is daughter Laura Jo Shew Sherwood (Terre Haute, IN), Jean Chi Kroeker (? , Korea), and Lisa Marie Smith (Terre Haute, IN).

Chief Master Sergeant Robert L. Sherwood was the MAJCOM Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Commander of Electronic Security Command, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, at the time of his retirement from the United States Air Force effective 1 October 1989.

A native of Terre Haute, Indiana, is an alumnus of Glenn (IN) High School, Indiana University at Bloomington and the University of Maryland at College Park. He also earned a degree from the Community College of the Air Force and is an in-resident graduate of the USAF Security Service NCO Academy at Goodfellow AFB, Texas, and the USAF Senior NCO Academy at Gunter AS, Alabama.

Chief Sherwood entered the Air Force in February 1962 and spent the majority of his career as an operator in intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. His overseas assignments included Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; Shemya AFS in the Aleutian Islands; Peshawar, Pakistan; DaNang AB, Republic of Vietnam; RAF Chicksands, United Kingdom; Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand; and Hahn AB, Germany. His ConUS assignments included

Bunker Hill AFB, Indiana; Goodfellow AFB, Texas; Fort George G. Meade, Maryland; and, Kelly AFB, Texas.

A Vietnam War veteran, Chief Sherwood is credited is 512 combat missions and over 2,500 combat hours aboard EC-47 aircraft in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. Further, he performed intelligence and reconnaissance aircrew duties aboard RC-135 and electronic warfare equipped C-130 aircraft in the Pacific and European Theaters of Operations. In addition to MAJCOM Senior Enlisted Advisor duties at the Electronic Security Service NCO Academy, Goodfellow AFB, Texas, and senior enlisted advisor for the Air Force component of the National Security Agency at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit; three Distinguished Flying Crosses; four Meritorious Service Medals; 15 Air Medals; two Air Force Commendation Medals; seven Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards and Valor device; the Combat Readiness Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with eleven campaign stars; the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm; and, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Following his retirement from the USAF, Chief Sherwood began a 12-year career with Security Service Federal Credit Union in San Antonio, Texas, from which he retired in January 2002 as the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. In April 2004, at the request of the President/CEO of Air Force Federal Credit Union, Chief Sherwood joined the credit union as the Senior Vice President of Operations and concluded a 17-year career with the credit union as Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer on 31 August 2021. During his tenure with Air Force Federal Credit Union, he served a nine-month period as Interim President/CEO.

Chief Sherwood was inducted into the Air Force Intelligence Hall of Honor in 1998; was Director Emeritus and former President of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association; a former member of the Fisher House, Inc. Board of Directors; and, served several years as a committee chairman with the Alamo Chapter of the Air Force Association.

Bob was devoted to his roommate and his family. A love story for the ages, he loved her unconditionally for 67 years.

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“ My sincere condolences to Laura and the entire family during this sad time. Your dad had a very impressive career and it was my honor to work with him in the Command Section when he was the ESC Senior Enlisted Advisor. May he RIP. Forever in our hearts and memories to last forever...no more pain and suffering. I'm here if you all need help with anything. His long-life is to be celebrated...he reached out and helped so many people who will always remember his fairness and generosity. God Bless You 🙏❤️🙏❤️ Marsha Sojot

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**Marsha Sojot** - May 13, 2025 at 04:01 PM

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“ Our condolences and deepest sympathy to the Sherwood family. It was so sad to learn of Bob's passing. I will always remember the many conversations he and I shared. Wishing the family all the best and Godspeed. May Bob rest in peace! V/r

*CMSgt (Ret) David Hill  
Former Command Chief, Air Force Intelligence Command & Air  
Intelligence Agency*

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**CMSgt (Retired) David Hill** - May 11, 2025 at 02:32 PM