



Airman First Class Edmond Schaefer

Edmond Schaefer, an Airman First Class, enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1962, embarking on a journey marked by significant historical events and personal growth. His service coincided with a tumultuous period in American history, including the tragic assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Following basic training at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, TX, *Schaefer* received specialized training in data processing at Wichita Falls, TX. His military journey began at Roswell, NM, where he witnessed the intense atmosphere during the Bay of Pigs crisis, with all B52s taking off to provide support. A pivotal moment in *Schaefer's* service came with his assignment to Wheelus AFB in Tripoli, Libya. He served there for two years and chose to extend his service for an additional six months. The experience of serving overseas undoubtedly broadened his perspective and shaped his character.

After his time in Tripoli, **Schaefer** was stationed at Charleston, SC, where he made the decision to leave the Air Force. Transitioning into civilian life, he ventured into the machine tool business before finding success in international marketing. Reflecting on his military service, *Schaefer* shared a poignant quote: "Four years in the Air Force prepared me to take advantage of ...open doors and created opportunities..." His time in the Air Force not only

instilled discipline and skills but also fostered a mindset of seizing opportunities and overcoming challenges.

Schaefer's story exemplifies the transformative power of military service and the doors it can open for personal and professional growth. From his beginnings as an Airman First Class to his successful ventures in the civilian world, Schaefer's journey is a testament to the resilience and adaptability cultivated through military experience.

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