

Sgt Kenneth C. Henning

Born 8/4/30 in
Evanston, IL

Died: 2015

Period of Service: Korea

Sources: *B10*, *service
questionnaire*

Enlisted Dec 3, 1950 in US Air Force reserve, 441st Troop Carrier Wing, at O'Hare Field, Chicago (formerly called Chicago's Orchard Place Airport). The Wing was activated on March 10, 1951 and sent (by rail) to Carswell Air Force Base at Fort Worth, Texas.

Carswell was a Strategic Air Command Base, home to a large wing of B-36 bombers (each 10 engine, 6 propeller and 4 jet). Carswell was also home to Headquarters Eighth Air Force. Ken was sent to basic training at Eagle Mountain Lake near Fort Worth, then became apprentice clerk (Clerk Typist) in the HQ 8th Squadron orderly room. His duties consisted of typing orders which in those days had to be cut from stencils to mimeograph. He assisted with money counting on payday, clerking in the mail room, answering and forwarding phone calls to HQ8th and occasional night duty in the orderly room to answer phones and page men in barracks and physically wake up mess duty personnel at around 4:00 AM.

In the Spring of 1952 the Air Force began to release active duty reservists, as the Korean 'Conflict' as it was then called, and not a strategic air war. Ken, who had attained Sergeant rank, was released from active duty on July 12, 1952 at Carswell AFB and from the USAF Reserve on December 3, 1953.

Ken married Linda Dale on September 22, 1962, and together they ran a successful travel service in California, sold it and moved back to the Island.

Ken was a member of American Legion Post 402 from 1993 until his death in 2015. His parents were William and Gertrude.

