



## MASTER SERGEANT (RET) JOSEPH J. ROGINSKI

Master Sergeant (Ret) Joseph (Joe) J. Roginski is the Director of the Retiree Activities Office, 35<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Misawa Air Base, Japan. He is responsible for providing assistance and information to retirees, dependents, and survivors in the six prefectures of Tohoku (northeast Japan) of Fukushima, Yamagata, Miyagi, Iwate, Akita, Aomori and the northern island of Hokkaido. He is responsible for assisting in casualty affairs, social security, tax preparation, and ensuring survivors of military personnel from all branches of service receive their entitled benefits. With his language experience, he interprets for the many Japanese surviving widows with the jurisdiction of the Misawa RAO. He contributes informative articles in Japanese to the quarterly Retiree Activities Office Newsletter that is mailed to all local retirees and to other Retiree Activities Offices in the Pacific and CONUS.



With both parents in the US Army, MSgt Roginski was born at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC. Early childhood was near Denver, CO and then Newark, NJ where he enlisted in the Air Force in 1965. He currently resides in Misawa City, Japan with his spouse Chise (Chiko) Roginski (nee Yanagisawa).

MSgt Roginski entered the service in February 1965 and after training at the Defense Language Institute at Indiana University, and Military Intelligence Operations training at Goodfellow, AFB, he served in Samsun, Turkey and Misawa Air Base, Japan as a voice intercept processing specialist and cryptologic intelligence analyst. MSgt Roginski also participated in special deployments, including the USNS Arnold for intelligence collection against the Soviets in the Arctic Circle, Search and Rescue Operations in conjunction with the Korean Airlines Flt 007 shoot down by the Soviets over Sakhalin Island, and special intelligence collection operations at various classified locations.

After retirement from the Air Force in September 1985, MSgt Roginski took a position as the Misawa Branch manager with the USA Federal Credit Union, and he became the Regional Director for Japan until his retirement from the credit union in December 2009. He became a volunteer for the Retiree Activities Office in January 2010.

### EDUCATION

- 1963 Rutgers University, New Jersey
- 1965 Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, TX.
- 1965 Defense Language Institute, Indiana University
- 1966 AZK Intelligence Specialist Training, Goodfellow Air Force Base, TX.
- 1974 Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, CA.
- 1976 NCO Leadership School, Goodfellow Air Force Base, TX.
- 1980 NCO Academy, Goodfellow Air Force Base, TX.
- 1983 Communications Satellite Technology, Fort Meade, MD. and NASA, Washington, DC.





# BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

1990 Bachelor of Arts Business Management, University of Maryland, Far East Division,  
AA Asian Studies, Slavic Languages, Japanese Language  
Certified by Defense Language Institute - Russian 1966, 1969, 1975, 1978, 1981; Japanese 1975, 1978,  
1981

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. Basic Training Lackland Air Force Base, 3707 Basic Military Training Squadron
2. July 1965 - March 1966, Defense Language Institute Detachment 3-2, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.
3. March 1966 - June 1966, United States Air Force Security Service (USAFSS, now Electronic Security Command), Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas.
4. July 1966-December 1967, TUSLOG Detachment 3-2, USAFSS, Samsun, Turkey
5. January 1968 – May 1974, 6920 Electronic Security Group, USAFSS, Misawa Air Base, Japan
6. June 1974 – February 1975, Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, California
7. March 1975 – September 1985, 6920 Electronic Security Group, Electronic Security Command, Misawa Security Operations Center (MSOC) Air Base, Japan
8. August 1985 – December 2009, United Services of America Federal Credit Union, Branch Manager, then Japan Regional Director from 2000.
9. January 2010 – Director, Misawa Air Base Retiree Activities Office

## MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Commendation  
Good Conduct with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster  
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship  
NCO Professional Military Education  
Air Force Longevity with Four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters  
National Defense Service  
Air Force Outstanding Unit with Two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters

(Current as of June 2020)

## OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

American Red Cross Presidential Citation for Saving a Life,

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

*Permanent member, Air Force Sergeant's Association*

(Current as of September 2024)

