



**Francis James Herman  
United States Air Force  
1970 –1976**

Francis joined the Air Force after graduating from college in 1970. He completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. He fondly remembered how when he quickly qualified on his M-16 rifle, he and the others who qualified were sent to cut grass in the summer heat. He completed training to become a medic. One training exercise had a mock plane crash on fire, with people pretending to be injured. The scene was so realistic, that he later heard that a plane flew overhead and reported that a plane crashed over the radio, since the pilot thought it was real plane crash.

He was assigned to the Stratton Air National Guard base in Scotia, NY. He served for six years and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He was honorably discharged in 1976.

He later received a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Russell Sage College. He served 40 years as a state employee in the NY State Department of Parole.

Francis was married to the love of his life Marjorie for 44 years before he passed away on October 2, 2021, at the age of 73.