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- 1) What branch and unit were you in? *Air Force 1983-87 at George AFB.*
- 2) What was your highest rank? *Sergeant.*
- 3) Are you still enlisted as a reservist or National Guard? *No.*
- 4) Why did you join the service? *Economy at the time in the early '80's.*
- 5) What did you like the most about being in? *It exposed me to firefighting as a career. I went in open and they assigned me to firefighting, which I found I really liked.*
- 6) What did you like the least? *Being in the military delayed my firefighting career. I knew two years before I got out what I wanted to do, but being in the Air Force put that career on hold. But in general, I enjoyed the experience.*
- 7) What moment most defined your military experience? *No one moment that really stands out.*
- 8) What made you choose firefighting as a career? *I found it interesting when I tried it in the Air Force. It was a good fit.*
- 9) What do you like the most about firefighting? *The shift schedule, 48 hours on, 96 off, and I don't think I could have taken life in an office with the daily commute. Stature in the community, how everyone appreciates what you do. Camaraderie. Everybody gets along well.*
- 10) What do you like least about firefighting? *Paperwork.*