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An Interview with Tom Murgatroyd

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Tom Murgatroyd was born on September 25th, 1948 in Jacksonville, Illinois, and graduated from college in Jacksonville, Illinois near the close of the Vietnam War. He enlisted in the US Air Force and served in personnel positions at various training locations during the subsequent post-Vietnam War military reductions. After leaving active duty, he worked for the Veteran's Administration and in 1974 joined the 183rd Tactical Fighter Group (later the 183rd Fighter Wing) in Springfield, Illinois. He was eventually commissioned and was offered a full time position with the Air National Guard, serving in a wide variety of assignments within the 183rd, especially personnel and logistics.

In 1998, Murgatroyd took a leave of absence to join the headquarters of First Air Force at Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida. During the 9/11 Terrorist attacks in 2001, he participated in the hectic days controlling munitions movements to support homeland air defense while American military forces scrambled to defend the homeland. Subsequently, he moved to Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, working in the logistical support of operations during the Global War on Terror. Tom also participated in Operation Deep Freeze in New Zealand and Antarctica, and finally retired from the Air Force in 2008.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Vietnam era home front; service in the Air Force during the post-war drawdown; Cold War era and 183rd Tactical Fighter Group/183rd Fighter Wing, to include mission and resourcing; service as a logistics officer in the Air National Guard; First Air Force, North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD); Air Mobility Command; 9/11 attacks and NORAD Headquarters response to attacks; logistical support for the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq; air operations in Antarctica;

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