Army Security Agency
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Joseph Stephen Lentz
Staff Sergeant U.S. Army
3 November 1952 – 2 November 1955

Joseph was born on 16 November 1932 in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where he attended Ritter Grade School and graduated from Allentown High School. After graduating from high school in 1950, Joseph worked in Allentown, first as a Construction Worker for Bract Contracting, Inc., and then as an Auto Mechanic for Hertz Rental until he enlisted in the Army. He entered the Army as a Private on 3 November 1952 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Breckenridge, Kentucky, for basic training. He was then assigned to the Army Security Agency (ASA). He served with the ASA for the rest of his enlistment with successive assignments at Fort Devens, Massachusetts (November 1952 to October 1953), where he was trained as a Cryptographic Specialist; Army Security Headquarters in Tokyo, Japan (November 1953 to December 1953); 8th Army, 501st ASA (Communications and Reconnaissance) in Seoul, Korea (December 1953 to March 1955); and Arlington Hall Station while working at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia (March 1955 to November 1955). Joseph was discharged at Arlington Hall Station on 2 November 1955 as a Staff Sergeant and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, and United Nations Service Medal. After his discharge, Joseph returned to Allentown where he attended Moravian College and the Pennsylvania State College Extension for a year before going to work for Mack Trucks Company in Allentown. He worked for Mack Trucks from 1956 until his retirement in 1990, initially as a Manager and eventually becoming General Manager of the Mack Trucks Assembly Plant in Macungie, Pennsylvania. Joseph married **Shirley Claudette Fegley** (born 13 June 1933) in Hazelton, Pennsylvania. They lived in Allentown until 1977, and then moved to Wescosville, Pennsylvania, where they settled. Joseph and Shirley had two children: **William Joseph** and **Donna Susan**. Joseph's parents were **Joseph Thomas Lentz** (1898 – November 1953) and **Florence Sophie Neef** (born 21 October 1905).

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