

## **CMS (Retired) JOHN H. DANSBY**

Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) John H. Dansby was born in Fort Worth, Texas on February 15, 1938. He attended the Fort Worth area public schools and graduated from I. M. Terrell High School in May 1956.

In August 1956, Chief Dansby enlisted in the Air Force. Following basic training, he was assigned to Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois, where he attended the Basic Weather Observer School. Graduating twenty two weeks later, he was assigned to Dyess Air Force Base Texas. As an Air Force weatherman, he served on a number of bases in Texas, California, Florida, Illinois and Louisiana. Overseas he was stationed in France, Korea, Germany and Thailand.

The Chief attended the Noncommissioned Officers Preparatory School at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas in October 1965. There he received both, the Academic Honor Award as the top person in class and the Commandant Award. In July 1973, he attended the Military Airlift Command Noncommissioned Officer Academy. He was also Distinguished Graduate, finishing in the top ten percent of his class. Additionally, he was awarded the Commandant Award and was the winner of the Speech Award with the topic Advance America. In 1973 he was also selected as the Air Weather Service Supervisor of the Year. He completed Professional Military Training at the Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy in 1975 at Gunter Air Force Base, Alabama.

Chief Dansby was assigned to Barksdale Air Force Base in October 1975 as the 26<sup>th</sup> Weather Squadron's Superintendent of Weather Operations, in Headquarters 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force. In October 1981, after 25 years in Air Weather Service, the Chief was assigned as Traffic Manager, Headquarters 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force. After attending the Staff Transportation Officer School at Shepherd Air Force Base, Texas, He worked as Traffic Manager and as Chief of Transportation, Headquarters 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force until his retirement in December 31, 1984. While on active duty, he participated in the off duty education program offered by the Air Force and received his Bachelors Degree as well and the Masters of Business Administration from Louisiana Tech University. Since retirement, he received the Master of Arts in Counseling from Louisiana Tech University. Additionally, he awarded the Honorary Doctor of Laws from Southwestern Christian College.

His decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the Army Commendation Medal.

Presently, Dr. Dansby serves as Minister for the Russell Road Church of Christ in Shreveport, Louisiana. He is also the Director of Staff/Finance for the National Churches of Christ Crusade and has served as Adjunct Professor for Wiley College, teaching in their Management Institute degree program. He has also taught classes on base for Central Texas College and Louisiana Tech University.

He is Chairman of the board of trustees of Southwestern Christian College, Terrell, Texas, and a life member of the Air Force Sergeants Association.

His wife of 66 years is the former Doris J. James of Abilene, Texas. They have four children: John II, Jarilyn, James, and Jared. Additionally, they have 12 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.