

Judy D. Bivens

Judy D. Bivens entered the Air Force June 27, 1975. Following basic military training as an honor graduate, she attended the ground radio maintenance course at Keesler AFB, Miss. She was assigned to the communications squadron at Little Rock AFB, Ark., where she repaired radios at the Titan II missile sites from 1976 to 1978.

She moved to Langley AFB, Va., in 1978 and served as the full-time unit public affairs representative for the 1913th Communications Squadron. Bivens retrained into public affairs in 1980 and attended the Defense Information School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., where she earned honors as the Distinguished Honor Graduate (top graduate) of her basic journalism class. She was assigned to the newspaper staff at 2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale AFB, La., and later became editor. The Barksdale Observer was named Best in Strategic Air Command during her tenure as editor. Bivens expanded her public affairs skills managing media relations at Barksdale.

In 1982, Bivens was named SAC Outstanding NCO of the Year and was promoted to technical sergeant by CINCSAC Gen. Bennie Davis under the newly formed Stripes for Exceptional Performers program.

Bivens was the NCOIC of PA offices at her next three assignments: 64th Flying Training Wing, Reese AFB, Texas, 1983-1985; 7217th Air Base Group, The US Logistics Group, Ankara Air Base, Turkey, 1985-1987; 374th Airlift Wing, Yokota Air Base, Japan, 1987-1990.

She was then assigned to Headquarters, Recruiting Service, Randolph AFB, Texas, in the advertising and promotions division, where she conducted the distinguished educator program and provided media training for recruiting squadron commanders and recruiters.

Upon promotion to chief master sergeant in 1994, she became the PA resource manager at Headquarters, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill. In addition to her MAJCOM duties, she served on several working groups at the Pentagon, most notably a re-write of PA regulations and the establishment of PA core

competencies. In 1998, Bivens returned to Randolph as the PA functional manager for enlisted assignments and personnel issues at the Air Force Personnel Center.

Bivens retired from active duty May 1, 2001. Returning to civilian life, she was an adjunct professor of management at the University of Tennessee McNairy Campus and later served local veterans for 16 years as the county veterans service officer, retiring in 2020.

Education:

Master of Arts in Management, University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Texas, 1992

Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Texas, 1985

Associate degree in Public Affairs, Community College of the Air Force, 1984

Military Courses

- Basic Journalism Course, Distinguished Honor graduate (top student); Newspaper Editors Course; Short Course in Communications, University of Oklahoma; PA Supervisors Course; Senior Enlisted PA Course; NCO Leadership School, distinguished graduate; NCO Academy, distinguished graduate; Senior NCO Academy, distinguished graduate.