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## **Year:** 2015

Master Sergeant Sue Clark was raised in the Hudson Valley and moved to Western New York with her late husband, Robert Clark, in 2008. Enlisting in the United States Air Force in 1980, she served almost six years as a Morse Code Operator and Information Manager.

Master Sergeant Clark's Air Force tours are impressive and include San Vito Air Station, Italy, and Pease Air Force Base, New Hampshire. In 1993, Master Sergeant Clark joined the Air National Guard as an Information Manager, stationed at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii, Greeley Air Station in Colorado, Stewart Air National Guard Base in New York and, lastly, at Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station in New York, where she was the 107th Airlift Wing Commander's Executive Assistant for four years. During her early years with the Air National Guard, Master Sergeant Clark was also a civil service technician, performing the duties as an administrative assistant at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Maryland, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard in Hawaii and New Orleans Naval Station in Louisiana.

Master Sergeant Clark has deployed to the jungles of Columbia, South America, for a drug interdiction mission, a Medflag Exercise to South Africa and, most recently, Joint Base Balad, Iraq, supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Her many personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Air Force Commendation Medal (2 awards), Air Force Achievement Medal (6 awards), Iraqi Campaign Medal and numerous other unit, campaign and service awards. In addition, Master Sergeant Clark, who retired on May 1, 2012 with 30 years of service to her country, has two associates degrees from the Community College of the Air Force in Computer Science and Information Management.

Master Sergeant Clark loves Western New York and is quoted as saying, "There is no other place in this world I would rather live." She volunteers tirelessly with the North Tonawanda

Meals on Wheels, Erie-Niagara Sunshine Exchange Club, Peace of the City and Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 3-5; she is also a life member of the VFW Post 12097, American Legion Post 1322 and Disabled American Veterans.

Master Sergeant Clark calls North Tonawanda her home, which she loves sharing with her family – Elena, Don and their two sons, Ethan and Landon – and Chris, Janeth and their daughter, Sofia.