

Chief Master Sergeant Robert P. Glass distinguished himself by outstanding service to the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Air National Guard as “Mr. Operations” for the 111th Fighter Group from 1955 until 1991.

During a dynamic career with the 111th Fighter Group, Chief Master Sergeant Glass was directly involved in the unit’s successful training and conversion to no less than nine aircraft. The Chief was also a key player in the relocation of the 111th from the Philadelphia International Airport to Willow Grove Naval Air Station. As manager of the Command and Control Section, the Chief was in charge of all duties and many special projects in operations.

Chief Glass knew the importance of developing the skills of his people to get the job done efficiently and effectively. He knew that proper training was the key to mission accomplishment. His efforts were formally recognized when his section was given an outstanding rating during an Operational Readiness Inspection and he was credited with having an outstanding program. Chief Glass’s efforts were identified as having instilled the highest esprit de corps in his personnel.

As the senior noncommissioned officer in Operations for many years, Chief Glass was widely recognized as the man who kept the aircrews flying. He knew everything of importance in Ops and ensured that the unit could accomplish the mission. When he recognized the need, he would personally pick up the slack, often working late into the evenings and weekends. Chief Glass’s technical ability as well as his personal dedication to the mission served as an inspiration for all.

During his distinguished career in the Air Force and the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, Chief Glass served in Korea and Southeast Asia. He assisted with emergency relief operations after the Agnes and Eloise floods. The hard work and dedication of Chief Master Sergeant Robert P. Glass exemplified what is expected of a Chief in the Air Guard – and much more. Chief Glass was a fine worker and a good friend to all who knew him.

Chief Master Sergeant Robert P. Glass retired from the Pennsylvania Air National Guard in July 1991. He died in August 1992. He was 59 years old.

The singularly distinctive accomplishments of Chief Master Sergeant Robert P. Glass in his career of dedicated service as “Mr. Operations” for the 111th Fighter Group reflect great credit upon himself, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Air National Guard and truly warrant his posthumous induction into the Pennsylvania Air National Guard Hall of Fame.