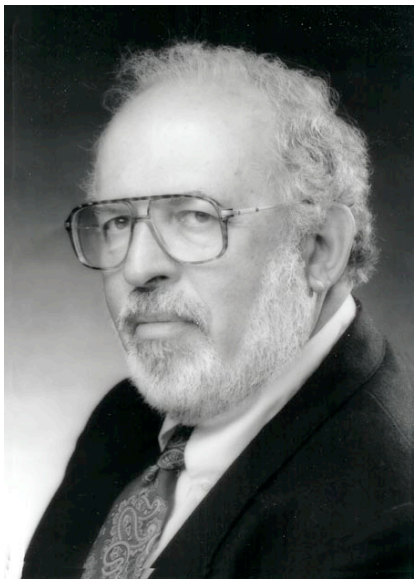
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My Duke ROTC class of 1953 was the last Air Force group to have a two-year obligation if you were not going to flight school. I went on active duty in June 1954 in technical intelligence at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio. It was a plush assignment and I saw all of The Ohio State football games that Fall.
But the unit was comprised of a Colonel, a Warrant Officer, myself-a 2nd Lieutenant, and forty Civil Service women. I wanted assignment to the real Air Force, requested transfer, and was assigned to Intelligence School in the Wild West town of Wichita Falls Texas, and then to Headquarters 8th Air Force, Fort Worth Texas where I became the Administrative Officer reporting only to the Director. We moved to Westover Field in Springfield, Massachusetts where I served my last year, and met my wife Ann, and was promoted to 1st Lieutenant. I loved the Air Force and would have made it my career, but equal opportunity for advancement was limited if you didn't have a flying rating. I did a few years in the Reserves and retired as a Captain.

