Nathan Lyons

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In 1950 Nathan withdrew from College and enlisted in the United States Air Force as a photographer and reported to Grenier Air Force Base in Manchester, New Hampshire. Between 1951-53 he served as senior photographer in a photo intelligence unit in Kimpo, Korea where he served in a reconnaissance technical squadron in which he processed thousands of photos daily and later supervised a photo intelligence unit. He was recommended for a Bronze Star Medal for his work in establishing a mobile photographic reconnaissance unit.

In 1953 Lyons returned to the United States and worked for the Air Force as a staff news writer and public relations photographer in Marietta, Georgia. In 1954 following honorable discharge from the Air Force he enrolled at Alfred University where he majored in English literature and minored in Theatre.