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Dale Sexton

Dale Wayne Sexton was born March 30th, 1941 in Arkansas. In June of 1957, Sexton graduated from the 9th grade, and decided that it was time to work. With his eldest sister moved out with children of her own, Dale became the oldest child in the house, which was more of a motivation to earn an income to help his family.

Upon arriving in Kansas City, Missouri Sexton got a summer job at a factory bottling bottles of barbecue sauce getting paid at a rate of 90 cents an hour. This however was short-lived as his Aunt Dorothy got him the opportunity to work at a metal working shop producing sheet metal boxes for batteries while she made the copper coils. It was around this time when he received a notice requiring him to register for the draft when he was 17. As he went to sign, he told the officer that he would like to sign up, but would also like to have his high school diploma. The officer told him that he would definitely get it, he just had to sign. Like that, Dale passed his GED in 18 months, and by November of 1958, in Kansas City, Missouri, he joined the US Air Force at 17 years of age. Dale's father was in the army, however, Dale wasn't keen on the idea of direct combat, and would've rather worked strategically with the Air Force.

Shortly thereafter, he signed up for the Air Force, placed into the military police, and was shipped to the Amarillo Air Force Base in Texas. During his time in Texas he would Patrol both the Air Force Base as well as the neighboring towns working with local law enforcement. During this time Sexton thought he could use his new position in the military to travel and see the world, so he put in the request to transfer to a foreign base located in Germany. The transfer request was granted, however he was not to be sent to Germany and was instead stationed in Greenland at the Thule Air Force base for one year.

His first assignment was in Lackland AFB, San Antonio Texas, where he had 90 days of basic training to be a part of the Air Police Force.

His 2nd assignment was in Amarillo AFB, Air Training Command for 18 months, in base patrol and town patrol. Here, he was officially assigned as an "Air Police" Officer.

His 3rd assignment, in Thule AFB, Greenland, Air Defense Command for 12 months on base patrol, working as a security officer.

His 4th assignment was at March AFB in Riverside California, Strategic Air Command, working base patrol and working as security.

He was able to visit the spring where Lewis and Clark stopped to camp on their journey while he was stationed at Malmstrom AFB in Great Falls, Montana.

Sexton departed for Greenland in June of 1960 and once again was responsible for enforcing law on the base and also served as the honor guard to the queen and king of Denmark on their visit to Greenland. On one instance, he received a call stating that one of the generals who was at the base had his car stolen, the same car that had recently passed him. He quickly turned around and went after the stolen vehicle. After pulling the car over, it was discovered that a drunk colonel, who was friends with the general, had taken the car. When the car was returned

to the general, Sexton took the colonel to the station and had him detained. One of his favorite jobs while serving in Greenland was being a dock inspector for the incoming supply ships. It gave him access to patrol all the cargo hold on board the ships, allowing he and his fellow officers to take things like candy and steaks from them, which helped to give them breaks from the day-to-day meals. Summer in Greenland quickly passed to winter which blanketed the whole base under several inches of snow and ice. This forced the most of the men to spend lots of their time indoors. On one particularly cold day, Sexton discovered a way to cook steak with a Bunsen burner and a window pane in the barracks which helped he and his comrades through the cold long winter. When the next summer came and it was time for him to leave, he discovered that the same colonel he had arrested earlier in the year had attempted to get his revenge by trying to keep Sexton in Greenland for another year. Luckily because of his relations with the logistics officers, he was able to find an open folding-seat on a plane home.

Upon returning home to Riverside, California, Sexton was stationed at March Air Force Base and took many of the same responsibilities that he had done in Amarillo. While he was at March he got the opportunity to be trained as a sheriff in Riverside County and actively worked with the local police. One of the newer jobs he had at March AFB was guarding the three hydrogen bombs they had ready to go at a moment's notice.

In November of 1962 in Missouri, Dale was mustered out honorably.

After this, Dale decided that Real Estate was the career for him, so that same November, in 1962, he packed up his yellow roadster and headed for California. Once settled there, he obtained his real estate license and went to Canyon Crest, where he began selling land. On one occasion, he went into a man's office to have a business meeting with him, and realized, this many years later, he was selling property to his old General, and they recognized each other immediately.

Now, Dale Sexton chooses to work at his real estate company with his daughter, Shelli, and owns a 20 acre equestrian ranch in Riverside, California, which is cared for by his son, Dale Jr.. He owns and occasionally rides his Arabian horses through Riverside with his daughter, who he taught and trained to do endurance horse racing. He enjoyed racing cars of all kinds with his son and his grandson, and has taught both of them motorsport skills.