



**AIR FORCE ENLISTED HERITAGE RESEARCH INSTITUTE**  
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Dear Air Force Family,

In a further effort to preserve and protect the legacy of the enlisted corps, the Air Force Enlisted Heritage Research Institute (AFEHRI) is seeking the assistance of all current and former Air Force members.

When the Air Force separated from the Army Air Corps, we brought over our Military Occupational Specialties (MOS). They stayed until 1950 when we transitioned into Air Force Specialty Codes (AFSC). Since that time, our AFSCs have grown, split, and merged to create stronger fields. Think of it as a family tree in genealogy.

The Air Force Enlisted Heritage Research Institute wants to capture your “enlisted family tree” and catalog this information so we can have a better understanding of how your career field has contributed to Air Power. (The phrase Enlisted Family Tree phrase was coined by TSgt Robert Vaden Tyndall AFB NCO Academy.) In order to make this a reality, we need some history on your AFSC. Specifically, we are looking for information on:

- Where did your AFSC originate? Was it transferred from an Army Air Corps MOS or Specification Serial Number SSN?
- Can you provide an AFSC job description, generic for all skill levels?
- Has your AFSC merged from or into other AFSCs? If so, when, why, and which AFSCs?
- Has your AFSC made a significant contribution to a major campaign, operation, or war?
- Are there any individuals of note from your AFSC (i.e. Heroes, Air Force firsts, etc?)
- Do you know many individuals have been assigned to your AFSC? Specifically during our beginning in 1947 and current strength?
- Do you have any supporting documents or high quality photographs of individuals over time within your AFSC? If so, would you be willing to donate these items or provide scanned copies to the AFEHRI?

We will accept your responses in any format. However to assist you, we have provided the above questions in a questionnaire format. Should you decide to use it, please do not feel obligated to limit your responses to the space provided. Information is power!

We need references or supporting documentation to support your information, i.e. regulations, articles, etc. We will accept originals, copies, or scanned electronic files.

Although we anticipate a spirited response from our Air Force family on this request, we must stress the importance of ensuring those who contact us DO NOT inadvertently provide classified/sensitive information.

We look forward to hearing from any and all Air Force members who can assist us in creating this AFSC family tree. Please send your information or questions to us via our email account at [AFSC.Research@maxwell.af.mil](mailto:AFSC.Research@maxwell.af.mil) or call us at DSN 596-3202 or commercial (334) 416-3202.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Malcolm W. McVicar Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

CMSgt Malcolm W. McVicar Jr.  
Director, AFEHRI

## **Air Force Specialty Code 73150, Sr Litho Pressman**

### **History of AFSC**

This AFSC crossed over from the United States Army Air Forces as MOS 107, Photolithography. The Technical training for this field was conducted at the 3450<sup>th</sup> Technical Training Wing, United States Air Force, Ft F.E. Warren, Wyoming at the U.S. Air Force School of Photolithography MOS 107.

The school trained Airmen to be proficient in the operation of camera photography, plate making process and to be familiar with Multilith and LTE Harris press operation.

Airmen were taught the fundamental process of offset printing, printing maps in black and white and color, printing pamphlets, accounting forms, etc, including half-tone reproduction.

About May 1950, the MOS system was converted to Air Force Specialty AFS and Air Force Specialty Code AFSC. Boards were held to certify if the individual met requirements set forth with the AFS and AFSC. This procedure included board interview, analysis of personnel records, and job description and recommendation of supervisory personnel.

MOS 107 was converted to AFSC 71350 Sr Litho Pressman

MOS 945 was converted to AFSC 23230 Apr Photo Lab Technician

Other AFSCs associated with 71350 in 1951 were

(Ref 10 May 1951 (HQ FEAF) PERS – MP -1)

71330 Apprentice Lithographic Pressman

71331 Apprentice Photo-lithographer

71350 Senior Lithographic Pressman

71351 Senior Photo-lithographer

71370 Lithographic Process Supervisor

71371 Lithographic Process Technician

Other AFSCs associated with AFSC 23230 in 1951

(Ref 10 May 1951 (HQ FEAF) PERS – MP -1)

23230 App Photo

23250 Sr Photo

23270 Photo Superv

### **Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC): 71350, Lithographic Pressman**

**DUTIES:** Extract from SSgt APR dated 1963

Lithographic Pressman, Lithographic Press Unit, Photo-Lithographic Section. Prepares lithographic press for press run, prepares fountain solution, loads paper on feeder board and adjusts feeder. Adjusts ink and water controls, checks feeder mechanism to insure position registration and operates press. Cleans equipment and performs maintenance as required. Assists in the training of unskilled and semi-skilled airmen in the Lithographic field.

**Brief Description of AFSC:** Printing Extracted from “A Pocket Guide to Air Force Opportunities” ca. 1963

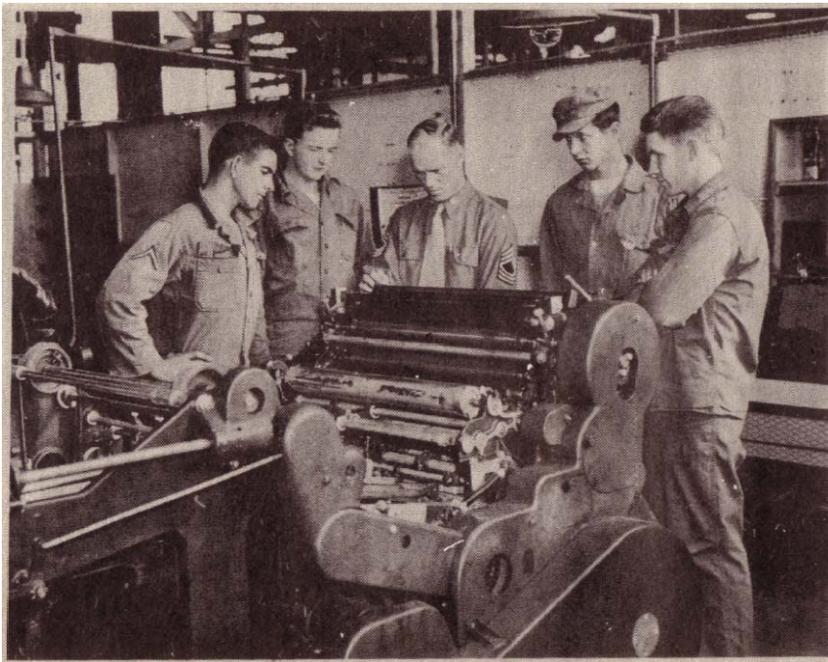
Airmen in this Career Field learn how to maintain, and operate printing and photoreproduction equipment besides acquiring a know-how of the composing, printing and binding operations of letterpress printing. In addition, airman study the procedures involved in platemaking, lithographic printing, and binding in conjunction with photolithographic printing.

**Changes Over the Years: ??**

**Major impacts throughout history:** Developed photographs from reconnaissance flights for intelligence units. Completed design layouts for detailed bombing maps for pilots and ground personnel to use during conflicts and wars. Printed bomb leaflets with propaganda or surrender instructions for pilots to drop over enemy occupied areas.

**Heroic or key personnel within AFSC: ??**

**Photographs attached.**



A section of the press room at Ft Warren WY with M/Sgt Kirby instructing operation of the Harris Press. Students Hearnberger, McVicar, Cole and Mullen.