

I moved from Minneapolis to Burlington in 1965 and started attending Horace Mann during the 8th grade.

After High School I enrolled in the Food Marketing Management Program at Iowa Central Community College in Ft. Dodge and rec'd my AA in 1972.

After “jobbing” for a couple of years working in supermarkets in Iowa and Wisconsin, I got the urge to travel to my family’s “Home Land”. I joined the Army in late 1974, going to basic training at Ft. Leonardwood, Mo. Then it was off to Ft. Sill, Ok. there I went through Advanced Individual Training as a Fire Direction Specialist and onward assignment to Neu Ulm in northern Bavaria. After a couple of years, I was approached by my Commanding Officer to think about attending Officers Candidate School. I was accepted in 1977 to attend “The Benning School for Boys” as it was unofficially known and rec'd my commission as a 2LT. I then went back to Ft. Sill to attend the Artillery Officer Basic Course. I was assigned back to Germany where I ended up spending the next 8 years with only “short trips” back to the States for schooling on active duty. I got out of the Military, and applied for, and was accepted into the Civil Service in 1986 and became a Logistics Inspector traveling throughout the entire European Theater from Turkey to England where our team conducted Logistics Readiness Inspections for the USAREUR Command. I did that type of work through '92 and went to the Headquarters in Heidelberg to become the Systems Manager for Automated Supply Systems in Europe. Again this job took me throughout the entire “Footprint” of the US Army to include NATO assigned activities. Upon the death of my first wife, I felt I had to have a new start in life and finally after a total of 35 years in Europe, I accepted an assignment in 2009 where I am currently working for the Army Support Command in Ft. Bragg, NC. I must say as a side note that returning back to the USA it really seemed like I was in a foreign country. But as I said I needed a new start in life So I ended up:

- A) Moving to a “New Country”
- B) Changing Career Specialty

- C) Buying a new house w/ furnishings
- D) Got Re-Married (to a wonderful lady from Tartous, Syria)

To think I did all that within three months! I must say 2009 was a busy year 😊

As part of my new job, I am currently serving our country supporting the best folks in the world “Our Troops” in Baghdad, Iraq. I will Re-Deploy in Dec '10 back to Ft. Bragg where I plan on spending the next four years until my retirement (probably to Southwest Florida).

My Burlington memories are of a small town, where as I have heard said is a “great place to raise a family”.

I must say throughout it all, I was fortunate enough to be able to do extensive traveling throughout Europe, seeing most of the major cities. But the trip I enjoyed the most was in 2008 when I went to Bangkok/Pattaya, Thailand for three weeks just to really relax and not have to think about work and forget about all the turmoil that transpired after the loss of my first wife.

I am sorry that I could not attend the class reunion due to my deployment here in Iraq.