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Biography



Born in Williamston, N.C. and graduating from Williamston High School, I entered the U.S. Air Force in January 1955. After completing Basic training, I applied for and was accepted into Officer Candidate School Program (OCS) I was commissioned and went on to Basic Flight training. I spent 10 years on active duty flying mostly heavy cargo type aircraft, performing maintenance officer duties, and deployed in several world crisis mobilizations. I left active duty after 10 years and transferred to the Active Reserve Force retiring with the rank of L/Col.

Attended East Carolina University majoring in Industrial Management and Wake Forest University Babcock School of Management.

A career in Aerospace was highlighted by mid-management and executive management level positions including President and CEO of several Fortune 500 aerospace companies, both in the U.S., U.K. and Singapore. A career of nearly 45 years was a rewarding experience that provided many opportunities to travel the world, live in and enjoy other cultures, and appreciate the vast freedoms and opportunities we have in this country.

The experiences of my military and working career has provided me the skills and desire to give back to our community. My passion for volunteering and serving others provides a driving ambition to reach out to our community and help when and where needed.

Since retiring in 2000, I have served in many levels of the Navy League of the United States including Council President of the local Council, Area President of Northeast Florida, Region President of the State of Florida, National Vice President and have been a National Director for 12 years.

I am also the Chairman of the Veterans Council of St. Johns Council, a position I have held for the past 5 years. I am also on the Jacksonville National Cemetery support committee and served on the Advisory Committee for the Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans Nursing Home during the construction of that facility. I have served over the past 5 years on several Veterans Advisory Boards in Tallahassee for the FDVA. I have served on the Military Academy Selection Committee for Senators Mel Martinez, Senator George

Lemieux, and currently for Senator Marco Rubio. I serve on the Veterans Advisory committee for Congressman DeSantis and often communicate with him and his staff on local veteran's issue.

I am currently on the 450th Military Commemorative Committee and serve as the Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee. For the Navy League, I serve on the Battle of Midway Committee that is an annual event to honor all those who served in that epic battle in the Pacific. In addition to raising the money to pay for this Commemorative Dinner, I also arrange for the keynote speaker each year which is a 4 Star Admiral or General Officer.

I am a member of Anastasia Baptist Church where I serve on the Deacon Board. I have been married to my wife Nancy for the past 54 years and we have one son Troy. He and his wife Jan live nearby and have two sons, Ethan and Avery, ages 7 and 11.