

I was born and raised in Port Clinton and graduated from Port Clinton High School in 1965. I married my High School sweetheart, Rita Burr, in 1967. We had three children.

I have essentially only had two jobs during my adult life. The Air Force for 21-years and the Ohio Veterans Homes – Sandusky for 23-years.

I enlisted in the active-duty Air Force in June 1966, and I retired in June 1987 as a Senior Master Sergeant (E8).

Upon my military retirement we returned to Ohio and was fortunate to be hired as the Real Property Manager at the Ohio Veterans Home (OVH) in Sandusky, Ohio. In 1992 I assumed duties as the acting Domiciliary Administrator and directed the resident transition from 100+ year old cottages into the newly constructed 300-bed, private-room Independent Living Domiciliary. I then became the Safety Manager and established the facility safety program until I was permanently promoted to the position of Domiciliary Administrator in 1995. I served in that capacity until my retirement in 2008. In 2011, OVH offered me a position as their outreach specialist where I developed marketing materials, promotional presentations, and strategies to inform the public of the advantages of the Ohio Veterans Home as opposed to other long-term care facilities. I retired from OVH again in 2014.

In 2015 I was contracted as the part time Veteran Benefits Resource Manager at Stein Hospice until I resigned in the spring of 2022 upon their purchase by Hospice of Western Reserve.

I am one of five (5) Erie County Veteran Service Commissioners who fund, staff, and manage the County Veteran Service Office. I represented the Disabled American Veterans 1994 - 2005 when I resigned from the Commission to care for my wife during her losing battle with Leukemia. In 2014, I was very honored when the Erie County Common Pleas Court again appointed me to the Erie County Veteran Service Commission representing the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) and I have continuously served in that position ever since.

I reside in Huron with my wife, Susan.