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Steve, born in Los Angeles, California, raised in a small town outside Sacramento and married in Pomona California. In 1965 he was drafted into the Army but before he reported for the draft, he enlisted in the US Navy. The day prior to his enlistment he met Donna. They dated for a year and a half before being married. Steve's enlistment ended in early 1970. By that time, they had a son named Michael. 5 years later they had a second son, named Jason. They lived in a variety of locations in Southern California and in 1982 they settled in the Oceanside / Carlsbad area where they reside today. They are proud grandparents to 5 granddaughters and 1 grandson.

Steve's formal career was at Southern California Edison and began in 1970. Since receiving his degree in Business Administration from California State Polytechnic University in 1979, he worked in the Procurement & Materials Management Department at Edison. In addition to his degree, he attended a corporate sponsored leadership program equivalent to an MBA program through Pepperdine University. He has held a variety of management positions including, Purchasing Agent, Inventory Control Analyst, Systems Analyst, Nuclear Warehouse Supervisor, Corporate Warehouse Manager, and Procurement Manger. Steve retired in 1996.

Steve's retirement didn't last long and in 1997 Steve started his own consulting business called "Real Work." This business was tailored toward helping small businesses transition and grow into the more traditional medium to large business. He managed this company for 10 years.

In 2007, Steve retired from consulting and became involved with a military organization called the USS Frank E. Evans (DD 754) Association. Steve is currently the Association President. On 3 June 1969, Steve was onboard USS Frank E. Evans (DD 754) when it was involved in a collision with HMAS Melbourne (R 21) off the coast of Vietnam. 74 of Steve's shipmates lost their lives that dreadful day. Because of political reasons the 74 fallen shipmates are not on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. He, along with his fellow survivors, shipmates, family and friends have vowed to gain recognition and honor for the 74 by soliciting Congress and the Senate to pass legislation demanding their names be added to the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington D.C.