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Profile

I grew up in the South Linden community on 16th Avenue and attended Linmoor Junior High School. After many years away building my career, serving my country, and developing leadership experience, I returned in 2024 to the neighborhood I have always called home. As a former All-American track athlete, U.S. Olympic Trials finalist, and member of Team USA, I developed discipline, focus, and perseverance that have guided my life. I later served in the United States Army and built a long career at The Ohio State University before retiring.

Returning to South Linden has given me a clear view of both the challenges we face—particularly around public safety—and the opportunities to rebuild and strengthen the community. My interest in serving on the Area Commission comes from a deep personal commitment to the neighborhood. I am dedicated to listening to residents, advocating for meaningful change, and working collaboratively to promote safety, youth development, and neighborhood pride for current and future generations.

Experience

Security Professional – Private Security & Investigation Services (Current)

Registered with the State of Ohio as a Private Investigator and Security Guard, providing professional safety and security services in alignment with state and federal standards.

Staff Member (Retired) – The Ohio State University Hospital

Served in a long-term role supporting university operations until retirement, contributing to a large and diverse institutional environment.

Service Member – United States Army

Served honorably, developing strong leadership, discipline, teamwork, and commitment to service.

Board President – Club Surrender (Nonprofit)

Led a nonprofit organization focused on helping adolescents overcome drug and alcohol abuse and avoid criminal activity. Provided mentorship and worked with families and the community to create positive pathways for youth.

Education

Attended Mifflin High School

Attended the University of Cincinnati

Student-athlete (Track & Field – 110m High Hurdles), All-American honors

U.S. Olympic Trials Finalist; Member of USA Team competing internationally

Memberships and Affiliations

- Former Board President, Club Surrender (Nonprofit Organization)
- Community Advocate, South Linden Neighborhood
- Registered Private Investigator & Security Professional, State of Ohio