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Second of seven children, I spent my early years in places such as Louisville, KY, New Haven CT and Anchorage AK while my father was on active duty as an Air Force pilot. After high school in Columbus (St. Francis DeSales, Brookhaven) and two quarters at Ohio State, I enlisted in the U.S. Navy in February 1968, serving almost four years as a member of Seal Team One. I had two combat tours of duty in Vietnam and a short tour in Taiwan. After the service, I returned to work at Big Bear Stores and attended Franklin University. In 1974, I began work for I&K Distributors and remain in the grocery industry, primarily at the wholesale distribution level.

Married for over 33 years, my wife and I have two grown children and two grandchildren. Hobbies include fishing, reading and many active sports. One of my passions is working with and for veterans. Along with a handful of friends, I helped establish the Ohio Military Hall of Fame ([www.ohioheroes.org](http://www.ohioheroes.org)) and currently serve as Director. The primary purpose of the organization is to recognize Ohio's veterans who have been awarded medals for valor in combat.