Class of 1975 40th Reunion Logbook Profile Form

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Spouse Patricia of 40 years. 3 adult children. Son is a chef, one daughter is a police officer, one daughter is a marine biologist. Two beautiful grandchildren Connor 5, and Taylor 3.

Job experiences, community activities and places lived since graduation:

22 Yrs in the Air Force. Flew as a navigator on C-141 and C-5 transports. Foreign Military Sales and Aircraft acquisition program manager. Operational test and evaluation director on several aircraft programs including Air Force One. Retired in 1997 as a Lt Col after serving as USAF liaison with Army, Navy, USMC training and simulation agencies in Orlando and leading successful effort to establish the Air Force Agency for Modeling and Simulation.

After the Air Force worked briefly for Air Force Research Lab as a contractor. Then worked for Electronic Data Systems (EDS) in program management and business development roles. Took early retirement offer and formed my own consulting business in medical simulation training for several years before returning to being an employee. Currently work for 3DSystems, a 3D printer company that acquired the medical simulation company I worked for (Simbionix).

What Professors had a significant influence on you?

Really liked Prof Bill Ondrick who ran the Stevens music program and Glee Club.

How did attending Stevens make a difference in your life? Taught me that any problems could be studied and solved systematically.

If you are still working, what is your current job? What are your favorite leisure activities/hobbies? What are your retirement plans?

Currently Director of DoD and US Government Business in 3D Systems healthcare vertical. Hope to retire early so I can enjoy woodworking, flying, camping in the RV, and traveling.

Places Traveled: UK including Ireland and Scotland, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Spain, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Egypt, Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, Iran, Oman, Saudia Arabia, Bahrain, Japan, Hawaii, Honduras, Panama, Iceland, Greenland, Norway, Liberia.

Plans you want to tell us about: Going on a 40th anniversary cruise in the Western Med (Spain, France, Italy) followed by a week in Germany.

Classmates kept in touch with: Erik Mathieson mostly. My wife did a better job staying in contact with Harry and Barb MacArthur, Bill and Debbie Gattoni

College memories you want to share (the good, the bad and the ugly):

- -Inhaling Caffeine from the old Maxwell House plant was a real treat
- -The Stevens Wind at the point in the winter time. They said if didn't blow, it sucked.
- -Hiding out in the library during Hell Week to catch some sleep.
- -Going flying out of Caldwell Airport late at night to blow off steam.

