

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY FORM

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Are you married? Yes How many years? 31 Married to a classmate? No

Do you have any children? Yes How many? 5 What are their ages? 43, 43, 41 39, 35

Grandchildren? Yes How many? 11 Ages? 13, 12, 9, 8, 8, 7, 7, 5, 4, 1, 1 Great-grandchildren? No

Favorite class, sport, or activity in high school: Student Government, Cross Country as Mgr. + Student activities

Favorite movie of all time: How the West was Won! Favorite book: The Bible

Colleges/Universities attended: Citrus, Orange Coast, Arizona Western College (still attending)

Are you still working? Yes What is your job? Quality Assurance / Safety Evaluator, ISO 9001 Auditor

Employment history: USMC x 24 yrs, Interglobal Technical Services, General Dynamics, Lockheed Aerospace, McDonnell-Douglas/Boeing, Sikorsky Support Services, Northrop Grumman Technical Services (totaling 20 years), Owned Document Destruction Company for 4 years

Are you retired? Not yet Favorite retirement activities: Hope to travel and continue volunteer work.

Current interests: Volunteering: Chair, Yuma County Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, VP Yuma Genealogical Society, Board Member Achieve Human Services, Member of Volunteers in Policing Yuma Police Department

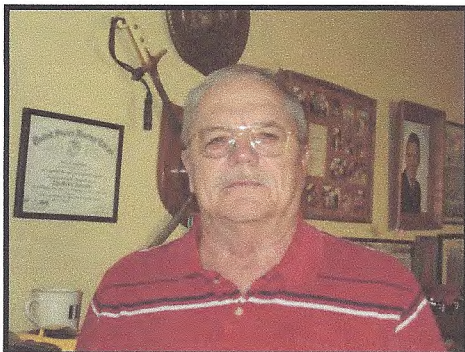
What aspect of your life would surprise classmates? That I served 24 years in the Marine Corps

Best travel/adventures/vacations: Have had many, the "best" is yet to come. Recently traveled to Dallas, TX to see seven of our grandchildren and our newest granddaughters!

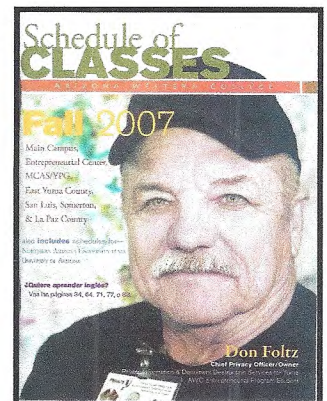
Organizations, charities, community events with which you have been involved: Boy Scouts of America x 15 years, PTA at local, District and State levels x 5 years, Rotary International x 4 years, Yuma County Chamber of Commerce x 8 years, Certified Instructor American Heart Association First Aid-CPR-AED x 3 years.

Awards, achievements, recognition you have received: Numerous individual military awards / honors, Yuma County Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year 2004, Fort Yuma Rotary "Rookie of the Year" 2005-2006, Paul Harris Fellow Rotary International - 2006

What are your plans/goals for the future? Get our granddaughter into college and retire, hope to travel throughout the US. Continue volunteer work - finish our Family Tree



Personal comments to 1961 classmates: It is great to renew our friendships and memories at every Kiowa event. We try to make them all. Thinking back in the ones we have lost is sad and wish we had more time. We lose them so quickly. We look forward to enjoying the weekend and flirting with the girls (not me, HA!) Let us all pray for each other and for those no longer here. God Bless!

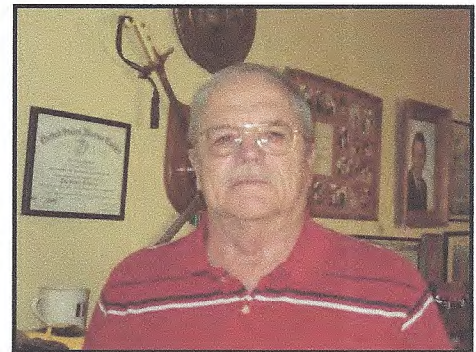


Don Foltz – Life after Azusa High

After serving as governor of our senior class and being an active member of the Azusa DeMolay, I enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, where I have spent most of my adult life. After choosing the military as a career, I worked my way up through the ranks from Private to Gunnery Sergeant, Warrant Officer-1 through Chief Warrant Officer-4, 1st Lieutenant and ultimately Captain. During that time I managed to fit in time as a Scoutmaster for base Boy Scout troops, get married (twice), and be blessed with five children and eleven grandchildren.

The summer after graduation, I landed a job at Harding Military Academy in Glendora as a Camp Counselor and PE Supervisor during the school year; I enrolled at Citrus majoring in Forestry (Boy Scout and camping / backpacking background). I changed majors twice in the next year and finally decided to join the military. I enlisted in USMC (aviation guarantee) March '63, and attended aviation electronics training in Memphis, TN. In May of '64, I transferred to Marine Corps Air Facility, Santa Ana, CA (blimp hangars) to work on helicopters. This is when I met my future wife. I deployed to RVN (Marble Mountain / Danang) in February '66 with the first CH-46 squadron. I returned to MCAF Santa Ana in March '67 and decided to re-enlist. I married former Paula Fadely (Glendora '66) and transferred to Memphis, TN to teach electronics to new enlistees. Daughter Lisa Marie was born two weeks before THE Lisa Marie. I transferred back to RVN in August '69 and joined a squadron operating aboard the USS Tripoli (LPH-10). I returned to Memphis in September '70 to attend advanced electronics training.

In June '71 we transferred to MCAF Santa Ana where I taught advanced electronics maintenance courses. Our son Brian was born February, 1972. Transferred back to WestPac in February '75 and joined a helicopter squadron in Okinawa. I helped support the evacuation of Saigon. Selected for advancement to Warrant Officer, I returned to the states in November. I attended Warrant Officer Course in Quantico, VA and was transferred to Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro in May '76. I served as the Avionics Officer for the largest Air Group in the USMC which consisted of four squadrons of F-4 Phantom aircraft. My wife of nine years decided she wanted a divorce. I served in two fighter squadrons deploying to numerous forward operating bases in stateside locales. I met Marny Fricker (Anaheim '64) Irwin on a blind date one week prior to deploying overseas again. This time it was with a squadron of F-4s aboard the USS Coral Sea (CV-43). We left out of NAS Alameda in November '79 and sailed for the Indian Ocean. We participated in the ill-fated Iranian hostage rescue attempt in April '80 and were relieved to sail home shortly after that. On the way we were dispatched to South Korea where the Prime Minister had just been assassinated. Two weeks later we were again on the way home. We arrived back at Alameda on June 12, 1980.

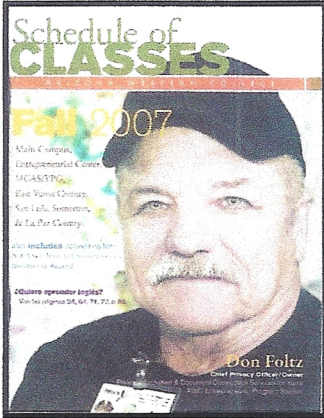


I had received transfer orders to the Marine Aviation Detachment, Point Mugu, CA. Marny and I took our mixed families camping on the coast just south of the base and on July 4, I asked her to marry me. We were married on August 4th with our kids (all five) standing up with us. We promised each other that the only way one of us was going to leave our marriage would be "feet-first!" We lived on base and were active in the Base Chapel. I took over the base Boy Scout Troop and Marny had the Girl Scout Troop. It was great! We had my kids during the summers and every other weekend. We kept her son and two daughters very busy, which kept us very busy.

At the end of my tour, I was slated to return to El Toro but we couldn't get housing for a couple of years and it would have been very difficult to live on the Orange County economy. I asked for and received assignment to the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, AZ. It was June when we transferred and the temperature was 108°. I had to keep a bottle of wine handy. I think Marny cried all the way! We had lived only ¼ mile from the ocean at Point Mugu. In Yuma, we bought a 4 bedroom home with a pool – so soon it was forgotten how hot it was. We had also rediscovered that Karol Ruffing ('61) and husband Bill White ('60) had lived in Yuma since the late 60's! I had interesting assignments for the next four years but did a lot of traveling (Logistics Support Team) for the AV-8B Harrier II. I was due for transfer back to El Toro and

now had Marny's oldest kids in High School – it was time to bid farewell to the Marines ...almost. I was able to secure a position in the Marine Corps' only adversary squadron and it was stationed at Yuma. The aircraft were totally maintained by civilians, I served as Project Manager, Maintenance Manager, Night Shift Supervisor and Quality Assurance Manager/ISO Management Representative. Companies included General Dynamics, Lockheed-Martin, McDonnell-Douglas, Boeing and Sikorsky.

I left in 2003 to open a document destruction company and in December '07 the company failed. Fortunately I was able to secure a position with Northrop Grumman in their contract to the Navy to maintain radar and aircraft tracking systems on the ranges at Yuma, El Centro and Miramar.



I am a Quality Assurance / Safety Evaluator and ISO Auditor. Places visited: Japan, Okinawa, Viet Nam, Hawaii, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Philippines, South Korea, Thailand and Singapore. Greatest joys: Marny, our kids and grandkids, being able to care for our parents in the last years of their lives and being a Scoutmaster for 15 years. All of our kids are grown and we have been blessed with eleven grandchildren. We have our oldest granddaughter, Madison (13 going on 17) living with us. We continue to count our blessings – as we are given every day.