

JOHN DEETS - September 2014

Wow, who would have ever thought that I would be writing to update the Loveland High School class of 1964 about my life over the past 50 years? Yes, it has been that long for all of us. Congratulations to all of you for making it this far.

Let us not forget those that did not make it this far – the result of war, sickness, and accidents. We all have friends that we number in that group.

After leaving Loveland, our family moved to Broomfield where I attended my last two years of high school. However, I was short some credits and they wanted me to come back for six months. But I knew better and nobody was going to tell me what to do so I joined the Army. That was January 1964; basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood Missouri; Advanced training at Ft. Sill Oklahoma and then off to Germany.

In 1966 I was reassigned to the Military Intelligence center at Ft Holabird Maryland. From there I was accepted to Officer Candidate School at Ft Benning Georgia and graduated March 1967 and commissioned a 2LT in Military Intelligence; spent a year in Vietnam; another year at Ft Meade Maryland; Army sent me to college at University of Nebraska at Omaha; just four credits short of graduating the Army sent me to Ft Riley Kansas as a Company Commander. A year later it was time to move on and I left the Army as a Captain in 1971.

I married April Pitzen in February 1965; we have two daughters (Dawn and Tamara) eight grand-kids, and eight great grand-kids. They are scattered around the US so we have places to go and visit.

After leaving the Army I worked as a private detective for several years before April told me to get a real job.

I went to work for GE in Denver in 1979; Dallas 1986; Jacksonville 1988; Los Angeles 1990; Denver 1992; Kansas City 1996; Atlanta 1998; retired 2006. During that time (1982) I returned to college and completed my degree with a double major (Business/Military Science) and a triple minor. In my mind at least, that made up for the credits I missed so many years earlier in high school.

After retiring, April and I travelled in our motor home for 5½ years. Loved every minute of it. We bought a home in Aurora and now I am trying to settle down.

Time will tell if that is even possible.

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(Extracts from a January 6, 2008 e-mail to Peggy Malchow Sass) Since

leaving Loveland the years have gone by fast:

1964 - Broomfield High school

1964 - 1970 US Army

1965 - Married, two daughters, eight grandkids, 2nd great son due in March. Wife's name is April.

2007 - Retired from GE Traveling

US in motor home

Our youngest daughter had ovarian cancer and it is in remission.

Ron Smith's dad officiated at April's and my wedding in February 1965.

You may certainly share my email information and my cell 678-516-3153 with anyone you think it is appropriate to do so. April and I travel full-time, so there is no physical address.

I do have a blog where we update family and friends on our travels and current photos.

<http://blog.thedeetsfamily.com/>

I don't know where our lives will take us but perhaps we will see each other sometime in the near future. If you talk with any classmates that have any interest in contacting me please share my contact information.

Hope all is well! John

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