

Getting to Know You

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I was born at Detroit, Michigan, in 1930, the oldest of eight children. After graduating from high school, I enrolled at the Detroit Institute of Technology and studied Business Administration, majoring in Accounting and Economics. I graduated from DIT in August, 1952, with a grade average sufficient to keep me from getting drafted into the service (the Korean War was in progress).

I entered the US Army on September 29, 1952, and took my basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, being trained for the Infantry and designated for service in Korea. However, after basic training was over I was reassigned to attend Finance School at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis, Indiana. After graduation there I was in the US Army Finance Corps and sent

to Fort Benning, Georgia, where I worked at the Post Finance Office. The fighting in Korea ended while I was at Fort Benning. I reached the rank of Corporal, and was discharged from active duty on September 28, 1954. I then was assigned to six years of inactive duty.

In October, 1954, I obtained a position at AC Spark Plug Division of General Motors Corporation. It was there that I met Elaine Seekings who later became my wife and we have been married for fifty-two years. In early 1955, I left AC Spark Plug and joined IBM where I stayed for thirty-seven years, retiring in 1992.

I love the American Legion and currently serve as 2nd Vice Commander.