

## Resume

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Born: May 30, 1951, Norway, Michigan (Upper Peninsula)

Life locations/history:

- 51-57 Madison, Wisconsin
- 58-59 Washington, D.C.
- 59-64 Istanbul, Turkey (traveled Europe, Middle East)
- 65-66 Katmandu, Nepal (traveled Middle East, Near East)
- 66 Sparks, Nevada
- 66-69 River Falls, Wisconsin (graduated 1969 River Falls High School)
- 69-73 University of South Carolina (graduated 1973 w/B.A. in history and Naval science Minor (NROTC scholarship)
- 73-77 Officer (01 and 02) U.S. Navy
- 77-79 Graduate School, USC, secondary and elementary ed. (Masters in social studies and school administration)
- 78 Moved to Batesburg, S.C. to restore National Register Home
- 79-85 Taught history and language arts, BLMS (5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades) (Lexington district Three)
- 85-86 Principal, Utopia Elementary (closed school) (Lexington District Three)
- 86-93 Assistant principal, BLMS (Lexington District Three)
- 93-04 Principal BLES (Lexington District Three)
- 04-07 Retired, adjunct professor, USC (Aiken)

Personals:

Married Elizabeth J. Black, December 1974, two daughters (Betsy 25 married and Paula 19, attending College of Charleston), spouse is Registered Nurse at Saluda Nursing Center.

Interests:

25 year member and officer in the B-L Fire Department (also Midland Fire Department, Saluda County), president of Richland Creek Antique Power Assoc., secretary Saluda County Fire Board, antique barn construction, old tractors (and cars/trucks), antiques in general, old clock repairing, woodworking and home restoration (two 1899 vintage homes in Batesburg and in Saluda Co.), farming, naval/military history.

Work History:

- 1967-73 various part time employments as needed including yard maintenance, drug store inventory clerk, security guard, gas station attendant, and landscaping assistant
- 1973-77 United States Navy as Ensign (01) and Lieutenant (junior grade) (02) at various times duties included Deck Division Officer, CMS Custodian (cryptographic security officer), navigator, legal officer,

intelligence photographer, and drug enforcement officer. Management ranged from supervising 35 sailors to independent duty. Security clearances provided upon request. Served on USS Truckee (AO-147) in the Mediterranean, USS LaSalle (AGF-3) in the Persian Gulf, and USS Blue Ridge (LCC-19) in the Pacific. While assigned, USS LaSalle was the USN vessel present at the 1973 Yom Kippur Arab-Israeli War and USS Blue Ridge was the flagship for the 1975 evacuations of Cambodia and Vietnam. Honorably discharged upon completion of service obligation in May 1977. Inactive reserve obligation completed in May 1979.

- 1977-79 Graduate School, University of South Carolina, Columbia, secondary and elementary education, social studies and administration. Certified for elementary instructor, middle and secondary social studies, elementary, middle and secondary supervisor and principal. Masters (+30)
- 1979-85 Teacher at Batesburg0Leesville Middle School. Taught history and some language arts in 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. During three of these years designed and taught (with State approval) the only concentrated geography course in South Carolina. In addition, was an administrative assistant for discipline during the 1982 through 85 school terms.
- 1985-86 Principal, Utopia Elementary School. Utopia was the last rural school in Lexington and Saluda Counties, 75 students, 5 teachers, 5 staff, grades one through five. As principal, team taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade with the media specialist as well as usual administrative duties. Utopia had some of the top test scores in South Carolina and an extremely supportive community, but was ordered to close for budget reasons by District Three. As principal acted as liaison between the vocal local community and the determined District during a year of intense media attention and high emotions. Educational standards remained high during this period. Community (and personal) efforts notwithstanding, the School was consolidated at the end of the school year.
- 1986-93 Assistant principal, Batesburg-Leesville Middle School. BLMS is a 500-600 pupil, grades 6-8 rural/small town facility housed (at the time) in a 70 year old school plant. As the assistant principal, was responsible for student discipline, shared responsibility for employee evaluation, personnel, community outreach efforts, and school/district interaction.
- 1993-04 Principal, Batesburg-Leesville Elementary School. In 1993-1995 BLES was a 400-500 pupil, grades 4-5 rural/small town facility housed in a 90 year old school plant. As the sole administrator for these two years, was responsible for all school operations and curriculum. In the fall of 1995 BLES moved into a new 77,000 square foot facility and absorbed 3<sup>rd</sup> grade from B-L Primary School, the old school plant being revitalized into the Lexington

Three Offices. During these ten years BLES twice was awarded SC School Incentive Awards. BLES remains a smooth running educational facility where faculty, staff, students, and parents can work together to solve problems and confront the challenges facing modern education in a spirit of mutual trust.

During the years of 1988-2004 also acted as Director of Safety and Security for Lexington district Three in an official but unpaid capacity. Was able to design and make operational the only district-wide, non-repeater radio network in existence in South Carolina (according to FEMA the only one they knew of in the U.S.). With no budget, planned emergency response and evacuation plans for all District Three facilities and began employee and student training in accordance with those plans. Was responsible for District/Community emergency response planning and communications, including interactions with the Town and two county governments, 6 law enforcement agencies, 3EMS organizations, and 5 fire departments. Also began the accumulation of necessary materials to meet emergency response needs. During this time was encouraged to attend both State and Federal emergency response training sessions, including Federal Emergency Management School in Emmetsburg, Maryland for two weeks.

- 2004 Retired with use of military time to pursue goals including completing restoration on our two 100 year old homes and bringing our farm back into production. Left Lexington School District Three on good terms with regret on both sides, but at my age personal/family goals needed to take priority.
- 2005-Present USC (Aiken) adjunct professor education department (classroom instructor for AEDP A330 Lifespan Development, and AEDF A321 Dynamics of American Public Education. Also act as a university supervisor for teacher interns).

References:

- Robert Williams, Assistant Superintendent, Lexington District 3  
(803) 532-8001
- Bert Smith, Principal, Batesburg-Leesville Middle School  
(803) 532-3831
- Pat Padgett, Principal, Batesburg-Leesville High School  
(803) 532-9251
- Wendy Zwarts, teacher, Batesburg-Leesville Elementary School  
(803) 532-1155
- Eric Williams, National Park Service, Park Superintendent, "96" National  
Historic Site, Ninety-Six, S.C. (864) 543-4068