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After graduation I just worked a few odd jobs for a couple of years as I was not smart enough to and could not afford to attend college.

I then joined the U.S. Navel Air Force and became Airborn Weapons Specialist in an aircraft (S2F) that was known for locating, tracking and destroying enemy submarines. It was lot of fun mainly because we were not at war then and only practiced what we were supposed to do.

Next life experience was working an insurance company (Great American) and was in the insurance business for most of my working career with various companies. I was not an Insurance Salesman (Uck) but worked as underwriter, marketing manager and regional manager in various stages of this career. I even worked for 15 years for that company that has now become the scorge of the industry AIG.

After Insurance I worked as a Private Investigator for about 10 years. Can tell you a lot of interesting stories about this business but believe me it is not as interesting or fun as depicted by movies or TV. I did not drive fancy sports cars and I was not surrounded by beautiful women or get in daily gunfights with the bad guys.

Retired in 2004 and have not done much except take care of my wife's "to-do list."  
Trying to do some Internet Marketing just to supplement my needs for something to do.

Married twice and have 1 son (Jamie) and 1 granddaughter (Samantha)  
Current wife Justine (11 Yrs) What is interesting is that she was one of the people I met at that first Insurance job so many years ago. After not seeing each other for about 30 years fate brought us together again and we have been very happy since.

I have always been a sports freak and tried to do many but was only fair in most.  
Then I discovered Martial Arts (Karate) in 1980 and have been training and now teaching ever since. Currently teaching all ages in Canton, Mi. It very rewarding to take young kids and help shape them into responsible persons.

That is all from this old guy and I look forward to seeing everyone at the reunion.

If any of my old friends want to get in touch with me my email is



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