

## **Bob A Betik**

Bob was born in Ennis, Ellis County, Texas on Oct. 7, 1946 . He graduated from St.John High School in Ennis in 1964. He attended St. Edwards Universtiy in Austin, Texas and earned an Associates Degree in Business from Navarro College in Corsicana, Texas in 1966.

Bob enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1967, taking basic training at Ft. Polk, Louisiana in 1968. Later in 1968 he was assigned to the US Army Air Defense Command, stationed at Ft Bliss, Texas. His specialty was as a mechanic in the Hawk Missile System, with specific emphasis on the battery control (launch) system, the pulse acquisition radar, and the range only radar. The Hawk system was (is) an intercept system used to combat intruding low-flying aircraft. During the 1967 Israeli-Egyptian war, the Israelis achiieved a 100% kill rate and won the war. After completing the Hawk Training School, Bob became an instructor in the same school for the rest of his Army tour, instructing, not only US troops, but also officers from our NATO ally countries as well. He was honorably discharged on May, 31, 1971, with the rank of Specialist E-5.

After being discharged, Bob worked for Jack Cooper Transport, a car-hauling contractor for General Motors, Arlington, Texas for 10 years, mainly as an outbound rail manager, shipping new automobiles all over the country via tri-level train cars. He also worked the General Motors release gate, accepting the transfer of new autos to Jack Cooper for subsequent transport.

In 1981, because of many strikes and an unsure employment environment at GM, Bob worked for ON TV, a subscription television company as their operations manager, ordering repair parts, antennas, etc., and managing a group of service techs with a fleet of 20 repair vehicles.

In 1987, Bob began work for Dart Transit Company, a common carrier trucking company based in Eagan, Minnesota. Bob worked all aspects of the trucking industry, retiring in 2011 as their Operations Manager in charge of cargo and equipment security.

Bob and his wife, Barbara, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2017. They have 2 children, both graduates of Texas A&M. Beverly is a CPA for Tramel Crow Holdings, Dallas, Tx. Bart is a licensed paramedic and a Lt. Col., USMC, flying the Cobra and Huey helicopters, the Osprey, and fixed wing T-28 Trainer jet.

Bob joined the Amereican Legion in 2006, but was inactive until 2016. He was elected and has served as Post 111 Adjutant in 2017. He has been re-lected to the Adjutant position for 2018. Additionally, he has taken on the responsibility of Vice Commander for 2018. Bob allso serves as Deputy Grand Knight for Knights of Columbus Council 8417, Waxahachie, Texas. He also serves as a Director, Place 2, Economic Development Corp., City of Ovilla, Texas. He also serves on the 7 member Ovilla Municipal Services Advisory Board, advising the Mayor and City Council regarding upcoming city projects and issues.