

New! Member Spotlight

**Tom & Nancy Byrd
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I was born in Port Arthur, TX, and Nancy was born in Longview, TX. At a very young age, my family moved to Shreveport, LA. In 1957, I joined the US Marine Corps, and after completing basic training in San Diego, CA, was assigned to the US Naval Destroyer Base, at 32d St and Highway 101, San Diego, CA, where I served as a Military Policeman (MP). I was honorably discharged in 1960 and returned to Shreveport. In early 1960, Nancy and her family moved to Shreveport. I worked several jobs in Shreveport and purchased a Harley Davidson motorcycle, which I spent more time working on than riding. I took a job as a truck driver, driving between California and Florida, hauling produce. At this time, Nancy was still attending high school and working part time at a drug store soda fountain. A friend of mine and I stopped by to get a soda, I liked what I saw in Nancy, and convinced her to go on a date with me. I quit my truck driving job and went to work at a water well drilling company in Shreveport. In 1961, I proposed to Nancy and she accepted, and we got married. About a month later, I joined the US Army, and was assigned to Fort Hood, Texas, as an MP. In 1962, I received orders for France. At this time, Nancy was pregnant with our first son. We stayed in France for three years, and during this time, purchased a Vespa scooter that we toured the area on. Our second son was also born in France. In 1965, we returned to the good old USA and were stationed at Ft Sill, OK, where we remained for a little over a year before being reassigned to Ft Polk, LA. At Ft Polk, I was a Drill Sergeant for two years and an MP for about one year. We expected to come down on orders any time and in Dec 68, I received orders assigning me to an MP unit in Korea. While in Korea, I was an MP, Physical Security NCO, and near the end of my tour, Chief, MP Investigations. While in Korea, my supervisor suggested that I apply to be Special Agent with the Army CID Command, which I did. In 1970, I returned to the USA and was stationed at Ft Leonard Wood, MO, where I was accepted into the CID program and sent to school at Ft Gordon, GA. I was sent to Korea again in Dec 1972, where I worked with the Korean Narcotics Agents for the bulk of my tour. I returned to Ft Leonard Wood in 1974, and remained there until retiring in 1978. During the time in the military, Nancy was mostly a housewife/mother, but did work several part time jobs. After our retirement from the military, Nancy worked for Alamo Savings, Builders Square, and Xerox Corp, until she was ready to be a stay at home wife. I on the other hand, worked as a buyer for after market automobile parts and accessories for ten warehouses, night warehouse manager for an automotive warehouse, and for the last 20 plus years, as a Physical Security Specialist at Ft Sam Houston, TX. I only mentioned one motorcycle. There were more, mostly 360 cc or less, and a Vespa or 2 while in the service. They included Honda, Yamaha, Suzuki, and one Hodaka, which I raced. Both the boys also raced motocross in the 100 cc class. After retiring, I purchased a 750 Honda, a 2001 Yamaha Venture, 2002 Goldwing, which is now a trike, and a 2005 Yamaha V Star 1100.

