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### **Biography**

- **Employment:**
  - 1961-1986, United States Army. Assignments in Germany, Georgia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Pentagon, and Vietnam (two one-year tours). Retired in the rank of Colonel. Served on the Faculty of the Army War College 1972-1975 and 1980-1983. Awarded the second-highest award for meritorious service (Legion of Merit) three times.
  - 1988-1999, City of Rockford, Superintendent of Property & Equipment. Responsible for Fleet Maintenance (including the 500 vehicles assigned to Rockford Police and Winnebago Sheriff) and Building Maintenance. Coordinator of Rockford's Graffiti Program, 1993-1999. Selected as Illinois Public Works Employee of the Year. Graffiti Program was recognized as having the fastest response rate within the United States.
- **Education:**
  - St. Thomas High School, Rockford, 1956.
  - John Carroll University, Cleveland, BS in English, 1960.
  - University of Georgia, Athens, MBA, Information Systems, 1970.
  - US Army Command and General Staff College, 1971.
  - US Army War College, 1980.
- **Volunteer/Community Participation:**
  - Deputy Director and webmaster, NoGraf Anti-Graffiti Network, <http://nograffiti.com>.
  - Past President and webmaster, Rock Valley Kiwanis Club, <http://rockvalleykiwanis.com>.
  - Founding member, Board Member, and webmaster, Greater Rockford Transportation Coalition (GRTC), <http://www.rockfordtransportation.org>.
  - Past President & webmaster, North End Square Neighborhood Association, [www.NorthEndSquare.com](http://www.NorthEndSquare.com)
  - Founding Member & Vice President, Neighborhood Network, [www.RockfordNeighbors.com](http://www.RockfordNeighbors.com)
  - Special Assistant to Mayor Morrissey, City of Rockford (Resigned as of 7/22/05)
- **Personal:** Married to Elizabeth Ann Powers on 19 August 1961. 6 children, 12 grandchildren.