Rick,

I decided 51 years in TV news means I've paid my dues. My first TV job came in the summer of 1969, with a scholarship at WMT (now KGAN) in Cedar Rapids. It became steady work covering the Vietnam war protests at the University of Iowa.

After Air Force duty in Texas and Thailand, my total photographer, reporter. management, and consulting tour took me to 20 cities. The most pleasing/ satisfying experience, in 45 years as a News Director, has been the honor of kicking off the careers of many beginning broadcast journalists, in several of those cities.

For these final 24 years of my career I've enjoyed working at CBS powerhouse, WIBW TV in Topeka, a station celebrating 70 years in November. No better place for new people to learn the trade.

So, my last official day June 30. Still have a lot of energy so I'll let you know what comes next.

Jon