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I was born and raised in Wichita and enlisted in the U.S. Navy after graduating from high school. I attended the Naval Nuclear Power College in Mare Island, Calif., served at the Prototype Reactor Training Facility at the Atomic Energy Commission site in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and later assigned to a Fast Attack Submarine operating with the Pacific Fleet. After completing my enlistment, I returned to Wichita and made my career in aerospace for over 31 years. Since retiring from both Boeing and Beechcraft, I have enjoyed spending my time in many ways, but most of all enjoy the time I get to spend with Becky, my wife of 50 years.

During my Boeing career I was an active volunteer. I served (multiple times) as Secretary, Vice-President and President of the Boeing Employees Good Neighbor Fund. I planned and organized activities including many of its community facing projects. I have also served on the board for Music Theater Wichita, United Way of the Plains, Wichita Art Museum and others.

First, I would say that working together with others for a common cause in a volunteer environment has been uniquely enjoyable and rewarding for me. In my view it is the committed volunteers that make the most impact in an organization. When I received the email sent to WBS members asking for volunteers to support the board, I sensed that the future of the Wichita Blues Society was in question. I tried to imagine the impact to the Wichita community from such a loss and knew I wanted to help in any way I could.

I am excited for the potential to be part of a whole new network of individuals and organizations who have a common sense of purpose and honestly care about serving the community and promoting Blues music.