

**I was born Graham David Thomas Town in Reigate, Surrey, England in 1947, emigrated with my family through Ellis Island to California in 1953, became a US Citizen in 1964, graduated Ventura High School in 1965, studied Electronics Engineering and apprenticed to the US Navy as a civil servant, and was drafted into the US Army in 1967.**

**I was selected to go to the “Instant NCO” school at Fort Benning after AIT at Tigerland, Fort Polk and became a Light Weapons Infantry Sergeant E5 in 1968. I was sent to Viet Nam as a replacement to the 173d, went to jungle school at An Khe, and was assigned to the 1/50<sup>th</sup> as a Squad Leader. The Brigade Maintenance Officer noticed my Collage and US Navy Electronics experience and detailed me to Company D Maintenance, Support Battalion at LZ Lane as Avionics Sergeant. I served the remainder of my tour between LZ Lane and LZ English with Casper Aviation Platoon, HHC.**

**I am a member of Casper Aviation Platoon Organization (CAPO) and have served as both Vice President and President of CAPO ([www.casperplatoon.com](http://www.casperplatoon.com)).**

**I went back to Civil Service with the US Navy at Point Mugu California after separation from active duty in 1969, served my reserve time attached to the Navy, and was honorably discharged in 1973.**

**While a Civil Servant I progressed through the Wage Grade ranks from Shop Learner (WG3) through Aircraft Systems Electronic Mechanic (WG12). I was promoted to General Schedule as an Electronic Technician (GS8) and wound up as a GS11.**

**I left Civil Service in 1983 for a Principal Electronics Engineer position with Lockheed Sanders in New Hampshire, which became BAE Systems. I retired from BAE Systems in 2007 as a Principal EW Systems Engineer and became an independent EW & Avionics Design Engineering Consultant. I just relocated to Santa Maria California where I will consult part time with the USAF at Vandenberg AFB and play with my four Grand Kids!**

**The highlights of my life have been my service with the Brigade, 42 years working for the US defense industry, my US and International Patents, and my beautiful Wife, two Sons, Daughter, three Grand Sons and Grand Daughter.**

**It's been a “Great Ride” for someone who never got around to finishing his Engineering Degree!**

**Graham David Thomas Town**