

Bio of Terry Opdahl

I left Pleiku in August of '69 and went to Texas as a P1 instructor. In '70 I was told to become an RLO or get out of the Army. After a few phone calls, I was accepted at USC and left the Army on 4-1-1971.

Resumed the completion of my degree, joined the CA Nat'l Guard and began flying part-time for the Sheriff. Finished my degree late in 1972 and became a banker.

In 1979, State Farm Insurance recruited me as an agent and I opened an insurance agency. In 1984 they promoted me to management and assigned me the County of San Luis Obispo. In 1995, they promoted me to a Field Executive and gave me the west-side of Los Angeles. At the end of 2003 I was "burnt" and told them I planned to retire. They offered me a great-sized agency about a mile from my home and I took it. Still running the agency with a planned retirement date of 4-1-13.

All this time I flew for the Guard and retired from flying and the Army in 1995 (27 years). Ended up flying for the Sheriff (part-time) for 11 years and have been with State Farm for 34 years.

I am living in Redondo Beach, on the coast about 25 minutes south of LAX with my wife Judith. I have been a lucky boy and love my life.

If they had killed, or maimed me in RVN, I would be pissed! But, as it turned out, I wouldn't have missed it for the world. I also would never want to miss having flown with all you guys! Thanks!

Terry Opdahl
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