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Born: Sept. 8, 1940, in St. Louis, Mo.

Education: Received the associate of arts degree in business from Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo.; the bachelor of science degree in education from Mississippi College, Clinton; and the master of science degree in recreation from Indiana University, Bloomington.

Married: Patti on Dec. 31, 1964.

Children: Jim and Mike are grown.

Previous experience: Naval aviator with the U.S. Marine Corps for 14 years. He flew more than 500 combat missions in Vietnam in 1969-70 and attained the rank of lieutenant colonel before leaving the Marine Corps in 1980. Campus life director at South Texas Children's Home, Beeville, Texas, 1980-1984. Program administrator at Missouri Baptist Children's Home, St. Louis, Mo., 1984-1989. Adult division director, Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn., 1989-1993.

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