



Good Morning fellow MAAC members from Sandra Lawell. Here's my attempt to share a little bit about my life. And I am very happy to be serving as Vice President of MAAC this year!

My father was a U.S. Army Chaplain during WWII and met my mother when he was stationed in England. My mother was in the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS), which was the women's branch of the British Army and was established to assist the war effort. They married in 1944. After the war ended, my father was sent back to Germany in a civilian capacity (I believe he had participated in the Allied invasion in 1944) as part of the allied-occupation for administrative purposes. And I was born in Frankfurt, Germany. We left Germany and returned to England when I was about five-years old. We remained in England first living in the north and later moving to Oxford, which is my favorite city in the world!

My father had continued working for the US Government in England in the field of education for military personnel in Europe. Dad received orders to transfer and in January 1965 (I was 18) we moved to Chateauroux, France, a huge adjustment for everyone (I had three sisters), but nonetheless "an adventure." That adventure brought Terry and me together and we were married in November 1965. After President Charles de Gaulle withdrew France from the common NATO military command in February 1966, he ordered all American military forces to leave France. Once again the family must move, this time back to England and Dad would retire. And

this would be the time that I would embark on my own journey and would become the crossroad of my life – the family moved back to northern England and I would move to the United States. I was a German/American having been born in Germany under the U.S. flag and never been to the USA. From Germany to England to France to Texas – Houston, San Antonio, Austin!

I started working at Motorola in 1979 as a secretary. A few years later I was offered the opportunity of attending St. Edward's University to pursue my Bachelor's degree – Motorola was very generous in paying for my tuition. I worked full time and attended St. Edwards and after about ten years, received my degree – whew! I then went into Program Management. I retired from Motorola in 2003 – A wonderful 24 years!!

Terry and I have one son, David -- one grandson, Sol -- and a one-year old great grandson, Ashima! Our hobby/passion is classic automobiles and Terry is a master at restoring these old relics and making them come to life again. In fact, when we once again can hold our quarterly meetings, Terry may give a talk about his experiences with these old classics and what “fun” he has had along the way.

Stay safe out there and I do hope that you will join me in sharing some stories about your lives and experiences.