

## **Tom Palmer**

I was born in Southern Indiana, but raised by my cousins in Northern, Minnesota (Duluth). By the time I finished High School I had worked as a Berry picker, Chicken barn cleaner, Paperboy, Hospital dirty cloths sorter, and then a janitor. To earn my way through college (Indiana University) I sailed the great lakes as a deck hand for US Steel and worked in the school cafeteria.

At 22 I married my best friend whom I met in the first grade. Upon marriage I immediately became a father to a wonderful 6 year old boy. Deb worked as a nurse as I went to law school, then later she went to school for her masters and doctor degrees in nursing. We just celebrated (In Banff) our 44th anniversary. We had two children together (besides boy #1). During Law school (Gonzaga) I joined the Navy and served as a JAGC Officer for six years. My best 3 years, career wise, was being the Station Attorney for NAS Miramar. All six years served were in San Diego. Following the Navy, for about 30 years, I worked for the County of San Diego mostly as a trial attorney (various departments including defending Sheriff Deputies; Child advocate attorney; Criminal defense; Training and administration). Then about six years ago, I retired. We moved from San Diego up North because we wished to be closer to two of our children and also the two Grandkids, all who live in San Francisco. It took us a couple of moves before landing in this amazing town of Windsor two years ago. Here, I enjoy anything that involves listening to live music. I've also been trying to learn fly fishing. Additionally, my wife and I love to hit the road camping, along with other types of traveling.

I became involved with SIRS when Jerry found me doing another thing I really enjoy...drinking beer. Recently I've started golfing, which I hadn't really done since Miramar days and can only improve....hopefully. I enjoy coffee time and of course, happy hour. I looked around at what this great group needed and took on the Newsletter/notice position. I then served as Little Sir in 2024 and Big Sir in 2025. I plan to continue to be actively involved with SIRS and look forward to getting to know more and more members.