

## Wayne Lindahl

I was born in Seattle, WA in June of 1936, but lived in many various towns in the Puget Sound. My Dad was a pharmacist and Mom a homemaker. I am the middle child between 2 sisters. While a senior in high school, at age 17, I couldn't wait to join the action in Korea, (these were my John Wayne days). I enlisted in the Air Nat'l Guard. After graduating from high school, I transferred to the active U.S. Air Force and served my basic training at Lackland A.F. Base in San Antonio, TX. I was then transferred to Kelly A.F. Base for more technical training as a communications analyst. A few months later, I was assigned to the 15<sup>th</sup> Radio Squadron Mobile in Japan and Korea.

After spending 5 years in Japan and Korea, I returned to Texas for advanced training, then onto Darmstadt, Germany for the next three years as a communications analyst for the NSA. After recovering from my John Wayne days and spending 10 years in the Air Force, I returned to the states as a civilian and headed for the warmth of New Mexico.

In New Mexico I was fortunate to be hired by IBM at an entry level position, thanks to the Air Force being a prime contributor to my college education and work experience. IBM was a company dedicated to encouraging you to reach your potential.

I held a number of positions with them, at various locations, each one a stepping stone to the next level etc etc.

My final position with IBM was as the comptroller of a developmental lab in Menlo Park. And then with ROLM and Siemens in Santa Clara with the responsibility for revenue and profit planning.

Maryl and I met through mutual friends in Palo Alto, it has been a great ride for the last thirty years. We have 3 children, 5 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. After being married a short time, we decided it was time to retire and leave Silicon Valley and come to the wine country. I had been a visitor to the Russian River wine country for many years and had amassed a considerable wine collection of French, Italian and California wines and thought it was time to stop and not only smell the roses, but to drink down our cellar. We are still working on that. Since moving to Windsor in 1997, a very nice, welcoming town, I have been involved in a number of community causes. I was a co-president of the Sonoma County Wine Library for several years, I tutored at the Continuation high school in various subjects for 5 years, I have served on the Board of the Friends of the Windsor Library. I was a member of the Sonoma Grand Jury in 2016.

I joined SIRs a few years ago, after Maryl heard Gary Jensen's recruitment pitch at the senior center, and she encouraged me to get out and make my own friends. Once again, she was right. I have served as Beer Co-ordinator and am now serving as Couples Dinner Co-ordinator, a fun challenge to find places for our foodie members to dine and get to know each other better. I also enjoy the three major "Bs", beer, bowling and bocce with my fellow SIRs.

We have been fortunate to travel all of the U.S., except the Mid-West and also to the Maritime Provinces. For 10 years we went to France looking for a place to live 6 months of the year and the rest of the time here. We found a spot in Burgundy, but at that time our grandchildren started to arrive and we felt we would miss too much of their lives living in Europe. Instead we have traveled to many wonderful countries in Europe, usually spending a month at a time and for the past number of years we have rented apartments in Paris to satisfy our love of France. We have

taken a few cruises up the St. Lawrence River and to Alaska, and river cruises in Europe, but there isn't anything like our bit of paradise here.