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Birthplace: Refugio, Texas

Grew up in nearby Matagorda County, Graduating from Bay City High School

Education: B.S. Texas A&M (Animal Husbandry),1963; M.B.A. Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln (Graduate School of Business),1978

Military Service: Served nearly 27 years of active duty in the US Air Force, retiring as a full Colonel in 1991, Command Pilot with over 5,000 hours flying time in several mission design series aircraft; Combat Decorations for service in the conflict in Southeast Asia include: The Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Air Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm

Real Estate: Licensed realtor since 1991. Has served with five different brokerages in the last 25 years (Guy Chipman Co., Texas Ranches for Sale, Kuper-Sothebys International Realty, Keller Williams, and now Ortiz & Associates). Have limited realty work to farm and ranch since 2007. Recognized by the San Antonio Business Journal as one of the top eight farm & ranch agents in San Antonio in 2011 for the year 2010.

Livestock Feed Manufacturing: While keeping license active for referral purposes, spent over thirteen years with two feed companies (Allied Feeds, Inc. of Cuero, TX in mill quality control, retail sales, and area sales rep. and with Livengood Feeds, Inc. of Lockhart, TX as company Sales Mgr. while also covering a sales area centered around San Antonio).

Civic and other affiliations: Board of Directors of West Texas Fair & Rodeo 1987-91, Past President South Texas Farm & Ranch Club 1996-97, Volunteer Livestock Committee for San Antonio Livestock Exposition 1994-2011. Board of Directors of Texas Alliance of Land Brokers 2011-12. Holds Membership in NAR, TAR, SA Board of Realtors, Order of Daedalians (national fraternity of military pilots), The Distinguished Flying Cross Society, Natl. Rifle Assc., Former Students Assc. of Texas A&M, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Knights of Columbus

Commissioner on the Texas Military Preparedness Commission under appointment of Gov. Rick Perry, 2007-2011 (working with communities in state impacted by Base Realignment & Closure/BRAC 2005 to include one of the authors of the Camp Bullis Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) in 2008).

Married to the late Patrizia Chicca of Rome, Italy for nearly 33 years; remarried in 2003 to Margaret McMinn of San Antonio