

Joe & Nancy Opuszenski



Joe – born and raised in Conn. Upon graduation from college was immediately drafted into the Army and ended up making it a career for the next 23 years. Served overseas (Germany, Korea) for 13 years and retired in 1992. Then worked as a contract engineer, from '93 to '08, in support of the Albuquerque office of the Dept. of Energy and the US Air Force. For eight years I volunteered as English as a Second Language tutor and served on the Board Of Directors of Read West Inc. in Rio Rancho. I served several terms as secretary and president of our neighborhood association. Currently, in addition to motorcycling interests, I also maintain an ongoing email relationship and website with approximately 500 former military associates. I retired (from working, yeah!) in 2008.



Nancy – I am also from Conn and a graduate of Univ. of Conn (go Huskies!) (degree in Elementary Education). I have worked in various education-related positions wherever Joe was stationed. From 1990 to present I have worked in the Albuquerque and Rio Rancho library system, the last few years as a volunteer for the RR system; currently a contractor working in support of the RR library system. I like reading, walking the dogs, and working in the yard. At one time I was a Master Gardiner but have gotten away from that as my interests changed.

Joe & Nancy – married 1970 (in Albuquerque), one son who resides in Indiana and one granddaughter. We bought our first bike 1974, a 150 cc Bridgestone followed by a GT380 Suzuki. We rode until 1976 when Joe was transferred to Korea. Joe's final military assignment was to Kirtland AFB in 1989 allowed resumption of motorcycling. Bought a Silver Wing and gradually progressed up the ladder to a GL1100, GL1500, and currently a GL1800 with a sidecar. We joined GWRRA in July 1995 and were assigned to Chapter W which was just forming. At some unknown point in time we were reassigned to Chapter F. We have lived in many neat places: Huntsville, AL, Albuquerque (1970), Mainz, Germany ('70-'74), Colorado Springs ('74-'77), Taejon S. Korea ('76-'77, Joe only), Seneca



Army Depot (near Syracuse, NY)('77-'78), Buren, W. Germany ('77-'80), Pirmasens, W Germany ('80-'82), Presidio of San Francisco ('82-'84), Muenster, W Germany ('85-'88) and finally, Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque ('88) where we finally settled in Rio Rancho; such is the life of a military person. Whew! We currently have three "fur children"; all dachshunds, Lexie, Lindie & Heidi and a good portion of our daily activities revolve around them. In 2008 we did our "Great Adventure of 2008", our longest trip ever, 45-days, 17 states, and 7,000 miles. All three fur children were road with us in the sidecar for 2,000 plus miles.