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After Yale I joined the Navy and spent almost four years with Seal Team Two in Little Creek, Virginia. Working with the Seals was a great experience. I learned early on how much can be accomplished by a group if everyone in the group shares motivation and objectives.

At the end of my tour with the Seals I considered a full-time Navy career, but instead ended up at Harvard Business School. There I roomed with Dick Livingston (’69) and Mike Bouscaren (’69). Harvard was unique because, among other things, it was the first time since the fourth grade that I had been in class with women.

After Harvard I went to work in an underground molybdenum mine in Colorado owned by AMAX, Inc. I lived in Vail at the time and would often see classmates during their skiing trips, notably Hal Valeche. My time underground eventually led to time in Greenwich, Connecticut, AMAX’s headquarters— where I met and married my ex-wife Nina Wemyss.

AMAX transferred me to Paris (after I had just built a house in Greenwich) and we had two really educational years in France, where I ended up as Vice President of Finance, Europe in 1984.

The desire to move outside of the corporate walls and run my own company became stronger in 1984. At the end of that year I left AMAX to run a small gold mining company in Reno, Nevada. That step led to a divorce, a stretching of my financial resources and some enlightenment. In Reno, I met my fiance, Maija Reichardt. Together we purchased a ranch outside Reno and that is where I have settled. After selling the gold properties, I began commuting to Los Angeles to work with an investment banking firm, L.J. Kaufman and Company, on some joint venture capital projects. That led to my association with Hughes Aircraft Company-Los Angeles, for whom I am now a full-time consultant. I commute to Reno on weekends.