

**Military service.** Joined Naval Reserve in 1962 as alternative to draft (or a marriage exemption) and lure of the sea and adventure. Graduated from Officer Candidate School and the U.S. Naval Justice School at Newport, Rhode Island.

Served as the Legal Officer and Communications Division Officer aboard a seaplane tender in the Western Pacific conducting aerial surveillance during Vietnam War. Stationed at Pearl Harbor distributing highly classified key cards, publications and equipment to Naval and Marine forces throughout the Pacific, mostly to Vietnam.

Retired from active duty in 1966, remained in Naval Reserve for 18 years, participating in RIMPAC exercises on the Mainland, Canada and New Zealand, retiring as a lieutenant commander.

**Proud accomplishment.** Commissioned as an ensign from OCS as more than a third of the class failed to graduate. Career led to exciting, fulfilling career, retirement benefits, TRICARE eligibility and exchange and commissary privileges.

**Education.** Punahou School and University of California at Fresno (Bachelor of Science in geology).

**Civilian profession.** Used geology education to become sugar agriculture supervisor on Kauai and Big Island. After a decade, got tired of raising cane and moved into industrial sales and eventually worked at PaperSource, a major wholesale paper, plastic and chemical distribution company at Campbell Industrial Park. Retired from civilian career in March, 2006.

**How you met Helene.** Waikiki neighbor and Helene's coworker gave him her number. He called, they talked for two hours like old friends, went on a blind date at Chuck's Steak House in Hawaii Kai and two years later got married. They celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.



The happy couple

**Hobbies.** Traveling, reading, swimming and working with the computer.

**Recent books read.** *The Source* by James Michener, a huge historical novel beginning in 7850 BC about how religion evolved and influenced mankind. *The Appeal*, latest legal thriller by John Grisham.

**Last trip from Hawaii.** Space-available flight last Sept. from Hickam to Milwaukee, WI, and then to St. Paul, MN, by bus to visit sister and her family .

**Next trips.** Space-A flights to California with Helene for a Super Bowl party and to Japan in spring with Joe Kuroda to see cherry blossoms.

**What many don't know.** Lived in Beirut, Lebanon, as a teen, when it was a beautiful, peaceful city, as dad worked for Trans-Arabian Pipeline company during construction of a pipeline from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean. Traveled all over Middle East from Dead Sea to Jerusalem to Damascus to Cyprus and Turkey.