

George R. Blair Jr.



Early Life

I was born in 1951 in El Paso, Texas. I lived in El Paso until I completed college.

Education

I received my Bachelor of Science Degree in Science Education from the University of Texas at El Paso in 1973. I completed my Master's Degree in Political Science at Oklahoma State University in 1982. While studying at OSU, I specialized in the history and governments of Latin America. I am currently working on a second master's degree at Texas State University, majoring in American History. I am taking classes just because I like the college atmosphere and I like learning new information about American History, so I'm not in much of a rush to finish.

Military



Joining the Air Force after college was my ticket out of El Paso. I became a pilot and spent 10 years as an instructor in the T-37 trainer aircraft and another 10 years as a pilot & instructor in the C-141 Starlifter. I decided to retire following 4 months in Mogadishu, Somalia dodging bullets & snakes while on duty with the United Nations

famine relief effort. During my 20 year career, I spent over 15 years as an instructor pilot and academic instructor. I retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.



Teaching

I am certified to teach both high school science and high school social studies in Texas. I began teaching in 1995 at Brackenridge High School in the San Antonio ISD. I came to Samuel Clemens High School in 1997. I am also an adjunct instructor of Government and US History at St. Philips College. In addition to my teaching duties, I have been the Chairman of the Social Studies Department since 2004. Since 2009, I have served as the Social Studies UIL Academics Coach & I am also one of two technologists for Samuel Clemens.

Family

I have been married since 1981 and have one daughter. My wife Cindy, a former Clemens math teacher, is also a retired military pilot & is currently the District Testing Coordinator at Judson ISD. My daughter Megan, a 2003 Clemens graduate, has a masters degree in US History from Texas State University and is an Air Force Historian working in the Command Historian's Office at Randolph Air Force Base.

Miscellaneous

I was honored by being selected as the SCUC ISD High School Teacher of the Year for 2001-2002. In addition, I was the Spurs Teacher of the Game in December, 2003. I was the Schertz VFW nominee for the State Teacher of the Year Contest for 2000-2001 & 2001-2002. I received the Mirabeau B. Lamar Award for Excellence in Teaching from the Masons of Texas in 2010. I like using quotes in my classes & have found Mark Twain & Teddy Roosevelt to be my favorite sources.