

George R. Blair Jr.

Biography



Early Life

I started life in 1951 in El Paso, Texas. I lived in El Paso until after I completed college in 1973.

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 will hopefully finish this degree in 2009.

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. For two years, I taught World Geography, American Government, and Economics at the standard and honors levels. I began teaching at Samuel Clemens High School in 1997. My teaching schedule this year includes Standard Government, Honors Government, Advance Placement Government, Dual Credit Government, International Baccalaureate History II, and Honors/Pre-IB Geography. I am also an adjunct teacher of Government at St. Philips College. In addition to my teaching duties, I am also the Chairman of the Social Studies Department.

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 a Math Curriculum Instructional Coordinator at Jefferson High School. My daughter Megan, a 2003 Clemens graduate, is completing a master's degree in History at Texas State University.

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 like using quotes in my classes & have found Mark Twain & Teddy Roosevelt to be my favorite sources.