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He spent his Air Force career in Acquisition, primarily contracting. Tom was an ACO for the Peacekeeper Installation, Contracting Officer for the international agreement establishing point air defense in the United Kingdom, squadron commander of the 97th Contracting Squadron, Altus AFB Oklahoma.

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