



Dear HCS Family,

In my first newsletter, it is appropriate to offer a little biographical information. I will try to effectively relate my military and civilian experience since it is intertwined over the years. After completing high school and a little college, a career in the Air Force appeared more inviting. After nearly six years of Air Force active service, serving assignments in Great Britain, Germany and Florida, my family and I relocated to the Triad in 1986. Although my intention was to avoid college, I quickly learned the value of an education and began taking night courses through the University of Maryland, European Division completed an Associate degree in Criminal Justice and a second in Management. Through the encouragement from military officers and educators, I left the active service to complete my Bachelors degree graduating in 1986. While working for State Farm as an auto claims adjuster, I continued my military service by joining the North Carolina Air National Guard as a traditional member (involving primarily weekends, and annual training periods).

The years of military experience, span career areas such as Security Police, Logistics Plans, Chief Personnel Utilization, Chief, Education and Training, and most recently Commander of a Security Forces Squadron. My military service has resulted in travel to Europe, Japan, Iraq, Morocco, Qatar, and Turkey. This past year my family and I moved to Montgomery AL while I attended Air War College (AWC). AWC is a senior military officer education course attended by Air Force and Department of Defense personnel.

In 1989, I accepted a sales position with Allstate Insurance Company as an agent in High Point. After twelve years, I desired the opportunity to become an independent agent to expand lines of insurance for my clients. Starting the agency in early 2001 was a challenge; however, the attack on September 11, 2001 returned me to military service for two years. Trying to maintain the insurance business and travel with the military proved unsuccessful, and I had to sell the business in 2003. The last seven to eight years have been primarily military.

Another consistent passion for me has been the development of HCS. It was my privilege to join the school board over ten years ago. I have a personal vested interest in our motto "Excellence for Eternity" since my son Todd graduated from HCS in 2002 and UNC Chapel Hill in 2006. As well as having two students attending here in seventh and tenth grades. It has been exciting to see the school mature, but most importantly to see how the Lord has blessed this work. There have been many challenges over the years; however, the Lord has provided people for the right season enabling consistent growth and development. It would take pages and pages to recount the many answered prayers, but it is imperative that we continue to be faithful in prayer. As a young school we continue to charter new territory seeking the Lord's guidance. The Lord made coming to HCS very clear to me, although I had other plans. I am honored to be partnered with the parents and students here at HCS to continue this important mission.

"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him." James 1:5

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