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Class: Amateur Extra
First License: 1976

Brief Bio:

I am a native of Thibodaux, Louisiana, and after serving in the US Army Signal Corp. and completing 50 weeks of electronics training at Ft. Monmouth N.J., I was sent to Vietnam in 1970 to 1971. After ETS I completed more electronics training at the Trade School in Houma LA. I did receive my second phone communications license while at school. After working with oilfield service companies, I started working with Mobil OIL Corp. in the Gulf of Mexico. I had a deal with my brother (N5AKD) who lived in Berwick LA: "If you go to the morse code class, I will go too." We attended classes in Morgan City LA. The class was given by Grant Patton (W5GPJ) who just recently passed away. I was first licensed in 1976 as WD5CFM. Today I'm currently retired from Island Operating Co. in Houma, LA. I have a wife (Louise) and three children and three grand children.

What I enjoy about Amateur Radio?

I am the net manager for the Central Gulf Coast Hurricane Net. I do enjoy calling the net on Thursday nights at 01:00 Zulu. The net will have 60 or 90 check-in on any given night. I also enjoy working on 10 thru 80 meter making contact and friends around the world. I especially enjoy working digital, be it PSK or FT-8. I enjoy working to help provide VE Testing for the club for new hams and upgrades. I do like the emergency preparedness aspect of our hobby. I believe that we have to get more young people interested in ham radio. I like to meet people and make friends. I encourage everyone to ham it up with amateur radio. It's a great Hobby.

Thanks to my Uncle W5TSQ and many others for creating the spark.

