

## **Vita**

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Tom was born on July 30, 1956, in Los Angeles, California. He is the middle child of three. While growing-up in a military family, he lived in several locations, which included Germany, California, Missouri, Texas, Kentucky, Washington, North Carolina, Kansas and Idaho, where he graduated from Twin Falls High School. He then served in the United States Regular Army for four years.

Tom graduated from the University of Idaho, where he was awarded the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, Master of Science in Civil Engineering, and Master of Business Administration. He then went to work in consulting structural engineering offices in Seattle, Washington for nearly two years and Los Angeles, California for 13 years, of which, for ten of those years, he was a self-employed structural engineer. He earned California licenses as a Professional Engineer in Civil Engineering (P.E.), Structural Engineer (S.E.), General Building Contractor, and Real Estate Broker. He also is presently licensed as a P.E. in the States of Washington, Arizona and Virginia, and he maintains an S.E. license in the State of Illinois.

Tom came to Virginia Tech, located in Blacksburg, Virginia, in May 1998, to pursue further graduate study in Structural Engineering. During his stay, he was an active judicial panel member for the Graduate Honor System and was awarded membership in the honor societies of Phi Kappa Phi and Chi Epsilon.

After completing the Doctoral degree in Civil Engineering, Tom moved to San Diego, California to begin work as a consulting structural engineer. He is married to Lyn Talana Ramskill, a California Realtor®.