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Following Geneseo, I served, approximately four years, as an Intelligence Specialist, specializing in Imagery Analysis, for the US Navy and I am a Gulf War Veteran.

In the Fall of 1995, I began graduate studies at Virginia Tech with the College of Education and graduated with a Master's of Art in Curriculum and Instruction Social Sciences, Middle and Secondary School, in December 1997. Additionally, I passed the national PRAXIS Exam and am certified to teach social studies at the secondary and middle school levels. I also began graduate studies with the Department of Geography at Virginia Tech in August 1997 and will graduate with a Master's of Science in Geography in August 2000.

Beginning in September 1999, I began working with the National Imagery and Mapping Agency as a Geospatial Spatial Analyst in St. Louis, MO.

I met my wife, Jennifer Lynn Ratigan, DVM-Virginia Tech, at Geneseo State. I have family in Rochester, NY, Dallas, TX, and Albuquerque, NM.