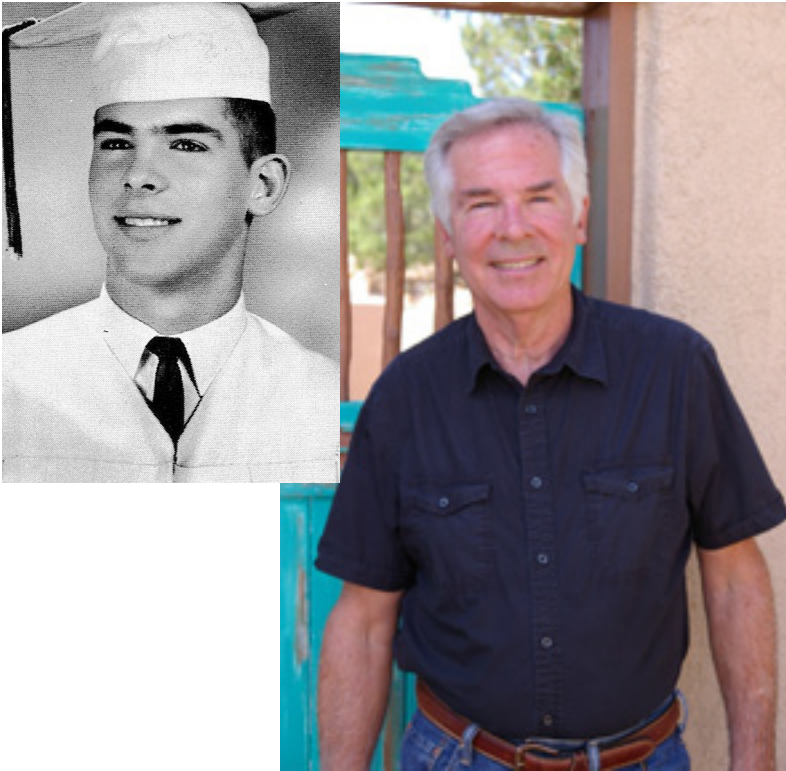


# BIOGRAPHY - Bob McGeorge



I did not accurately predict post-Burges life. Most of my immediate family lived in El Paso, and I assumed that we would all continue to live there with my parents, aunts, uncles and cousins – possibly after a few years in college somewhere else. Instead:

After graduation from Burges, I joined my family in New Orleans where they had moved during my senior year. I attended LSU for no other reason than it was the state university. I was soon in for some rude shocks, including mandatory ROTC, shaved heads for all freshmen guys, calculus, oppressive humidity and massive resistance to integration. I was soon considered to be an outside agitator. Who knew that El Paso was a bastion of liberalism?

I quickly retreated to the Southwest after enduring one year at LSU, enrolling at the University of New Mexico. Along the way, I changed my major from Architecture to Business Administration. That major didn't require calculus or biology (I think I may be the only student with 19 years of education who never dissected a frog).

After graduation from college, my next priority was finding an Army reserve unit. Some of you may remember the Viet Nam War era. Luckily, the Special Forces unit in Albuquerque had openings. Apparently, jumping out of airplanes didn't appeal to lots of potential

recruits, but I thought it would be fun – and jump pay increased my private's salary by more than fifty percent.

I then attended UNM law school. I had an offer from a local law firm after graduation, but I wanted to practice law in the big city for a few years before returning to New Mexico.

A few years in Washington, DC turned into fifteen. During that time, I was a Faculty Assistant at Catholic University Law School, an associate at one law firm, and a partner at several other firms. My practice was fairly diverse, but most of my time was devoted to aviation and maritime law, antitrust and international trade.

Next came, an academic tour at the University of Nebraska Law School, where I taught International Trade & Transactions, Public International Law and Comparative Law, and ran a university center that focused on international agricultural trade.

Then I returned to Washington, DC to work at the Department of Justice's Antitrust Division. Our section had responsibility for the Transportation, Energy and Agriculture industries. I also spent six months at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Virginia during my government tour.

In 2005, I realized that I had spent almost ten years at the Justice Department, which beat my previous longevity record for any single employer by three or four years. But, a call from a head hunter kept me from settling down too much.

I took a job as the General Counsel for the International Trade Association in Montreal. That was the most interesting job of my professional career, as IATA is a trade association for international airlines; it manages a huge financial settlement system for airlines, travel agents and cargo agents; and it operates a commercial business that covers almost all of its costs. I also traveled extensively putting out legal fires (to the extent possible) in Europe, Africa, Asia and the South Pacific.

Living in Montreal was also interesting. We had a condo in Old Montreal overlooking the Old Port, and walking distance to my office, coffee shops, restaurants, pastry shops and other attractions. El Paso did not prepare me for Montreal winters. By the time we left, my French had improved to about the rudimentary level of the Spanish that I still remembered from high school.

In 2011, I retired from IATA and returned to New Mexico forty years after law school graduation (a little longer than the expected two or three years in the big city). My wife of 38 years, Dorothy, and I live in Sandia Park, which is on the opposite side of the Sandia Mountains from Albuquerque. It is a nice combination of a faux adobe house in the pine and pinon forest of the Sandias, a mile away from a great golf course (Paa Ko Ridge) and a 20 minute drive to Albuquerque.

Dorothy is an artist who is busy painting in her near-by studio almost every day (and is represented by two New Mexico galleries). Our two married daughters live in the Washington, DC area and Pittsburgh, where they have busy careers. For my part, I am doing a little consulting and volunteer work, and trying to improve my golf game.

I hope friends from Burges will stop by when traveling through New Mexico. Among other talents, I am a pretty good travel guide.

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