

# James Quinn

**WHERE WERE YOU BORN / RAISED:** Born at hospital in Chicago and raised in Hinsdale, Illinois



**EDUCATION:** Graduated Hinsdale High School 1959. Enlisted in Army shortly thereafter. Came to California day after getting out of Military with high school buddy—along with group of 10 other village riff-raffs—and completed both undergraduate and graduate degree in Economics from Long Beach State University.

**MILITARY SERVICE:** Distinguished (only in my own mind) RA Airborne Paratrooper 1959-1962

**CAREER:** Worked for two Fortune 500 companies with corporate headquarters in Orange County, one year of consulting engagement in Chicago area, and final 10 years of employment as VP Operations at Yokohama Tire Company whose North America HQ was in Fullerton, CA. It was a “good run”: I worked for some good people, worked with some wonderful people and generally speaking, had a good time and had reasonably successful career.

**HOW DID YOU END UP ON THE CENTRAL COAST:** We have two daughters that were both student athletes (swimmers) that attended and graduated from SLO Poly and youngest daughter married local boy she met in college and they settled in SLO. We had ended up living in golf community in La Quinta, CA and eventually, after retirement, joined SLO Country Club, and became “snow birds” moving back and forth between La Quita and SLO for a number of years. Eventually, the Mrs told me she was tired of that routine and wanted permanent move to SLO.....and you know how that works!

**HOBBIES / INTERESTS:** We had lots of activities as the girls were growing up: our primary, apart from their swimming, was a weekend place on the Colorado River where we went almost every other weekend water skiing during summer months and off-roading in winter along with all supporting adult activities. Additionally, every other year we went to Maui for several weeks for vacations. Our snorkeling soon led to Scuba Diving and we all got certified.....and that eventually led to Dive trips to the Caribbean as the girls got older. I started playing golf in late 30's and joined Mission Viejo Country Club and then Rancho La Quinta Country Club when we moved to Desert and later SLO CC when I retired.....Soooo, I probably played a lot of golf but quit in early 2023 due to back problems. I had gotten my pilots license after graduation from college but stopped flying for number of years but later purchased Bonanza in 3way partnership and resumed flying until that too got dropped due to aging and plane was hangered at SNA.

**NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Migrating to California and working my way through college, marriage to wonderful wife, raising two daughters and decent career with three companies with national HQ's in Orange County.

**FAMILY:** Married for 54 years and wife passed away 2022 and have two daughters and four grandchildren. I met a widow lady on Transatlantic cruise that took us to Iceland for four days in 2023 and we are now “going steady”. She lives in Panama City; Florida and we travel a lot and float back and forth between PC and SLO as circumstances dictate.