

I grew up in a Midwest farm town where I learned the value of hard work and the virtue of keeping things simple. Though grateful to have grown up in such a place, I couldn't wait to explore and experience the world.

I left for the US Coast Guard Academy in 1982 and four years later earned both a BS in Electrical Engineering and an Officer's commission. My first assignment upon graduation was the Coast Guard cutter Boutwell in Seattle. That's when I fell in love with the Pacific Northwest and when I first experienced the San Juan Islands.

After various tours around the US, including flight school, I ultimately landed in San Francisco where I finished my flying career, earned a graduate degree at Stanford Business School, and transitioned to my corporate career in Silicon Valley. I describe myself as a General Manager having served in or led several business functions from Operations to Engineering to Marketing to Product Development to Customer Experience. My industry experience is similarly diverse having served the hardware/software, biotech, consumer electronics, eCommerce and healthcare industries at Sun Microsystems, Genentech, Apple, and eBay. Most recently, I served as Vice President, Customer Experience at Premera Blue Cross before leaving at the end of October.

We've been on San Juan Island part time since 2013 with a goal to permanently make this home. The pandemic and the ability to work remotely (thanks to our fast fiber connection!) has accelerated our timeline and we've made this our permanent home for nearly two years.

If you ask anyone who knows me to label me, they'd likely say I am a 'problem solver.' I am committed to helping lead our community to resolve the most pressing and impactful challenges we face. Sustainability for our islands, in all forms, is a particular interest of mine.