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I began my career at COMSAT in 1981, and subsequently worked for each of the successor companies that focused on mobile satellite communications; specifically, Lockheed Martin Global Telecommunications, Telenor Satellite Services, Airbus DS Satcom Government, and Satcom Direct (which resurrected the “COMSAT” brand for the subsidiary where I was employed). Among the duties that I handled during my career were corporate public relations and international relations, where I was a member of the team that managed COMSAT’s representation on the Inmarsat Council and the Intelsat Board of Governors and the privatization of both international organizations. In the last decade of my career, my primary focus was proposal management for U.S. government and international tenders. I retired from Satcom Direct at the end of 2019.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has curtailed my volunteer activities, I’ve been able to provide remote assistance for political campaigns and to the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia, which has an extensive English as a Second Language program. My plan is to resume volunteer work with the Washington National Opera and the Arlington Neighborhood Village once circumstances permit.

For the past decade I’ve organized the annual social function for the Ancient Mariners, an organization that was created to both celebrate the instrumental role that COMSAT played in developing the mobile satellite industry and to nurture the many friendships developed during careers at COMSAT Maritime Services, COMSAT Laboratories, and other COMSAT units.

I currently reside in Arlington, VA.