

## Major Ed Farris

I graduated from TTU in December of 1971. I was a distinguished military graduate and received a Regular Army Commission as a 2nd Lt of Infantry. In addition to Infantry training, I went to Airborne (parachute), Ranger, and Mortar schools.

I had the great honor to command Rifle, Mortar, Scout, and Battalion Support Platoons. These units were in the 1st Infantry Division and the 6th Infantry Brigade. I was also the Post Training Officer at Ft Sam Houston and held numerous Reserve positions; one of my favorites was Adjunct Professor of Military Science for the Army ROTC program at UOH. I still hear from some of my students who are professional soldiers, lawyers, etc. I spent many years in the 75th Division in Houston and traveled all over the country training Reserve and National Guard units about possible threat tactics and doctrine.



I was Regular Army from 1971-1977, and was in the Army Reserve from 1977-2001. Upon completion of 30 years of service, I retired as a Major.

My civilian career started in 1977 in the commercial real estate industry. I, of course, have seen many ups and downs in the Houston area real estate market. I find commercial real estate interesting, challenging, and rewarding. We develop, lease, sell, and manage retail centers. We also represent some credit unions with their site selections and dispositions. Additionally, we acquire retail centers and investment land and represent some retailers.

It has been a really great ride!