



Alex Ford Celebrated for Dedication to the Nonprofit Industry

Mr. Ford established the R.D. Ford Foundation following his parents' passing

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Graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Applied Arts and Sciences majoring in Recreational Administration in 1969, Mr. Ford was among the inaugural group of professionals to pass the Board of Behavioral Science Examiner's "Registered Recreator," a State of California professional achievement, 1969. While in college he was a sworn member of the United States Naval Reserve, receiving his Honorable Discharge, February 12, 1969. He became a California Licensed Private Investigator, February 17, 1975. The Board of Behavioral Science Examiners certified him, October 19, 1981, as a professional California Marriage and Family Therapist.

During his final university semester, during a Juvenile Delinquency class, guest speakers - executives of the Los Angeles County Probation Department - made a pitch to the students and provided the exam date. As a result of high scores received in a four-examination process, Mr. Ford was selected to the Field Division as a trainee without the usual requirement of Detention Services experience. Sworn in 1969, he enjoyed a 37-year career with Los Angeles County. He served on the Acceptance Board at Las Palmas, while being a, "Case Worker." From 1993 - 2006, he volunteered for work in the specialized Gang supervision unit, resulting in partially detached service with several police departments.

A supervisor suggested that he pursue a graduate degree and Mr. Ford earned a Master of Arts Degree in Correctional Counseling, March 1980 in Orange, California.

Mr. Ford served his fellow Probation Deputies as a union steward and was awarded a recognition plaque upon retirement by the union President. He was honored with, "Master Expert," by the Executive Director of the L. A. County Intensive Gang Supervision Unit, March 2006. In 2004, in Peer competition he earned, "Journeyman of the Year." In 2005, the Department's "Enhancement and Recognition Committee" gave him the, "Silver Award of Excellence." Supporting education, he was recognized by El Camino High School for, "Outstanding support, 2003-2004."

In 2011, Mr. Ford became the executor of his parents' estate and trust after each reached the age of 91. They willed 40% of their estate to charity, so he established the R. D. Ford (private, family) Foundation, as owner, President and Board member. He and the Board of Directors have, to date, provided more than 65 grants to 48 different charities, since inception. One of the Foundation's goals is, "Preservation of Automotive History." The Foundation has thus contributed to the, Petersen Automotive Museum, which provides tours and career information to grammar school children of all classes, in order to achieve that goal.

In 1996, Mr. Ford began a genealogy search of information regarding his grandfather who was a person of note militarily in America, the UK and the Philippines. Mr. Ford is currently writing a biography of his grandfather's service on four continents in five decades under three flags.