

GETTING TO KNOW ROTARIAN DAVE SHANAHAN



An Interview by Rotarian and past journalist, Linda Coble.

A Rotarian since 2006, Dave Shanahan has participated in 17 International Projects with RCOH. Service Above Self has always been in his blood.

An Army brat born in Carlisle Barracks, PA, eventually Infantry man Dave was sent to Hawaii to serve in 1977-80, 1990-94, and finally 2001-06. He remained, and commanded a battalion at Schofield Barracks and was Chief of Staff for Army Pacific Headquarters until leading the Asia Pacific Headquarters for Security Studies at Fort DeRussy Military Reservation until retiring in 2019.

Jim Lackey sponsored Dave into our Club nearly 18 years ago, and Rotary's international projects hooked him. "We could do so much with limited amounts of money and lots of Rotary volunteers...a way to see places with new eyes...tangibly connected to those in need in a safe space. It's like volunteer tourism."

Dave's wife Sue enjoys the fact that he has this outlet of connectivity. "Sue knows that this is something that really floats my boat." Dave added that our club meetings make him feel at home with likeminded friends. "I enjoy every minute."

Dave noted his goal in the future would be to live, learn, love, and leave a legacy. "I follow the Nike motto: When In Doubt, Just Do It. And I follow Rotarian Nancy Pace's motto...Just Say Yes."



