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Born and raised in Danville, VA, Don graduated from the US Military Academy in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science degree. For the next 11 years he attended a variety of military schools and served in active duty command and staff positions in Germany, back at his Alma Mater at West Point, in Korea on General Staff, and finally at The College of William & Mary in the Military Science Department. He left active duty in 1981 and joined the Army Reserves, assigned to the 80th Infantry Division headquartered in Richmond, VA. There, Don served as Division Provost Marshall and as one of two Special Operations Officers assigned to the Army Augmentation Element of CINCLANT Fleet in Norfolk.

While on active duty Don earned his MBA and applied that part of his academic experience to his corporate and personal business ventures. After leaving active military service he first joined Moeller Instrument Company as plant manager in Chester, CT, and later served as U.S. Eastern Region Manager and Director of New Business Development for Missouri based HASCO International, the nation's largest infant photography business providing photographic services, new parent education support and fundraising programs to over 2,800 hospitals in the U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico, and U.S. military Medac facilities world-wide.

To help service company accounts and fulfill a life-long ambition, Don obtained his pilot's license and flew on business and for pleasure over 10 years. He is past President of Praxton Enterprises, is President of Pratt Enterprises, a family corporation with commercial real estate holdings in Danville, VA, and is partner in business with his wife, Geri, in Silver Linings, LLC, parent company of The Hound's Tale restaurant and three locations of Aromas Specialty Coffees & Gourmet Bakery in Williamsburg and Newport News. Most recently Don partnered with an associate in Lima, Peru and opened in 2016, MesAmis AromasWorld, a coffeehouse café patterned after Aromas in Virginia. A former Kiwanian and current Rotarian he also serves as President of the Merchants Square Association of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. He proudly shares that he's the son of a 97 year old WWII veteran who served with distinction in the European Theater as part of the 454th Bomber Squadron flying in the B-26 Maurader.