

Bob Neslage Pampa High School Class of 1962



Bob is the fourth child of eleven children of Fred and Dorothy Neslage, and part of a family with a tradition of service to country, church, school and community. Bob's father Fred J. Neslage, a petroleum engineer, came to Pampa in 1944 to coordinate West Pampa Repressuring for the war effort. Both Fred and Dorothy were extremely involved in community and civic activities. Bob was born in 1944 and is a 1962 graduate of Pampa High School. Bob was a three year member of the Harvester Basketball team, and served two terms on the student council.

He graduated from West Texas State University with a Business Administration Degree in 1967. Bob subsequently received a M.S. Degree from Florida Institute of Technology in 1975 and an M.B.A. from Oklahoma City University in 1988.

Upon graduation from college in 1967, Bob was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Transportation Corps. He served in the 1st Infantry Division in the Republic of Vietnam in 1969 where he was awarded two Bronze Star medals. Bob's most memorable assignments in the service included commanding the 5th Heavy Boat Co. at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii (1976-1978) and selection for attendance to the prestigious Command and General Staff College at Leavenworth, Kansas. (1982-1983). His military career spanned over a 21 year period culminating in his retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1989.

Bob returned to Pampa in 1991 to assist with his elderly parents and manage family business endeavors. He is currently serving his 2nd term as Mayor of Pampa, is a past President of the Pampa Rotary Club, current chairman of the Pampa United Way, past Chairman of The American Petroleum Institute (Pampa Chapter), member of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce "Top of Texans" and served as chairman of the Class of 1962, Class Reunion. Bob also served as President of the St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church Parish Council, past District Chairman of the Adobe Walls District Boy Scouts of America and has served for the past three years as a mentor for the H.O.S.T. program at Wilson Elementary School. He was selected as the St. Vincent De Paul Alumni of the year in 1996.

Bob is an Eagle Scout from Troop 14, Presbyterian Church, Pampa, Texas. All six of his brothers are also Eagle Scouts and his son Rob is the 8th Neslage to attain Eagle Scout Rank. He credits his success in life to the many experiences as a youth in the Pampa community including church, school, Boy Scouts, and a loving, caring and disciplined family environment provided by his parents.

Bob met his wife Sheila in college and has been married 31 years. The Neslages have two children, Jacqueline and Robert Jr., who are both graduates of Texas A&M and currently reside in the Austin area.