



Gold Star – Marvin

Description

It is time again to put the spotlight on another Campus member. And again, we have a non-scrapbooker, so you can see how the Campus is helping a wide range of PSP users! I'll let Marvin introduce himself.

Tell us a bit about you

I am 70 years old. I was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, where my father was stationed while in the U.S. Navy. I am the eldest of 5 siblings. Not long after my birth, we moved to the U.S., and we lived in Washington State, Oregon, and California as he was transferred to various duty stations. He retired in 1968, and our family moved to Temple, Texas, which was his hometown. I was in the 8th grade then, and soon after, I met the girl who would become my wife. Two years later, our relationship became serious, and we married 7 months after graduating from high school. Now we have been married for 51 years, and are living in Frisco, Texas, which is on the north side of Dallas.

We have 2 adult children. In college, our daughter learned to be a school band director, However, she later changed her occupation to high school counselor. Our son went to college to major in aeronautical science, and now he is a captain flying for JetBlue. They both have a daughter and son, so we have 4 grandchildren.

When my wife and I were in high school, she dreamed of becoming a physician but eventually trained to become a hospital-based laboratory technologist. Because of her interest in becoming a physician, I also took interest in that profession. I enlisted in the U.S. Navy to become a hospital corpsman so that I could gain some knowledge and experience in the medical field to see if I wanted to pursue that profession. I did go on to become a physician and served in the U.S. Navy for 4 years as a general medical officer (primary care physician). Subsequently I trained to become an Infectious Disease specialist. I later retired from the Navy in 2001, just 10 days before the events of 9/11 (how coincidental is that?) I then practiced Infectious Disease medicine until May 2019, when I developed physical limitations that were a result of prosthetic knee joint infectious complications. I didn't see patients anymore after that, so I missed having to take care of COVID patients (another coincidence!).

Currently, I am semi-retired and doing administrative work from home as a medical director for a medical infusion company.

How did you get to work with PSP?

As I became older and approached retirement, I developed an increasing interest in preserving memories and creating a legacy of me and my wife for our children and grandchildren. I developed an interest in using computers during my Infectious Disease fellowship 30 years ago, but it wasn't until I saw picture slideshow stories that I developed a strong interest in learning how to create my own. I purchased a slideshow software called ProShow Producer. A few years later, it went out of business, and now I use a successor program called Photopia Director. After I used ProShow Producer a while, it became evident that I needed to do something to improve the quality of the images I was using and to make them more interesting. This led to researching the internet for suitable software for this task. Unsurprisingly, Photoshop references were common, but then I came across some references about PaintShop Pro. It was more affordable, and I made my first purchase in 2017, and I've been using it ever since then.

How did you get to join the Campus?

Unfortunately learning how to use the program wasn't easy for me. One day in 2021 I got a newsletter from Corel that told of a webinar presented by Carole. After watching it, I was amazed! Her breadth of knowledge was great, and her teaching ability was wonderful. I could finally follow an instructor from whom I could learn something without struggling. My internet search for more of her webinars eventually led me to the discovery of Scrapbook Campus. Soon afterwards, I joined as a Diamond Member to have access to the educational content that I could use for manipulating photos, and I've remained a Diamond Member since then. Although my primary goal is to create picture slideshows, viewing scrapbooking content in Master Classes and Q&A sessions has intrigued me and given me ideas such as how to use templates and masks for creating projects to incorporate into my slideshows. In addition, learning how to use layers in PSP has been greatly helpful in using the Photopia Director, for which layers are also an important and integral part of creating slides for the program. I will never be as good at scrapbooking as other more advanced Diamond Members, but I do like to follow the Forums to see what they contribute.

My own projects have been simple and basic. I started with Scrap Bootcamp and have participated in a few workshops. Although I don't participate in every workshop, I do download and save them all for future reference in case I become more involved with digital scrapbooking. You can see a few of my project attempts associated with this site.





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For a non-scrapbooker, he is doing pretty good, isn't he?

If you want to join the DIAMOND membership, like Marvin did, to access all kinds of tutorials to create your own layouts, check out what it includes. Check [this page](#). There is so much you can learn and use!

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