

Dave Hopkins



While stationed in Okinawa, Air Force fighter/bomber technician and upstate New Yorker [DAVID HOPKINS](#) first learned to play bridge, along with three other servicemen, from a beginner's book. After leaving the [military](#) in 1963, David spent two years at the University of Maryland, followed by two more at Eastern New Mexico University, earning a B.S. in [industrial psychology](#). After completing a master's degree in [social work](#) at Virginia Commonwealth University, he was hired by the Veterans' Hospital in Lakewood, Washington, where he retired as a GS-13 after 30 years of service. His last position was as the director of a 60-bed treatment program for [homeless veterans](#).

David has two grown daughters: Lori, living in Olympia, and Jeanne, in Lakewood. He is a service-oriented, diverse kind of guy. After moving to Shelton in 2004 with his wife Kathleen, he resumed playing duplicate at the "fun" [Alderbrook Bridge Club](#), where he was "encouraged" to take the director's helm in 2015. He became a life master in 2016. David also served on the Unit 441 ACBL Board for 8+ years. He is a past president of Kiwanis and of the Steilacoom Museum Association.

In recent years, David and Kathy have been busy [remodeling and selling homes](#) in the greater Shelton area. They plan to travel when time allows. Dave's other current and past interests include volleyball, pickle ball, long distance running, and [pickling](#) turkey and chicken gizzards! (He makes his own delicious [brine](#)!) In 2010, while digging at a Jamestown, Virginia, fort with a graduate class, Dave's team of three discovered one of the 10 most significant world [archaeological finds](#) of that year - the first post hole of the first non-Catholic church in America. "Pocahontas was married there," David notes. His personal motto is "love life and all equally." *(-Nan Hittmeier, December 2018)*