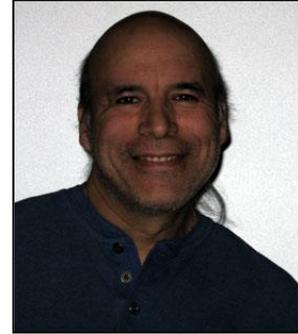




# Eagle's Nest Center, Inc.

Teaching Good Values and Principles for Life!

## Raymond J. Blaxill, Veteran/Survivalist



### General Background Information

I grew up an only child to adoptive parents in Kenosha, Wisconsin. At the age of seven my parents were determined I learn to play an instrument, and when asked which one I was interested in, I responded, "The organ". I took private lessons, competed in several local, regional and National competitions. While in high school, at the age of 15, I started a small musical duet, (organ and drums). This later expanded to include lead and bass guitar, with vocals. We performed regularly at weddings, and parties. I attended Catholic schools, and upon graduation attended Lincoln Technical Institute for training in auto mechanics. At seventeen I enlisted in the Wisconsin Army National Guard with initial training taking place at Ft Leonardwood, MO. This included basic training and training as a truck driver. Later, I continued my training at Ft. Knox, KY. This included hands on training as a track vehicle mechanic. In my thirties I briefly re-connected to my birth mother and have since established a relationship with my Ojibwa extended family. Since having done so, I have committed myself to exploring my Native heritage and increasingly integrate aspects of it into my overall way of living.

### Professional History

While serving as a National Guard Member, I also held employment as a mechanic in the private sector and worked on high-end import models. This included everything from oil changes to engine rebuilding. I eventually gained full time employment with the National Guard as a mechanic and federal technician, and held this position for fifteen years. I also attained the rank of Motorsergeant; a position that required me to manage, train, and mentor approximately thirty personnel in multiple capacities. I retired from the military with twenty six years of service with the rank of E-6, Staffsergeant. After retiring, I worked for two years at Lincoln's Challenge Academy, a program for at risk youth. The program requires it's cadre to have a minimum of six years of military service. The program is twenty two weeks in duration, is residential in nature, and operates on a paramilitary premise. Youth are mentored in general life skills, complete forty hours of community service, and their education is geared towards obtaining a GED. I currently work at Pioneer Metal Finishing, in Oshkosh, WI. My work there includes prepping unfinished metal parts for paint or coating.

### Personal Interests

Early exposure and training in music left its mark, and remains an avid interest of mine. I also enjoy model railroading, model building, (cars, trucks, airplanes) military history books, reading in general, books on tape or cds and year round camping in our family tipi. My land navigation skills are very good, having been honed during my military service as well as my first aid and land survival skills.