



Jeremy Paul Amick is with Tom Winters Jr.

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[Tom Winters Jr.](#) began an apprenticeship at an auto restoration shop in Howard, Colorado, following his graduation from high school in Butler, Missouri, in 1987. While living in Colorado, he met his fiancée, Karen.

A couple of years later, he made the decision to return to Missouri and went to work for his father's aircraft repair company and, in 1989, married his fiancée. In April 1990, seeking a career that might provide the finances for him to better support his wife and stepdaughter, Winters enlisted in the [United States Air Force](#) and completed his initial training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. He went on to complete additional training in computer operations in Biloxi, Mississippi.

His first duty assignment was Decimomannu Air Base on the Italian island of Sardinia in July 1990, where he was assigned to the 7555th Tactical Training Squadron. Then, in July 1991, he transferred to Myrtle Beach Air Force Base in South Carolina and started performing database administration with the 354th Communications Squadron. This air base closed and in March of 1993, he was transferred to Buckley Air National Guard Base (now Buckley Air Force Base) in Aurora, Colorado. He soon transitioned to database management and eventually became a trainer for the 2nd Space Warning Squadron.

Winters would go on to join the Air National Guard in 1995 and deployed for a few weeks to Ahmed Al-Jaber Air Base in Kuwait in late April 1999. During the deployment, he received an offer for a contract job. For the next 23 years, he was employed as a federal contractor, starting as a network engineer, and fulfilling roles of increasing responsibility including that of a project lead and program manager. Since 2016, Winters and his family have lived near California, Missouri, where he now operates Kustum Signs, LLC.

He said, "I was very fortunate to have enlisted at a time when computers were really coming on and with each successive job I was given, I learned more about them and progressed to positions of greater responsibility."

As always, there is much more to his military story, the details of which I look forward to sharing in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!

