

# Tommy G. Antoniou

## An American Story

This American journey started for Tom, then named (Taxiarhis Georgeou Antoniou) when his parents had the great fortune and bravery to immigrate to the **United States of America** from Greece. Its the summer of 1969, the US is landing men on the moon, at the same time George and Kathy Antoniou are looking for a better life and future for their family and decide to take their children Maria & Taxiarhis and make their own moon shot by giving up everything they owned and everyone they knew to immigrate to the **United States of America**.

They all had to learn a new way of life, landing in Charlotte North Carolina in a few short years Tom is 18 years old, working full time at the Lance cracker factory while in high school. It's 1978 just nine years after arriving in the US he fulfills a dream he bragged to his friends back in Greece about, by being excepted to the **United States Air Force**.

Over the next decades the young immigrant lived and realized the American dream in many exciting and rewarding ways. Starting by proudly serving his new adopted country in the **USAF**. This was a daring move during a time that the wounds of the Vietnam War were still raw in our country, members of our military were being spat on and not looked at with high regard. His service gave Tom the opportunity to fly around the globe as a Crew Chief on the Lockheed C-5 Galaxy assigned to a Squadron at DAFB.

These experiences were not just educational and exiting but very eye and mind opening for him. In the early 1980's the spirit of adventure in Tom and the search for something new and exiting he was attracted to and trained to become a **PADI** Dive master and a **PADI** Rescue Diver, with numerous dives around the world. During his Diving adventures he had the honor,

under the leadership of Police Chief Rick Smith, to train the first Dive Team deployed by the Dover DE Police Department. The rigors and containment of military life, along with the idea of starting a family made Tom seek more choices and freedoms. While still serving in the USAF he saw the new opportunities and future of tech, video, digital tech, personal computing, and entertainment. Seeing the opportunity in emerging industries he founded a video store business with 2 locations in Dover DE, **Star Video & Rising Sun Video**. During the video and DVD boom, he expanded to multiple locations and made a successful exit before national chains like **Hollywood Video, Blockbuster** and finally **Netflix** dominated the home viewing industry.

Leaving the USAF with his new found entrepreneurial “super powers” he founded a Secure Bank Courier company **DBS Express**, growing that company to the largest secure courier and same day express delivery company on the Delmarva Peninsula. DBS Express served every State of Delaware office, facility, and school, many national companies, along with largest national banks, to include **Bank of America, MBNA, Discover**, and many others. During all this excitement like many serial entrepreneurs Tom founded one of the first classified television networks **CVN**, (Classified Video Network) CVN operated on local cable channels, they sold classified ads along with ads for cars and real estate, all before the Internet Digital Boom. Using a similar advertising model Tom then founded the only photo classified auto magazine serving dealers and private parties on the Delmarva Peninsula, **The Auto Buyer**, it was wildly successful, and won the automotive publishing award in it’s first year and eventually acquired by a national media company. During the .com boom of the 1990’s he created over 350 .com domain names, and founded the launching of the first online truck rental company **www.RentAWorkTruck.com**, successfully pursuing it along with other early developed .com domains.

Technology made document delivery and live signatures no longer necessary Tom again makes a timely exit this time from the **DBS Express** secure courier/delivery business. At the same time he was exiting the courier industry acquiring **City Cab**, a 50 year old Taxi business with only one Taxi Cab. He changed the name to **City Cab of Delaware** and over the next few years he and his team grew it from a one Taxi Cab operation in Dover to the largest Taxi company on the Delmarva peninsula, with Taxis

serving and stationed in all counties. Running City Cab of Delaware for over 25 years he decides to get out of the Taxi business as he realizes the impact and disruption that ride sharing technologies like **UBER & LIFT** are going to cause in the industry.

Exiting the Taxi business he founded the first Spanish Language News Paper on the Delmarva peninsula, **La Voz de Delmarva**, he founded and led **USUTI** (United States Urban Tactical Institute) a security, and firearms training company that operates the only interactive, use of force, and firearm training simulator in the state of Delaware till city of Dover invested over \$300,000.00 in 2025 for one.

Tom comes from a family of builders, restauranteurs, and land owners, he has been active in the real estate business since 1982 making his first deal while in the USAF on a multi-family property and has completed commercial, industrial, raw land development, single family, multi-family, retail, and pretty much every type of real estate transaction out there. He holds licenses and or certifications and has served in the following fields and positions, **FAA Aircraft Power Plant and Airframe Tech., USAF Power Plant and Airframe Instructor, USAF C-5 Galaxy Crew Chief, USAF CCAF Airfield Management, USAF Facility Manager, PADI Rescue Diver, PADI Dive Master, PADI Instructor, Licensed Realtor, NRA Firearms Instructor, USCCA Firearms Instructor, Concealed Carry Firearms Instructor in 32 States, Active Shooter preparedness Instructor, Personal protection Instructor, and Motivational Speaker**, Tom has served on **Boards, Legislative Committees**, for multiple terms, he served as president of the **Delaware Taxi Owners Association** for four terms, **International Rotary**, the **Chamber of Commerce**, as well being elected and serving on a **Municipal Planing Commission** in Delaware.

Tom currently is an **EXP Realty** licensed Agent and **NAR Realtor** working with his company **www.RealEstateProDe.com**. His newest venture is founding a web based home services company **www.HandyHousePros.com**

now the fastest growing home services company in Delaware, along with launching **www.GreatDogParks.com** a national site where dog families search for local dog parks, training, boarding, health and wellness along with creating community. With his newest Venture is **www.DelawareTonight.com** a nightly streaming news and Entertainment show focusing on the state of Delaware.

**Come along and follow the latest adventures**

*Tom still lives in Delaware with Vicky his wife for life. During all these adventures and excitement Vicky and Tom raised three wonderful, loving, and amazing sons, all three are currently serving our country proudly in the **United States Air Force** enjoying adventures around the world in pursuit of security, peace, and freedom for us all.*



**“Mothers place their babies on rickety boats and inner tubes to cross the ocean to get them to America”**

**“Choose Success you are in America  
start kicking ass”**