

AL MELVIN'S TWO MINUTE COMMERCIAL
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Al served six years in the Arizona Senate from January 2009 to January 2015. He represented the north side of Tucson and part of Pinal County. Al was born in Helena, Montana. His father was a career US Army officer, so his family lived all over the world, including Europe, the Far East and throughout the United States. During this time he became an Eagle Scout, which later helped him get into college. He graduated from high school in Fayetteville, NC which is near Fort Bragg.

Al graduated from the US Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY, which is one of the five federal academies. Later, he earned his MBA from Thunderbird- The American Graduate School of International Management. It is now part of ASU. Later, he graduated from the US Naval War College, Newport, RI.

Al spent thirty years in the merchant marine, including twelve years ashore in overseas assignments (Korea- 2 years, Japan- 8 years & Pakistan- 2 years) working for two large American shipping companies. Later, he worked for ten years in California for a large Japanese shipping company. In addition, he spent nine years at sea on US flag merchant ships. Al has an unlimited tonnage Master license issued by the USCG.

He had a parallel thirty year career in the US Naval Reserve, retiring as a Captain in 1999. One of his last active duty assignments was Squadron Commander in Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean in 1997/8. His assignments were primarily with the Military Sealift Command and the US Transportation Command. He was fortunate to do in the military what he did in his commercial career which was managing merchant ships throughout the world.

For the past seventeen years, Al and his wife, Kou, have lived in SaddleBrooke, a golf community just north of Tucson. Prior to becoming an Arizona State Senator, he taught as an adjunct lecturer at three universities. He taught transportation and logistics courses at the University of Arizona. He taught management courses at the University of Phoenix and he taught economics and international business courses at Western International University. He currently teaches international business courses for Park University at Davis Monthan AFB. He also teaches logistics courses for Pima community College. He owns a trade and transportation consulting LLC which is currently working on building a deep water port in Mexico. His websites are: www.ameri-qic.com and www.almelvin.com. He is writing a book titled *Student Success Strategy*.

He and his wife have fourteen Koi fish in a large fish pond in their backyard. They have a six year old Basset Hound named Josephine. Al's wife is a great golfer and he is still trying to break 100. He is a member of the Elks, VFW, American Legion, Knights of Columbus, and Toastmasters International.

