Hi All,

My name is Jeff Bassett. I’m in my junior year at City University, going for a Bachelor’s degree. I earned an Associate’s degree from the University of South Carolina many years ago while in the Marine Corps. I retired in 2007 and went to work for Boeing in 2008. I’m currently the lead mechanic of the dip braze cell. My military background is mostly supply, with some procurement and contracting experience. I’ve been around the world and in two different wars. After I retired, I wanted to do something different. A friend suggested Boeing because I like to make and fix things. The rest is history.

My first computer was a TI-99-4a, with programs that came on game cartridges. In Junior High School, we had Apple IIc computers. My High School was cutting edge, it had a VAX 11-750, the same computer the Russians tried to steal in the early ‘80s. Throughout my travels computer systems have come and gone. The good news is that if you weren’t good at the old system, you get a fresh start with the new one. By now you should have guessed, I’m old. But I’ve always wanted to get a computer-related degree, and you should always have a backup plan if you work for Boeing.

Professionally, I’ve found the most satisfaction in learning new systems and organizing them to fit my needs. I’m certain this class will help me, since almost everything online is tied to a database somewhere. Knowing how to access, understand, manipulate and translate data is an incredibly valuable skill, no matter what field you find yourself in.

I look forward to working with all of you this semester.

v/r Jeff