

# **Don Thies**

## **Distinguished Service**

**Don is a graduate of Reedsburg High School (1966), Madison Area Technical College (1969), University of Wisconsin Platteville (1973) and a US Army Vietnam Veteran (1970/1971). He worked at the West Bend Company for 26 years as an R & D Engineer designing small appliances for the home and received several United States Patents on coffeemakers.**

**He always had an interest in photography and was the staff photographer for the American Speed Association 1985/1990 and a freelance photographer for Nascar Scene 1986/2008. In 2009 he was inducted into the 4th Brigade, 506th Infantry Air Assault Distinguished Member of the Regiment (DMOR). He was president for 4 years of the 506th veterans Association and currently serves on the alumni advisory board of MATC in Madison.**

**A past President of the People behind the Owls he helped expand the organizations functions. Over 45 different SHS clubs and or groups now benefit from helping at events. He was the coordinator for the sale of Owl clothing memorabilia and took athletic individual, team, senior poster and buddy photographs for parents and thousands of athlete buddy buttons. When he did find out about a specific need and determined what the impact was if funding wasn't available at SHS he used his own funds to purchase the item. Just in recent years Don has purchased two E-Z up tents for Cross Country and Track, the "Slinger Soccer" sign at our soccer stadium, donated funds for our OWL door mats you see entering the gym, and many other projects that are too numerous to mention. Giving back when a need is identified is Don's credo. Don sums up his entire experience at SHS in one word, "PRICELESS".**