

2005 - J. Michael Philipps, Class of '64

Mr. Mike Philipps graduated from Elida in the class of 1964. He received a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from the Virginia Military Institute, where he was named a Distinguished Military Graduate and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Military Intelligence branch of the U. S. Army. He served in Vietnam for 18 months and achieved the rank of Captain. Mr. Philipps worked as a photographer and reporter at our own Lima News for a few years and joined the Cincinnati Post in 1977. There he moved through the positions of Assistant City Editor, Editorial Writer, News Editor, Metropolitan Editor, and Assistant Managing Editor before being named Editor of the Cincinnati Post and its sister publication the Kentucky Post in 2001. During his career Mike has directed coverage of the Home State Savings scandal and the resulting reforms, the 1993 Lucasville Prison riots, the Pete Rose gambling scandal, the Ohio River flood of 1997, and Cincinnati's riots in 2001. In March of 2000 he returned to Vietnam to write a series of articles about how the country had changed in the 25 years since the fall of Saigon. Mike holds numerous positions of community service including the board of directors of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, the Action Council of the United Way of Northern Kentucky, the Cincinnati Association, the Education Alliance of Northern Kentucky, and others. He lives in a suburb of Cincinnati with his wife Carole whom he met while working at the Lima News.