

Member Spotlight
Steve & Donna Van Gilder

Steve and Donna are both native Kansan's , who met in college in 1974 and have been married 38 years. Steve joined the Army in 1975 and for the next 22 years we lived in various locations in Germany, Alaska, Kansas, New York, and Texas. We have two 2 sons, who also serve in the Army. We have 1 granddaughter and 4 grandsons.

During our military life, we came to love traveling. In 2008 our oldest son decided to leave his motorcycle with us while he was deployed. It sat in the garage for about 2 months before Steve decided he wanted to ride it. It didn't take him long and he was hooked. Donna didn't care much for riding on the back of a two-wheeler so in 2009 we bought our Goldwing trike and have never looked back. Steve retired from Civil Service in January 2013 and Donna will retire in 2014. We've already put over 30,000 miles on our trike, but hope to put many more miles on it after Donna Retires.

Being selected as the Texas District Couple of the Year is truly an honor. Donna and I have had so much fun since we decided to join GWRRA and become part of Chapter U, that we want to be able to tell folks about it. We enjoy attending all of the events and meeting new folks, sharing our adventures, listening to theirs, and developing new relationships. We haven't been involved with GWRRA as long as a lot of folks, but the time that we have has certainly been enjoyable. We would like to tell folks that to us, GWRRA is not just about motorcycling but more about people, friends, and fun. We look forward to meeting as many folks as we can during the upcoming year.