



## A Brief Bio — Gary L. Behr

### From the book

About the Author — *Gary L. Behr, cpc*

Gary was born and raised in Milwaukee Wisconsin. His first experience with law enforcement was as the primary photographer for the newly formed Brown Deer Police and Fire Department.

Upon finishing high school, he volunteered for service in the U.S. Army, in the mid 1960's. After completing Advance Infantry Training and graduating from Airborne (parachute) training, he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg, NC, where he continued his infantry training and parachute jumping. During this time, he qualified with numerous small arms weapons, including "Expert" with both the M14 and M16 rifles. Gary also had the opportunity complete qualification in the FBI's pistol (friend/foe) range course. Gary was stationed state-side throughout his tour.

After his initial service and a civilian hiatus, he re-entered the Army in the mid 1970's for helicopter flight school. His later service time also included graduation from journalism (and design) school and subsequently served as a Post Level journalist and in Public Affairs.

In his last year of service, Gary was assigned as a Post level Race Relations/Equal Opportunity (RR/EO) instructor and command evaluator. (later known as Affirmative Actions). Because of his contributions in this position, he received nation recognition from the Pentagon as well as a personal letter of appreciation from the Third Army Commander, Brigadier General George B. Price. Throughout Gary's military service he continued to consistently qualified as "Expert" with innumerable firearms.

After his military service, Gary and his wife Linda, spent the next 35 years as business owners of multiple portrait and commercial photography studios in mid-Wisconsin.

Gary's photographic imaging has appeared all over the world. By request, he has both taught and served many years as a photographic advisor to the Madison Area Technical College.



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In addition to contributing to numerous volunteer organizations and serving on various local government boards, Gary also served two terms as a City Councilman.

Gary has practiced continuing education throughout his career, attending University of Wisconsin, participating in other on-line college courses and completing various professional studies.

Throughout this time Gary has also maintained his writing skills, having had many of his articles and stories published locally and nationally. For example, in November 1984, *Law Enforcement Technology* magazine ran a feature article written and illustrated by Gary on effective LE aerial photography.

As an American Legion newsletter publisher, against a field of over 14,000 Posts, he won various national First and Second Place Awards for his excellence in newsletter design and editorial content.

In addition to civilian skydiving, Gary is also a Commercial Pilot, aerobatic pilot, glider pilot, rated open water SCUBA diver and has enjoyed motorcycling since the 1960's.

Gary is both an NRA qualified Instructor and NRA Range Safety Officer, as well as being a former Department of Natural Resources Hunter Education Safety instructor and presently serves as a Firearms Instructor and Advisor.

When the Wisconsin Legislature was considering that State's Concealed Carry laws, Gary was part of the instructional team that taught select Senators and their staff Utah's Concealed Carry course and served as their live fire Range Safety Officer.

A bit of additional background:

- WI LE/Security Trained
- Wisconsin DOJ DAAT Trained (Defensive And Arrest Tactics)
- Certified: CPR, AED, First-Aid
- Notary Public, Wisconsin, since 1970

Gary now lives with his cherished wife of 39 years, and a house full of rescued kitties, in a small city just outside of Wisconsin's capitol of Madison.

## **Additional information from LinkedIn Profile**

*Summary:* At the behest of others, a brief background:

- Married 38 years
- Certified NRA Instructor
- Certified NRA Range Safety Officer.
- Firearms Instructor and Advisor
- Certified: CPR, AED, First-Aid
- WI LE/Security Trained
- Wisconsin DOJ DAAT Trained (Defensive and Arrest Tactics)
- Commercial Pilot, Aerobatic pilot, Glider pilot, Military Helicopter pilot
- Commercial and Portrait Photographer, 35+ years.
- Writer, designer, publisher, 30+ years
- Business owner, 30+ years
- Board Member, Madison Area Technical College
- Teacher, Photography, Madison Area Technical College
- Post Level Race Relations/Equal Opportunity Evaluator, Instructor, Ft. Meade
- Certified Open Water SCUBA diver
- Parachutist (U.S. Army), Skydiver
- Notary Public, Wisconsin, since 1970
- Two terms a City Councilperson
- Broadband Telecommunications (Developmental Director), City of Verona, WI
- Motorcyclist, since 1967

(That about sums it up — at least the good stuff anyway.)

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