



## John E. Francis

### Employment History:

#### **02/2016 – CURRENT**

##### **OWNER – A PIECE OF ALASKA – PALMER, ALASKA**

Online gift crates containing 100% made in Alaska products.

#### **08/2000 – CURRENT**

##### **OWNER & FOUNDER - COMPUTER MEDICS – WASILLA, ALASKA**

I originally started this company under the name Computer Doctor. It was one of the first on-site computer repair companies in Alaska which quickly became very successful.

To expand, the business was reorganized to begin selling Franchises around the United States. The name was changed to Computer Medics to avoid Federal Trademark issues. At the peak we had 88 locations around the United States, 1 in Canada, & 1 in South Africa.

We stopped selling Franchises after many locations closed during the financial crises starting in the late 90's. All locations were given full rights to continue use of the Trademark for life.

#### **01/2000 – 08/2000**

##### **CABINETMAKER – PAC WEST – ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

PAC West was the contractor/reseller for Westmark in Alaska so I believed it would be an easy transition to make. At Westmark & ABC, great pride was taken in our craftsmanship. I quickly learned that I was not a good fit at PAC West. The Foreman had no concept of quality or personnel management.

#### **06/1993 – 12/1999**

##### **SHOP FOREMAN – WESTMARK PRODUCTS, INC – TACOMA, WASHINGTON**

Oversaw swing shift production and managed shop employees for one of the largest commercial cabinet makers on the West Coast. The number of employees grew from about a dozen to over 170 in the 7 years I was with them.

#### **12/1991 – 06/1993**

##### **PARTNER – FAS CUSTOM PANELS, INC. – TACOMA, WASHINGTON**

Manufactured bread boards, edge glued panels & provided straight-line and surfacing services. Left because my partner & I has strong disagreements regarding the future of the company.

#### **07/1991 – 12/1991**

##### **NIGHT FOREMAN – MARTIN FURNITURE, INC. – OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON**

Left after starting my own business in FAS.

**02/1987 – 06/1991**

**LEAD SHOP FOREMAN – ABC CABINETS, INC. – TACOMA, WASHINGTON**

I started as a door maker and quickly worked my way up to Lead Foreman. Duties included meeting production schedules & managing over 70 employees. The only reason I left was because I had severe reactions to a poisonous fungus that could never be completely cleaned from the buildings.

**06/1983 – 07/1986**

**CITY MANAGER – TACOMA PARKING, INC/AMPCO PARKING – TACOMA, WASHINGTON**

Began employment as a parking valet with Ampco Parking. The largest facility Ampco managed was sold to an investment company. I met with and proposed the idea of creating a local parking management company which they accepted. We quickly grew into the second largest parking management company in Tacoma. In late 1986 our main building was sold and Tacoma Parking, Inc. was sold to Republic Parking out of Seattle.

**Military:**

**1979 – 1985**

**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RESERVE**

**PS3 - HONORABLY DISCHARGED APRIL 1985**

Boot Camp was between my Junior & Senior year of High School in Alameda, California. My intent was to stay in the Reserves until after completing my "A" School then switch to Active Duty. The Coast Guard at that time was part of the Department of Transportation and was not fully funded. I applied for many Billets while in the Reserves but was only assigned duty for 1 summer on Lake Michigan. Because of further budget cuts, the Reserve Training Center in Tacoma was closed and many of us were not offered re-enlistment.

**Education:**

**1986-1987**

**MACHINIST APPRENTICE PROGRAM – BATES TECHNICAL COLLEGE – TACOMA, WASHINGTON**

After less than a full year I learned that machining was not in my future.

What I did learn carried over very well into woodworking.

**1979-1985**

**VARIOUS – UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RESERVE**

Marine Law Enforcement, Search & Rescue, Oil Spill Response, Firefighting

**1976-1980**

**H.S. DIPLOMA - TUMWATER HIGH SCHOOL – TUMWATER, WASHINGTON**

**Personal:**

->Stepfather of 3 adult children born & raised in Alaska, 5 grand kids.

->Member of the United Protestant Church in Palmer, Alaska

->I donate web design & hosting services to worthy non-profits

->Founding admin for the Facebook Crime Groups:

Stolen in Alaska & Mat Valley Crime Discussion

->Boy Scouts of America – Life Scout