



# TOM L. OLSEN

Tom Olsen is president of American Vanpac Carriers, Inc. of Martinez, California. Vanpac is an International Freight Forwarder of household goods and personal effects. In addition to their Headquarters in Martinez, near San Francisco, they also have offices in Houston, TX, Southampton, England, and in Singapore. They specialize in handling the movements of household goods for expatriates as they move to or from the United States and every possible foreign country in the world. They also deal extensively with the U.S. Military, Government Services, and the State Department as they move their people around the world.

Vanpac has been in the International Freight Forwarding business since 1955. Focusing strictly on the moving industry, today Vanpac has relationships with over 265 agents in the United States and more than 460 agents worldwide. In the past 2 years alone, we have handled shipments between 127 different foreign countries! Moving is a stressful time in any family's life, and even more so when it involves going to a different country with a different culture. Vanpac specializes in making that move as positive and stress-free as possible through strong communications and up-front education.

Prior to joining American Vanpac Carriers, Tom spent 18 years with American President Lines, Ltd. in various management positions. His last ten years with APL were spent as an expatriate himself, working in Tokyo, Japan for four years, Bangkok, Thailand for 2 years, and finally in Mexico City, Mexico for four more years. Upon his return to the Oakland Headquarters of APL, the opportunity to run American Vanpac Carriers presented itself. Tom's working and living experiences overseas were well suited for running a company that deals exclusively with people moving overseas.

A native of Seattle, Washington, Tom was an entrepreneur at an early age. Starting when he was 16, he went to Alaska in the summer to fish for salmon in Bristol Bay. With the money he earned that summer as a deckhand, he bought a used 29-foot wooden gillnet fishing boat, and fished in that boat the next 2 summers. He then sold it and purchased a new 32-foot gill-netter with which he financed his college education over the next four years. After graduating from the University of Washington with a BA degree in Economics, and following a tour of duty with the United States Air Force as a C-141 pilot, Tom ended up back at the privately-owned seafood company for which he used to fish, where he was operations manager and plant superintendent for five years. It was then that he had the opportunity to join APL during their growth period as they were focusing on the Pacific Rim business explosion. ;

Tom is married to his high-school sweetheart (30 years and counting). They are both avid golfers and scuba divers and love to travel the world and meet people. Tom is a member of the Household Goods Forwarders Association of America and is a strong supporter of the Special Olympics.



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