

# Biography

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Mr. John Elder is an alumnus of EIU, graduating in 1991 with a B. S. in Industrial Technology and in 1995 with an M. S. in Technology.

Mr. Elder has worked in the automotive industry since 1992. He began his career as a Manufacturing Engineer, and then moved on to serving as a Technical Services Manager. He is currently the Vice President of Manufacturing for Hitachi Metals Automotive Components (HMAC) Machining Division.

In March of 2008, Mr. Elder deployed as a Navy Reservist Supply Corps Officer to the Middle East with the Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group (NAVELSG). He served with NAVELSG as the Property Book Office and Assistant Supply Officer.

He is married to the former Christy Buehenerkemper (EIU '93 & '96), and they are the parents of three children, Avery (age 9), Jack (age 7) and Griffen (age 5). The family resides in Effingham, Illinois.