Arnold E. van Beverhoudt, Jr.
Author's Biography

Arnold E. van Beverhoudt, Jr. was born and has lived his entire life on St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. He is a direct descendant of Claudius van Beverhoudt, one of four siblings of Dutch heritage who settled on St. Thomas in the late 1600s. His mother's family hails from the island of Puerto Rico, but has roots going back to the Benvenuti family on the Mediterranean island of Corsica. Arnold is married to Helena Perkins who, coincidentally, also has family roots in the early van Beverhoudt settlers on St. Thomas. Their daughter Selene lives in Florida with her husband John and daughter Jaidyn. Selene has a website design and development business called iDesign Studios

Arnold went to Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School from kindergarten through 12th grade and received a Bachelors degree and later a Masters degree in Business Administration from the College (now University) of the Virgin Islands.

In 1970, Arnold was selected for a summer internship in Washington, DC with the Office of Auditor General of the Agency for International Development, U.S. Department of State. That led to a full-time position the following year as an auditor on St. Thomas with the Office of the U.S. Government Comptroller, U.S. Department of the Interior. In 1982, that office became part of Interior's Office of Inspector General. Arnold progressed through the career ladder for auditors and, in 1991, was promoted to the position of Audit Manager of the Virgin Islands office – a position he held until retiring in 2006. During his career, Arnold achieved certification as a Certified Public Account, Certified Fraud Examiner, and Certified Government Financial Manager.

Arnold performed and supervised audits of the finances and operations of the Government of the Virgin Islands and (from 1997 to 2001) also had oversight responsibility for the Office of Inspector General's audit office on Guam. In that capacity, he supervised audits of the governments of Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau, as well as Interior Department operations in the state of Hawaii.

In his personal life, Arnold has been a life-long naval history and space exploration enthusiast and is a member of the United States Naval Institute, the National Air and Space Society (Smithsonian Institution), the National Space Society, and The Planetary Society. He is also a 1st generation "Star Trek" fan, having been hooked since the first episode aired in 1966. He is an avid reader and has a large collection of naval history, aerospace, and science fiction books.

Arnold maintains a website at www.sandcastlevi.com, where he posts information about his personal interests including naval history, aviation, space exploration, science fiction, auto racing, motion pictures, Disney theme parks, and the instrumental rock and roll band "The Ventures." Arnold also has a companion Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sandcastlevi,

which contains many photo albums and informative posts related to the same topics as on his website.

Arnold's books are self-published through and available from Lulu.com as large-format paperbacks and as PDF ebooks. Some of his books are also available in paperback at The Owl and The Seahorse bookstore, which is located at the Austin Monsanto Marine Terminal in Crown Bay, St. Thomas. Arnold has participated in book signings on St. Thomas in association with The Owl and The Seahorse, the Caribbean Genealogy Library, and the Jazz in the Park concert series. Future book signing events will be highlighted on this website.

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