

Minot, North Dakota REALTORS® Tom and Petra Drouin Earn Their Military Relocation Professional Certifications

The MRP Certification Is The Newest Designation From The National Association of Realtors

MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA, USA, November 24, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Tom and Petra Drouin are both retired Military Veterans who live and work in Minot, North Dakota, so it made perfectly good sense for them to attain the National Association of Realtor's newest designation, "Military Relocation Professional" also known as the MRP Certification.

They are known everywhere as "Team Drouin" and have earned Century 21's Coveted "Number One Team in The Great North"



Petra was born in Germany into a Military family and later relocated to San Antonio, Texas as a young girl. Tom was born in Willimantic, Connecticut – which he fondly says: "Is Native American for 'Flowing Waters'."

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Tom and Petra met at a disco in Kaislautern, Germany in 1986 where Tom was stationed at Sembach Air Base as a vehicle fleet manager of the largest fleet in the entire Air Force – including all fleets in Germany and Italy. Petra was stationed at Hahn Air Base as a supply specialist.

It was love at first sight for the two of them. "I remember saying "Uh oh" says Tom, "this could be something serious. I looked at her and it was WOW!" He recalls Petra being coy; he knew she liked him but didn't want to let on. Petra says "I appreciated his boldness and I thought he was a bit conceited, but he really wasn't."

Tom had never imagined himself being married, but things changed quickly when he got to know Petra. "We met in May and got married in August" he says, "and we spent thirty days camping on the beaches in Italy for our honeymoon."

Take a look at them now in [this endearing video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_6zuTD4D0Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_6zuTD4D0Q)

In 1989, Tom got orders to go to Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota where he and Petra

remained until 2001. Their only child, Rochelle, was born in 1996.

The family then relocated to Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama where Tom worked at the JAG Judge Advocate School. At this time, Petra was medically retired from the Military and became a Real Estate Agent in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Upon hearing about an opening for a Fleet Manager at Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota, Tom and his family moved again, this time for good. Because of his growing interest in Real Estate, Tom decided to make it a full time career with his wife. "I saw it as an opportunity to do what I love most" Tom says, "which is Real Estate. Petra and I were a team in the Military, and now we're a team in Real Estate. Petra is a Real Estate Agent and I'm a Broker."

Tom and Petra are very proud to be able to help Military families on every possible level. "We both know what it's like to PCS" says Tom, "It's very stressful. When you relocate, you're assigned a Sponsor, but very often the Sponsor doesn't show up and you're left hanging. You have about seven to ten days to house-hunt and get settled, then you have to report for duty, so Petra and I act like Sponsor's to our Military families. There's a lot of pressure, and if they don't have all of the necessities, we provide it for them and set them up with items such as air beds, kitchen utensils - basically whatever they need to get by. Once you're Military, you're always Military and you take care of your own."

Once they sell a house, their relationship continues with their clients. They invite them over for Thanksgiving and help them out anytime they need it, even in catastrophic situations such as the great Souris River flood that occurred in 2011 which overtopped levees in Minot, North Dakota, causing the evacuation of about 11,000 residents. "Petra and I immediately went into action when that happened" Tom recalls, "We helped in any way we could. We went to people's houses and offered to store their valuables in our garage – computers, televisions, electronics – everything. Our garage was so packed, it looked like Best Buy!"

Team Drouin also has a spectacular video which aired during the Superbowl. [Take a look here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGfg97XSOWM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGfg97XSOWM)

To learn more about Tom and Petra Drouin, [please visit these websites:](http://houseinminot.com/)
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