

About Sam Clovis

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Sam Clovis is the host of the talk radio show—Impact with Sam Clovis—that can be heard on KSCJ, 1360 am, Sioux City, IA. Along with his radio hosting, Sam is also currently the Chair of the Department of Business Administration and Economics at Morningside College in Sioux City, IA.

He came to Morningside from the Homeland Security Institute where he remains a Fellow, concentrating his research efforts in national preparedness, community resilience and immigration policy.

He is also a member of the faculty at the Center for Homeland Defense and Security, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA.

Sam also teaches as an adjunct for Iowa State University in the university's Master of Public Administration program.

Sam holds a Bachelor of Science degree in political science from the United States Air Force Academy, an MBA from Golden Gate University in San Francisco and a Doctorate in public administration from the University of Alabama. He has regional expertise in Europe, the former Soviet Union and the Middle East, where he served in the American Embassy in Bahrain. He has managerial and executive experience in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors. He has worked for Northrop Grumman and Booz Allen Hamilton, among other companies, in the private sector.

After graduating from the Air Force Academy, Dr. Clovis spent 25 years serving in the Air Force where he rose to the rank of Colonel. He retired as the Inspector General of NORAD and the United States Space Command and was a command pilot, gaining combat readiness in the F-106, F-4 and the F-16. He entered the private sector after retirement from the Air Force and has been teaching in higher education for the past 14 years.

He is the former Dean of College of Business and Management Science at William Penn University.

Sam was born in Salina, KS, and was raised near Hutchinson, KS, in the small village of Medora. He was a four sport high school athlete and an excellent student, graduating from Buhler High School in Buhler, KS. His father, a native of Salina, was a veteran of two wars, the local postmaster and a life-long employee of the Kansas Power & Light Company. His mother served as a clerk in the post office and was very active in community affairs. His brother, Allen, was also a fighter pilot in the Air Force.

After leaving the service, Al got his law degree and practiced in Topeka, KS.

He served as an adjunct professor at Baker University and was a novelist.

Al died tragically during surgery for a liver transplant in 1997.

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Sam is married to the former Charlotte Chase of Piketon, OH. Char's son Khan completes the family group, and they all live in the country near Hinton, IA.

Sam has two sons from a previous marriage—Travis, an Air Force pilot and Matt, who is employed in the restaurant industry.