

Robert L Elzner was born and raised in the Corpus Christi area on a farm and ranch. He received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering (BSEE) in 1963 from Texas A&I, Kingsville, TX. In 1974 he received a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering (MSEE) from the University of Monmouth, Long Branch, NJ. He worked for the Department of Defense at Ft. Monmouth, NJ, Ft. Huachuca, AZ and Security Hill, Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX. After retiring from the Department of Defense (DOD) in 1994, he became a real estate agent and still functions in that capacity. He ran the family ranch business until 2011 and has been served on several boards. He remains active and involved with many functions of AARP.

In 1998, he became involved with the Texas Inmate Families Association (TIFA) and has held every position in the organization from Chairman of the Board, Executive Director, Chapter Chair and any other function that supported TIFA. Currently, he is on the board of TIFA as Treasurer. He continues to strive to make visitation easier for the families and to bridge that gap of understanding between TDCJ and the families. He believes that the public and legislators need to understand the ramification of the laws that they influence and frequently testifies before the Criminal Justice Committees during the Legislative sessions. He also believes that the families of the incarcerated are victims of the system.