



*2018 Distinguished Alumni Award Winner
Edward W. Raether*

Ed was born in the Township of Lebanon and raised in the Lebanon and Watertown areas. He attended Immanuel Lutheran grade school in Lebanon and graduated WHS in 1954. He played baseball and was the student manager of the football and basketball teams. Ed also attended Badger Boys State.

Ed served in the US Navy, including two years of active duty from 1956-57. He graduated from the Milwaukee School of Engineering with an Associate Degree in Industrial Management in 1968, and in 2012 he received an Honorary Doctor of Engineering Degree from MSOE.

Ed started his career with Automatic Welding in Waukesha and then joined American Appraisal where he worked for 40 years. He rose through the ranks and became a Vice President and Managing Director for Central and Eastern Europe where he received numerous awards for his extraordinary service.

The Fall of the Berlin Wall in late 1989 opened huge valuation opportunities in Eastern Europe. In 1990, Ed was transferred to Budapest, Hungary to open a valuation practice office. He oversaw the opening of additional offices in Warsaw (1991), Prague (1992), St. Petersburg/Moscow (1995) and opened/managed the Hamburg/Berlin practice (1998-1999). He returned to the US from Berlin in 2001 and managed the Industrial Valuation Group. In total, he carried out valuations in 65 countries. Ed retired in 2008 at the age of 72.

Ed was President of the Engineers and Scientists of Milwaukee, has been a member of the American Society of Appraisers, President of the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Society of Appraisers and President of St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Ed currently serves on two of the church's committees. He is a MSOE Regent and has received numerous awards from the school including the 2006 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year and "Wall of Fame" recognition.

Ed is the President of the Lebanon Historical Society, and recently helped rebuild and relocate the Karl Greve Log Cabin from Watertown to Lebanon's Trechel Park.

Ed lives in Waukesha with his wife Arlene. They have three children and five grandchildren.