

John C. Sigler

Candidate for the Kent County Council, District 5

1. Why are you running for this office?

Kent County needs leadership.

I have the education, training and experience that Kent County Levy Court will need to meet the very real challenges Levy Court will face in the very near future. The recent Superior Court decision in the Pizzadili case stands as stark evidence that our Zoning Code and Comprehensive Plan requires immediate attention and as a senior member of Kent County's legal community I can add positive value to that process; as a retired Dover Police Captain I understand the needs of our county's first responders and the importance of Kent County's Emergency Management, Emergency Communications and Emergency Medical Services Divisions and how they interact with our volunteer fire companies and their ambulance/EMT services, as well as law enforcement; as an experienced businessman and with a Masters Degree in Business Management I understand the overall importance and need for sound fiscal policies and as a senior citizen homeowner I appreciate the need for fiscal responsibility and to protect the property rights of Kent County's homeowners. And as a veteran of the US Navy Submarine Service I understand and appreciate the needs, desires and challenges of our active duty and retired DAFB personnel who add so much to our community here in Kent County. Finally, as a trained and experienced Human Resources professional, I understand the needs and challenges facing the County in terms of providing and maintaining benefits for the County's employees as the ever-rising costs of health care impact the ability of County Government to do so.

I have served my country in the Navy during the Vietnam era, I have served the people of central Kent County for over 20 years as a police officer and I continue to serve as a senior member of our county's legal community, now it is time to serve the people of Kent County as a member of the Levy Court to provide responsible, responsive and accountable government that works for all of the people of Kent County, all of the time.

2. What is the biggest challenge facing the person who wins this seat?

Finding new and innovative management solutions that allow for a balanced budget while holding the line against increased taxes and fees and without harming the members of the county's workforce.

3. What life experiences have prepared you for this position?

1. Military Service during the Vietnam era as a member of the United States Navy Submarine Service
2. Twenty years of service as a member of the City of Dover Police Department, retiring as the Administrative Division Commander whose job it was to prepare and administer the budget
3. Ten years as the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the National Rifle Association of America writing and supervising a 200 million dollar budget and later serving two terms as that organization's national president
4. Education consisting of a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice from Wilmington College, a Masters Degree in Business from Central Michigan University and a Juris Doctor Degree (cum laude) from the Delaware Law School of Widener University
5. Admission to practice law in Delaware, Maryland and before the United States Supreme Court
6. Twenty-fours years working in the private sector as General Counsel to a multi-state health care organization
7. A native Delawarean who has lived in Kent County through forty-one years of marriage and who has owned a home in this county for over forty years.
8. A love for this country, this state and Kent County.

4. What is your top priority if you win?

The most important job of government at every level is public safety. My top priority will be to ensure that Kent County has the very best Emergency Management, Emergency Communications and Emergency Medical Services departments possible within the confines of a fiscally responsible budget.

Candidate statement:

The people of Kent County deserve responsible and responsible government that is accountable to the people and that works for all of the people all of the time.