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Mr. Shkurti served in Vietnam with B Battery, 2nd Battalion, 35th Artillery at Fire Support Base Lanyard and later the 3rd Infantry Division in Schweinfurt, Germany, and the 6th Armored Cavalry at Fort Meade, Maryland.

He left active duty and returned to Ohio State University to earn a Master's Degree in Public Administration. He began his public service career in 1973 as a Research Assistant on the Governor's Task Force on Health care. He later served as Special Assistant, Office of the Attorney General, then Assistant Director, Office of Budget and Management and finally Director of the Office of Budget and Management for the State of Ohio from 1985-1987.

Mr. Shkurti then returned to Ohio State where he served as the Acting Assistant Vice President for University Budget Planning and later the chief financial officer managing a budget in excess of 4.4 billion dollars. He retired as the Senior Vice President for Business and Finance in 2010, but is still involved with the university as an adjunct professor in the John Glenn School of Public Affairs.

He is the author of three books including *Soldiering On in a Dying War: The True Story of the Firebase Pace Incidents and the Vietnam Drawdown*. He also authored a shorter piece about the 1970 incident involving soldiers from the First Cavalry Division on the Cambodian border titled "A Minor Rebellion," which was published in the June 2008 issue of Vietnam magazine.