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# Jimmy Miller: 'The Navy taught me discipline'

■ **By John Bohlmann**
*Columbia Gorge News*

THE DALLES — "When they opened up the door on that airplane, it's just like getting hit by a truck. The heat was tremendous. It was over 100 degrees. The humidity was probably close to 100% and gunfire in the distance. And, all of a sudden, you think, 'Son of a bitch! I'm here.'"

That was veteran Jimmy Miller's first impression upon arriving in Vietnam in July 1969. Miller ended up serving "three years, nine months, and five days" in the war, he said, joking, "but I didn't really keep count."

The Dalles native and Dufur High School graduate was enrolled at the Western Business University in Portland when he joined the Navy. "I wasn't a good student, necessarily, at that point in my life, and an easy way out was to sign up and join the Navy," he said. "So, I did."

He enlisted for four years of service, but got out 90 days early due to a program granting early release for those enrolled in college.

Miller's enlisting in the Navy was as serendipitous as simply being the "first recruiter door I walked into," Miller said.

"The Army did want me," he added. "They wanted to put me in as a warrant officer and rotary wing aircraft pilot. Helicopter pilots had a life expectancy of about 19 minutes."

Uncomfortable with those statistics, he said, "I think I'll pass on that one."

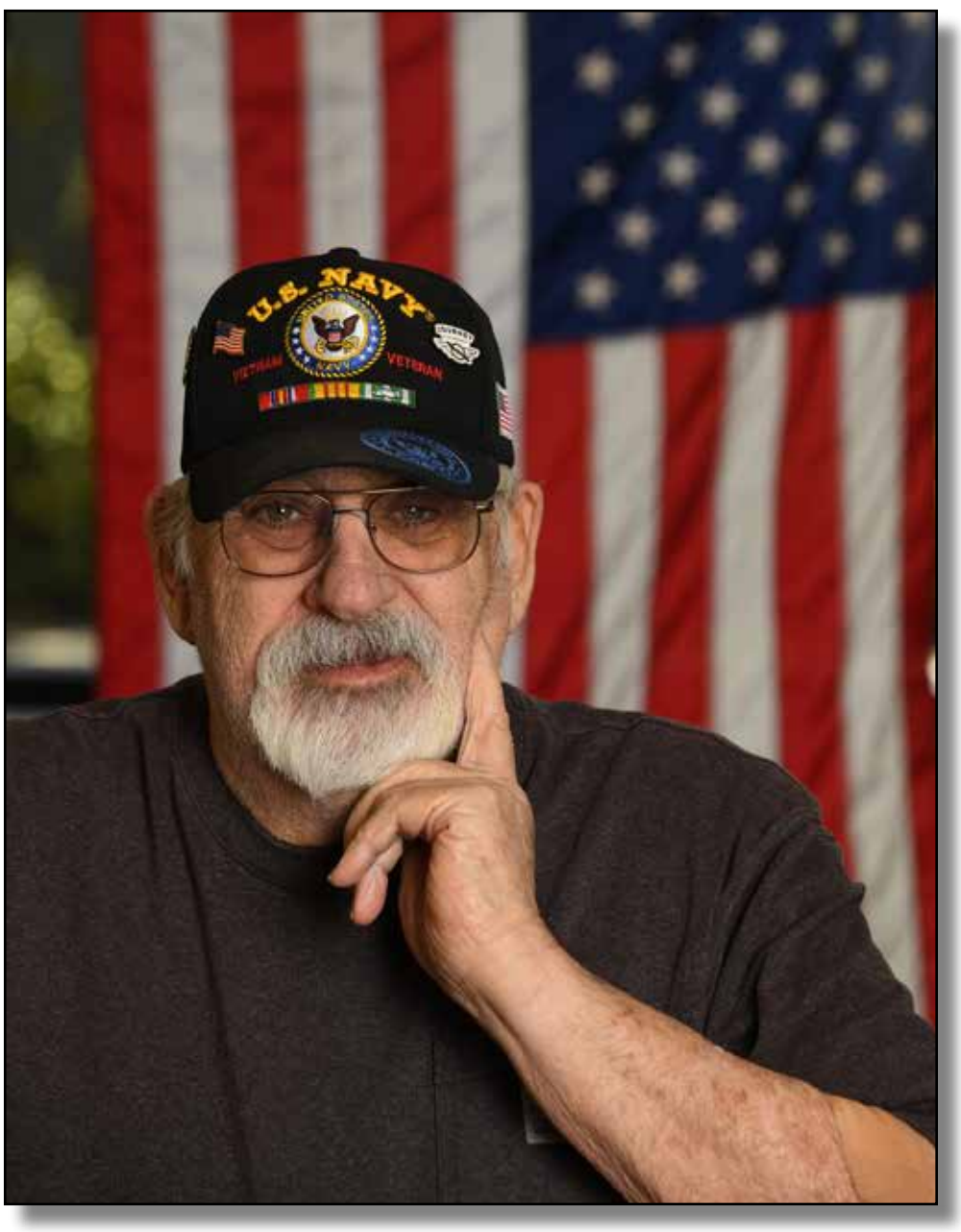
Miller ended up working in navigation aboard the USS Decatur, a guided-missile destroyer based in Long Beach, California. He quickly learned the gravitas of navigating a 360-foot naval vessel.

"There's a big responsibility when they turn around and look at you and say, 'Where are we? We need to change course,' and they're looking at me," he remembered. "You got the captain of the ship asking you that, because they have faith in you that you can do your job, and so it just gives you discipline."

Realizing the importance of self-discipline has stayed with him since his time in the service, and is probably the most universally applicable skill the military teaches its enlisted, Miller explained.

"You get in a truck, and you drive two and a half hours to a broken piece of equipment, and you stay there until you get it fixed, and there's nobody there to help you," Miller said. "If you run into a problem, you have to figure it out yourself."

His unit's primary function was to serve as advisors to the Vietnamese Navy, in what they called Operation Market Time, to try to control the movement of arms and ammunition over the water.




Jimmy Miller

Helen H. Richardson photo / special to Columbia Gorge News

"I was stationed in Nha Trang, and that's where our main headquarters were," Miller said. "There's a river that goes around from the ocean up around behind the army base and the air force base there, and then the VC would come across the river and try to send mortars and rockets into the air force base, hit fuel tanks, airplanes, anything they could get."

At night, Miller would go upriver in "a little 18-foot Boston whaler" with a night scope, "and you sit and watch and see activity. Then you call in army artillery," he said.

Miller made it through his tour without ever being wounded, but there were several close calls. "I was sitting in the barracks and I was writing a letter home," Miller recalled. "I'd just written 'It's 2 a.m.,' and the line went down across a sheet of paper as a mortar went off right outside our barracks."

Upon his attempt to exit the building, another mortar hit in between the barracks, "and it blew me back inside," he said. "So I swung into the corner real quick, right at the corner of the building where the cement foundation was. And when I did, something hit my leg."

Fearing he was wounded, Miller stayed put until the barrage ceased. "Pretty soon, everything quiets down, and one of the guys comes out of his room. He says, 'Miller, you all right?'

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Some of Miller's wartime memorabilia.
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**Private First Class Janice Acree**



U.S. ARMY
1990-1993
Desert Storm

**Chief Radioman Gene Adkisson**




U.S. NAVY
WWII South Pacific

**1st Lieutenant Merril M. Adkisson**



U.S. AIR FORCE
1942-1946

**Fred Akita**



U.S. ARMY

**Sgt. James N. Akita**



U.S. ARMY
Vietnam,
Bronze Star

**Corporal Robert Joseph Alaimo, Sr**



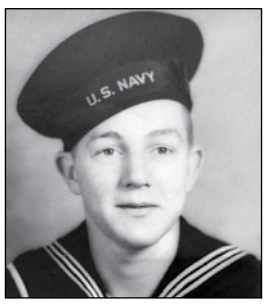
U.S. Marines - 1941-1945
WWII - South Pacific Purple Heart

**Corporal Elmer B. Alford**



1st Marine Division
WWII - Guadalcanal

**Thomas Merle Alford**




U.S. NAVY

**Petty Officer 3rd Class Don Allegre**



U.S. NAVY
1943-46, Hickam Field, HI
Crew Chief, PBY-5

**Major Mike Allegre**



U.S. AIR FORCE
1976-1980, Security Police
1985-2007, Oregon Air National Guard, 142nd Fighter Wing

**Sergeant Jeremy Anderson**



U.S. ARMY
1999-present Operation Iraqi Freedom

**3rd Class Petty Officer Vernon T. Anderson**



U.S. NAVY Seabees
1942-1945 WWII
Freetown, Africa,
Casablanca, Okinawa

**Roland Aplin**




U.S. Coast Guard
1967-1987
Vietnam, Grenada

**Kenneth Ashbaugh**



U.S. NAVY
1950-1954 Korean War

**Jay Ashcraft**



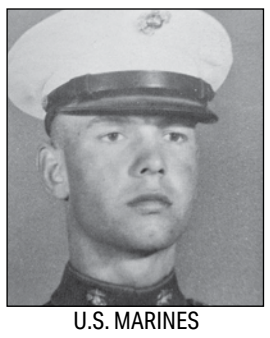
U.S. ARMY
1964-1967, Seabees
1983-2004,
Retired Military

**Captain Jesse Atay**



U.S. MARINE CORPS
2001 - 2013
Iraq, Afghanistan

**Sergeant Steven Austin**



U.S. MARINES
1969-1970
Nat'l Defense Service, Vietnam Campaign, Combat Action, Good Conduct Medals

**First Class Earl Ayers**



U.S. NAVY
1943-1951
Pharmacist

**Tech 3, Staff Sergeant Mervin G. Bachofner**



U.S. ARMY 1945-1947
Finance Clerk
7th Infantry Division

**Herman Bagge**



U.S. Marines 1942-1945
Pearl Harbor, MP,
Guard Duty

**Specialist ES Dennis Michael Bacon**



U.S. ARMY
1965-1968, Vietnam War
101st Airborne Division

**E4 Corporal Will Berthold**



U.S. MARINE CORPS
1998 - 2000 - MOS 1833
AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLE
CREW CHIEF, WEST PAC

**Cadet Nurse Dora McLean Bailey**



U.S. NAVY
WWII

**Leonard "Dude" Bailey**



U.S. AIR FORCE
WWII, 1944-1945
Italy

**Master Chief Loren G. Bailey**



U.S. NAVY
1989-2013
Linguist

**Captain Thomas E. Bailey**



U.S. AIR FORCE 1968-1972
86 Combat Mission,
Vietnam

**The Bailey Brothers**



Doug Todd Leeds Burns

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U.S. NAVY
1943-1945
Const. Batt. Seabees

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U.S. ARMY 2010-2014
4-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Fort Lewis Washington. NATO Defense Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal

**Jarrett Ball**



U.S. ARMY
2014-2016
5th RTB

**SFC George Balzer**



U.S. ARMY
1941-1945
North Africa & Sicily

**Rodger Barber**



U.S. AIR FORCE
371ST GROUP P47 PILOTS
404TH SQUADRON

**Seaman First Class Carl A. Barnett**



U.S. NAVY
1944-1946
WWII

**Radioman 2nd Class Bob Barrett**



U.S. NAVY
1950-53
Korean War

**AMM 1st Class Jack Arthur Bartell**



U.S. NAVY 1941-1946 WWII
Pearl Harbor Survivor, Flew 119 Combat Missions In South Pacific in PBYs & PB4Y-1 (B-24s)

**Eugene "Gene" Baskins**



U.S. ARMY
1966-1968
Awarded 2 Purple Hearts

**SP 5 Christian Logan Batty**



U.S. ARMY 1987-2009
FORT LEWIS, DMZ SOUTH KOREA,FORT CAMPBELL, RETIRED

**Radioman 2nd Class John F. Baumgarten, Jr.**



U.S. NAVY 1995-1999
U.S.S. CALIFORNIA,
PERSIAN GULF

**Robert Baumgarten**




U.S. NAVY
1994-2016, OIF/OEF
Operation Desert Shield, Operation Southern Watch, Meritorious Unit Citation, Armed Expeditionary

**SR Jack Baumgartner**




U.S. NAVY 1953-1956
NATIONAL DEFENSE
CHINA SERVICE AWARD

**Sergeant John Becharas**



U.S. ARMY Airborne
1941-1945
Paratrooper, Fort Bragg
Camp Adar, Corvallis, OR

**Private Ivan Benedict**



U.S. ARMY
1942-1945 WWII
prisoner of war, 3½ years

**Warrant Officer 2 Jacob S. Beno**



ARMY AVIATION/BLACKHAWK PILOT - 2005 TO PRESENT
3-158TH AVIATION REGIMENT, STORM RIDERS,
KATTERBACH, GERMANY

**Captain Kelsey J. (Riise) Beno**



ARMY AVIATION/BLACKHAWK PILOT - 2007 TO PRESENT
3-158TH AVIATION REGIMENT, STORM RIDERS,
KATTERBACH, GERMANY

**Major Claude Berthold**



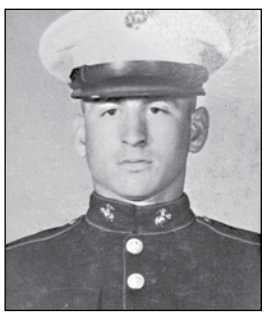
U.S. NAVY, U.S. MARINE CORPS - 1996 TO PRESENT
- AFRICA, AFGHANISTAN
HMH 464 HMH T302

**E5 Sergeant Philip Berthold**



U.S. MARINE CORPS
1967-1970 - 3rd Marine
MOS 1121 Viet Nam

**E4 Corporal Rodney L. Berthold**



U.S. MARINE CORPS
1967-1970

**E4 Corporal Will Berthold**



U.S. MARINE CORPS
1998 - 2000 - MOS 1833
AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLE
CREW CHIEF, WEST PAC

**E6 AB Bettis**



U.S. MARINE CORPS
1967-1971
Vietnam 68-69

**BM2-E5 John Michael Bishop**



U.S. NAVY
1968-1976
Vietnam

**Fireman 1st Class Clyde Blaisdell**




U.S. NAVY, 1943-1946
WWII victory medal, America, Asiatic-Pacific, China and Philippines

**Renolds W. Blazer**



U.S. AIR FORCE 1953-1957
Korean War

**Sgt. James C. Block**



U.S. ARMY
1942-1946
Battle of the Bulge

**SFC James Block**



Army National Guard 1961-67, 1987-2004 Vietnam Era Operation Desert Storm

**Kenneth Block**



U.S. NAVY
1968-1972

**Boatswains Mate 3rd Class Jesse Bloom**



U.S. NAVY
2009-2015,
Honorable Discharges

**AWF2 James C. Bodolay**



U.S. NAVY
NSW Support Activity I

**Sergeant Joseph S. Bodolay**



U.S. ARMY
1968-1969, Vietnam 39th Cavalry, 9th Infantry Div.

**CE-2 Justin W. Bodolay**



U.S. NAVY
NMCB-18 DET 2

**Boatsen Mate 2/C Hollis Bolton**



U.S. NAVY
WWII 1942-1946
SOUTH PACIFIC

**Lynn Bolton**



U.S. NAVY
1944

**SP4 Alan Gene Borton**



U.S. ARMY 1971-1972,
Vietnam - Financial School, 3rd in Class

**Sonar 3rd Class Alfred L. Borton**

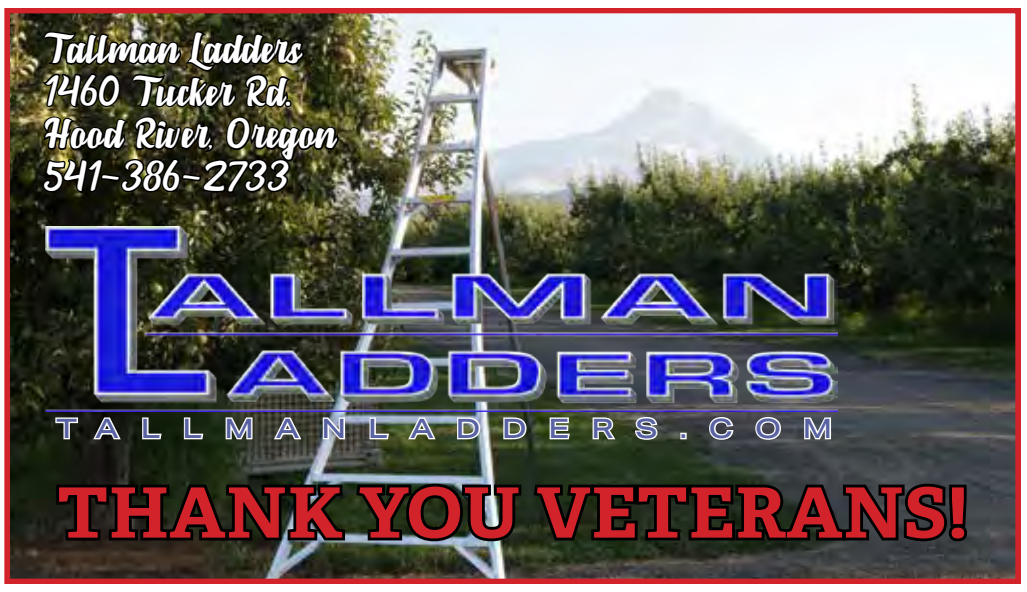


U.S. NAVY
1941-1945, WWII
Boatson 2nd Class

**Staff Sergeant Steven L. Borton**



U.S. ARMY
1968-1969, Vietnam War
Awarded 2 Bronze Stars






**SP-4**
**J. Harrison Bowlds**



U.S. ARMY
1966-1968
South Korea, 2nd Inf. Div.

**AM2 (AW)**
**Justin Bowlin**



U.S. NAVY
2003 - present

**Private 1st Class Francis**
**O. "Jake" Bradford**



U.S. ARMY - 1944-1946
WWII, Phillipines

**Staff Sgt.**
**John M. Brady**



U.S. ARMY, 10th Mountain
Div. 1999-present
Infantryman/Sniper

**Major General**
**William J. "Bud"**
**Breckner**



U.S. AIR FORCE, 1955-1986
Air Defense Europe, USS Intrepid,
Chief of Staff Ramstein,
Commander 17th Air Force NATO

**Glenn Brittenham**



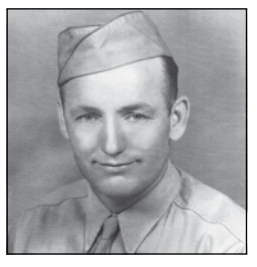
U.S. MARINES
1957-1967
Vietnam Helicopter Crew Chief

**Daniel Brock**
U.S. NAVY



1970-1974
2 Tours Vietnam

**T/SGT**
**Walter M. Brock**



ARMY AIR CORPS
1942-1946
1503 Base Unit World War II

**Paul Philip Brooks**



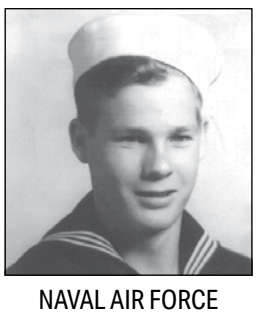
U.S. ARMY, 1942-45
80th Infantry Division
317th Infantry Regiment
France, Ardennes,
Rhineland

**Captain**
**Daniel R. Brophy**



Marine Corps.
Semper Fidelis
1957—1969 Vietnam

Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class
**Alfred L "Barney" Brown**



NAVAL AIR FORCE
1942-1946 - STATIONED
IN BRAZIL & PANAMA

**Captain**
**Dr. Albert N. Brown**



U.S. ARMY Air Force
1937-1947
Oldest living survivor
of Bataan Death March
(104 yrs), POW 42 months

**S/Sergeant**
**Clarence Andres Brown**



U.S. AIR FORCE,
Aerial Engineer - 1943-1945,
WWII So. Pacific, 66th,
5th Air Force

**Gunnery Sergeant**
**Lewis Brown**



U.S. NAVY
WWII

**Staff Sergeant**
**Lyle Brown**



U.S. ARMY
1942-1947

**Corporal**
**Robert G. Brown**



U.S. ARMY 1953-1961
7811 Army Unit
Schweinfurt, Germany

**Robert Olin**
**Browning**



U.S. NAVY
Served 4 years

**CoMM (AA)**
**Jack M. Buce, Jr.**



U.S. NAVY 1940-1944
WWII U.S.S. Tennessee,
Pearl Harbor
Y.M.S. 365 Minesweeper

**Lieutenant**
**Jack M. Buce, III**



U.S. NAVY 1970-1974
U.S.S. Roark DE1053
Gulf of Tonkin, Vietnam

Corporal
**Eugene E. Buckley**



U.S. ARMY
1917-1919, WWI
63rd Coast Artillery

**James S Burgett**



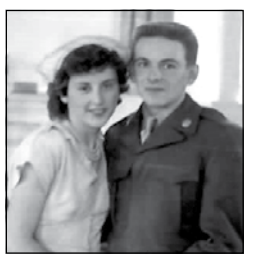
U.S. ARMY 1969-1971
82nd field artillery,
1st battalion, Americal Division,
Vietnam Veteran

**Michael R Burgett**



U.S. NAVY
1967-1971
Served on USS Caiman, USS Trout

**First Class**
**Carl Burke**



U.S. AIR FORCE
Airman
Korea

**Private**
**Arthus Burslie**



U.S. ARMY Overseas
1918-1919
Bat. D, 334d F.A.
86th Division

**PFC.**
**Lynn Burtner**



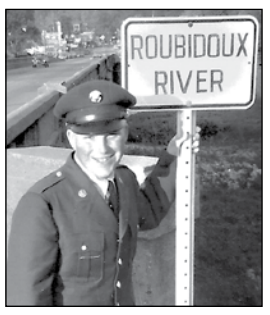
U.S. ARMY
1942-1946

**Sergeant**
**Edward Murphy-Bustos**



U.S. ARMY National Guard
2010-2011
Operation New Dawn

**Spec. 4**
**David B. Butler**




U.S. ARMY
1962-1965
Mechanic, served in Germany

**Sergeant**
**Harold D. Calkins**



U.S. ARMY 1950-1953,
Korean War Missing in
action,1953 Bronze Star,
Purple Heart

**Master Staff Sergeant**
**Robert E. Calkins**



U.S. AIR FORCE,
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U.S. ARMY
1965-1972



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1942-1945, WWII South
Pacific Theater

**R. Woodrum**
**Carlile**



U.S. ARMY
1942-1945 WWII

**Quartermaster**
**Alfred Carlson**



U.S. NAVY WWII
USS Liscome Bay,

**Bob**
**Carleton**




U.S. ARMY
1940-1945

**Larry**
**Carleton**




U.S. NAVY
1969-1973
Vietnam War

**Quartermaster/Signalman**
**Richard Carlton**



U.S. NAVY - WWII
1942-1945
Died Feb. 9, 2009

**PN2**
**Michael S. Carrico**



U.S. NAVY 1966-1970
USS SIMON LAKE AS-33
Holy Loch, Scotland

**Aviation Ordinance I**
**Dave Cartwright**



U.S. NAVY 1968-1974
Vietnam - 2 Tours
Attack Sq. Ninety Four

**HM2**
**Micky P. Cates**



U.S. NAVY
2006-2011
Operation Iraqi Freedom

**Captain**
**Ian P. Chandler**



U.S. ARMY
2003-2006

**Sergeant**
**Richard Chance**



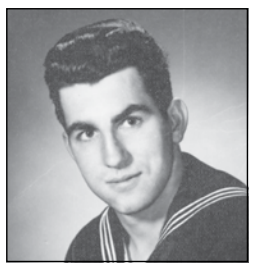
U.S. ARMY National Guard
2003-present -
USN, Desert Storm,
Operation Iraqi Freedom

**Master Chief Electrician**
**Robert J. Chapman**



U.S. NAVY
1976-2007

**Airman**
**Gilbert Clayton**



U.S. NAVY
1952-1956

**John F.**
**Clausen**



U.S. ARMY
1965-1967

**S. Sergeant**
**Chester C. Coats**



U.S. AIR FORCE
1943-1945
1024th Signal Service

**Third Class Petty Officer**
**David Cochenour**



U.S. NAVY 1966-1970
Vietnam/Aircraft Crash
Fire and Rescue Squadron

**LTC**
**Lester D. Cochenour**



Oregon National Guard &
Army Reserve
1961-1992

**Mechanic D 2nd Class**
**Marlin A. Cochenour**



U.S. NAVY
1943-1948
Vietnam

**SK3**
**Steven Cochenour**



U.S. NAVY
1969

**Sergeant**
**Amanda Cochran/Green**



U.S. ARMY
2012-2019
Operation Enduring Freedom

**Rudy Michael**
**Cochran**



U.S. ARMY
2013-2016
Tanker Unit

**Chief Petty Officer**
**Stan F. Coelsch**



U.S. COAST GUARD
1941-1945, WWII
Pacific Operations
Asiatic Pacific Medal

**PO3**
**Michael J. Coiner**



U.S. NAVY 1987-1990
USS America 1989
Mediterranean/Indian Ocean

**Master Sergeant**
**Jerry Cole**



U.S. MARINES
1963-1967

**Master Sergeant**
**Mark Wayne Coleman**



U.S. ARMY, Special Forces
1988- KIA 5-2-2010
Kandahar Prov., Afghanistan

**Specialist 4th Class**
**Mike Collier**



U.S. ARMY
1956-1958 & 1961-1962
Korean War, Berlin Crisis

**Sergeant**
**James W. Combs**



U.S. ARMY
KOREAN WAR

**Corporal**
**James Comini**



U.S. ARMY
March 1951-1953

**SP4**
**Tony Commander**



U.S. ARMY 1969-1971,
Vietnam Crew Chief, Door Gunner
176th Assault Helicopter

**Captain**
**Luke Conklin**



U.S. AIR FORCE
2017 - Current
Chief Medical Officer, Scott AFB

**Daniel**
**Connell**



U.S. ARMY
1993-1999
2008-2013

**PFC**
**Gary Cotter**



Merchant Marine 1944-45
U.S. ARMY 1951-1953
WWII & Korean War

**ABH 3**
**Donnie Cotterell**



U.S. NAVY
1972-1976

**HM3**
**Larry J. Couch**



U.S. NAVY
U.S.S. Cochrane
Deployed in Vietnam

**Keith**
**Cox**



U.S. ARMY






**Martin Craig**



U.S. NAVY
1995-1998

**SP E4 Victor M. Cruz**



U.S. ARMY
IRAQ

**Alexander Currie**



Royal Canadian Airforce
1940-1946
European Bomber
Command Dispatch Writer

**Eugene Dallas**



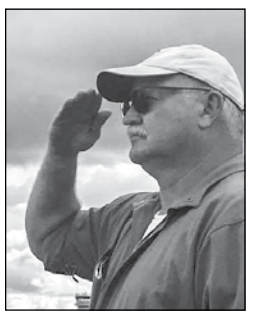
U.S. NAVY
Korean War

**E-4 William Dansereau**



Marine Corp 1991 - 1995
National Guard
1998 - 2000
Army 2000 - 2003

**Ben Davidson**



U.S. ARMY
30+ years of service including
tours in Iraq and Afghanistan

**E4 Comm. Specialist David Norman Davis**



U.S. AIR FORCE
01/1957-07/1960
Vietnam

**Tech 4 Everett B. Davis, Jr.**



U.S. ARMY
Jan. 1942 - Oct. 1945
5th Ranger Battalion,
Landed on Omaha Beach
June 6, 1944

**OS3 George M. Davis**



U.S. NAVY 1990-1994
USS Denver, Desert Storm,
Somolia

**2nd Lieutenant Norman W. Davis**



U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS
Lost in Action 4-2-1945
Purple Heart, Presidential Citation

**Sergeant Jim Day**



U.S. ARMY
1969-1971
Vietnam

**SP4-E5 Darold D. Dayley**



U.S. ARMY
1958-1960

**Charles Forrest Decker**



U.S. NAVY 1944-1947
USS South Dakota (BB57)

**Tech 4 Boen Delay**



U.S. ARMY
WWII

**Sergeant Tyler Delepine**



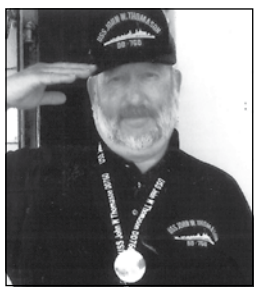
U.S. ARMY
2018-present
Atlantic Resolve

**MO-MA 1st Class John E. 'Curly' DeMoss**



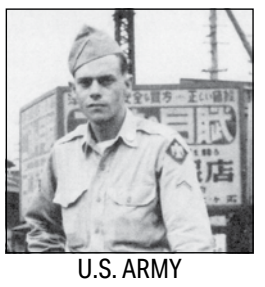
U.S. NAVY Seabees
1942-1945 - 4th Naval
Construction Batt.

**ET 1 John E. DeMoss Jr.**



U.S. NAVY - 1968-1976
Vietnam - 2 Tours

**Private First Class John (Jack) Denslinger**



U.S. ARMY
1950-52 Korean War
48th Division, 180 Reg.
Communications, Seoul

**Aerographer Mate 1st Class Bob DePriest**



U.S. NAVY
1942-1945

**Lance Corporal Jacob Deswert**



U.S. MARINE CORPS
2010 - present
Afghanistan, North
Carolina

**Bob Dewitz**



U.S. NAVY
1942-1945

**FC 3C Lee Dickson**



U.S. NAVY
1943-1946

**Robert Divish**



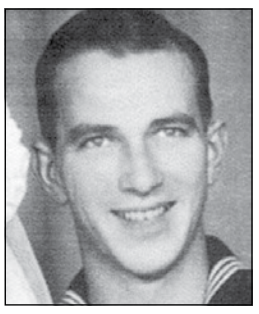
U.S. ARMY
1970-1972
Vietnam

**PO2 Jeff Draeger**



U.S. NAVY
1970-1977

**Mach MMIC David Duff**



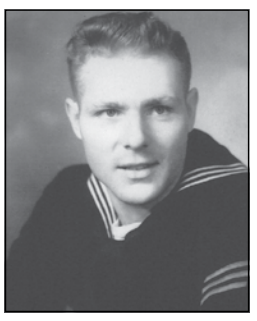
U.S. NAVY
1942-1945

**Charles R Duckwall**



U.S. ARMY
1942-1945
10th Mountain, 86th Division
Bronze Star, Purple Heart

**Ken Duncan**



U.S. NAVY 1954-1958
Aircraft Carrier
USS Hancock CVA-19

**SSG E-6 Leonard A. Dunn**



U.S. ARMY
1960-1973, Vietnam
Drill Sergeant, A22,
101st Airborne, Mine Sweep

**E6/PO 1 Gary Duree**



U.S. NAVY
Retired
1976-1999

**Roy Donald "Don" Duvall**



U.S. NAVY 1942-1945
Aerographer's Mate
Second Class













**Radioman 2nd Class**
**Bob Earls**



U.S. NAVY
1963-66, 1972-78
Proud Vietnam Vet

**Sergeant**
**Michael Earls**



U.S. MARINE CORPS
1998-2003

**Corporal**
**Lynn Eberhardt**



U.S. MARINE CORPS
2007-2012 Operation
Enduring Freedom

**Captain**
**George Economou**



U.S. MARINE CORPS
2002-2009
3D Marine Division, 1st Radio Battalion, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, 3rd Marine Air Wing Operation Iraqi Freedom - Al Anbar, Iraq

**Captain**
**Sarah Economou**



U.S. MARINE CORPS
2003-2009
Operation Iraqi Freedom

**Sergeant**
**Roland Ekstrom**



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James
U.S. ARMY
TDHS class of 1969



John
U.S. ARMY
TDHS class of 1971



Steve
U.S. ARMY
TDHS class of 1972



Robert
U.S. ARMY
TDHS class of 1974



Gary
U.S. AIR FORCE
TDHS class of 1974

**SPEC 4**
**Glenn Elden Ellett**



U.S. ARMY
Engineering Company
Korea 1956-1957

**Gary L.**
**Elliott**



**U.S.NAVY**

**1st Lt. Ella Mae**
**Beaumaster Ellison**



U.S. ARMY
1943-1946 - WWII
Nurse, England, DDay

**Bill Elton**



U.S. NAVY
1944-1946

**Sho Endow, Jr.**



U.S. ARMY 1941-1945
442 Battalion Company L
Italian Campaign, Battle Participation Star, Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, American Defense Service Medal, European-African Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Shell Fragment Injury 10-20-1944, Vicinity Bruyeres, France

**Sergeant**
**Corey Engard**



U.S. ARMY - Artillery
March 2007-Present
Currently on
second tour in Iraq

**T. Sgt.**
**Harold Engberg**



U.S. ARMY
1942-1946
WWII - Europe Theatre

**Staff Sergeant**
**Enrique Esquivias**



ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
2004-2007 Iraq

**E-7**
**Herbert Esperas**



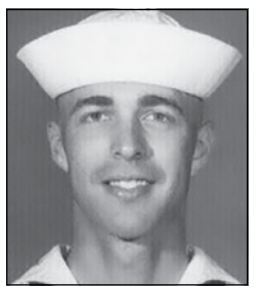
U.S. AIR FORCE
Occupied Japan

**Specialist 4**
**Donald Elroy Fagen**



U.S. ARMY
1961-1964
Cuban Crisis

**James Louis**
**Farring**



U.S. NAVY
1969-1971

**Specialist 1st Class**
**Joshua E. Farris**



U.S. ARMY
2000-2004
Operation Iraqi Freedom

**Robert**
**Fehrs**



U.S. ARMY

**SP4**
**Jesse Flem**



U.S. ARMY
1981-1985
First Infantry Division

**Corporal**
**Lewis L. Flint**



National Guard, Army
of the United States
1950-1952
Chief Radio Operator

**Jeremy Fogle**



U.S. ARMY 1941-1945
442 Battalion Company L
Italian Campaign, Battle Participation Star, Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, American Defense Service Medal, European-African Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Shell Fragment Injury 10-20-1944, Vicinity Bruyeres, France

**Gunnery Sergeant, E7**
**Andrew Foote**



U.S. MARINES
Retired
Quantico, Virginia

**Gordon**
**Foote**



U.S. Merchant
Marines
WWII

**E4**
**Phil Foote**



U.S. ARMY 1971-1972
U.S. ARMY - Europe
Personnel Specialist

**Tony Foote**



U.S. Marines
1958-1962
Finance Kansas City, KA

**David Ford**



OR ARMY National Guard
2014-2020
National Defense Service Medal
Army Achievement Medal
Army Service Ribbon
Reserves Overseas Training Ribbons

**Petty Officer - 2nd Class**
**Harley Fork**



U.S. NAVY
09/1980 - 09/1985
Construction electrician

**E-5 Sergeant**
**Lafayette L. Foster**



U.S. ARMY 1940-1945
WWII - New Guinea,
Australia, South Pacific

**2nd Class SC2C USN Cook**
**Cyril C. Fraley**



U.S. NAVY 1966-1970
USS SIMON LAKE AS-33
Holy Loch, Scotland

**Corporal**
**Darrell France**



U.S. Marines
1968-1970

**Daryl**
**Franklin**



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1972-1973

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U.S. NAVY
1944-1945

**Jens Fredericksen**



U.S. MARINE CORPS
1960-1964
Iraq 2008-2009

**Captain Mike Fritz**



U.S. AIR FORCE
1968-1970, Vietnam War
Flight Surgeon, 827th Medical Group SAC, Grissom AFB

**Keith M. Gallaher**



U.S. ARMY
1943-1945
Paratroopers

**Captain Wayne K. Galloway**




U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS
1943-1946
WWII pilot

**Medic Wayne "Kenneth" Galloway, Jr.**




U.S. ARMY
1965-1967
1st Calvary, Vietnam

**Wayne "Kenneth" Galloway, III**




U.S. NAVY
1990-1905
1st Iraqi War

**Private First Class Stephen L. Gast**



U.S. ARMY
Vietnam era
663 Ordinance Company

**Augie Gehrig**



U.S. ARMY
WWII Japan - Drafted

**Sgt. Edmund J. Gehrig Jr**



U.S. ARMY
Awarded a Bronze Star for his single-handed rescue of 12 American soldiers surrounded by German troops. Other awards: Purple Heart, Six Battle Stars, French croix de guerre fourragere.

**Harold Gehrig**



U.S. ARMY
WWII Building Bridges

**Rudy Gehrig**



U.S. NAVY
WWII

**Ted Gehrig**



U.S. ARMY WWII
Building & Repairing Airfields

**Norman H. Gerking**



U.S. NAVY
1943-1945
Submarine

**Command Sgt. Major Stanley J. Getz**



U.S. ARMY
1989-2011

**2nd Class Willis Gholston**



U.S. Coast Guard
1942-1945
Motor Mechanic

**Lt. Col. Rupert I. Gillmouthe**



U.S. ARMY, 296th Ordinance Co.
WWII: Guam, Philippines, Okinawa
OR Army National Guard, 20+ years

**Staff Sgt. Forrest Owen Gitt**



National Guard
116th Armour Cavalry
1969-1975
Stateside - Vortex 1

**Op. Specialist 1st Class Jason Glasgow**



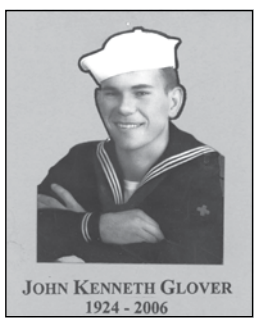
U.S. Coast Guard
1998-2006

**Sergeant John W. Glesener**



U.S. Marine Corp.
1948-1952, Korean War
1st Marine Division

**HMCM John K. Glover**




U.S. NAVY
1942-1961

**SP 5 Michael Glover**



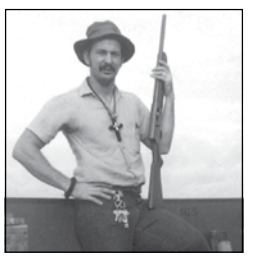
U.S. ARMY
1967-1969
South Korea

**Second Class Dick Goad**



U.S. Coast Guard
1942-1945

**Radioman 3rd Class Gerald "Leon" Graf**



U.S. NAVY
1968-1971
3 Tours Vietnam

**William 'Forest' Graham**



U.S. National Guard
1955
Vista California

**James A Grant**




U.S. AIR FORCE

**John L Grant**




U.S. AIR FORCE

**James Gray**



U.S. ARMY
WWII

**Jim Gray**



U.S. ARMY
Vietnam War

**Specialist Josh Gray**



U.S. ARMY
1996-2000 - S. Korea
Air Defense Artillery
Radar Operator

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CPL/E-4 CARTER, AARON
US ARMY
SERVED: 2002-2005
IRAQ TOUR 2003-2004

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CPL/E-4 SULLIVAN, MIKE
US ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
DEC. 1989 - DEC. 1997

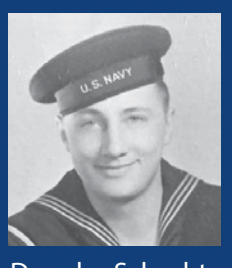
WESLEY STUCK
CPL/E-4 STUCK, WESLEY
US MARINE CORPS
OCT. 2007 – OCT. 2011
AFGHANISTAN TOUR 2009-2011

CHRISTIAN FLORES
CPL/E-4 FLORES, CHRISTIAN
US MARINE CORPS
JAN 2008 – JAN 2012

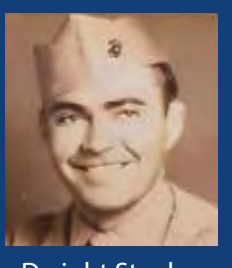
KODY JUSTICE
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US ARMY
FEB. 2009 – JUNE 2012
AFGHANISTAN TOUR 2011-2012

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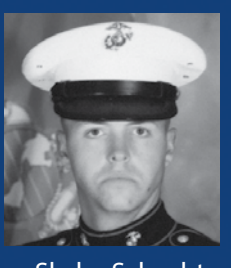




Douglas Schacht
Seaman First Class
US Navy



Dwight Stanley
Sergeant Major
USMC



Skylar Schacht
Sergeant
USMC



Jacob Schacht
Corporal
USMC

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Airborne

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**Alfred Daniel Green**



U.S. MARINE CORPS
1942-1945 WWII
South Pacific, Iwo Jima, Guadalcanal, Saipan Silver Star, Bronze Star, 2 Purple Hearts

**MSGT**
**Daniel L. Green**



U.S. AIR FORCE
1962-1968
U.S.A.F. Res 1973-1990
304th Air Rescue Squadron C-130 Airborne Radio Operator

**A1C**
**David Curtis Green**



U.S. AIR FORCE 1990-1994
F-15 Crew Chief,
Desert Storm, Iraq

**Sergeant**
**Jeremy Green**



U.S. MARINE CORPS

**Yeoman 1st Class**
**Tom Griffith**



U.S. NAVY
1941-1944 WWII

**Seaman 1st Class**
**Robert Grindstaff**



U.S. NAVY 1942-1945,
WWII U.S.S. Bullock AK165
Supply Ship

**MR-E4**
**Thomas Griswold**



U.S. NAVY
1961-1966
Vietnam

**Colonel**
**Lynn Guenther**



U.S. AIR FORCE
1968-1994
Vietnam POW 1971-1973

**T5**
**Gus Gustafson**



U.S. ARMY
1944-1948

**Senior Airman**
**Marvin B. Haney**



U.S. AIR FORCE
1951-1955
Korean War

**Chief Petty Officer**
**Richard Harn**



U.S. Navy Jan. 79 – Jan. 83
U.S. Coast Guard
July 83 – Aug. 00

**James Harries**



U.S. ARMY
1942-1945

**Sergeant**
**John R. Harvey**



U.S. ARMY
2003-2007
Operation Iraqi Freedom

**Sergeant 1st Class**
**Kevin S. Harvey**



U.S. ARMY
1984-2004, retired
father to John R. Harvey

**CPL-E4**
**Donald F. Harwood**



U.S. Marine Corp
1958-1961, Vietnam
76th Joint Task Force

**Specialist E5**
**George E. Hasel**



U.S. ARMY
1963-1966
Vietnam 1964-1965 MACV

**Sergeant**
**Helen Haslett**



US Marines
1943-1945
Recruiter

**Sergeant**
**Richard (Dick)**
**Hattenhauer**



U.S. ARMY 1943-1946
New Guinea, Solomons,
Luzon - Bronze Star,
Asiatic Pac Medal

**Sergeant**
**Clark M. Hauer**



U.S. ARMY Air Force
1941-1945,
WWII Radio Oper., B-17G, Ditchers Dream, 4th E.R.S., Iwo Jima
Uncle to Corina & Cory Cameron of The Dalles

**Senior Master Sergeant**
**Doss Haug**



U.S. AIR FORCE
1952-1976
Aircraft Mechanic

**Master Sgt.**
**Casey L. Hearn**



U.S. AIR FORCE
Munitions Systems Specialist
Japan, S. Korea, Middle East, Germany, US

**Major General**
**Gerald Keith Hendricks**



U.S. AIR FORCE
Kerean War, Vietnam War
West Point Graduate 1951

**Sergeant**
**Chris Henrikson**



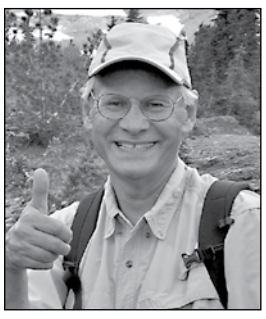
U.S. ARMY 2002-2008
2 Tours
Operation Iraqi Freedom

**MOMM 3 / Sergeant Major**
**Allen F. Herriges**



U.S. NAVY, 1942-45
Army Nat'l Guard, 1951-75
WWII South Pacific

**Jurgen**
**Hess**



U.S. NAVY
1960-1964

**Sergeant**
**Curt Hickman**



U.S. AIR FORCE
1970-1974
McChord Air Force Base

**Truck Driver**
**Stan Hillgen**



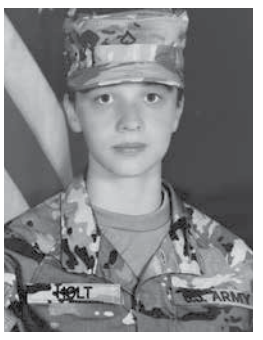
U.S. ARMY
1942-1946

**Carmagene**
**"Kit" Hoffer**



U.S. ARMY Cadet Corps
1944-45

**PFC Jessica Holt**



U.S. ARMY
June 2021-2022

**Sergeant**
**Curt Hickman**



U.S. AIR FORCE
1970-1974
McChord Air Force Base

**Truck Driver**
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U.S. ARMY
1942-1946

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U.S. ARMY Cadet Corps
1944-45

**PFC Jessica Holt**



U.S. ARMY
June 2021-2022

**1st Sgt.**
**Daryl Hornbeck**



U.S. ARMY EOD Unit
1995-present
Korea, Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan

**Carpenters Mate 2nd**
**Class Jack Howe**



U.S. MARINE CORPS
Seabees - Philippines
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**SP 5**
**Roger Howe**



US ARMY 101 ABN
1968-1970
Camp Eagle, Vietnam

**Chief Petty Officer**
**John P. Huber**



U.S. NAVY
Seabees
1977-2000

**Ships Service Man 2nd Cl.**
**Robert K. Huber**



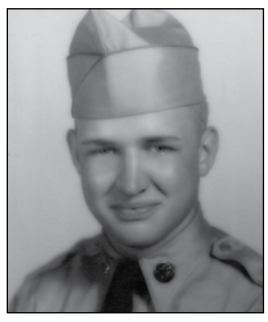
U.S. NAVY
1943-1952
WWII, Korean War

**Bob Huberman, Sr.**



US Navy
1963-1966
Electrician Mate Fireman

**Roger Huff**



U.S. ARMY
1952-1954
Good Conduct Award, Nat'l Defense Service Medal, Army of Occupation Medal

**Coramae**
**"Koco" Hulse**



U.S. ARMY
Cadet Corps
1944-45

**Senior Chief Petty Officer**
**E. Dale Humphreys**



U.S. COAST GUARD
1953-1974
Retired

**HM2**
**Geoff Hunley**



U.S. NAVY
3 Tours in Iraq

**Master Chief**
**James Huskey**



U.S. NAVY
1981-2007
Kuwait, Gulf, Iraq

**Master Sergeant**
**Aaron P. Ingebo**



U.S. AIRFORCE 1994-2014
C-130 Hercules Flight Engineer, Air Medal, Combat Action Medal, Kosovo, Bosnia, Africa, Iraq, Afghanistan

**Electrician's Mate, 1st Class**
**Alvin P. Ingebo**



U.S. NAVY 1942 - 1948
WWII, Tours & Combat in North Atlantic and South Pacific

**Staff Sergeant**
**Jim Jackson**



U.S. ARMY / National Guard
1940-1945

**IT1 EXW**
**Robert Jamack**



U.S. NAVY 1990 to 2011
Retired
Operation Iraqi Freedom
Operation Enduring Freedom

**2nd Class Airman**
**Jesse James**



U.S. AIR FORCE
1948-1953
Korean War, 5 Medals

**John James**



U.S. ARMY
1950-1953

**Richard Johnsen**



U.S. NAVY

**E-5 Sergeant**
**Brian Johnson**



NATIONAL GUARD
2001 - 2007
Afghanistan

**2nd Lieutenant**
**William A. Johnson**



U.S. AIR FORCE
1954-1957
Pilot

**MM 1st Class**
**John Jones**



U.S. NAVY

**E5**
**Nancy Jones**



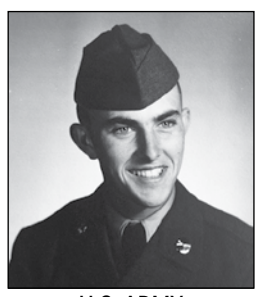
U.S. NAVY
1977-1982
Aviation electronics

**EM2**
**Russell Jones**



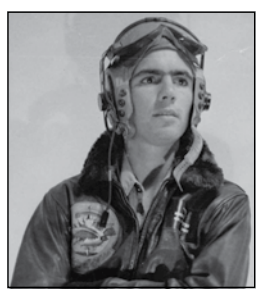
U.S. NAVY
1986-1997
Minesweeper

**Corporal**
**Benjamin Joplin**



U.S. ARMY
1952-1954
Korean War

**Aviation**
**Electricians Mate**
**Norm Julian**



U.S. NAVY

**Signalman**
**Willet P. Justice**



U.S. NAVY
1944-1946, WWII
T-2 Tanker, Pacific Theater

# Gorge-area Veterans Day events

Nov. 11 — Veteran's Day Ceremony, 10:45 a.m. to noon at Columbia Gorge Museum, 990 SW Rock Creek Drive, Stevenson. Flag raising by American Legion's Coy-Catlin Post 137 at 10:45 a.m., Bells of Peace 11:11 a.m., guest speaker Amy McIlvenna 11:15 a.m., choir 11:30 a.m. and end of ceremony noon. All invited to attend.

Nov. 11 — Veterans Day Parade, 11 a.m. beginning at Sixth and Webber; line up starts at 9 a.m. on W. Eighth behind Goodwill. The Dalles Veterans Day Parade is a meaningful community tradition recognizing the sacrifice, service, and dedication of veterans.

Nov. 11 — Veterans Day Service, 11 a.m. at Anderson's Tribute Center, Hood River. Hosted by American Legion Post 22.

Nov. 14 — American Legion Coy-Catlin Post 137 Annual Holiday Craft Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 841 Wind River Hwy, Carson. A family-friendly indoor market featuring homemade and handcrafted items to support local makers and veterans organizations.

Nov. 20 — Film Screening, "Unseen: Invisible wounds, invincible spirit," 7-9 p.m. at Columbia Center for the Arts. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; film is 65 minutes, followed by live Q&A. Tickets $15. The film follows five military veterans as they take on a grueling 200-mile bike-packing expedition through Oregon's wilderness.

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**Master Sergeant**
**Robert John Kampert**



U.S. AIR FORCE
1981-2012, Special Forces,
Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom

**Sgt. First Class**
**Loren Kaufman**



U.S. ARMY
Congressional Medal of Honor
Killed in Action Feb. 10, 1951
Company G., 9th Infantry Regiment,
2nd Infantry Division, Korea

**Petty Officer 3rd Class E-4**
**Ken Karsmizki**



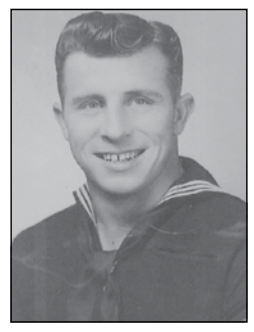
U.S. NAVY
Inducted 1965
Active Duty 1966-1968

**PFC Norman Keller**



U.S. ARMY
1952-1955
Served in Germany
at age 16

**Charles "Mick" Kelly**



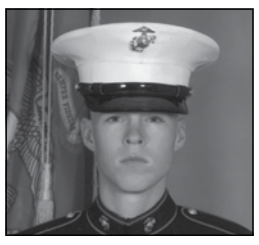
U.S. NAVY
1950-1955

**Sergeant**
**Alexander J. Kessell**



U.S. MARINE CORPS
2006 to present
Afghanistan
U.S.S. Peleliu

**Sergeant**
**Christopher M. Kessell**



U.S. MARINE CORPS
2006 to present
Afghanistan
U.S.S. Peleliu

**Sergeant**
**Joshua I. Keyser**



U.S. ARMY
Fort Carson,
Colorado

**Pharmacist Mate 1st Class Medic**
**Dan B. Kicheloe, Jr.**



U.S. MARINES
1942-1946
Purple Heart, 2 Silver Stars,
Bronze Star

**Lieutenant**
**Richard King**



U.S. COAST GUARD
1950-1976

**Sgt. 1st Class**
**Bret A. Kiser**



U.S. ARMY
1998-2022 - 24 yrs. retired

**1st Sergeant**
**Herbert Klaviter**



U.S. Army, 1953-1985
Reserves, 1985-1994
Radar Operations Korean War
Drill Instructor, Basic Training





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## MILLER

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'No, something's got my leg.' He came over and he started laughing, and a great big extinguisher had been standing up in the corner, and it tipped over, and the handle scraped my leg. I was absolutely scared. I'm not kidding. It just hit my leg enough that it hurt, but it didn't break the skin."

Upon reflection, one of the hardest things for Miller to cope with after the war was the guilt that accompanied survivor syndrome.

"It hits you pretty hard," he noted. "I didn't expect to come home [alive]. And then when you do, I said, 'How the hell did I make that?'"

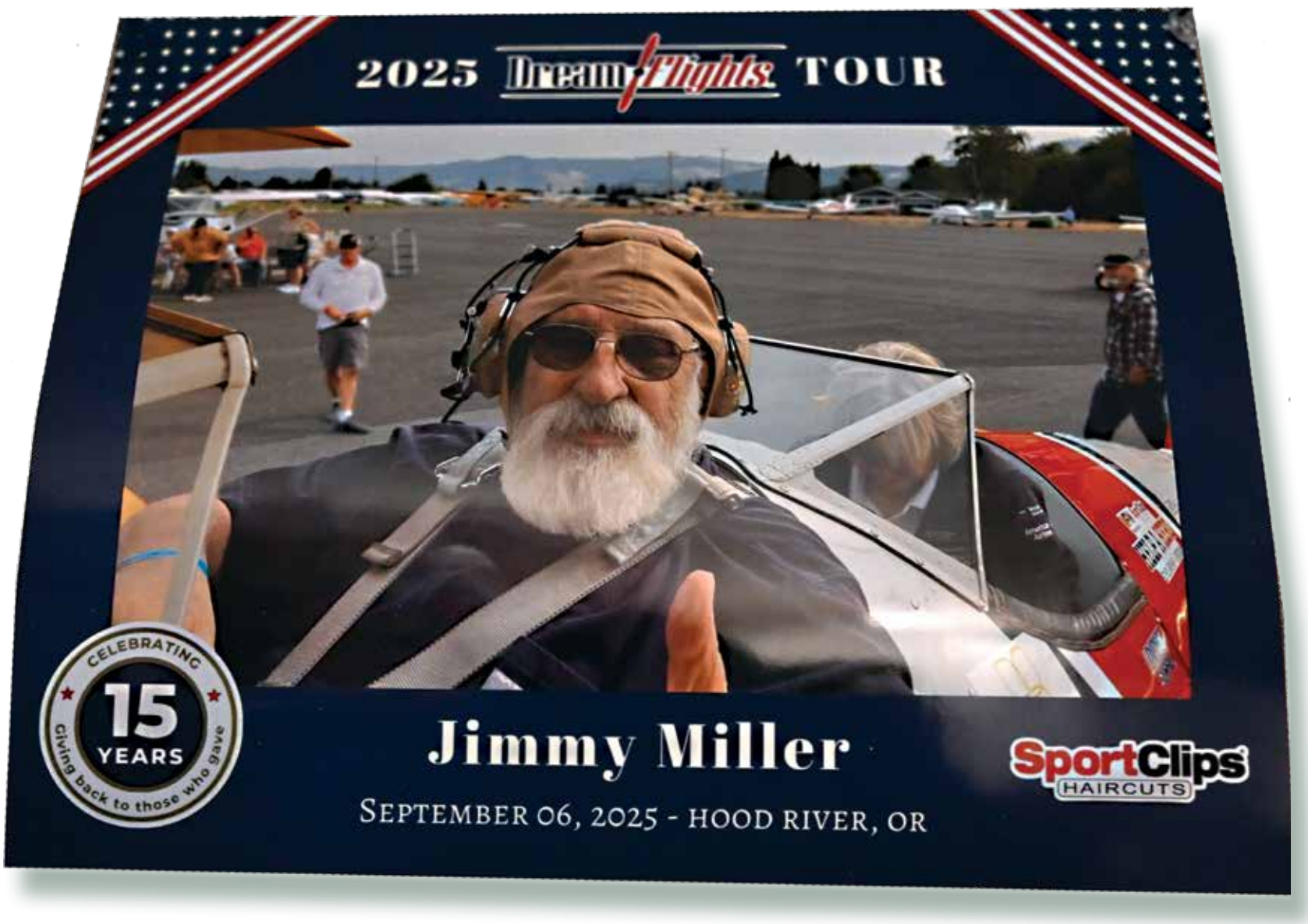
Even upon a recent visit to Washington, D.C., via the "Journey of Heroes," for which Miller was selected, he still wondered why, out of the 58,281 names on the Vietnam Memorial Wall, he was spared from being one of them.

Miller came home from the war in September 1972 at age 20. Upon picking him up at McChord Air Force Base, Miller's parents asked what he wanted to do next. "I said, 'I want a glass of milk, a salad, and sleep.'"

He got all three. Although returning to the comforts of home life was a welcome change, it was not entirely lacking in irony. "When I was in Vietnam, I could get any kind of alcohol that I wanted to drink," he said. "We had a club in our own barracks there where you could buy a beer for like 15 cents or something like that. And when I got home, I wasn't 21. I couldn't even buy a beer."

Returning to civilian life, Miller completed his college degree and eventually taught for 7 years at a junior college teaching diesel heavy equipment repair, which he called "the best job ever."

Even now, staff at the veterans' home where Miller resides will bring him various mechanisms asking if he can fix it. His room serves as a makeshift workshop for leatherwork and woodcarving — he has been gradually whittling away at pieces for a "hillbilly chess set" — and the construction of an intricate and realistically detailed remote-control truck complete with flatbed hitch.







**Top row, just left of center, Jimmy Miller poses with his shipmates.**

**Helen H. Richardson photos**

His room is decorated with portraits of his dogs (both past and present), one a portrait of "Charlie," a beloved lhasa apso painted by Miller's late brother, Kenneth. Next to Miller's bed hangs a red, white, blue quilt constructed by his sister Donna, which serves as a visual biography, complete with screen printed photos of Jimmy growing up. Even a onesie that Miller wore as a baby (which his brother also wore as baby nine years prior) decorated as none other than a navy sailor's blues is displayed behind glass in an ornate frame.

Flanked by a photo of the baby Jimmy Miller from 1950 and a photo of the adult (but still young) Jimmy Miller from 1969, this showcase serves as a reminder both of what was and what was yet to come.

Miller has never returned to Vietnam, and probably never will at this point, but — despite the volatile conditions of war — he remembers it as "an absolutely beautiful country." While he was there, he often thought Nha Trang would have made an ideal vacation spot.

"It's now a big resort community," he said. "The beaches are white sand that go for miles. The water's 80 degrees and absolutely crystal clear. You go out there and it's like swimming in your bathtub."

In thinking of the indigenous residents of the country during that time as well, Miller notes, "There were Vietnamese all around you all the time, and they might have been friendly as could be during the daytime and shoot at you at night when the sun went down."

Regardless, he doesn't harbor any ill will towards the people he was trained to fight. "We were sent over there, and you go shoot that person over there, and that person over there is going to try to shoot you, and neither one of you know each other, and neither one of you are mad at each other," he said. "It's just somebody further up the ladder said, 'You guys go shoot at each other.'"

Contented to live the rest of his life in peace, he recognizes every day is a foray into the unknown, but he's keeping his chin up. "You got to keep just going. You know, I'm not ready to give up."

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# Richard Niemela: Army's 'man with the golden arm'



Richard Niemela portrait

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Above, Richard and wife Sheila (Madison) Niemela have been married for 58 years and live in Trout Lake, where Shelia grew up. At right, above, Niemela and daughter Shannon Grindy during his Honor Flight.

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■ By John Bohlmann
*Columbia Gorge News*

TROUT LAKE — "I had all these people in the community that were very nice to me," Vietnam veteran Richard Niemela recalled about growing up in White Salmon.

One person who still stands out in his memory is Annis Lower, who he affectionately referred to as "Chickadee." Niemela's parents divorced during World War II, so "I grew up without father in the house," he said. Sadly, Chickadee lost her only son in World War II during his service in Italy in 1944. After Richard graduated high school, Chickadee incentivized him to go to college by paying for his first quarter.

She paid for room, books, food and everything else, he said. "This was before I even decided to go."

Niemela, who now resides in Trout Lake, went to Multnomah for four quarters before transferring to Western Washington State College in Bellingham. There, he had two roommates also from White Salmon: Dennis Cox and Dennis Powell.

"They both got drafted, and Dennis Cox says, 'Well, you're next. Why don't we just go in on the buddy plan?'" he said.

That's when Niemala's life took a detour with the U.S. Army in Vietnam, but he still managed to keep his academic interests in line with his service in the military. "I went into finance because I was an accounting major in college, and that's where I ended up when I was in the army," he said.

Accounting didn't necessarily keep him out of harm's way, however. His arrival and first night were both a bit rocky.

"When I was landing in Quy Nhon on the C-130, we're flying along, and all of a sudden, it was like the bottom dropped out and went straight down," he said. Passengers on the plane were not informed that this was a standard evasive maneuver in order to avoid potential ground fire upon landing. "Scared the hell out of me," he said. "And there were some Vietnamese people there; they were screaming too."

Then came nighttime as Niemela's camp, which was positioned in between the Air Force Base and Artillery Hill.

"We would take mortars because they were long and short for those two places," he remembered. "That first night, when I was there and was in a little tent, and about — oh, two or three in the morning — all of a sudden, kaboom, kaboom! I must have jumped out of my bed about 6 feet, and it was a tank going off."

Although Niemela wasn't "out beating the brush," as he put it, one of his initial duties was immensely unpleasant. "Where I was at, the water level was really high there, quite cool," he said. "Anyway, they couldn't make latrines."

That meant all fecal waste had to be burned. For a time, it was Niemela's duty to burn it, and there was no escaping the stench.

"It went through your hair, through your clothes, and everything," he said. "You couldn't get rid of it. It was the worst thing ever."

Luckily, he wasn't stuck with that odious task for too long. "I only had to do that for a few weeks," he said, "and then everybody who was doing it said after, 'You send me to the brig or whatever. Give me Article 15. I'm not doing it.'"



Photo from Richard Niemela's time in Vietnam, where he served from 1968-1969.

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Niemela served in Vietnam from April 1968 to April 1969. During that time, Chickadee, the benefactor who started him off in college, passed away.

"When I went to her headstone, I saw that her year of death was not on it," he said. "I had gardeners put that on it, plus 'Chickadee.'"

Also, in recognition of her kindness to him, he vowed to finish college.

"She did this for me, so I was going to stick it out, and I did," he said. Niemela got his Oregon CPA certificate in 1974. "I worked in public accounting, then I worked in private accounting, mainly in the timber industry."

Even though Chickadee was gone, her kindness — along with the kindness of their other neighbors — resonated with Niemela.

"One thing I learned after the army was, as a kid, I took a lot," he said. "I was given a lot by people, and so I learned that I should be giving things that I did."

Over the years, Niemela has donated his accounting services to various organizations and individuals. He served on Klickitat County's Board of Adjustments for about 10 years and as treasurer in the Rotary Club for 25 years. He worked on senior citizens' meals in Trout Lake, was an assistant basketball coach, and, donated blood to help premature infants for three decades.

"I started giving blood in Medford because I had high blood pressure, and that was the only way I could get the reading without going to a doctor and blood bank," he said.

Doctors subsequently discovered that Niemela's blood lacked a certain enzyme, so they could use it to treat babies. "They'd call me up every six weeks or two months to give blood, and I know I gave almost 80 times," he said. Medical staff were so impressed that they referred to Niemela as the "Golden Arm."

Amongst Niemela's various community contributions is honoring and commemorating the service of veterans. When he turned 70, his three children arranged for him to become a Guardian on Honor Flights, where senior veterans from different military campaigns are flown to Washington, D.C., for tours of memorials over the course of a few days, with all expenses paid.

"The way going there and coming back, the whole trip ... there's people there yelling and screaming, 'Welcome home! Thanks for your service!'" he said. "All these things that my generation didn't get."

Those wishing to sign up for an Honor Flight can find more information at www.honorflight.org.

One veteran Niemela particularly remembers as a dear friend was Chuck Williams. "After I retired, I moved here to Trout Lake, and my neighbor, he served in Vietnam. He was a Green Beret. He worked in SOG [Studies and Observations Group]. He got a Silver Star, [five] Bronze Medals, and he was a ghost soldier."

When Williams started developing dementia, Niemela helped a lot, particularly in getting Williams into Veterans' Affairs. Williams passed away last year, but Niemela made sure to have him included on White Salmon's Walk of Honor.

"He was a war hero," Niemela noted. "So, I got him in there, and I have my father-in-law, Dick Madison, and I did Charles Lower," bringing things full circle — Lower was Chickadee's son lost in World War II. "They're on the Walk of Honor, and so that was really special for me."

So, how did the Vietnam War shape Richard Niemela?

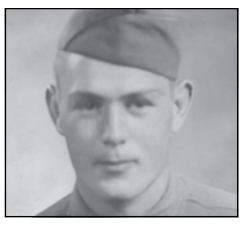
"Number one, how to deal with negative management styles and negative people. You saw a lot of that there," he said. "All people want to be treated with respect, because in the army or in the military, you have to treat people with respect.

"The military is more than just giving orders and taking orders and being an SOB," he said. "Just like anything in life, it's how you treat people."

Niemela did have one last amusing memory worth sharing: After returning to Bellingham in 1970, he worked as a census taker.

"When I was going to school and just out of the army, I didn't have any regular clothes anymore. I just wore my fatigues to school and stuff," he remembered, while also pointing out that Bellingham is less than 25 miles from the Canadian border. "So, I'd go around in these houses and knock on the door. They'd see a guy in fatigues, and you see all these guys going out the back door."

Private 1st Class
Harold Klein



U.S. ARMY
1942-1945, WWII
1st Armored Div. under Patton
Europe-Africa-Middle East Medals

James Klein



U.S. NAVY
1990-1994
USS Carl Vinson

L/CPO
Donald Lee Knapp



U.S. MARINE CORPS
1969-1971
3rd Battalion, Golf Battery
Vietnam War-Dong Ha

Bosnmate Master Chief E9
Mike Knopf



U.S. NAVY RESERVES
Mar 1969
U.S. Army Corps of
Engineers Oct 1993-2007

Lee
Kober



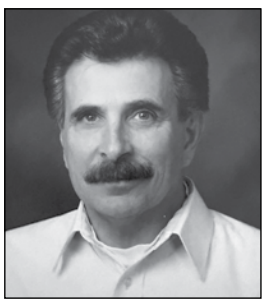
U.S. NAVY
1983-1990

Airman First Class
Christopher-
Andrew Koontz



U.S. AIR FORCE
2009 - 2012
Serving in Okinawa, Japan

Staff Sergeant
Steven Koontz



U.S. Air Force
1963-1976
Medical Specialist - Air Evac

E4
Duane Koops



U.S. ARMY
Air Cavalry
Vietnam

Sergeant
William G. Kopp



U.S. ARMY
1941-45, WWII
Darby's Rangers

Sergeant
Arthur Krein



U.S. ARMY
Western Europe
1944-1945
Bronze Star, Purple Heart

Staff Sergeant
Alfred W. Kruckman



U.S. AIR FORCE
1941-1945
WWII - South Pacific

T/5
Vernon C. Labsch



U.S. ARMY1943-1945
U.S. Navy Reserve
1946-1977
Seabees, WWII Europe

Sergeant
Herb Lacock



U.S. AIR FORCE
1950-54 Korean War & USA
13th Bomb Squadron
3rd Bomb Wing B-26 Aircraft

Electrician PO2
Gene LaDouceur



U.S. NAVY, 1970-1974,
USS Mt. Hood AE-29,
Vietnam - 3 Westpacs

**1st Lieutenant**
**Brent Larson**



U.S. ARMY
1980-1982
1991-1994

**Kerry L. Lauritsen**



U.S. ARMY
1969-1971

**Morris Lauritsen**



U.S. ARMY
1960-1963

First Class, E6
Joseph W. Lawrence



U.S. NAVY
Vietnam, 1964-72
Fire Control Technician
USS Decatur, USS Reeves

1st Lieutenant
Stephen E. Lawrence



U.S. ARMY
1967, Vietnam War
Infantry Platoon Leader
1st Air Cavalry Division

Sergeant
Darrell R. Leabo



U.S. ARMY
1940-1945
Combat Infantry Badge,
Bronze Stars, Award Ribbons

Radar Man II
David R. Lee



U.S. NAVY
1960-1963
2 West Pac Cruises, Mei Kong
River, Water Station Echo

Engineman 2nd Class
Don Lewis



U.S. NAVY
1968-1971
PBR Vietnam

Technician 5th Grade
James Herbert Lobdell



U.S. ARMY
Armored Field Artillary
Battalion
1943-1945 WWII

PFC, Ht3
Roger Lodmill



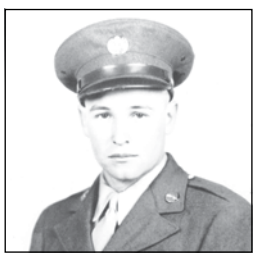
U.S. ARMY, NAT. GUARD,
Navy 1993-1996;
2003-2006
Iraq, Gulf War

Fireman 1st Class
Bert E. Long



U.S. NAVY
1944-1946
WWII

Staff Sergeant
Verne L. Lousignont



U.S. ARMY
1944-1946 - WWII
Asiatic Pacific/Phillippines
Liberation

Cary T.
Lowe



U.S. AIR FORCE
1971-1975

Harold
Luebke



U.S. ARMY

Arn
Lund



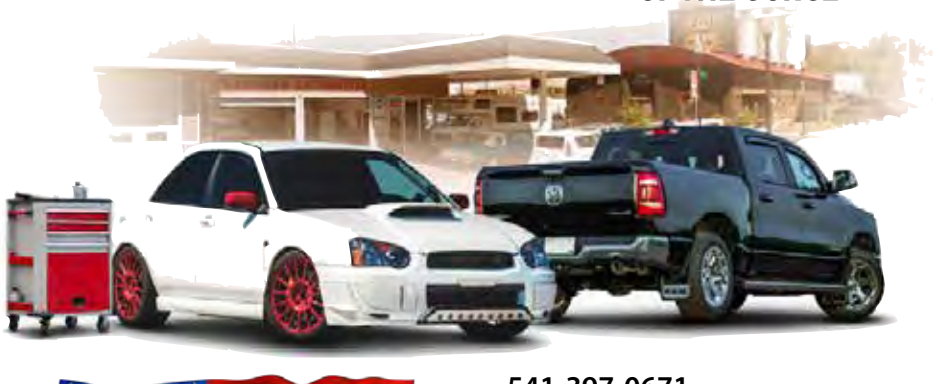
U.S. ARMY
1942-1945

IS1 IW/SW
Damien P. Lutgens



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2019-Present
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U.S. NAVY
1964-1968
U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt

STS2 (SS)
Gaven Lutgens



U.S. NAVY
U.S.S. Topeka
SSN 754 Bremerton, WA

AT3 VF-32
Robert Lutgens



U.S. NAVY 1997-2001
U.S.S. Enterprise
U.S.S. Harry S. Truman
Operation Desert Fox

Sergeant
Bradford Lynch



U.S. ARMY
1972-1975

Ed
Macken



U.S. NAVY
1942-1945
WWII

MM 1st Class
Peter J. Macnab



U.S. NAVY
1942-1945, WWII
Navy Seabees

Captain (Pilot)
Ralph Madsen



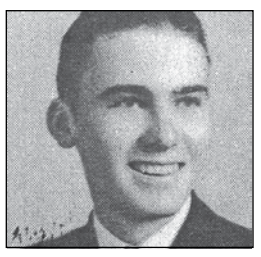
U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS
1943-1945
Awarded DFC, Air Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, European African Middle Eastern Service Medal

1st Lieutenant
Richard H Maier



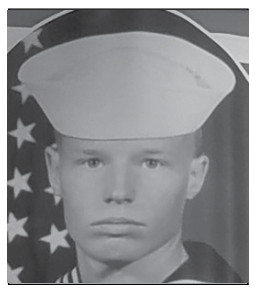
U.S. ARMY
10th Mountain Division Ski Troop
Korean War / Purple Heart

2nd Lieutenant
Robert "Bob" Majors



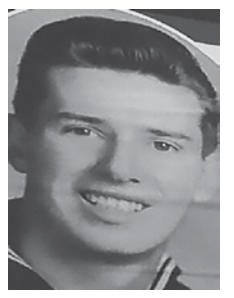
U.S. MARINE AIRCRAFT SQUADRON
1942-1945 WWII
KIA 1945 in the Philippines

Harold R. "Richie"
Malcolm, Jr.



U.S. NAVY
USS Ranger
CV-64

Harold Richard
Malcolm, Sr.



U.S. NAVY
Vietnam Veteran
USS Osborne

Medic
Jane Marinoni



U.S. ARMY
1944-1946

Sergeant Major
Gavin McIlvenna



U.S. ARMY
1989-2012
Operation Noble Eagle
Operation Iraqi Freedom

Fireman
Donald A. Martin, Jr.



U.S. NAVY
2008 - Present

Medic
Donald A. Martin



U.S. ARMY
1982-1985

E4
Kenneth R. Martin



U.S. NAVY
1958-1960
Pacific Fleet Pearl Harbor

T/5
Roderick Martin



U.S. ARMY
1944-1946
WWII, European theater
Stateside after the war

Nurse
Aletha Card Martinez



U.S. ARMY 1943-1967
WAC Nurse WWII, Germany, Austria, Surgical Nurse

Corporal
Everett Marvel



Marines First Division
1942-1945

Staff Sergeant
Alvin Marvin



U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS
1941-1945
Air Offensive Japan

Private 1st Class
Cash L. Mathewson



U.S. ARMY
2017-present

AMH3 3rd Class
Kenton Mathewson



U.S. NAVY
1962-1965
Vietnam

E-6
Darren Maurer



U.S. NAVY AIR
2002-present
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

Senior Chief Petty Officer
Robert "Max" Maxwell



U.S. NAVY 1955-1994
Two Korean Campaigns: USS Chickasaw, Eniwetok, Kwajalein Attols, Nuclear testing

E-6 Staff Sergeant
Mike May



U.S. ARMY
2001-2015, 4 yrs active duty
Deployed to Iraq 2003-2004

2nd Lieutenant
Stanley G. Mayfield



U.S. ARMY
1941-1945
WWII, Pearl Harbor HI

Capt. Caren McCurdy



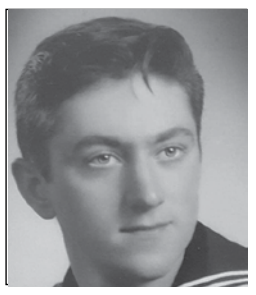
U.S. NAVY
JAG Corps
1994-2018

Cyndee
Baker-McNeal



U.S. ARMY
1988-1991
56th Field Artillery Unit

Alden S.
McNerney



U.S. NAVY
1957-1960
USS John Paul Jones

Eric
McNerney



U.S. NAVY
2016-2022
P8 Poseidon aircrewman

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Joel
McNerney



U.S. ARMY
1980-1983
Ft. Richardson, AK

Sergeant
Daniel L. Meader



U.S. ARMY
1986-1992
Operation Desert Shield
Operation Desert Storm

Master Sgt.
Joseph E. Meagher



U.S. AIR FORCE
1989- Present

Staff Sgt.
Matthew Meartz



U.S. AIR FORCE
37th Security Forces
2002 - present
Operation Iraqi Freedom

Spec. 5
Donald E. Mee



U.S. ARMY
1965-1969
Vietnam

Chief Warrant Officer
Joseph W. Mee



U.S. MARINES
1944-1964
WWII, Okinawa, Korean War

Sergeant
Charles Melvin



U.S. ARMY
1952-1956
Korean War

Sergeant
Nicolas Mendez



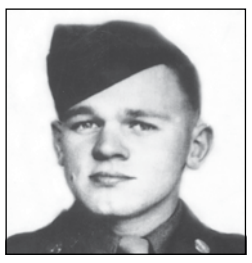
ARMY National Guard
1998-present
Iraq, Afghanistan

SP5 E5
Ronald A. Merz



ARMY National Guard
1970-1977

Sergeant
Hans "Bud" Meves



U.S. ARMY
WWII - 1943
10th Mountain Division
Bronze Star/Purple Heart

Sergeant
Wilson J. Meyer



U.S. ARMY
1941-45
Served on Okinawa
and the Pacific Rim

William
N. Meyers



U.S. MARINES, 1946-1949
U.S. NAVY, 1949-1967

**Medical Specialist**
**Nicholas Scott Miles, Jr.**



U.S. ARMY
2005-2008, 2-8 Cavalry
Operation Iraqi Freedom

Warrant Officer
Robert Millard



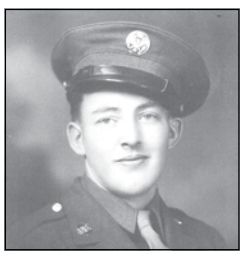
U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS
1942-1946

E-4
Alan Miller



NATIONAL GUARD
1981-1985
1063rd Engineering Corps

Sgt.
Carl Hans Miller



U.S. ARMY
1942-1945
WWII

First Ltd.
Mynah Miller



U.S. ARMY
1941-1945

E-4 Electronic Warfare Tech.
Dan Minnis



U.S. NAVY
1969-1972
Gulf of Tonkin, Vietnam

MM2 E5
Larry A. Mitchell



U.S. NAVY
Nov 1953 - Mar 1969
Korean - Vietnam War
4 tours to Vietnam

E-4
Kim F. Moffett



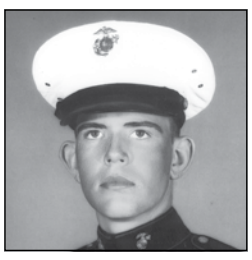
U.S. NAVY
Sept. 1971-Aug. 1974

Anna Flynn
Monkiewicz



U.S. AIR FORCE
1942-1944
WASP American Theater OPS

Arthur L.
Monroe



1st Marine Division
Vietnam, 1962
3rd Battalion, 5th Regiment

Sergeant
John E. Moore



U.S. ARMY
World War II
New Guinea, Phillipines
41st Infantry Division,
Jungle/Amphibious warfare

PFC
Thomas Morelli



U.S. ARMY
1943-1945
5th Division, POW Germany

EN4
Allen T. Morinville



U.S. NAVY
1960-1964
U.S.S. Whetstone, Pacific
during Bay of Pigs

Corporal
Vern W. Morinville



ARMY - 996th Air Squad-
ron, 556 Air Service
1944 - 1947
Sent to Pearl Harbor after attack

Corporal
Wayne L. Morinville



ARMY - 538th Engineering
Batallion Construction
1963-1965
Built supply route from Thailand
through Cambodia to Viet Nam

Major (Dr.)
George G. Morris



U.S. ARMY 41st Division
Oregon National Guard
116th Medical Battalion
Pacific Theater, 1943-1945

Nurses Cadet Corp
Mary Lou Miles Morris



U.S. ARMY
1943-1948

SW3
Lloyd Morrow



U.S. ARMY
1966-1988
Germany


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U.S. ARMY 7th Infantry Div.
1947-1953
Korean War

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Ron Nails



U.S. ARMY
1987-1989
101st Airborne

E-5 Machinery
Repairman 2nd Class
Gary Lee Navarre




U.S. NAVY
01/1965-12/1967
Vietnam

Corporal
Kayla Nelson



U.S. MARINES
2005-2009

Jackson "Jack"
Newton



U.S. NAVY
1942-1945

T/5
Richard O. Nichols



U.S. ARMY
1943-1945
South Pacific

William Nix



U.S. NAVY
Chief Petty Officer
1968-1974, 1988-2004
U.S. ARMY
Sgt. First Class
1974-1988, 2005

Sergeant
Will Nunn



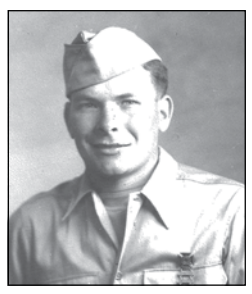
U.S. ARMY
1968-1970
981 MP Co. K9
Pleilru, Viet Nam

Steven
Nybroten



U.S. ARMY
1969-1972
Vietnam, Bronze Star

Staff Sergeant
Delbert G. Oades



U.S. ARMY
03/23/1945-12/3/1946

Sgt.
Clifford O'Dell, Jr.



U.S. MARINES 1967-1969
Vietnam Service Medal, Combat Action, Vietnam - BtryA, 1st Bn, 12th Marines

Staff Sergeant
Jeffrey S. Ogno



U.S. ARMY
1968-1970
Air Medic, Vietnam
3 Purple Hearts

Lieutenant
Melvin E. Olmstead



U.S. ARMY
1942-1945
Philippines

Army Specialist 4
Melvin John Olmstead



U.S. ARMY
1966-1968
Vietnam

Seaman First Class
Sam Olmstead



U.S. Navy
1950-1954
Korean War, stationed in Japan, Philippines and Aleutian Islands

Corpsman
Terry R. Ohlhauser



U.S. NAVY
1965-1969
Served with the Marines in Hue, Tet Offensive

Gary L. Olson



U.S. ARMY
1968-1970
Germany/ Trk. Dr Hvy

Sergeant
Wayne Olson



U.S. MARINES
1955

Corporal
Ken Omeg



U.S. AIR FORCE
1942-1945

E-5
William (Bill) Otto



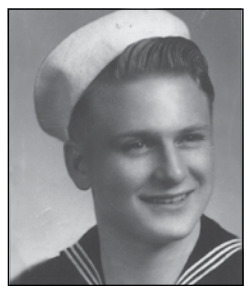
U.S. NAVY
1955-1970

SOG 2
George R Overman



U.S. NAVY
1946-1954
Korean War

MoMM 3C
Charles Arthur Pake



U.S. NAVY
1943-1946

First Lt.
Angela Palmer



ARMY RESERVE
2005-Present
Operation Enduring Freedom

Bob Palmer



U.S. AIRFORCE

Staff Sergeant E6
Robert J. Paul



U.S. ARMY RESERVES
Deployed in Iraq, Afghanistan
Killed in action Sept. 8, 2006
in Kabul, Afghanistan

Commander
William Paulsen



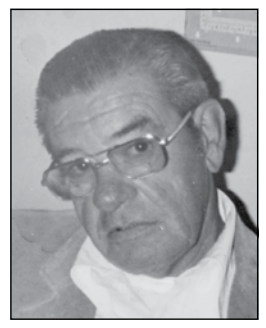
U.S. NAVY
1959-1981
Vietnam

Al Peck



U.S. AIR FORCE

Arnold Pendell



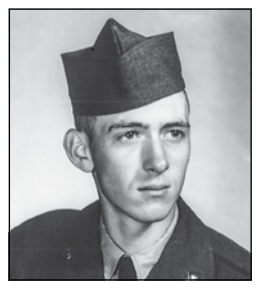
U.S. ARMY

PFC
Dick Pentecost



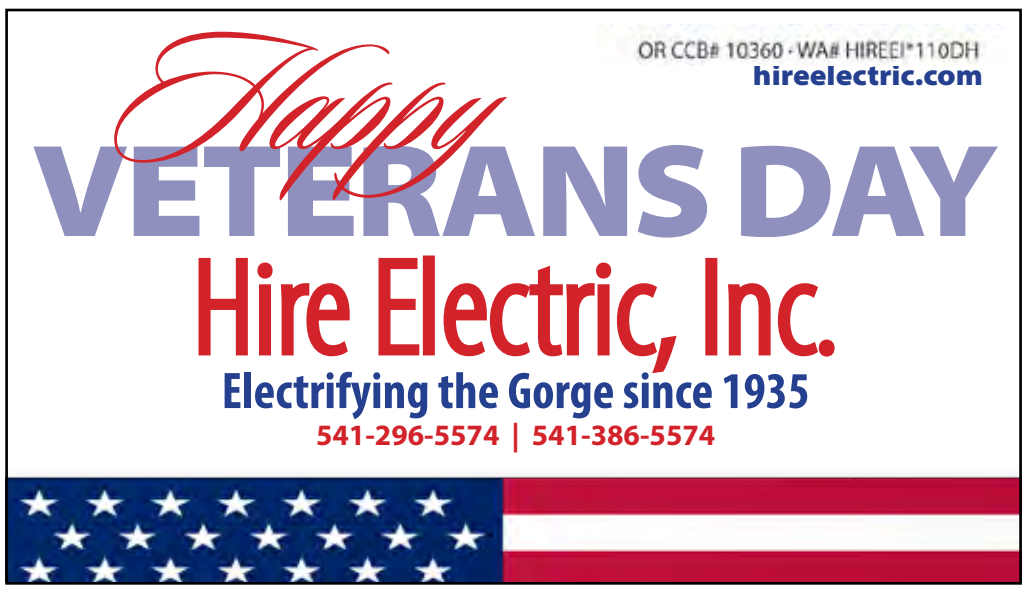
U.S. ARMY
1942-1946

Corporal
Bill Perkins



U.S. ARMY
Infantry - Korea
1955-1957









Private First Class
Maddison D. Peterson



U.S. MARINE CORPS
2007-2008
Presidential Security Forces,
Washington, D.C.

Chief Electrician
Edward Pfenning




MERCHANT MARINE
1943-1945
WWII, decoy ships
hit by Kamikaze

E-6 Staff Sergeant
Fred Allen Phipps



U.S. ARMY
1966-1971
Vietnam

3rd Class Petty Officer
Jim Phipps



U.S. NAVY
1965-1969
Vietnam

Private
B.H. "Pick" Pickens



U.S. ARMY
1942-45
Chemical warfare dept. caring for
dogs used to protect areas

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Sgt. Adam Plumondore



U.S. ARMY
Killed in action 02/16/05 - Iraq
1st Battalion 24th Infantry

PFC
Marvin Polehn



U.S. ARMY
1953-1956
Active duty Korea, 1953-1955

PFC
Charles W. Powell



U.S. ARMY,
332nd Engineers
1942-1945
WWII - Allied invasion of
Normandy, Omaha Beach

Ronald
Powell



U.S. AIR FORCE
1963-1979
Special Forces Search & Rescue

Corporal
Gabriel A. Prado



U.S. MARINES
2002-2006 - Iraq War
1st Battalion, 4th Marines
Alpha Co. Raiders

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Harvey Prouty



U.S. NAVY
1952-1955
Korean War - U.S.S. Essex CVA9

Electrician's Mate 2nd Class
Gayl Rakestraw



U.S. NAVY
1943-1946
Numerous medals & awards

Hosp. Corpsman 3rd Class
Glenn R. Ramsey



U.S. NAVY & MARINES
1956-1960
Camp Pendleton, 29 Palms,
Port Hueneme

E-5
Darren Rank



SEAMAN
U.S. NAVY
Aug. 7, 2002—current

CW3
Stan Redmond

Major
Erin
Stewart



U.S. ARMY
Deployed
– Africa

U.S. ARMY
Retired

LT CDR
Wallace M. Regets



U.S. NAVY
1941-1961
Served on the U.S.S. St. Louis, U.S.S.
LSM 460 during WWII

1st Sergeant
William (Bill) Reiman



U.S. ARMY
1942-1945, WWII
Battle of Leyte, Phillippines
Okinawa, 531st Frwd Artillery

Jess Ben
Remington



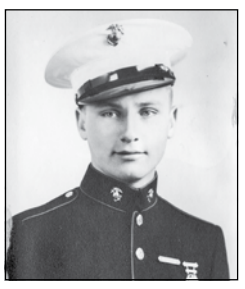
U.S. MARINE CORPS
Recipient of Purple Heart
Iwo Jima WWII

Staff Sergeant
Michial Renault



U.S. ARMY
1987-2009
907th ENG DET Firefighters
Operation Desert Storm
Operation Enduring Freedom

Gene L.
Reynolds



U.S. MARINE CORPS
WWII - Pacific

Master Sergeant
Darrell Richardson



U.S. ARMY
1943-1945
Purple Heart recipient

Floyd
Richardson



U.S. NAVY
1943-1945

E5
Michael Richardson



U.S. ARMY
1969-1973

Specialist
Matthew W. Riggs



U.S. ARMY
2011 to present
Afghanistan

1st Lieutenant
Dayna M. Riise



ARMY ENGINEERS
2011 to present
Ft. Shafter, Honolulu, HI,
U.S. Army Pacific Headquarters

SFC E7
John A. RinglbauerU.S.



ARMY 1970-74
Oregon National Guard
1986-2009 (Retired)
Vietnam

Corporal E-4
William F. Ringlbauer



U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS
1941-1945
North Africa World War II

SP4 E-4
William F. Ringlbauer, Jr



U.S. ARMY TRANS.
1966-1969
Vietnam

Les
Roberts



U.S. ARMY
1942-1945
European Theatre

Lieutenant Colonel
Troy A. Roberts



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1992 - present
Afghanistan

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U.S. ARMY
1957-1969
14th QM Br. Babenhausen - Germany
Long Binh, US Army Support
Command - Saigon, Vietnam

Specialist
Michael O. Robbins



U.S. ARMY AIRBORNE
Kosovo 1999
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Dental Tech 2nd Class
Robert Clark Robins



U.S. NAVY
1958-1962

Private
Billy Robinson



U.S. ARMY
1946-1947, WWII
Aircraft Artillary

ABE 2nd Class (E-5)
Brian Rockett



U.S. NAVY
1987-1991
USS America (CV-66) Aviation
Division, Operation Desert
Shield, Operation Desert Storm

Signalman 1st Class
William 'Bill' Rooper



U.S. NAVY
1942-1945, WWII
South Pacific

A/1c
Marvin O. Ross



U.S. AIR FORCE
Nov. 1954-July 1959

Tony Rowland




U.S. ARMY
1971-1974
8th Div. Baumholder,
Germany

**Corporal**
**Wayne Ryan**



U.S. MARINES
1942-1945
1st Marine Division

Colonel
William T. Ryan



COMBAT INFANTRY
Transportation 1942-1970
WW II - Vietnam - Korea
Recipient of Purple Heart

A3C
William Sallee



U.S. AIR FORCE

AS, S2C, SIC
Allan C. Sandvig



U.S. NAVY 1944-1946
U.S.S. Essex, WWII
Asiatic Pacific, Philippine Liberation

First Sergeant
Merlyn Dale Sasser



U.S. ARMY
1941-1945
WWII Philippine Liberation
640 Tank Destroyers

Brian E.
Sauncy



U.S. NAVY
Submarine Base
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, 1971

Chief Electricians Mate
E.T. Sauncy



U.S. NAVY
Submarine Service
1936-1958

Sergeant
Cody T. Saunders



U.S. ARMY
2011-present
Operation Enduring Freedom

**Corporal**
**Elmer W. Sawdon**



U.S. ARMY
1941-1946 WWII
Casablanca, Morocco

Sergeant
Skylar Schacht



U.S. MARINE CORP
1989-1993
1st Gulf War

Sergeant Amanda Lee
Cochran Schaffer




U.S. ARMY
2012-2019
Served one tour in Afghanistan

William
Scharfenberg, Jr.



U.S. ARMY
1943 - 1946
WWII Victory Medal, European-
African-Middle Eastern Service
medal, Good Conduct Medal

Bosun's Mate
Herb Schmidt



U.S. NAVY
1950-1953
U.S.S. Whitesides, Korea

**SP-4**
**Dave Schroeder**



U.S. ARMY 1973-1975
25th Infantry &
65th Engineer Battalion

PFC
Angela Schultze



U.S. ARMY
June 1994-Jan. 1996

Machinist's Mate 3rd Class
Ernest Sellberg, Jr.



U.S. NAVY
1943, WWII
Navy Seabees

PVC
Jim Sergeant



U.S. ARMY
1954-1956

PFC
Dale Shaver



U.S. MARINES
1940-1944

Flight Officer
C.R. (Dick) Shearer



Glider Pilot 1942-1947
D-Day - Market Garden -
Rhine Mission

Cadet
A/S John W. Shearer



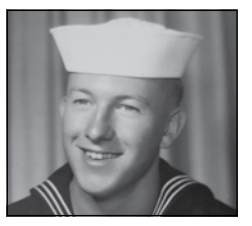
U.S. AIR FORCE
1943-1945
Liaison Pilot Training

Corporal
Rev. Fred M. Sheldon



U.S. ARMY, & NATIONAL
GUARD 1953-1956
Served in Gilhausen, Germany,
Fort Ord, Calif., Camp Kilmen, NJ

Radioman 3rd Class
Ken Shute



U.S. NAVY
1966-1968,
Gulf of Tonkin, Vietnam
Blue Water Sailor



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U.S. NAVY
1943-1946
U.S.S. Capricornus
WWII - Asia/Pacific Theater

Staff Sergeant
Adam Sigl



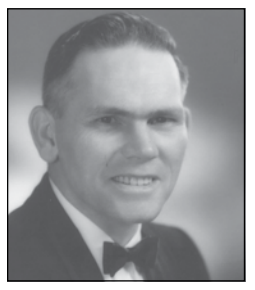
U.S. AIR FORCE
2005-2011
791 Missile Security
Forces Squadron

Spec. 5
Ron G. Simonds



U.S. ARMY
Vietnam
Nov 13,1948 - Apr 19, 2006

Staff Sergeant
Jesse James Simpson



U.S. ARMY
1942

AMM 2/C
Russell E. Sinclair



U.S. NAVY
1941-1946
WWII

Staff Sgt./Chief Master Sgt.
Truman Sinclair



ARMY AIR CORPS
U.S. AIR FORCE
WWII 1943-1945
U.S. A.F. 1945-1983

2nd Class
Art Smith



U.S. NAVY
1952-1966

Lance Corporal
David Michael Smith



U.S. MARINE CORPS
1968-1971
Vietnam

Airman 2nd Class
Donald Smith



U.S. AIR FORCE
1955-1959

1st Lieutenant
Eugene Charles Smith




U.S. ARMY
WWII
Korea 1950-1954

**Specialist 4**
**Jerry Ivan Smith**




U.S. ARMY
1958-1960

Senior Airman
Joshua Smith



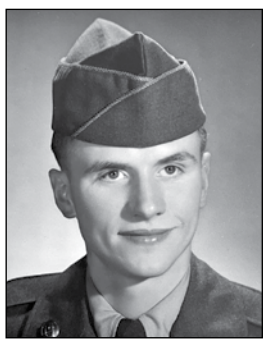
U.S. AIR FORCE
2007-2010
Tinker Air Force Base
Oklahoma City

Staff Sergeant
Myrle E. Smith



U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS
1941-1945, WWII
Air Mechanic

Russell A. Smith



U.S. ARMY
Korean War 1953-1955
Okinawa 1954-1955

BT3
Randy Sohler



U.S. NAVY
USS Badger - FF1071

Richard "Dick" Sohler



U.S. NAVY
1967-1970
16 months in Vietnam
Combat Action Ribbon

Captain
Mike "Trapper" Spence



U.S. NAVY
1980-2010

Petty Officer 1st Class
Michael S. Spencer



U.S. COAST GUARD
1992-present
Aviation Survival, USCG
Distinguished Flying Cross

Airman 1st Class
David Staehnke



U.S. AIR FORCE
1960-1964

Senior Airman (E4)
David Stefanini



U.S. AIR FORCE
1999-2003
10th SFS United States
Air Force Academy,
Operation Enduring Freedom

Storekeeper (E4)
Bob Stewart



U.S. NAVY
1977-1983
SEABEE Battalion 40
USS Pensacola LDS 38

Captain
Randy Stewart



U.S. ARMY
1969-1978

Spec. 4
Irwin Storer



U.S. ARMY
1967-1969

Lance Corporal
Patrick Stough



U.S. MARINES
Vietnam War

E4
Mike Sullivan



OR ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
1990-98
2-218 Field Artillery

Staff Sgt.
Robert Sutherland



U.S. ARMY 1942 - 1944
KIA in France;
his division was awarded
Presidential Unit Citation

Jesse Sutton



U.S. ARMY
1962-1965

Robert V Sumner



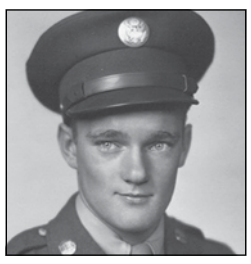
U.S. NAVY
1966-1972,
Vietnam

Private First Class
Edward V. Strandberg




U.S. ARMY
11th Airborne Division
and 82nd Airborne Division
Europe 1944-46

Lieutenant Colonel
John E. Strandberg



U.S. ARMY
1st Cavalry Division and
82nd Airborne Division
Iraq 2004, Afghanistan 2007-08

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JOSH MACHADO
MARINE
Thank you, Josh, for your service, leadership and the continued impact you make at Tonkin of the Gorge.
DAVE ESTEP
NATIONAL GUARD
Always in our hearts. RIP, Dave.
DENNIS PERKINS
NAVY
Thank you, Dennis, for your service, sacrifice and dedication to our country.
STEPHEN HAHN
ARMY
Thank you, Stephen, for your service, your hard work, and the time you spent with our Tonkin family. You are thought of often.
★ Today we honor you. ★
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Tonkin OF THE GORGE
SUBARU
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY. SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS.

Chief Electrician Mate
Alvin James Swanstrom



U.S. NAVY
1929-1949
WWII, Pacific Theater,
Career Navy

Lieutenant
PK Swartz, Jr.



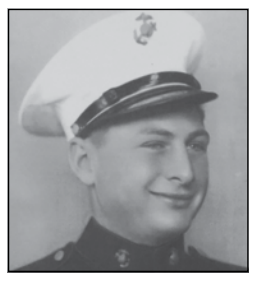
U.S. NAVY
1971-1978
USS Hamilton China Sea/South

Seaman First Class
Raymond H. Swift



U.S. NAVY
1943-1946

Ben Synon



U.S. Marines
1944-1946
5th Division

Sergeant
Jared L. Taylor



U.S. ARMY
2001-2013
Served four tours in Iraq

Lt. Colonel
J. Cal Taylor



U.S. AIR FORCE
1963-1989
Navigator, Intelligence Officer

Staff Sgt.
Larry Taylor



U.S. ARMY
1952-1962
Korean War, Paratrooper

Medic Private
Stephanie Taylor



U.S. ARMY
1999-2003
Based in Germany

Pvt.
John B. Thomas



U.S. ARMY 1945
90th Infantry Div.
Prisoner of War

Sergeant
Justin Thomas



U.S. ARMY
2004-2011
Military Police
Operation Iraqi Freedom

SP-5 UICTHAM Germany (Courier)
Dennis R. Thompson



U.S. ARMY
1967-1970

2nd Class Aviation Machinist
Orville Thompson



U.S. NAVY
1942

E4-Link Trainer Operator
Thomas C.
Thompson (Tom)



U.S. AIR FORCE
1961-1965

SP4
William F. Trautz



U.S. ARMY 1965-1967
Vietnam Service, HHC 2/327
INF. MTR. PLT, 1st Brigade 101st
(Airborne)

PHMSC
Carole Tuck



U.S. NAVY
1941-1945
WWII

CSKD
Raymond Tuck



U.S. NAVY
1941-1945, WWII
Pearl Harbor survivor

Sergeant
Bill Turner



U.S. ARMY MILITARY
POLICE 1965-1968
Okinawa, Vietnam

Corporal
David L. Tuttle



U.S. ARMY
1952-1954
Korean War, 45th Div., 179th
Reg. Co. "C", Heartbreak Ridge,
Christmas Hill

PL
Edward J. H. Urness



U.S. ARMY
1953-1955

Sergeant
Harold Utley



U.S. ARMY
1950-53 Korean War
1st Squad Co. A, 45th Division
Purple Heart

Sergeant
Adam VandenBos



U.S. ARMY
2006-2013
1st Brigade of the 25th Division
1st Brigade of the 3rd Infantry Division
Operation Iraqi Freedom - Iraq,
Operation Enduring Freedom - Afghanistan

Chief Electrician
Ken Varner



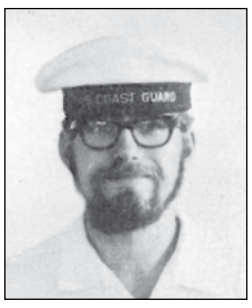
U.S. NAVY
1942-1945

Benjamin Elbert
Veatch



U.S. MARINES, 1943-1946
Sharpshooter,
Aircraft Mechanic

Seaman
Ron Vergeer



U.S.Coast Guard
1971-1975

Tec Sergeant
Elden Wagenblast



U.S. ARMY
1942-1946

Bosun Mate
Robert "Dewey"
Wagenblast



U.S. COAST GUARD
1942-1945

John L.
Walker



U.S. NAVY
1967-1975
Seabees, Vietnam

Sergeant
Charles Edward Wallace



1953-1955
Korean War

2nd Lieutenant
Thomas H. Ward



OREGON ARMY
NATIONAL GUARD
1935-1945

Lance Corporal
Monte Wasson



U.S. MARINES
Vietnam
1966-1968









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U.S. NAVY
Vietnam Mekong Delta 1967
Silver Star, 2 Purple Hearts

Lester
Watrus



U.S. NAVY

MOMM 2C
William Watrus



U.S. NAVY
1943-1946
USS Tutuila (ARG-4)

Joseph
Way



U.S. NAVY

Storekeeper 2nd Class
Melvin Way




U.S. NAVY
1945-1946
WWII Vet

SP4
Terry L. Way



U.S. ARMY
1971-1973

Airman 1st Class
Mark R. Weston



U.S. AIR FORCE
1963-1968
Portland, Tyndall, Panama City
Jet Mechanic, Civil Engineer

Major
William Westover



U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS
1941-1945

TM1/SS
Dan Wheeler



U.S. NAVY
1971-1979

Anne
White



U.S. ARMY
WWII
Registered Nurse

Arthur
White



U.S. ARMY
WWII
Medic

SSGT (Retired)
Patrick Wilbern



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Cpl
Scott Wilbern



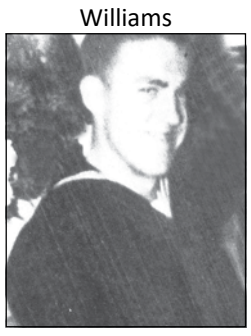
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2007-2013
Bravo Company 3-8-1 ICD
Op. Iraqi Freedom, Fort Hood

Seaman
Ross Wilkins



MERCHANT MARINES
1943

Bob
Williams



U.S. NAVY

Sgt First Class
Preston A. Williams



U.S. ARMY
1946-1966

3rd Class Petty Officer
William Wilson



U.S. NAVY
1951-1955, Korean War
Navy Chaplain Asst.

PFC
Robert Winder



U.S. ARMY
1972-1974
Served in Vietnam

Lcpl.
Nathanial D. Windsor



U.S. MARINE CORPS
KIA - 03/11/2007
2nd Battalion, 7th Marines,
1st Marine Division,
1 Marine Expeditionary Force

James Robert
Woodley



Canadian Overseas
Expeditionary Forces
225th Overseas Battalion
WWI, 1916-1917, age 15

SP-4
Dan Woodrum



U.S. ARMY
Germany, Azores

Mel
Woodrum



1/205 Anti-Tank
Battalion
Korea

Cody Yeager



U.S. ARMY
1984-1994
Air Force Reserve 2000-10

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U.S. ARMY

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# Bridging the gap between military experience and a civilian career

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Every year, approximately 200,000 service men and women transition from military life to corporate America. Finding the right civilian career is a transition, but it's also an opportunity to leverage military leadership and mission-driven talent.

Traditional hiring processes often focus on conventional resumes, but forward-thinking organizations recognize military experience as a competitive advantage in today's workforce. The resilience, integrity and adaptability of America's veterans and military families make them uniquely positioned to drive growth and innovation in their communities.

"Veterans bring unmatched discipline, adaptability and a results-driven mindset that directly translates to high-impact corporate careers," said Drew Matheson, senior director at Capital One's Commercial Bank and retired U.S. Army infantry officer. "While military experience doesn't always fit perfectly on a traditional paper resume, employers like Capital One, who know how to decode these unique leadership skills, are able to unlock an incredible pipeline of proven performers."



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To help transitioning service members successfully navigate this career pivot, military community leaders at Capital One offer these five essential tips for service members entering the civilian workforce:

1 - Start with what you've already earned

Opportunity starts with preparation. Beyond the well-known Post-9/11 GI Bill, which can cover tuition, housing and books, transitioning service members can look into vocational rehab or the SkillBridge program, which allows them to do civilian internships during the last 180 days of service. Many employers also offer internal tuition reimbursement programs. Taking the time to proactively map out these benefits ensures you aren't leaving valuable opportunities or money on the table.

2 - Find employers with veteran support structures

With almost half of veterans leaving their first post-military job within a year, according to research published by the Institute for Veterans and Military Families and VetAdvisor, finding the right culture and community is key to a successful transition. Look for employers with active veteran networks and dedicated mentorship.

For example, Capital One's Salute Business Resource Group serves as a thriving internal community of more than 6,000 members, offering peer support, year-round professional development and mentorship for veterans, reservists and military spouses. Additionally, partner organizations like Hiring Our Heroes provide career workshops, fellowships and job fairs to ensure you're employment-ready from day one.

3 - Lean into and translate your soft skills

Veterans bring a distinct competitive advantage to the applicant pool. You should confidently lean into the cross-functional "soft skills" learned in the line of duty, such as risk management, crisis resolution and building trust under high-pressure scenarios.

The trick is translating these capabilities out of military jargon on your resume. Swap military terms like "NCOIC" for "Operations Manager" or "commanded" for "directed." To make this easier, look for military-friendly employers that employ dedicated military recruiters who specialize in decoding military resumes to align skills with the right roles.

4 - Prioritize support for the whole family

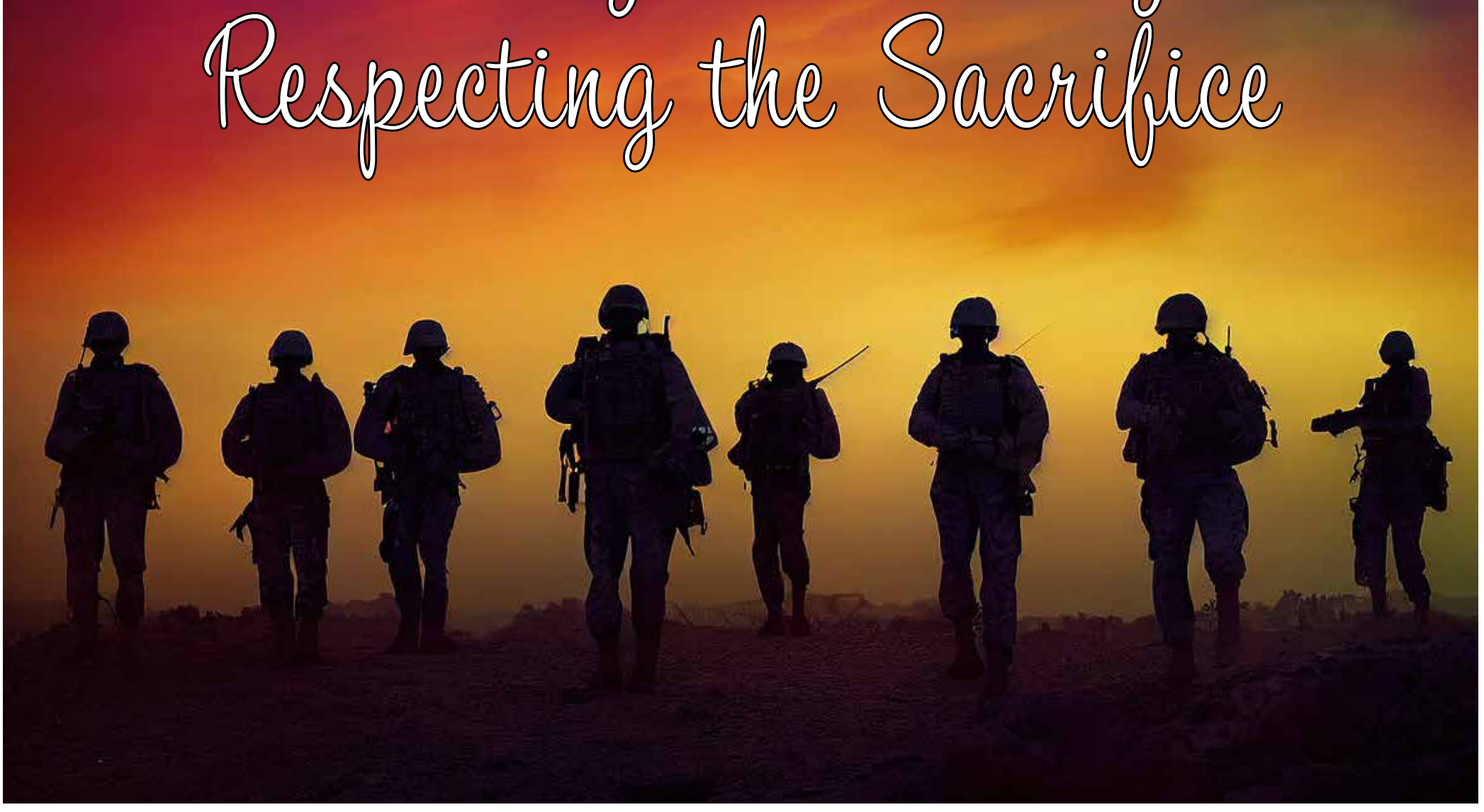
Military service is a family commitment, and the transition out of uniform affects everyone. Military spouses often face unique career hurdles, including frequent relocations and employment gaps. When evaluating employers, look for companies that offer holistic benefits and flexible structures.

Capital One, recognized by "U.S. Veterans Magazine" as a Top Veteran Employer and Top Military Spouse Employer, actively supports military spouses and families through dedicated spouse hiring initiatives and internal support mechanisms. Furthermore, look for organizations that support continued military training and active-duty leave, ensuring military associates never have to choose between their service and their careers.

5 - Build your civilian network early

In the military, your network is built in. In the civilian world, you have to cultivate it. Long before your terminal leave begins, connect with veterans who work at companies you admire. Reach out for brief, 15-minute informational interviews to learn about their transition journeys rather than simply asking for a job. With more than 70% of civilian jobs filled through networking, according to estimates from Career Horizons, making organic connections early is a powerful tool for getting your foot in the door.

To find additional resources and learn more about how to support the hiring of veterans and military spouses, visit CapitalOneCareers.com/Military.



# Adina Call: A veteran's mission to heal others

■ By Amelia Fiore
*Columbia Gorge News*



Call with husband Dr. Bryan Call and their youngest, Maizie. Contributed photo



Call with the family dog, Rogue. Contributed photo

HOOD RIVER — When Adina Call and her husband moved from Florida to Hood River to open their stem cell clinic in 2019, she didn't expect to end up in the Air Force Reserves.

As a co-founder and integrator-COO of Cell Regen, Call oversees various wellness services, including pulsed electromagnetic field therapy, hyperbaric oxygen therapy, and brain mapping.

While working to grow the clinic, she realized that neither she nor her partner, Bryan, had the license to administer injections, and that achieving that would mean completing medical school courses. It was during this time that Call began to research the Air Force Reserves as a possible source of income and partial reimbursement for Bryan's education expenses.

Then, during the 2020 pandemic, "everyone was terrified to go anywhere, so no one was coming into the business," said Call. After spending some time pondering, meditating, cold plunging and praying about what her next move should be, she decided that joining the Air Force sounded like the best step forward.

"My experiences in the military have given me a deeper understanding of the physical and emotional stress that service members experience," she said. "They've also reinforced my passion for making regenerative wellness, recovery tools, and somatic practices more accessible to veterans, active-duty personnel, and the broader community."

After basic training, Call picked a role in air transportation logistics, where she ensures that military equipment and specialized cargo are handled safely and efficiently.

"You learn how to juggle a lot more," Call said. "Because when you're in the reserves, you're not full-time, which means you have a lot more capabilities in the civilian world that you bring into the force."

During her military service, Call has had the opportunity to travel throughout the Pacific and Middle East. She's enjoyed the time away, because it's given her a chance to step back from her business and some bigger-picture thinking.

"When you own a business, [it's] like a baby. It takes a lot of time and attention," Call said.

While she wasn't in active combat and often stayed in hotels while abroad, being close to war still has a psychological impact.

"During my deployment in the Middle East, we experienced periods of heightened regional conflict and uncertainty," she said. "There were stressful situations, long nights, and disrupted sleep. Those experiences reinforced how important stress management and recovery are for service members."

Call said her background in wellness has helped her navigate the stress, along with techniques she practices at home that are not available at the clinic. She uses Cell Regen's Stress Buster, which applies red light therapy, and Pulsed Electromagnetic Field tools that can help build bone density and perform transcranial magnetic field therapy.

She'll still have "days and moments" of hardship, but she also finds support from therapy and exercise. "I've always been a somatic person," she said. "I need to stay active." Activities like working out at home and participating in running groups have helped her maintain that routine.

"What kept me through a lot of the deployment was staying active," she said. "And coming back here and having all these tools on hand has been so good."

She wants to incorporate the practices into the reserves and other military branches. Some units have a sauna or gym, but rarely any other wellness equipment. "Like especially the ice bath," Call said. "Some of the coworkers that I worked with in different places on my deployment were more aware of that and the practices and incorporating it into their recovery."

She hopes the attitude towards service members can shift, and for people to have awareness of their volunteering to serve and how "not everyone agrees with what's happening," she said. "Because of the political climate and the conflict climate happening, there's a lot of fear around it. There's also a lot of animosity towards being in conflict."

Despite the skepticism she has faced from the public, she has found camaraderie among her peers. "Your unit takes care of you and tries to help support you through whatever you're going through," she said. "It's given me a way to broaden my horizons. I've been in like mom zone and then business zone for so long, like, [this] just gives me a new perspective on life."

Call has also faced a share of challenges during her time in the reserves. She filed a complaint for sexual harassment, as well as an inspector general case for reprisal, retaliation, and equal opportunity, but said there wasn't much support to make the process simple.

"As a female, what I learned is that it actually happens quite a bit," she said. The experience inspired her to create a nonprofit that would assist sexual harassment and assault victims with legal fees, an idea she is still exploring. She has created a GoFundMe for the nonprofit, which she's named Victorious Secret, at www.supportnow.org/victorious-secret.

Call's contract with the Air Force ends in February, and she's still deciding on whether to re-enlist for another two years. She wants to focus her efforts on expanding Cell Regen, but the danger for service members only keeps increasing.

"That's the twofold. I have kind of a hard experience, but I also have so many wins and so many really, really unique travel experiences abroad, and the camaraderie is really cool," she said.

She wants to continue traveling for wellness, like her trip to Japan this winter to teach retreat clients both snowboarding and breathwork. She also wants to add to Cell Regen's collection of treatment tools to naturally help clients build muscle and support longevity.

Ultimately, Call hopes to introduce more people — veterans and active-duty members especially — to the potential benefits of stem cell and somatic therapy.

"Most veterans have a lot of PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and they are told there's nothing they can do," she said. "That's simply not true."






Above, Adina Call stands beside a cargo plane. Her role is in air transportation logistics, which means she keeps shipments moving smoothly. At right, she is seen working out. Contributed photos

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