

VETERANS DAY

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*Honoring
Our
Heroes*

*Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak,
and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid, one who will be proud and
unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.*

~ Douglas MacArthur

Honoring our Heroes is devoted to the men and women of our military and their loved ones. Learn more about local heroes right here in our community, as well as Veterans Day specials from area businesses in this very special section.



Millions of men and women serve in the military and make the sacrifices that such service requires. Risking their lives to serve their countries, veterans sometimes endure mental and physical trauma, returning home to face uphill battles as they deal with their injuries. Many veterans in need are not just in need of medical attention. Learning that their efforts and sacrifices are recognized and appreciated by the ordinary citizens they protect can make a world of difference to veterans as they recover from their injuries. Men, women and children who want to help veterans in need can do so in various ways. Visit a veterans hospital. Contact a local veterans hospital to inquire about their volunteer programs. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs notes that each year more than 75,000 volunteers spend more than 11 million hours in service to America's veterans. Visiting veterans at the hospital to hear their stories can lift their spirits and aid in their recoveries. In addition, veterans hospitals may have volunteer opportunities that make it easier for hospitals to operate at optimal capacity.

Help a neighbor. Unfortunately, many veterans return home with injuries that affect their ability to make it through a typical day without assistance.



Disabled veterans may be unable to do their own grocery shopping or maintain their homes. If a neighbor or nearby veteran is facing such hurdles, offer to do his or her shopping or mow his or her lawn. Such tasks won't take much time, but can make a world of difference to veterans.

Offer professional services free of charge. Professionals who want to help veterans can offer their services free of charge. Accountants can offer to prepare veterans' tax returns for free, while attorneys can provide legal advice to veterans who need it. Contractors can help disabled veterans by offering to make alterations to their homes for free or at cost.

Employ social media to help local veterans. Many people who want to help local veterans might not be able to do so more than one day per week. But some veterans may require daily assistance. Men and women can start a locally based Facebook group for fellow members of their community who want to pitch in to help local veterans. Such a group can make it easier to share information and arrange help for veterans in need. Many veterans return home from serving overseas in need of help. Offering such help can improve veterans' lives while letting them know their efforts and sacrifices are appreciated.



*To all who contributed their photos for this very special piece,
the Phillips Media Group appreciates and thanks you.*



JAY ALEXA

Jay Alexa
Petty Officer 2nd Class
Coast Guard, Korean War, 1950s



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In late January, 1968, during the lunar new year (or "Tet") holiday, North Vietnamese and communist Viet Cong forces launched a coordinated attack against a number of targets in South Vietnam. The U.S. and South Vietnamese militaries sustained heavy losses before finally repelling the communist assault. The Tet Offensive played an important role in weakening U.S. public support for the war in Vietnam.

Howard Campbell
US Army, Vietnam
Ban Batvoe
Central Highlands during
NVA Tet Offensive 1968



HOWARD CAMPBELL



DAVID CARTER

David L. Carter
Sergeant
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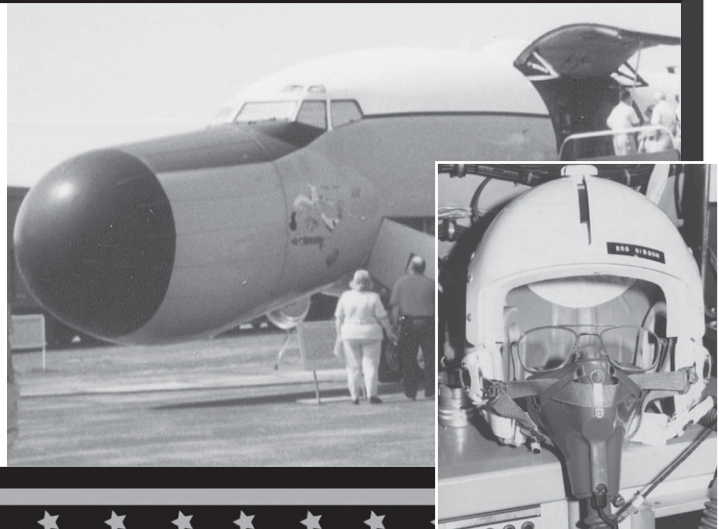


DON GIBSON

Don Gibson
Master Sergeant
Wright Patterson
Air Force Base

(right) Plane that Don Gibson flew on in the area crew tracking the Apollo missions.

(inset photo) Don Gibson's helmet aboard the plane he flew on, to track Apollo space missions. Stationed at Patrick Air Force Base in Satellite Beach in Florida 1974



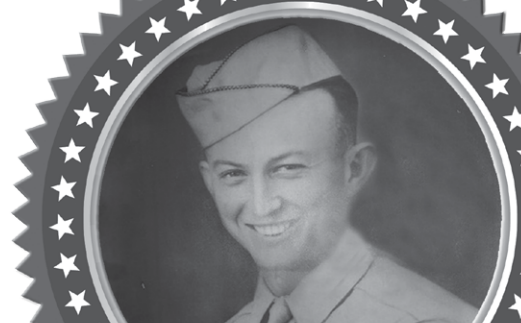
Clyde E. Graves

Private, US Army

T-5 269th Ordnance Medium Maintenance



The Ordnance Branch is one of the oldest branches of the Army. During World War II, the Ordnance Department was responsible for roughly half of all Army procurement, \$34 billion. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's 'Arsenal of Democracy' depended on the Ordnance Department to become a reality. Ordnance Department strength increased from 334 officers to 24,000 officers, 4,000 enlisted to 325,000 enlisted, and 27,088 civilians to 262,000 civilians.



CLYDE GRAVES

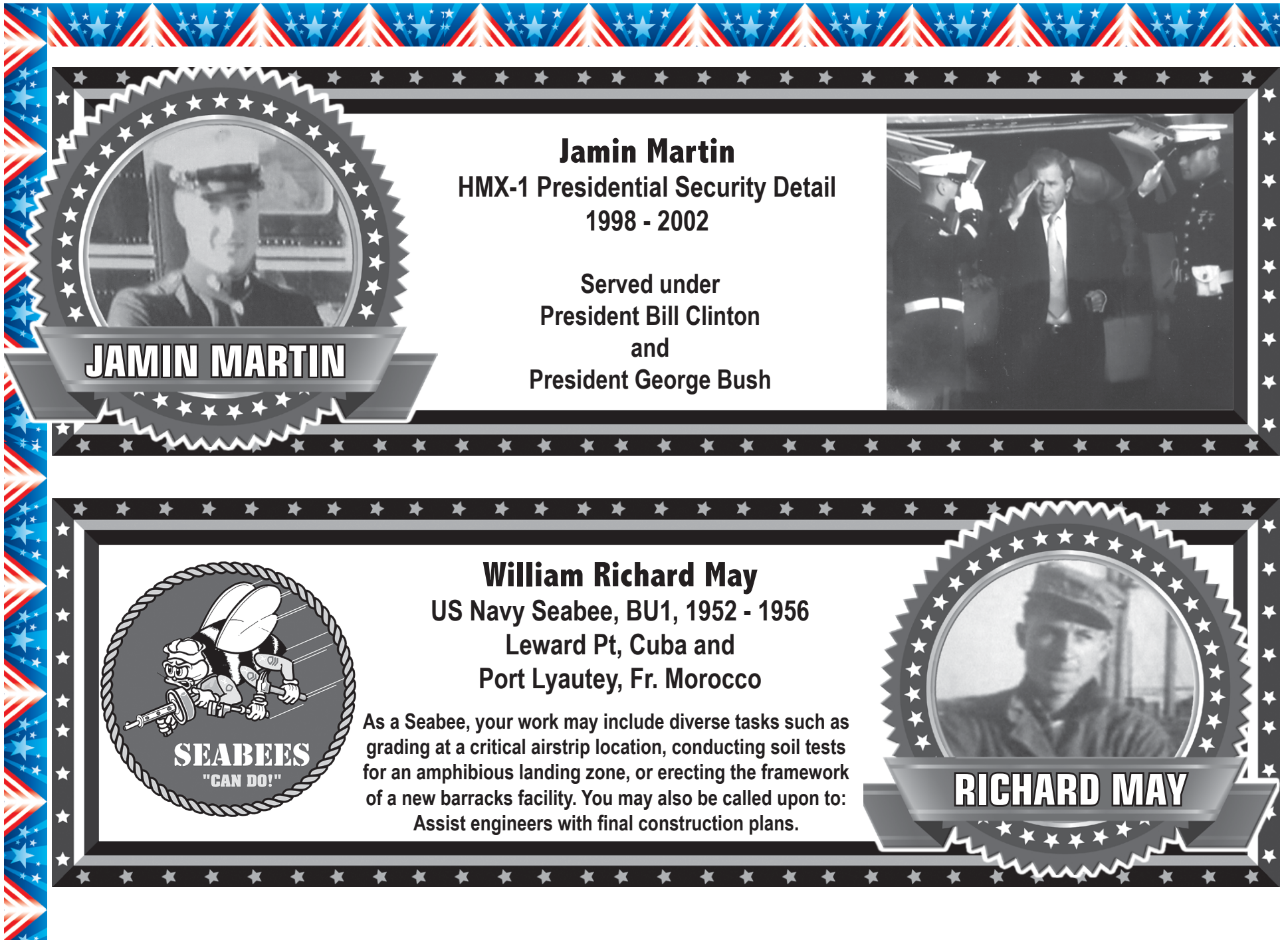


ROBERT HERRELL

Robert (Bob) Herrell
Master Sergeant
Air Force

(Right) Learning how to navigate aboard the T-29 Flying Classroom (1963), while stationed at James Connelly AFB, Waco, TX





JAMIN MARTIN

Jamin Martin
HMX-1 Presidential Security Detail
1998 - 2002

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President Bill Clinton
and
President George Bush



William Richard May
US Navy Seabee, BU1, 1952 - 1956
Leward Pt, Cuba and
Port Lyautey, Fr. Morocco

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How Memorial Day and Veterans Day differ

Memorial Day and Veterans Day each honor the military, though the two holidays are not the same. Memorial Day, which is celebrated annually on the last Monday in May, honors the brave men and women who lost their lives while serving in the American military. Many communities host memorial ceremonies honoring their fallen soldiers on Memorial Day, ensuring such soldiers' bravery and sacrifices are never forgotten. While many people now view Memorial Day weekend as the unofficial start of summer, the weekend should not be celebrated without also pausing to reflect on and recognize the military personnel who lost their lives in defense of freedom and the American way of life.

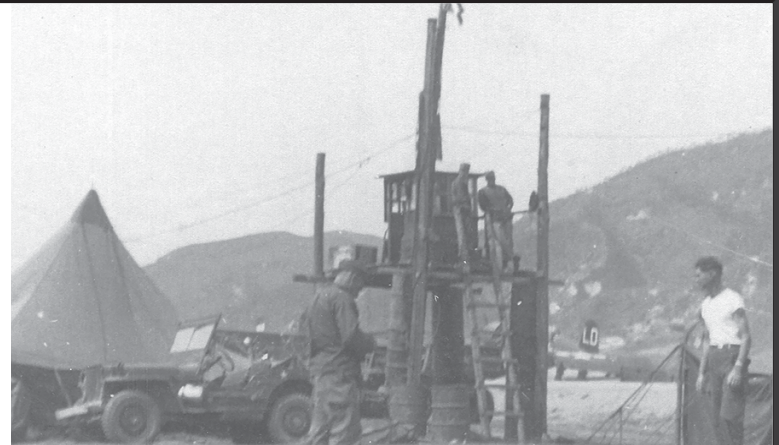
Veterans Day is celebrated annually on November 11 and recognizes all men and women who have served in the military. Veterans Day coincides with Remembrance Day, which is celebrated by the Commonwealth of Nations, an association of 53 member states with connections to the British Empire. Though Veterans Day and Remembrance Day are each celebrated on November 11, the latter recognizes armed forces members who died in the line of duty, making it more similar to Memorial Day than Veterans Day. It's not uncommon for people to recognize fallen soldiers on Veterans Day, but many use the holiday to express their appreciation to existing veterans.



JOE NANCE

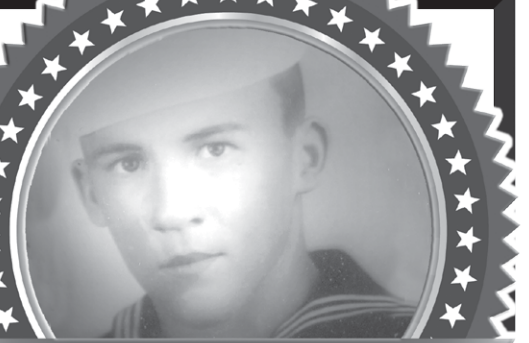
Joe Nance
US Air Force

Right: May 1951. Control tower at K-46, marine ships in background



William "Shorty" Ozier
US Navy
Storekeeper 3rd Class
Korea 1950-1953

Left: USS Nereus (AS-17) was a Fulton-class submarine tender in service with the United States Navy from 1945 to 1971



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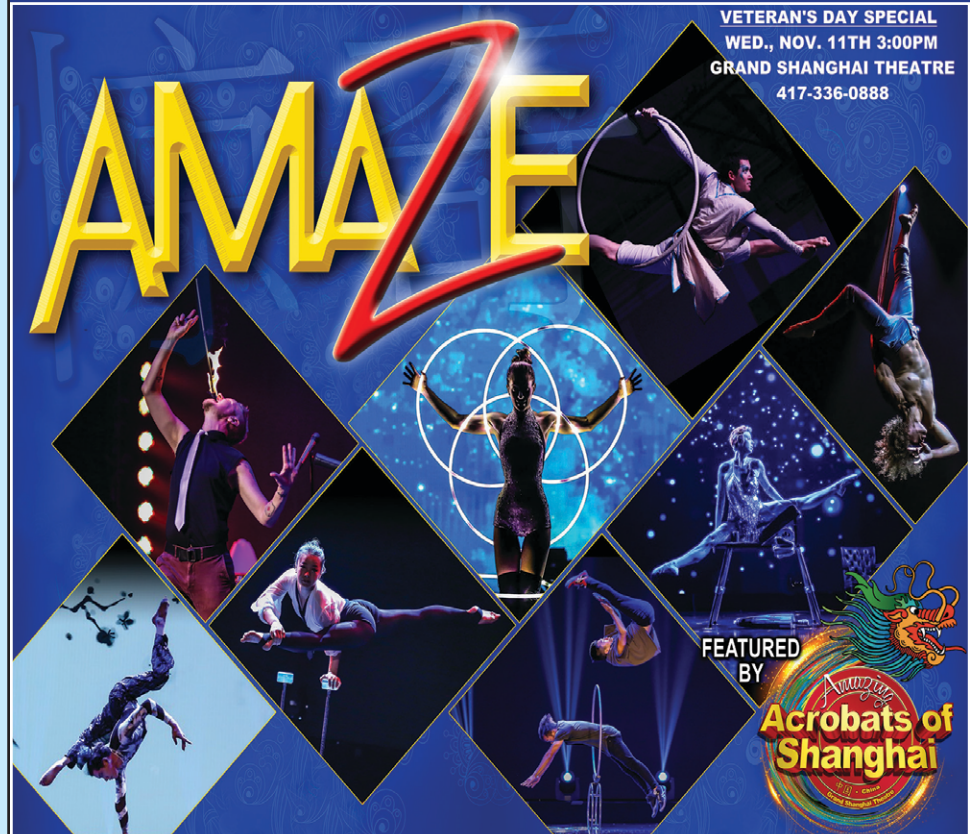
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The Story of the Red Poppies for Veterans Day

Today, U.S. citizens honor all U.S. service members with Veterans Day on November 11, but in many other parts of the world, the day is known as Remembrance Day, a day set aside to remember military personnel who have lost their lives in war. Established by King George V in 1919, Remembrance Day evolved out of Armistice Day, which marked the end of hostilities in WWI in 1918.

After WWII, the day was renamed “Remembrance Day,” although Armistice Day is still celebrated on the same day. In the United Kingdom, Canada, France, South Africa, the U.S., Bermuda, Ireland, New Zealand, and Australia, citizens pause to observe one or two moments of silence at 11 a.m. to remember the fallen. The United States rebranded its November 11th celebration after the Korean War to honor all U.S. veterans, living and dead.

In conjunction with the spirit of Remembrance Day worldwide, many wear a simply red poppy on the lapel, reminiscent of the red poppies that were among the first plants to bloom in the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium. The connection with the poppy and the fallen soldier was solidified with one of the era’s most famous poems, “*In Flanders Field*,” written by Canadian physician Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae. McCrae was reportedly inspired to write the poem after presiding over the funeral of his friend and fellow soldier 22-year-old Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, who died in the Second Battle of Ypres. The poem gives voice to those soldiers buried in the battlefield, pleading with survivors to take up the torch of their fight, and to remember them even though red poppies now cover the battlefield.

The poem gained widespread notoriety after McCrae was convinced to submit it for publication, and it was translated into many languages and published around the world. When American professor Moina Michael read the poem, she was so moved by it that she wrote her own poem in response, “We Shall Keep the Faith,” assuring that those dead and buried beneath fields of poppies that those still alive will take up the torch of their fight and “cherish the poppy red.” Michael, a professor at the University of Georgia, herself pledge to always wear a red poppy in remembrance of those

who had sacrificed their lives and began a very successful campaign to spread the practice, which was adopted across the nation, Europe, and countries of the British Empire and Commonwealth within three years.

A patriotic, active citizen, Michael had taken a leave of absence from her work to volunteer at the New York-based training headquarters for overseas YWCA workers as her way to aid in the war efforts. After the war was over, she returned to the university where she taught a class of disabled servicemen, soon realizing that these servicemen were in desperate need of financial and occupational support. She conceived of the idea of selling silk poppies as a fundraiser, and, in 1921, her efforts resulted in the poppy being adopted as a symbol of remembrance for war veterans by the American Legion Auxiliary and by Earl Haig's British Legion Appeal Fund (later The Royal British Legion).

Today the red poppy remains a popular outward sign of remembrance in November. In 2014, a major art installation called Poppies: Wave and Weeping Window was unveiled at the Tower of London, displaying 888,246 ceramic poppies, each honoring a member of the British and Colonial forces who died during the Great War. In the

United States, on Memorial Day and Veterans Day (also known as Poppy Days), millions of red crepe paper poppies – all handmade by veterans as part of their therapeutic rehabilitation – are distributed across the country by the American Legion in exchange for donations that go directly to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans.

Many organizations sell simple poppy lapel pins to support various veteran-related organizations, and some people choose also to wear a white poppy alongside the red poppy as a hopeful sign of peace. The red poppy is a simple way to show support those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defending freedom across the globe.

If you are or know of a veteran who may need help with paying for senior care - such as assisted living, nursing home, or home care - please refer them to www.VeteranAid.org where they can find out more information on how to apply for the veterans Aid and Attendance pension benefit. This benefit is for both veterans and spouses of veterans.

source: veteranaid.org.



In Flanders Fields
By John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



DOLPH PHILLIPS

Dolph W. Phillips
US Army SPC4, 1966-1972

Served 18 months in South Korea patrolling the DMZ

Right: Standing with his buddy by a truck used to transport troops



Thomas Reece
US Marine
Weapons Company
2nd Battalion, 25th Marines

Right: After an amphibious landing during the Korean War. Left: Taken near Panmunjom, Korea while supporting Easy Company during peace talks



THOMAS REECE



ROBERT ROBERSON

Robert C. Roberson
Airman 1st Class Machinest Mate 1950s

At boot camp, san diego, 1956, july-sept. doing his laundry after duty. Laundry was scrubbed on concrete slab with bristle brush. Only 2 sets of uniforms were allowed, the rest of the clothes had to remain in their locker. Chief would inspect laundry to see if it was clean, and if it wasn't it would be cut down.





DAVID UNDERWOOD

David C. Underwood
Pilot, Vietnam
Desert Storm
1968 - 1994

Right: Captain (Colonel) David Underwood flying as aircraft commander in his C-130H at Dyess Air Force Base, TX



Jeff Westin
Sergeant, US Army
Mekong Delta Mobile Riverine
Force, 1967 - 1968

Served on 3 different assault boat units, patrolling the Mekong River. Nicknamed the "river rats", the regiment fought in the Mekong Delta, where it conducted riverine warfare.



JEFF WESTIN



JACK WYATT

Jack Wyatt
US Army, Co. A
1st Battle Group, 1st Brigade

5 280-mm cannons crawled successfully around a curve on the Wuerzburg-Frankfurt autobahn, but failure of the steering mechanism on the sixth one there sent it slithering down a steep slope. A GI riding the rear of the gun managed to jump clear, but the driver in the front cab sustained undetermined injuries.



NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR Remembrance Day

DECEMBER 7

"a date which will live in infamy,"

On Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, the American Army and Navy base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii was attacked by the Imperial Japanese Navy. The attack came as a surprise to the American Army and Navy and led to great losses of life and equipment. This was a pivotal day in world history, ultimately leading the United States to enter the Second World War.

Prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor, Japan participated in a series of invasions into China, believing the only way to solve its economic and demographic problems was to expand into China and take over its import market. This attitude helped create rising tension with the United States, and American officials ultimately responded with economic sanctions and trade embargoes. Although it seemed war was inevitable, the Japanese preempted the American military with a surprise attack targeting Pearl Harbor, which is 2,000 miles from the U.S. mainland and 4,000 miles from Japan.

Pearl Harbor is a U.S. naval base located near Honolulu, HI. On a Sunday morning on December 7, 1941, just before 8:00 a.m. local time, Japanese fighter planes descended on the base in a surprise attack. Five additional attacks followed throughout the day. The Japanese managed to destroy nearly 20 American naval vessels, which included eight battleships, and more than 300 airplanes. While the military equipment could ultimately be replaced, the more than 2,400 military personnel and civilians who died paid the ultimate price.

It is believed the United States was especially surprised by the attack, as American military leaders felt, if an attack were to take place, it would come from the sea rather than the air. In addition, American intelligence officials were confident that any Japanese attack would take place in



Pearl Harbor National Memorial

one of the European colonies in the South Pacific, such as Singapore or Indochina, which are closer to Japan than Hawaii.

Despite devastating Pearl Harbor, all hopes were not lost that day, and the Japanese could not cripple America's Pacific Fleet. Aircraft carriers were not docked at the base, and the key onshore oil storage, shipyards, repair shops, and docks were left largely intact. From a functional standpoint, the U.S. Navy was able to quickly rebound. However, even 77 years later, the residual emotional effects of the attack continue, particularly among WWII veterans, as well as the family members of those who perished.

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