



# A Veterans Day Tribute to Our Heroes



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# National Legion Commander Visits Zack Wheat Post 624



Daniel J. Seehafer, National Commander of the American Legion, right, stands by American Legion Zack Wheat Post 624 Commander Austin Teel Saturday, October 21 at the post in Sunrise Beach. PHOTO BY JANET DABBS

Daniel J. Seehafer, National Commander of the American Legion, visited the American Legion Zack Wheat Post 624 on Saturday, Oct. 21. The visit was one of 17 stops Seehafer made in Missouri between Thursday, October 19 and Sunday, October 22.

An official traveling with Seehafer, NECman George Scarborough, speaking of the Zack Wheat Post said, "This post has given us the warmest welcome. You are all like a friendly, down-home family."

Seehafer was elected national commander of The American Legion on Aug. 31, 2023, in Charlotte, N.C., during the 104th national convention.

"My belief, conviction and my resolve are strengthened that The American Legion truly changes lives and saves lives," Seehafer said. "That we are a family is not just rhetoric. It is reality. Therefore, let's show the world who we truly are and what membership in The American Legion really means. And that's service. Service that changes lives and saves lives."

Seehafer likes to say, "It's personal," when it comes to The American Legion's mission of serving veterans and their families. He is continuing the theme of "Be the One," to prevent veteran suicide.

"We continue to change and save lives with a mission like Be the One. Be the One. Saving one veteran from suicide, or even their family member, one at a time. Now that's The American Legion. That is, you.

And even me." Seehafer encouraged legion members to "Be the One" to prevent Veteran suicide by reaching out to veterans to check on their well-being. "Let's become known for saving lives, instead of killing and death," Seehafer said.

#### An international mission

Seehafer travels approximately 350 days a year. Next, he has an international trip planned and will travel to Vietnam, South Korea, Taiwan, and Hawaii. He said the travel was not a sightseeing trip. "I will go out to where people live and work," Seehafer said. The Legion's new Base Assessment and Servicemember Experience program - BASE - aims to address quality of life matters that affect servicemembers and their families. He will visit military installations to hear from servicemembers about areas of concern - housing and barracks, health care, day care, spousal employment opportunities, education, mental health, food, financial insecurity, commissary, and exchange access, and more.

While in Vietnam he hopes to locate the remains of a pilot who was shot down in the war. In South Korea he will minister to soldiers dealing with family/life issues. "We want to take care of our family," Seehafer said. The Taiwan mission will address issues with China, and he will visit Pearl Harbor while in Hawaii.

**Fight for a strong legislative voice**

Seehafer encouraged Post 624 members to recruit more younger members. "I know they are busy with families, but we need the numbers to have a strong voice in Washington D.C. Just get them to become a member," Seehafer said. According to Seehafer, the approximately three million legion members have a relevant and powerful voice in Washington D.C. "If we do not grow, we will see our benefits slip away."

#### Government shut down

Seehafer told members of the National Executive Committee on Oct. 11 during Fall Meetings in Indianapolis at National Headquarters the funding for troops, border patrol and other vital government services were being threatened to come to a halt due to the possibility of a government shutdown. He said that during the last government shutdown in 2019, the U.S. Coast Guard continued to report for duty while their paychecks were stopped, but The American Legion stepped up and provided more than \$1 million in Temporary Financial Assistance to Coast Guard families in need. "Incredibly, Congress still has not passed (as of October 11) legislation to pay the Coast Guard if a shutdown occurs before the passage of a Homeland Security appropriation. And this year we faced - and still face - the possibility that no branch of the U.S. military would have its members paid on time," Seehafer said.

The Legion also is working to ensure health care and other essential services continue for veterans.

"It is Congress that has the constitutionally mandated responsibility to pass a budget, it is the president who has the

constitutionally mandated responsibility to sign a budget and it is The American Legion's constitutionally protected right to raise heck when they don't!" Seehafer said. "If there is a shutdown, we really need to apply the pressure that Con-

gress passes a Pay Our Troops Act, one that will ensure our military and our Coast Guard are paid throughout the duration."

Seehafer added that a "gridlock in Washington is never

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Daniel J. Seehafer, National Commander of the American Legion, left, stands by American Legion Zack Wheat Post 624 Commander Austin Teel Saturday, October 21 by a Navy Deck Gun at the post in Sunrise Beach. Seehafer enjoyed lunch with legion members and gave a speech.

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good, but particularly dangerous when our strong ally, Israel, is engaged in a full war against Hamas terrorists. We know the impact that the 9/11 attacks had on our nation. Ladies and gentlemen, this is exactly why America must always maintain a strong national defense and secure borders."

**Sign Up for Action Alerts**

Seehafer encouraged Legionnaires to sign up for the Legions Grassroots Action Center Alerts at [legion.org/action](http://legion.org/action) to stay informed and active on legislative issues that The American Legion supports. "Let's make our voice known every single day."

**American Legion Membership**

Zack Wheat American Legion Post 624 Sunrise Beach, members are entitled to several free and discounted benefits provided through strategic partnerships that have been developed through the American Legion National Headquarters. There are discount programs for products and services such as travel, health care, personal

finance, and computers offered exclusively to members of The American Legion and Sons of The American Legion.

Sons of the American Legion members include males of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and were eligible for American Legion membership. The American Legion Riders are members of the American Legion who are also motorcycle enthusiasts. Male and female spouses, grandmothers, mothers, sisters, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion can join the American Legion Auxiliary. For local information about becoming a member of any branch visit [lakelegion.com](http://lakelegion.com).

The Legion's service officers are also specially trained to provide expert assistance, free of charge, to veterans and their families as they navigate the VA claims process. "Doesn't it make sense that a trained expert - and that's what our service officers are - be at the side of the veteran or the surviving family member as they navigate this complicated process?" Seehafer said. "Not a shark. Not a predator, but instead a life-

saver, a buddy, a true friend as they know how to navigate this complicated process."

**About Daniel J. Seehafer**

An ordained minister from Wisconsin, Seehafer earned his American Legion eligibility through service in the U.S. Navy and Navy Reserve, where he served as a military chaplain. A member of American Legion Post 157 in Horicon, Wis., Seehafer served in a number of American Legion offices at every level, including national chaplain and commander of the Department of Wisconsin.

Seehafer was installed as assistant pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Horicon in 1997 and continues to serve as administrative pastor of the church and its school. His American Legion post was recognized for "100 percent" and "All-Time High" in membership during his terms as commander and adjutant. Other honors include District Commander's New Post Achievement Award, Silver Brigade, and Post 157 Legionnaire of the Year.



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# Sunrise Beach Veteran Recalls Vietnam Tour as a Scout Dog Handler

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AND LAKE SUN ARCHIVES

Sunrise Beach resident Marvin Butteris was a Scout Dog Handler for the Army 25TH Infantry Platoon First Air Cavalry, during the Vietnam War. He was drafted February 1969, at the tender age of 20.

"I had trained hunting dogs when I was younger, and I always had dogs. It was just something I was interested in," Butteris revealed.

From Basic Training at Fort Lewis, he was sent to Fort Benning, Ga. for specialized training with dogs. "I knew I was going to Vietnam when I was drafted," Butteris said. In April 1970 he was sent to Scout Dog Headquarters in Bien Hoa, Vietnam. After two weeks of training in-country, he was sent out with reconnaissance platoons, working his dog four to five days, then moving back to the main base to rest for two to four days.

### The Scout Dog Soldiers

"I worked with exceptional dogs. They were highly aggressive, genius trackers, and they had no fear," Butteris recalls. "They were there for one purpose and they knew what to do. The distance they could smell was amazing!" Butteris worked with four dogs while deployed. They were all German Shepherds. Rommel died after being stung by a tarantula. After Smokey died from a blood disease common in the jungles of southeast Asia, he was paired up with King.

### Honor dog

"King was an Honor Dog in our class in the States," Butteris said. "So, I knew King even before we arrived in Vietnam. He's probably one of the best dogs in the platoon." King was a large German Shepherd weighing in at about 80 pounds. First Lt. Arthur Bills, in charge of the 25th Scout Dog Platoon, had nothing but praise for King in an article about the pairing. "He's definitely one of the best dogs we've got; he's aggressive, inquisitive, and raring to go!" King was an off the leash dog. "King would go about 50 meters out in front of me," Butteris said. "As long as he could see me, depending on the terrain. He gave a warning earlier than Smokey, who worked only on a leash. He made my job safer." According to Butteris King's company never walked into anything. "We got hit once from the rear, but that wasn't King's fault since the wind was wrong," Butters commended. King was injured and replaced by Knot Head, his last dog.

The soldiers used Vietnamese children to train the dogs. The children hid in the bushes and swatted the dogs with branches to make them mad. "We had to hold them back or they would have eaten the kids for lunch!" Butteris said. The soldiers gave the kids bags of C rations in exchange for help with training. The children were grateful, as they were poor and hungry.

### Brave and dangerous

As a Scout Dog Handler, his mission was to walk point for infantry companies and platoons to make sure they did not walk into an ambush. It was brave and dangerous work.

"There wasn't a grunt (infantryman) who didn't love those dogs. They were really effective. We just needed more of them," Butteris said. Sometimes described as the 'enemy's worst enemy,' scout dogs and their handlers made sure "To keep our people alive," Butteris said.

### Vietnam and Cambodia

Butteris was mainly deployed in the central highlands of Vietnam and in Cambodia. U.S. Helicopters would fly over jungle terrain to pick up information on what trails were being heavily used by the enemy and why. Butteris, his dog, and infantry companies would then be dropped into the area and make their way up the trails to engage the enemy.

### Jumping Out of a helicopter

Butteris recalls one mission where he flew into a mountainous area of Cambodia. "Cambodia was dense. There were no cities," he said. They were headed to a drop spot in the jungle. He was surprised to see three Army chaplains in the helicopter with them. "I thought it was strange for them to be going into the bush. I'd never had any go that deep into the jungle with me," he said. As they neared their destination, the crew chief said the helicopter would be going in and out fast and they had to jump.

"I was sitting near an open door with a couple other grunts," Butteris said. "Heavy weapons fire started blasting all around us as we were flying into the mountain. I looked down and I saw trees bending over with hurricane like force. They were being cut down like toothpicks, bark was flying everywhere in the air. I am the new guy in the door, and I thought it was coming up from the ground--at us. I thought 'we are not even going to make it to the ground before we get shot down!' The grunt beside me tapped me on the shoulder and pointed behind us. I looked out the door and I saw a U.S. Cobra Gun-

ship laying down fire power with an arsenal of rockets and mini guns! He was blowing stuff up, so we had a landing zone. I was glad he was on our side! He was really putting down some fire power!"

At treetop level they were told to jump out when they got close to the ground because the pilot wasn't going to be able to set the helicopter down. The terrain was too steep. When they got about six feet off the ground, they all jumped...and the helicopter took off. "Me and King ran about a quarter way down the mountain before we could get stopped because it was so steep. I turned and looked around and couldn't see anyone! I finally found a grunt and ran with him to the rest of the guys and laid down in a defensive position. "It was the only prayer service I've ever been to lying on my stomach." Butteris said.

A platoon they were all meeting up with had been pinned down on top of the mountain for three days, and helicopters had not been able to resupply the soldiers, drawing too much fire when they tried to get close. The chaplains had been brought in to talk to the soldiers as they prepared to try to get them off the mountain. Their mission was to secure the landing zone.

When everyone was together down on the ground, they moved into a night defensive position by forming a perimeter and setting out claymore mines. They spent the night there.

The next morning, the platoon, now including Butteris and his scout dog, began a long crawl through the mud of the jungle to try to reach a place where the helicopter could land. They crawled down the side of the mountain and up the side of the next mountain, Butteris recalls. The night after they began their crawl, the platoon took some probing fire, but no one was shot. It took two days to get to a safe enough location for the helicopters to land. They picked up the trapped platoon and chaplains and took them back to base.

### Reconnaissance in the jungle

Butteris worked mostly with reconnaissance platoons of

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Army Veteran Marvin Butteris with his wife Maureen "Moe" Butteris Saturday, October 21 in the Heroes Bar at the American Legion Zack Wheat Post 624 in Sunrise Beach.

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15 to 20 soldiers (a relatively small group of guys when you're out in the jungle in the middle of nowhere). He would go out with one of the specially trained German Shepherds, sending it out ahead and reading the dog's behavior to know when and what he was alerting on. The dogs would have a different reaction to everything they sensed.

On one search operation they walked right into snipers. Two infantrymen were wounded, but thankfully no one was killed. The unit had to get out of the valley because they were so heavily outnumbered. "It was intense. We were out there that time for four days," Butteris said. They were picked up and flown to the Bien Hoa, Air Base, Vietnam."

**A proud military family**

Butteris served his country for 10.5 months to February 1971. He came from a military family. His dad served in the European theater in WWII, in Africa, in Italy and he was in the Battle of the Bulge. His uncle served in the Navy in the Pacific Theater and was in the attack on Pearl Harbor. He had other family members who served in WWII. They all survived combat.

**Don't mess with America**

When asked about be-

ing drafted he said, "It was not something I was trying to avoid. I expected to do a tour in the military. I think everybody should, it makes you grow up real fast. This is your country, and you should be available to serve. I don't know if I would want to do it again, but I do not regret it. I am proud I served." He says while he was in combat, he never heard anyone complain and he never saw the drug problem that was so widely claimed. "They just wanted to do their job and make it home alive," he said. "The guys I met were all a dedicated tough bunch. You don't want to mess with America because we will come after you. I am proud of the all-volunteer armed forces today. They stepped up when our country needed them."

**Living the Lake life**

Butteris is retired and has lived in Sunrise Beach, Mo. for 19 years. He loves golfing and the Lake. He has been married to his wife Maureen, better known as Moe, for 45 years. They had a daughter while he was deployed and one after he returned. They have one granddaughter. You can catch them in the Heroes Bar at Zack Wheat American Legion Post 624, where he is a member. He is also a member of the VFW Post in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he lived for a time.



Army Scout Dog Handler Marvin Butteris and his dog Smokey at the 25th Infantry Platoon Headquarters in 1970 in Bien Hoa, Vietnam.

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Army Scout Dog Handler Marvin Butteris and his dog King at the 25th Infantry Platoon Headquarters in 1970 in Bien Hoa, Vietnam.

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# Honoring all heroes this Veteran's Day

(BPT)-Veteran's Day, which is celebrated annually on November 11, commemorates the hardworking men and women who sacrifice their time and put themselves in harm's way to defend the country's core values of freedom and opportunity. While Veteran's Day certainly is a chance to honor those who have donned the uniform during wars and military installments, it also can be a chance to recognize the unsung heroes of wartime — those who step into roles so

that soldiers and strategists can focus their attention elsewhere.

Take for example Naomi Parker Fraley. In 1942, Fraley was a machine shop worker at the Naval Air Station in Alameda, Calif. She was one of scores women who worked in factories and shipyards during World War II, helping to produce munitions and war supplies. Parker was 20 years old in 1942 and served as the inspiration for what would become one of the most indelible images of

the era, known as "Rosie the Riveter." Parker unknowingly inspired the iconic image after she was photographed at work bent over an industrial machine in a jumpsuit with her hair tied back in a polka-dot bandana. In 2018, Naomi Parker Fraley died at the age of 96, not nearly the household name she perhaps should have been.

Rosie the Riveter helped to tout the contributions of female war employees who were defending America by working on the homefront. Rosie was a successful morale-booster, and some may be surprised to learn that Rosie has various incarnations.

Norman Rockwell's depiction of a female riveter, which appeared on the cover of the Saturday Evening Post on May 29, 1943, became an iconic staple of that time. Muscular, with a rivet gun on her lap, a sandwich in hand and a boot stomping on a copy of "Mein Kampf" — and timed perfectly to coincide with the release of a song called "Rosie the Riveter" by Redd Evans and John Jacob Loeb — Rosie became a household name. But another Rosie image actually predates Rockwell's Post cover.

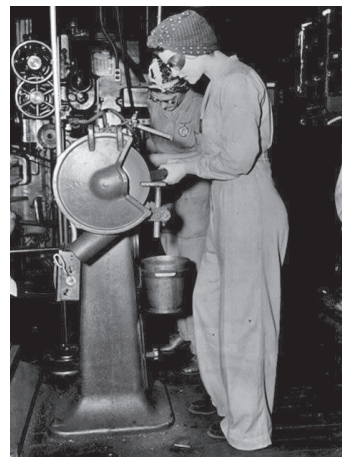
Naomi Parker Fraley was reportedly the inspiration for an ad created by a lesser known artist named J. Howard Miller. Miller produced a "We Can Do It!" poster for Westinghouse Electric in 1942 aimed at boosting spirits among the company's workers. The poster helped to recruit new female personnel, according to scholar James J. Kimble. This Rosie was portrayed in a red bandana with

her bent arm flexed, rolling up her shirtsleeve.

Both Miller's and Rockwell's depictions of female war workers became ingrained in popular culture. Rockwell's cover art was eventually loaned to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for use in war bond drives for the duration of the war. Miller's version has been emulated for generations and still epitomizes a strong female presence in the workforce.

This Veteran's Day is

a prime time to delve into American wartime history, with interesting stories like the origins of Rosie the Riveter, and pay homage to all of the heroes that help ensure America's reputation as a great nation.



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# Veteran's Day Activities

School of the Osage will host Veteran's Day events at all four of its schools Friday, Nov. 10.

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Middle School  
•School-wide assembly  
•Les Chanteurs & Choir performances  
•Donuts and coffee in the Commons area after the ceremony

8:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.  
Early Childhood Center (ECC)  
•Flag parade on campus  
•Pledge of Allegiance at the flagpole  
•Make cards to send to veterans

9:15 a.m.  
Heritage Elementary  
•8 a.m. breakfast  
•8:30 a.m. Veterans are welcome to visit classrooms  
•9:15 a.m. school-wide assembly

1:30 p.m.  
High School  
•School-wide assembly  
•Performance by the OHS band and Les Chanteurs choir  
•Guest speaker and presentation of colors

2:15 p.m.  
Upper Elementary  
•School-wide assembly  
•Performance by Choralettes  
•Presentation by Student Council and a guest speaker



Camdenton School District is also having a Veteran's Day program at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the high school. The event will include a breakfast in the CHS Auxiliary Gym followed by a program to honor all those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces. The breakfast is at 8:30 a.m. with the program to start about 9:30 a.m.

Veterans will be escorted into the gym by the service flag. Veterans and family members are encouraged to send a photo of the veterans to be included in the slide presentation. Send to [bmckiernan@camdentonschools.org](mailto:bmckiernan@camdentonschools.org).



Veteran's Day, Nov. 11  
American Legion Zach Wheat Post 624 will hold a Veteran's Day program at the post at 852 American Legion Road, Sunrise Beach.

8-10:30 a.m.  
•Free breakfast (donations appreciated)

10:30 a.m.  
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11 a.m.  
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# Helpful Links for Veterans

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<https://www.va.gov/>

### Explore VA benefits and health care

#### Health care

Apply for VA health care, find out how to access services, and manage your health and benefits online.

#### Disability

File a claim for disability compensation for conditions related to your military service, and manage your benefits over time.

#### Education and training

Apply for and manage your GI Bill and other education benefits to help pay for college and training programs.

#### Careers and employment

Apply for vocational rehabilitation services, get support for your Veteran-owned small business, and access other career resources.

#### Pension

Apply for monthly payments for wartime Veterans and survivors with limited or no income who meet certain age and disability requirements.

#### Housing assistance

Find out if you're eligible for a VA-backed home loan. If you have a service-connected disability, see if you qualify for a housing

grant to help you live more independently.

#### Life insurance

Explore VA life insurance options for Veterans, service members, and families. Manage your policy online, file claims for benefits, and access helpful resources.

#### Burials and memorials

Get help planning a burial in a VA national cemetery, order a headstone or other memorial item to honor a Veteran's service, and apply for survivor and dependent benefits.

#### Records

Apply for a printed Veteran ID card, get your VA benefit letters and medical records, and learn how to apply for a discharge upgrade.

#### Service member benefits

Find out what benefits you may be eligible for during service and which time-sensitive benefits to consider when separating or retiring.

#### Family member benefits

Learn about the benefits you may qualify for as a spouse, dependent, or survivor. And find out what you're eligible for as a family member caring for a Veteran with disabilities.

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Communication is a vital component in any military operation. It bridges the gap between engaged military personnel as well as Commanders and their field personnel in battle.. Put simply, according to the internet, communication is the creation and exchange of meaning. Again, critical to military operations. Ron Schmitt understands military communication better than most. He enlisted in the Air National Guard in September 1960 with the 266th Construction Squadron at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis. When his superiors discovered after about three years of working on utility poles and stringing wire, he had a college education along with communication skills, they quickly elevated him to 2nd Lieutenant.

"All of those people putting in those poles and lines were then working for me," Schmitt said with a smile. "I was the boss then."

Military communication comprises all means of transmitting messages, orders and reports, both in the field and at sea to be done role in warfare and peacetime.

And that's what Schmitt commanded.

"All over the country, all over the United States," he explained. "Any place the Air Force had a job that they needed done and that we had the capability to do, I did. In fact, after I got commissioned one of my first projects, believe it or not, took me to the Panama Canal."

That command decision didn't set well with some staffers at Central Communications Division in Oklahoma.. Schmitt pitched the job to the CCD staff and they liked it so much they assigned Schmitt's group to the project.

"One of their people started to object and the Commander of CCD cut him off pretty quick," Schmitt recalled. "He told them that their job was to support me. And I was like, geez, that's great. Not only am I going to have my unit but the CCD staff's help and they were a lot of bigger than my unit"

Schmitt continued to climb the ladder and in 1971 he was transferred from Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis to Lambert Field and became the first commander of the 241st Air Traffic Control Flight. The 241st Air Traffic Control Squadron today is a unit of the Missouri Air National Guard stationed at Rosecrans Air National Guard Base in St. Joseph.

What were his duties at Lambert Field?

I built a unit, is what I did. And in the interim, I also got sent to Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss., to go through the air traffic control officers training. I had already been to Keesler earlier to go through the electronic officers course."

By now, Schmitt had been promoted to Major. He had gone from an airman climbing up polls and stringing wire to become a Lieutenant and

then a Major in St. Louis. He and his unit installed equipment to help pilots hone in and land.

After several years there, he was called to active duty in 1978 and transferred to Scott Air Force Base across the river in Belleville, Ill.

"I had become, at that point, what we called a headquarters weenie. I couldn't, it seemed like, I just couldn't do anything wrong. Everybody liked what I did," he recalled.

And it paid off. He traveled all over the country — 48 of 50 states — and to 14 countries taking on communications and air traffic assignments.

"In my particular case, it was to see that the units accomplished the necessary work that was prime to these particular commands at that time. We, for example, put in radios, radars all kinds of equipment to make flying safer," Schmitt explained.

After additional assignments, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel in 1978 and in 1981 he was transferred to a new division at Scott Air Force Base. He was a charter member of the Military Airlift Command Communications Division there.

"I was one of the original eight or nine people assigned to the Military Command Communications Division," he said. "Our job was to take care of the communications requirements for Military Airlift command." He was later transferred to Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City with the Engineering Installation Division of the Air Force Communications Command.

The AFCC retained its responsibility for engineering, installing, removing and relocating Air Force communications, computer and air traffic control systems.

On July 1, 1983, he was elevated to full Colonel status at Scott Air Force Base. His final assignment was at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland.

In July 1995, Schmidt retired from the U.S. Air Force. Along the way, he married his wife, Darline and they had three boys and three girls. They found their way to the Lake of the Ozarks through connections with family.

Like so many veterans, Schmitt believes in the importance of giving back.

"I knew that I did my thing and I did it to the best of my ability," he said. "And sure, now it was time to give back," he recalled.

He's a member of the Lake Ozark Lions Club, the Elks #2517 Lodge and the Osage Beach Special Road District.



Former Osage Beach Mayor Penny Lyons and the late Bob O'Keefe talked Schmitt into running for board of aldermen and he served 10 years from 2007 to 2017.

With a military lifetime in communications, Schmitt admits today that wasn't his initial foray in college. He wanted to become an engineer.

"My first year in college I found out that I wasn't cut out to be an engineer. My first year was in South Bend, Ind., and I could not for the life of me — even with help from a staff priest — comprehend a theoretical mathematics program. So I moved back home to St. Louis University where I got a degree in what at the time was called Industrial Relations."

His first job out of college was with St. Louis Independen-

dent Packing which sold the Mayrose brand of meats.

"It was a packing house and that lasted about a year. Then I got a job as a bodily injury claims adjuster for State Farm Insurance. That lasted about two years," he explained.

It was then he entered military service.

# Aid & Attendance Benefit

Wartime veterans and their surviving spouses 65 years and older may be entitled to a tax-free benefit called Aid and Attendance provided by the Department of Veteran Affairs.

The benefit is designed to provide financial aid to help offset the cost of long-term care for those who need as-

sistance with the daily activities of living such as bathing, dressing, eating, toileting and transferring.

American Veterans Aid, a private company, is dedicated to helping war era veterans and their surviving spouses receive this Benefit which they so deserve.

The Aid & Attendance Ben-

efit provides benefits for war era veterans and their surviving spouses who require the regular attendance of another person to assist in at least two of the daily activities of living such as eating, bathing, dressing and undressing, transferring and the needs of nature.

Call 877-427-8065 now to see if you qualify.

# Presumptive conditions for toxic exposure

What does it mean to have a presumptive condition for toxic exposure?

To get a VA disability rating, your disability must connect to your military service. For many health conditions, you need to prove that your service caused your condition.

But for some conditions, we automatically assume (or "presume") that your service caused your condition. We call these "presumptive conditions."

We consider a condition presumptive when it's established by law or regulation.

If you have a presumptive condition, you don't need to prove that your service caused the condition. You only need to meet the service requirements for the presumption.

He VA has added more than

20 burn pit and other toxic exposure presumptive conditions based on the PACT Act. This change expands benefits for Gulf War era and post-9/11 Veterans.

These cancers are now presumptive:

- Brain cancer
- Gastrointestinal cancer of any type
- Glioblastoma
- Head cancer of any type
- Kidney cancer
- Lymphoma of any type
- Melanoma
- Neck cancer of any type
- Pancreatic cancer
- Reproductive cancer of any type
- Respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type

Learn more about presumptive cancers related to burn pits. These illnesses are now pre-

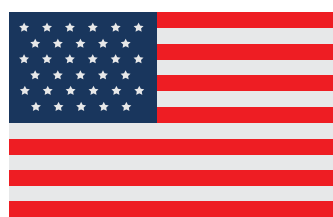
sumptive:

- Asthma that was diagnosed after service
- Chronic bronchitis
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Chronic rhinitis
- Chronic sinusitis
- Constrictive bronchitis or obliterative bronchiolitis
- Emphysema
- Granulomatous disease
- Interstitial lung disease (ILD)
- Pleuritis
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Sarcoidosis

Learn about other hazardous materials presumptive conditions that may make you eligible for care or benefits.



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## FUN FACTS

- 1 Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11th because WWI ended when the Allies and Germany called a truce on the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month.
- 2 It was originally called Armistice Day, as "armstice" means "an agreement made by opposing sides in a war to stop fighting."
- 3 Great Britain, France, Australia, and Canada also celebrate veterans of WWI and WWII on or near November 11th.



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## Camdenton VA Clinic

The VA outpatient clinic offers primary care to help veterans stay healthy and well throughout your life. Below, are the address and hours, parking and transportation information, and the health services offered at the Camdenton VA Clinic.

**Address:**

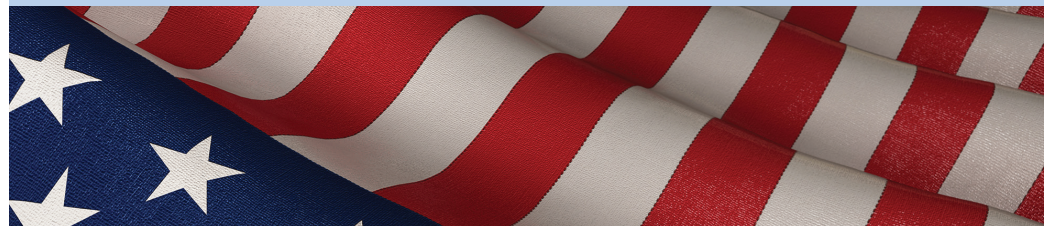
30 Lakeview Drive  
Camdenton, MO 65020-7108  
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**Phone numbers:**

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# Veterans' Profiles



**Hal Anway**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 3 Years  
Stationed: Philippines, Japan  
Of note: Earned Pacific Campaign with 2 stars as part of Philippine Liberation



**Richard S. Atkins II**  
Branch: Army Airborne  
Hometown: Laurie  
Stationed: Vietnam  
Of note: Earned Silver Star, Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal



**Loren Beaumont**  
Branch: Army Air Force  
Years: 1943-1946  
Of note: Made 48 trips to Europe while on duty



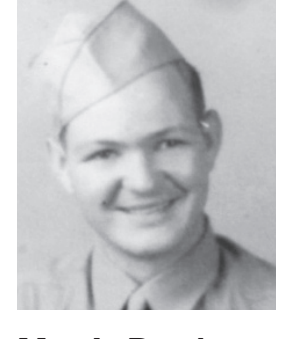
**Robert D. Bebermeyer**  
Branch: Navy  
Of note: Was aboard USS New Jersey when the Spruce Goose completed its sole flight in 1947



**Barlow Biggers**  
Branch: Army, CW4 retired  
Years: 1961-1963 1972-2002  
Hometown: Eldon, MO  
Of note: Meritorious Service, Commendation w/2 OLC and Achievement w/2 OLC medals, National Defense Service w/star, USCG Unit Commendation



**Gary L. Bartley**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 4 Years  
Hometown: Gravois Mills  
Stationed: Naval Station Norfolk, Norfolk, Va.  
Of note: Sailor of the Month, Airman, Good Conduct



**Max L. Bartley**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 4 1/4 Years  
Stationed: World War II  
Hometown: Sunrise Beach, MO  
Of note: 2 Bronze Stars, 7 overseas



**Bill Bassett**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1943-45  
Hometown: Des Moines, Iowa, Lake Ozark, MO  
Of note: Purple Heart from the Battle of the Bulge



**Bill Bates**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 4 Years  
Hometown: Lebanon, MO  
Stationed: Kemp Air Base, Korea and Boling Air Base, Washington, D.C.  
Of note: National Defense and Service medals



**Richard Bennett**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 5 Years  
Hometown: Loveland, Colo.  
Stationed: South Pacific  
Of note: Good Conduct, Occupation and WWII medals



**Craig A. Berlette**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 1984-present  
Stationed: San Antonio, Texas  
Of note: Colonel



**John A. Berlette**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 1954-1976  
Hometown: Laurie, MO  
Of note: Was a pilot member of Strategic Air Command



**Thomas N. Blancett**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1967-1969  
Stationed: Vietnam  
Of note: Awarded Combat Infantry Badge, Air Medal, Bronze Star for valor



**Michael Blankinship**  
Branch: Marines  
Years: 1988-1992  
Of note: Combat Action w/1 star, Unit Commendation, Kuwait Liberation, Southwest Asia Service w/3 stars, Humanitarian Service in Operation Sea Angel and others



**Edgar F. Blanton**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1942-1946  
Of note: Served as a gunnersmate



**William C. Blanton**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1969-1971  
Of note: Served in Special Services



**Paul J. Blatner**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1947-1949  
Hometown: Aurora, IL



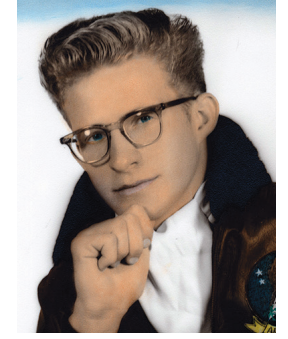
**Edward M. Bobier**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 2 Years  
Hometown: Osage Beach, MO  
Stationed: Japan area



**Richard Boczek**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1965-1969  
Hometown: Lake Ozark, MO  
Of note: Served aboard the USS Enterprise



**John C. Bohnert**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1969-1970  
Stationed: Dong Hoi, Vietnam  
Of note: Received Bronze Star and Army Commendation



**Charlie Bott**  
Branch: Merchant Marines  
Hometown: Raytown, MO  
Years: 1957-61  
Stationed: Hawaii  
Of note: Radioman on a Constellation, part of an airborne early warning squadron during Cold War



**Theron Bradford**  
Branch: Army Air Force  
Years: 1942-1946  
Stationed: Guam  
Of note: Awarded two Bronze Stars



**Olen Gene Bradshaw**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1953-55  
Hometown: Kirksville, MO  
Stationed South Dakota



**Eugene "Gene" Branch**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1943-1946  
Of note: Served as a Motor Machinist Mate, First Class SV-6



**Vernon L. (Lance) Burdette**  
Branch: Army, Air Force, MSgt., USAF, Retired  
Years: 1957-60, 1960-77  
Stationed: Okinawa, The Azores, Portugal, Thailand, Germany, Guam, Philippines



**Allan Burke**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 1966-1970  
Stationed: Vietnam  
Of note: Commendation, 3 Air Medals, Vietnam Service, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Safety Commendation



**Marvin Butteris**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1969-71  
Hometown: Lisbon, Iowa  
Deployed Central highlands of Vietnam and Cambodia  
Of note: Scout dog handler working with recon platoons



**Larry Canavan**  
Vietnam veteran served in Danang 1966-7



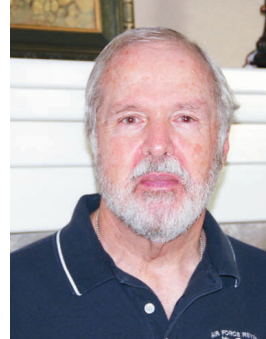
**Howard Carr**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 4 Years  
Hometown: St. Louis/Rocky Mount, MO  
Of note: Oldest member of Amvets Post 108 in Rocky



**Harold Castle**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 6 Years  
Hometown: Sunrise Beach, MO  
Stationed: San Diego but he was deployed to the South China Sea and served on the USS Halsey Powell DD686



**Fred Catcott**  
Branch: Navy  
Years 29-plus  
Hometown: Keosauqua, IA  
Stationed: World Wide  
Of note: HMCM(SW/FMF) U.S.N. Retired



**James D. Caven**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 1966-87  
Hometown: Neodesha, KS  
Of note: Aviator; Chief of Civil law, Military Justice & Prosecutor; Staff Judge Advocate, Chief Defense Counsel West Coast, 3 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 11 air medals and 5 meritorious service



**Alan Chamberlain**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1946-48  
Hometown: Madison, WI  
Stationed: USS Pickaway  
Of note: Three trips to China to evacuate US troops



**Cathy Landrus-Chambers**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 12 Years  
Stationed: Iowa and Cook Barracks, Germany



**Lester M. Clark**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1951-1953  
Stationed: Korea  
Of note: Awarded the Purple Heart



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**Hal Coleman**  
**Branch:** Navy/Naval Reserve  
**Years:** 1943-1963  
**Stationed:** South Pacific, Asiatic Pacific  
**Of note:** Aboard LST 654



**John Conley**  
**Branch:** Army  
**Years:** 1955-1958  
**Stationed:** Okinawa  
**Of note:** Army Intelligence officer with the Army Security Agency



**Roger Corbin**  
**Branch:** Air Force, Army  
**Years:** Nebraska  
**Hometown:** Nebraska  
**Of note:** Tet Offensive, Vietnam; military intelligence



**Cody Cramlett**  
**Branch:** Army, SPC.  
**Years:** 5 Years  
**Hometown:** Camdenton, MO  
**Stationed:** Fort Bragg and 1 tour in Afghanistan  
**Of note:** Global War on Terror, NATO and Afghanistan Campaign medals, Overseas Ribbon, Army Commendation



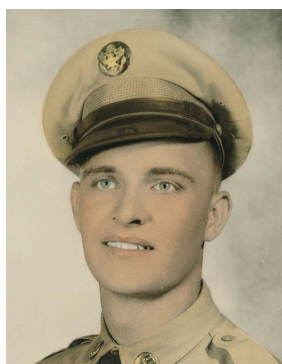
**Christopher A. Crossland**  
**Branch:** Army Guard  
**Years:** 2001-2004  
**Stationed:** Kosovo, Iraq  
**Hometown:** Kyle, Texas



**Michael Cummings**  
**Branch:** Air Force  
**Years:** 8 Years  
**Hometown:** Eldon, MO  
**Of note:** Honors and Medals- NATO Medal of Kosovo, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal with a Valor Device (Combat Distinction)



**Major Ben D. Daugherty**  
**Branch:** Marine Corps  
**Years:** 1946-1967  
**Stationed:** World War II, Korean and Vietnam wars  
**Of note:** In 1966 awarded Bronze Star and later received Purple Heart. Rose from Private to Major.



**Monte Davidson**  
**Branch:** Army  
**Of note:** 514th Heavy Gun Battalion



**Zach Davis**  
**Branch:** Navy  
**Hometown:** Versailles, MO  
**Of note:** Worked in the military police in anti-terrorism force protection



**Tanna Davis**  
**Branch:** Navy  
**Years:** 2008-2013  
**Of note:** Heavy Equipment Operator with 8 months deployed to Rota, Spain. Homeport Station was Port Hueneme, Calif.



**Delmar Davis**  
**Branch:** Merchant Marines  
**Years:** 3 1/2 years  
**Of note:** Served on a Liberty ship and a Victory ship, hauling occupational troops to Europe and bringing troops home as well as shipments of wheat to Netherlands post-WWII



**Rudy Desmond**  
**Branch:** Navy  
**Years:** 1943-47  
**Hometown:** Aurora, IL  
**Stationed:** USS Boggs - South Pacific



**Brad Deters**  
**Branch:** Air National Guard  
**Years:** 1992-98



**Gene Deters**  
**Branch:** Army  
**Years:** 1969-70  
**Deployed:** Vietnam  
**Of note:** Specialist E5 Communications, attached to Screaming Eagles 101st Airborne, Signal Corp



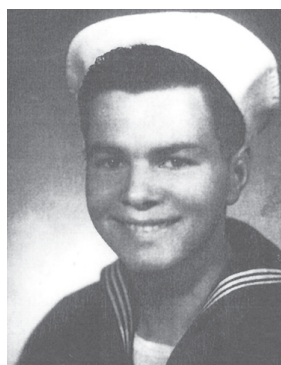
**Louis DeVries**  
**Branch:** Army  
**Years:** 1952-1954  
**Hometown:** Linn Creek, MO  
**Of note:** Worked on mapping depot reconnaissance planes in Japan, awarded National Service Medal



**Wayne Doornbosch**  
**Branch:** Navy Seabee  
**Years:** 2 Years  
**Stationed:** Danang, Vietnam  
**Of note:** National Defense, Vietnam Service w/FMF Combat Operations & Silver Star and others



**Joe Duncan**  
**Branch:** Navy  
**Years:** 1968-75  
**Hometown:** St. Joseph, MO  
**Of note:** Submarine service in Gato-class vessel



**David Dunn**  
**Branch:** Navy  
**Stationed:** USS Tortuga  
**Of note:** From 1954-56, Operation Passage to Freedom was single largest people-moving operation in history. Dunn participated in exodus of N. Vietnamese civilians and soldiers as well as French Army to South Vietnam.



**Robert M. Dye**  
**Hometown:** Sunrise Beach, MO  
**Branch:** US Navy  
**Years:** Jan 1967 - December 1972  
**Of note:** Electricians Mate 1st Class National Defense Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Good Conduct Medal, Republic Vietnam Campaign Medal with device, Vietnam Service medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea)



**Robert Eames**  
**Branch:** Marines, Sgt. Major  
**Years:** 1944-1973  
**Hometown:** Iberia, MO  
**Stationed:** China, Korea, Vietnam  
**Of note:** Medals from WW2, Korea and Vietnam w/8 battle stars; headed MP units for all forces



**Darrell Elliott**  
**Branch:** Army  
**Years:** 2000-2008  
**Stationed:** Two tours in Iraq for total of 27-month deployment and one tour Kosovo  
**Of note:** Tank Gunner



**Grover Jarvis Elmore**  
**Branch:** Army  
**Years:** 1953 - 1955  
**Hometown:** Joliet, Ill.  
**Stationed:** Germany  
**Of note:** Expert Rifleman, German Occupation, Good Conduct Medals



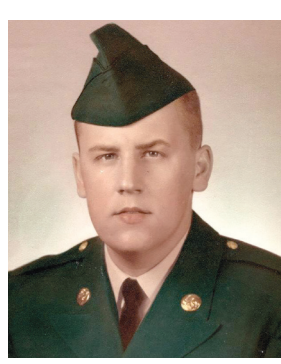
**Clay Emry**  
**Branch:** Army  
**Years:** 3 Years  
**Stationed:** Germany/France  
**Of note:** Awarded Purple Heart, Three Bronze Stars



**Patrick Elson**  
**Branch:** Marines, Sergeant  
**Years:** 2003-2007  
**Hometown:** Kansas City, MO  
**Stationed:** Camp Pendleton  
**Of note:** Deployed to Haditha, Iraq; Combat Action Purple Heart and others



**Lawrence Euler**  
**Branch:** Army  
**Years:** 18 months, World War II  
**Hometown:** Mansfield, MO  
**Stationed:** Trieste, Italy



**Joe Farrell**  
**Branch:** Army  
**Years:** 1968-69  
**Hometown:** Iowa, Columbia/Eldon, MO  
**Stationed:** Ft. Leonard Wood, Vietnam



**James Fiers**  
**Branch:** Army Air Force  
**Years:** 1944-1946  
**Of note:** Transported papers from the EmpireState Building to the United Nations



**Timothy L. Fletcher**  
**Branch:** Army  
**Years:** 1966-1969  
**Of note:** Served in Tan Sun Nhut, Vietnam as part of the Military Assistance



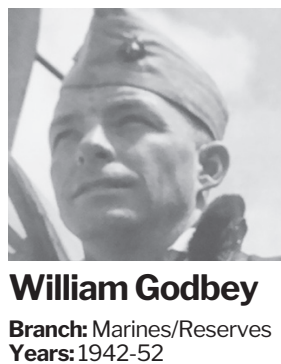
**H. Kevin Garcia**  
**Branch:** Marines, Corporal  
**Years:** 1987-1995 UNMC,  
**Hometown:** Omaha, NE  
**Stationed:** Camp LeJeune, S.C.  
**Of note:** Deployed in Desert Storm - Desert Shield



**Jack Anthony Garcia**  
**Branch:** Army Air Force  
**Years:** 1941-1944  
**Of note:** Enlisted after attack on Pearl Harbor with two brothers



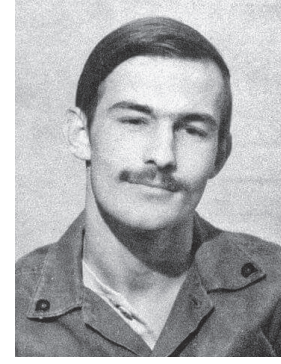
**Glenn Gebhardt**  
**Branch:** Army National Guard  
**Years:** 1961-1964



**William Godbey**  
**Branch:** Marines/Reserves  
**Years:** 1942-52  
**Deployed:** WWII; Korean War  
**Of note:** Shot down at Guadalcanal, picked up by P.T. boat; fighter pilot; Iwo Jima; protected convoys, bombers at Okinawa; wounded during Inchon, covered pull-out; shot down behind enemy lines, rescued by Korean underground



**Rick Goedde**  
**Branch:** Navy  
**Years:** 1969-1972  
**Stationed:** Long Beach, CA, Pearl Harbor, Vietnam  
**Of note:** In memory of brother Robert, killed in Vietnam



**Jim Gohagen**  
**Of note:** ROK, Tamms Clerk



**March (Duke) Griffin**  
**Branch:** Army, Sgt. E-5  
**Years:** 3 Years  
**Hometown:** Lake Ozark, MO  
**Stationed:** Vietnam  
**Of note:** Purple Heart and others



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**Terry Lee Hackett**  
Branch: Army Reserves and Navy, CW4  
Years: 29 years total  
Stationed: Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Iraq  
Of note: Vietnam Campaign, Overseas Service, Southwest Asia Service, Kuwait Liberation, Bronze Star and others



**John Hagen**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1969-1971  
Of note: Served as a parachute rigger at Fort Campbell as training exercises for the Vietnam War



**Brandon and Erin Haynes**  
Of note: Afghanistan 2014



**Terry Haller**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1987-1995  
Stationed: Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Asia  
Of note: Bronze Star and numerous other medals and ribbons



**Wayne Hanks**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1950-1954  
Stationed: Philippine Sea  
Of note: Earned National Defense, Good Conduct, KPUC, and Korean Service awards



**Vincent David Hannon**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 6 Years  
Hometown: Wilmington, N.C.  
Stationed: Fort Sills, Fort Leonard Wood



**Don Hasch**  
Branch: Marines  
Years: 1943-1952  
Hometown: Omaha, NE  
Of note: Served as a control tower operator, remained in the reserves for five years



**Earl W. Haworth**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1942-1946  
Stationed: South Pacific arena  
Of note: Served in the South Pacific arena and earned six stars for landings



**Lance R. Hedrick**  
Branch: Marine Corps  
Years: 1979-89  
Hometown: Osage Beach, MO  
Stationed: US, Okinawa, Philippines, Korea, Thailand, Western White House at Santa Barbara, Calif.  
Of note: Unit and Meritorious commendations; SSGT



**Gerry Hodge**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 15 Years  
Hometown: Acton, MA  
Stationed: Germany, Ft. Wood, West Point



**Scott Hofer, D.O.**  
Branch: Army  
Hometown: Colorado  
Of note: Chief of Orthopedics for operation in Baghdad, Iraq; Flight Surgeon, Brigade Surgeon



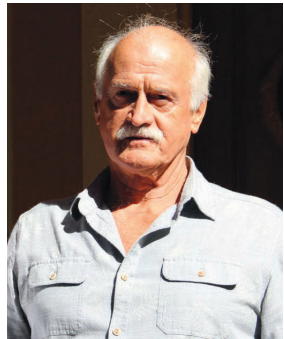
**Sgt. Bob Holmes**  
Branch: Marine Corps  
Years: 3 Years  
Deployed: Korea, 1953  
Hometown: Colorado  
Of note: Belongs to Marine Corps League 1137



**Jeremy Holt**  
Branch: Army and National Guard  
Years: 5 Years  
Stationed: Iraq  
Hometown: Miami, Fla.



**Bob Lee Huff**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1949-1950  
Hometown: Macomb, IL  
Of note: Passed away Oct. 19, 2012, in memoriam from granddaughter Jeni Hamm



**Mike Hughes**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1965-69  
Hometown: Chillicothe, MO  
Of note: Served on USS Ticonderoga which saw over 13,000 sorties and won 12 Battle Stars during Vietnam.



**Frank Hurley**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1953-1955  
Of note: Served in France during the Korean War with the 61st Transit Truck Company - Red Ball Express



**Melody Simpson-Jackman**  
Branch: Army, CW2  
Years: On Active Duty  
Of note: Combat Action Badge, Black Hawk pilot with 101st Airborne Division



**Jacque (Jack) Jeffords**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 28,  
Stationed: Korean War  
Hometown: Mullen, NE  
Of note: Crew Chief; shot down, held as POW 3 years; SAC Inspector General Team



**James R. Jeffries**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 4 Years  
Hometown: Brumley, MO  
Stationed: USS Ticonderoga, USS Kitty Hawk  
Of note: Unit Citation, National Defense, Vietnam Campaign (3 stars), Service medals



**Bernard W. Johnson**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 3 1/4 Years  
Stationed: Kobe, Japan  
Of note: Korean Service, Good Conduct Medal, Army Occupation Medal (Japan), United Service Medal



**Ordell Jones**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1945-47  
Stationed: Ft. Leavenworth, Ft. Hood, Paris, France  
Of note: Sgt. Technician 4th Grade Quarter Master in Paris



**Russell Kasnick**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1954-1956  
Hometown: Bensonville, IL  
Of note: Served as an electrician in an Amphibious Unit called Beachmasters



**Wilbur Keck**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1951 to 1953



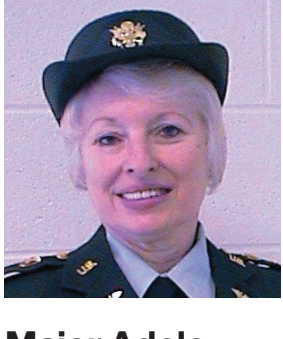
**Paul Keller**  
Branch: Army  
Hometown: Anaconda, MT  
Of note: Special Forces, lived with S. Vietnamese; drill sergeant; summited Denali, high altitude rescues; Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Vietnam medals and more



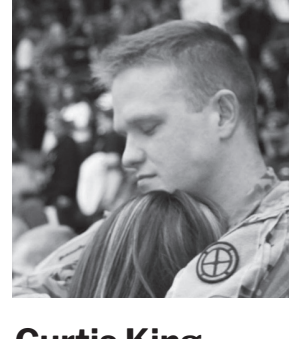
**J. Howard Kerstetter, Jr.**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1944-46  
Hometown: Toledo, OH  
Stationed: 13th General Hospital, Osaka, Japan  
Of note: Good Conduct Medal



**George Kestler**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1957-1962  
Hometown: Salisbury, N.C.  
Stationed: Bethesda Naval Center, Md., Philadelphia Naval Hospital, Penn.  
Of note: Good Conduct



**Major Adele Kieffer**  
Branch: Army National Guard



**Curtis King**  
Of note: Curtis is currently a member of the Missouri Army National Guard and has served one tour of duty in Afghanistan



**Troy King**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1982-1989  
Hometown: Belton/Osage Beach, MO  
Stationed: Europe



**Joseph A. Kinnaman**  
Branch: Navy-HMZ  
Years: 7-plus Years  
Hometown: Troy, MO  
Stationed: Vietnam  
Of note: Vietnam Service Medals, Bronze Star



**Millard Kinnison**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1972-1981



**Jacky Klein**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 6 Years  
Hometown: Camdenton, MO  
Stationed: Con Thien, Vietnam  
Of note: Expert Marksman



**Jim Koby**  
Branch: Coast Guard  
Years: 4 Years  
Hometown: St. Louis, MO  
Stationed: North Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi  
Of note: Good Conduct



**Donald J. Koviak**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 4 Years  
Hometown: St. Louis/Linn Creek, MO  
Stationed: Vietnam



**Keith Kulberg**  
Branch: Navy, Retired  
Years: December 1969 to June 1990  
Hometown: Lake Ozark, MO  
Stationed: Corpus Christi, Texas; Alameda, Calif.; A-GANA, Guam; Beeville, Texas  
Of note: AMH1



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**Dannie Landrus**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 5 Years  
Stationed: Cook Barracks, Germany



**Ronnie Landrus**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 3 Years  
Hometown: St. Joseph, MO  
Stationed: Ft. Belvoir, Virginia



**Sgt Jeff Langley**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: June 1977-October 1981  
Stationed: Yokota AB, Tokyo; McClelland AFB, Sacramento



**Derrick Lawson**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 2001-2013  
Stationed: Iraq  
Of note: Purple Heart and others



**Warren Livingston**  
Branch: Air Force, Sgt.  
Years: 1966-1970  
Hometown: Galesburg, Ill.  
Stationed Wilford Hall Hospital, San Antonio, Texas  
Of note: National Defense, Presidential Unit, Good Conduct



**Raymond Long**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 4 Years  
Stationed: South Pacific, New Guinea, Japan



**SPC Keith "Doc" Lucas**  
Branch: Missouri Army National Guard, combat medic  
Years: 2000-2006  
Stationed: Operation Iraqi Freedom 2004; Combat Medical Badge, Commendation; Sr. Vice Commander of Camdenton VFW Post



**William Mathis**  
Years: 23 Years  
Hometown: Camdenton, MO



**Kent A. Mathis**  
Branch: National Guard  
Years: 1968-1990



**Thomas John Mackiewicz**  
Branch: Army  
Stationed: Iraq  
Of note: Purple Heart, 2 Army Commendation medals, Bronze Star and more



**Edward J. Manzer**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 1943-47  
Hometown: St. Louis, MO  
Stationed: All over the USA  
Of note: Flight instructor on B25s, troop carrier command to fly C47s and C54s



**Scott Martin**  
Branch: Army, Lt. Col.  
Years: 23 Years  
Hometown: Camdenton, MO  
Stationed: Ft. Wood; Germany; Vietnam; Pentagon  
Of note: 5 Bronze Stars (1 w/valor), Vietnam Service 6 Stars, Vietnam Gallantry Cross and Commendation and others



**Louis Mayer**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1945-1946  
Stationed: South Pacific  
Of note: Served in the Marianas Islands at the conclusion of World War II



**Bob McClure**  
Branch: Army Air Force  
Years: 1941-1946  
Hometown: Kansas City/Roach, MO  
Stationed: U.S. and Pacific  
Of note: One of five boys to serve from the same family



**Gerald McCrary**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1941-1945  
Stationed: Okinawa



**Chief Warrant Officer 2 Joseph E. McDevitt**  
Of note: Had A Great Flight!!!



**Don Merkle**  
Branch: Marines  
Years: 1956-1962



**Joyce McHenry**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 6 active, 4 reserves  
Hometown: Laurie, MO  
Stationed: Shepherd AFB, Texas and Otis AFB, MA



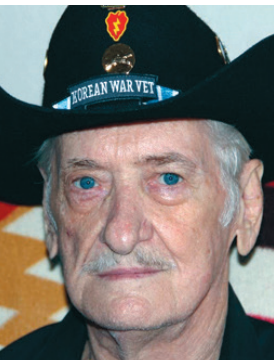
**Gary A. Mertz**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1966-1968  
Stationed: Central highland of Vietnam  
Of note: National Defense and Vietnam Service medals, Tet Campaign 1968



**Philip H. Metzler**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: World War II



**Dan R. Mills**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1985-2005  
Of note: Enlisted: Builder, 1985-1993; Officer: Civil Engineering Corps, 2000-2005



**Rutherford "Rocky" Mills**  
Branch: Army  
Hometown Kansas City, MO  
Of note: 27th Infantry, 25th Division, operated 75 MM gun as part of tank crew in major tank battle of Korean War



**Brian Morgan**  
Branch: Marines  
Years: 1980-2002  
Stationed: Afghanistan, Persian Gulf, Bosnia  
Of note: Earned more than 20 American and foreign service awards



**William Morgan**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1993-present  
Stationed: Iraq, Afghanistan  
Of note: Captain with the U.S. Cavalry, received two Bronze Stars



**Travis R. Morley**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 2001-2006



**William Mullins**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1987-1992  
Hometown: Camdenton, MO  
Stationed: USS Enterprise  
Of note: Operations Earnest Will, Praying Mantis, Classic Resolve; Expeditionary Medal w/Bronze Star, Sea Service Ribbon w/ Bronze Star and others



**Larry Nelson**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1964-67  
Hometown: Camdenton, MO  
Stationed: Scholfield Barracks, Hawaii; Vietnam  
Of note: Combat Infantry Badge; Vietnam Service Medal, 2 Bronze Service Stars and more



**Tommy Lee Osborn**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 4 Years  
Hometown: Independence, MO  
Stationed: USS Coral Sea  
Of note: National Defense, Vietnam 3 Bronze Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device and others



**Daniel D. Overkamp**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1968-1970  
Stationed: Vietnam  
Of note: Awarded three Bronze Stars



**Don Payne**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 1961-1965  
Stationed: Barksdale AFB, La.  
Of note: Entered service single, exited married with two children



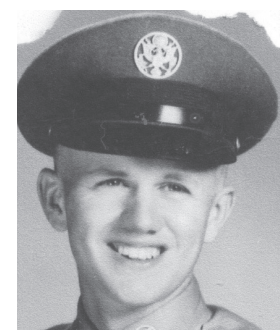
**George Penfield**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1948-51  
Residence: Osage Beach  
Of note: In Korean War aboard USS Askani which received 16 battle stars and 2 presidential unit citations



**Jim Pennino**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 1966-1970  
Of note: Served in Korea following the capture of the Pueblo, awarded Commendation Medal



**Charles Robert Peterson**  
Branch: Marines  
Years: 1946-1949  
Of note: Served at Kaneohe Naval Air Force Base in Hawaii for 33 months



**Millard "Bud" Phillips**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 4 Years  
Hometown: Dowaglas, MI  
Stationed: Texas, Alaska



**Grover Pickel**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1969-1971  
Of note: Aviation instructor then in Vietnam served with A company/101 aviation battalion/101 airborne



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**John F. Pilla**  
Branch: Naval Air Force  
Years: 4 Years  
Hometown: St. Louis, MO  
Stationed: Pensacola, Fla., Foley, Ala.  
Of note: Good Conduct, Korean War, US Theatre



**Roy W. Pinzke**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1953-1955  
Of note: Served as a combat photographer in the 25th Division Signal Corp



**William Potter**  
Branch: Marines  
Years: 1956-1964  
Of note: Served at Camp Pendleton as a Postal Officer and delivered Top Secret Mail



**Nathan Purdy**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 4 Active and 1 1/2 years Army reserve  
Hometown: Lake Ozark  
Stationed Fort Drum, N.Y., Iraq



**Bill Putnam**  
Branch: Marines  
Years: 1969-1973  
Hometown: Jefferson City, MO  
Of note: Awarded National Defense Medal, Good conduct



**Robert "Mike" Ray**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 1969-1975 active, 1984-2001 in reserves  
Stationed: Worldwide  
Of note: Did aircraft maintenance



**Harry Reed**  
Branch: Army, Sgt.  
Years: World War II  
Stationed: Europe  
Of note: Battle of the Bulge; Bronze Star, 2 Purple Hearts with Cluster, Belgium, Normandy, Luxembourg medals, Missouri Medal, Five Battle Stars, Five Overseas Stars, French Knight of the Legion of Honor



**Scott Riedel**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 31 years  
Hometown: North Augusta, SC  
Stationed: Retired as LTC from Ft. Shafter, Hawaii  
Of note: 3 combat tours, Bronze Stars, Global War on Terrorism Service, Iraqi Campaign, Air Assault, Combat Action badges and more



**Donnell Robie**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 4 Years  
Stationed: USS Gen. W.A. Mann and USS Yellowstone  
Of note: Awarded Good conduct, Service in Vietnam



**Gene A. Ryon**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 7 Years  
Hometown: Osage Beach, MO  
Stationed: San Antonio, TX, Champaign, Il, Tacoma, WA, Ramstein AFB, Kaiserslautern, W. Germany



**Sgt. Curtis W. Sansom**  
Branch: Army, National Guard  
Years: 6 Years  
Of note: 2 Tours Afghanistan; recruiter in Lebanon, MO



**Hank Sateia**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1952-54  
Hometown: Lake Ozark, MO  
Stationed: Kumhaw Valley and Chorion Valley, Korea  
Of note: H.S.Co. 578 Combat Engineers, 40th Division



**M.J. Buzz Sawyer**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1966-1970  
Stationed: U.S. and Pacific  
Of note: Awarded Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star



**SFC Paul Schaefer**  
Of note: Retired; MOARNG; motor pool SGT at WAFB, Jefferson City and TAC NCO at Ft. Leonard Wood



**CPT Rona Schaefer**  
Years: 15 years  
Of note: MOARNG; TAC officer at Ft. Leonard Wood, platoon leader at WAFB, company commander at St. Joseph, Mo.



**Gene Scheiter**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1953-78  
Hometown: Hannibal, MO  
Stationed: All over US with deployments to Caribbean, Morocco, Philippines, Vietnam, Pentagon  
Of note: Aviator and instructor; Joint Service Commendation, National Defense, Reserves and Expeditionary medals; Mo. Vietnam War Medal; Retired Cdr.



**Robert H. Schlutow**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1965-1967  
Stationed: U.S. and Vietnam  
Of note: Awarded Bronze Medal



**Jake Schnakenberg**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 3 Years  
Stationed: Iraq  
Of note: Awarded Army Commendation and Achievement Medal



**Terry Scholl**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1968-72  
Hometown: Lewisburg, PA  
Stationed: USS Boxer and USS John F. Kennedy  
Of note: Electricians Mate 3rd Class



**Leroy Schultz**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 4 Years  
Hometown: Leavenworth, KS  
Stationed: Philippines, Okinawa, Taiwan, England  
Of note: Marksman



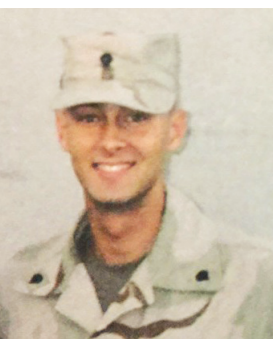
**Donald Scott**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1974-1976  
Stationed: USS Forestall  
Hometown: Laurie, MO  
Of note: Awarded National Defense Medal



**Nadean Shannon**  
Branch: Navy Reserve  
Hometown: Turtle Lake, ND  
Of note: Naval Security, Japan; recovery efforts after earthquake in Haiti in 2010, Achievement Medal; first female commander of American Legion Post 229



**Daniel Shepherd**  
Branch: Marine Corps  
Years: 4 Years  
Stationed: Okinawa, Japan and Camp Lejeune, N.C.



**David Shepherd**  
Of note: Served two tours in Iraq during Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom



**Tom Shoemaker Sr.**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1956-62  
Hometown: Camden, MO  
Stationed: USS Antietam CVS



**Rogelio Sifuentes**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 17 Years  
Hometown: Glendive, MT  
Stationed: Iraq  
Of note: Pictured in Taji, Iraq, 2004, from left: SPC Rogelio Sifuentes, CSM Vernon Praymous and SSG Timothy Sifuentes. "In the midst of war, we brothers are happy to serve together."



**Rosayliz Sifuentes**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 2000 - 2005  
Stationed: Iraq  
Of note: Fajardo, Puerto Rico



**Ted Skidmore**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 4 Years  
Stationed: Vietnam  
Hometown: Cameron, MO



**Britt Small**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 3 Years  
Hometown: Waldron, IN  
Stationed: Vietnam  
Of note: Paratrooper, 173rd Airborne Brigade; Purple Heart, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and others



**Martin E. Small**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 16 Years  
Hometown: Skidmore, MO  
Stationed: Ft. Campbell, Ky. - Iraq; Ft. Riley, Kan. - Iraq; Ft. Leonard Wood  
Of note: Paratrooper, CPT.



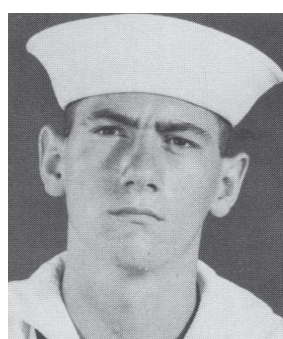
**Dennis Smith**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1968-71  
Of note: Piloted Huey helicopter in Vietnam



**Douglas Somerhalder**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1969-1973  
Hometown: Nebraska



**Jon Sommers**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 14 Years  
Stationed: U.S. and South Korea  
Of note: Awarded Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal



**Lloyd Ray Sorrell**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1969-73  
Of note: Vietnam, parachute rigger on Kitty Hawk class carrier Constellation; National Defense and Vietnam medals



**Paul Sorrell**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1968-1972  
Stationed: Vietnam  
Of note: VF-111 fighter squadron Aviation Structural Hydraulics service



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**Stafford H. Starn**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1964-1967  
Stationed: Dominican Republic  
Of note: Awarded Expeditionary Medal



**Elmer Steffen**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1942-1945  
Of note: Worked in the Tank Division in the Philippines



**Gary St. Ivany**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1970-1971  
Hometown: Camdenton, MO  
Of note: Awarded Vietnam Service Medal



**Orville Stoerber**  
Branch: Army  
Hometown: Belleville, IL  
Years: 26 Years, Ret. Sgt. Major in 1969  
Of note: WWII, Korea, Vietnam; Bronze Star for Valor; 25th Medic Battalion; Army Veterinary Corps



**Travis Stogsdill**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1983-93  
Hometown: Eldon, MO  
Of note: Kuwait Liberation, Southeast Asia Service (Iraq & Somalia) medals, Humanitarian Award (Bosnia); and more



**Dan Sutherland**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 1969-75  
Hometown: Cedar Falls, IA  
Stationed: Wichita, Kan.



**Robert H. Taylor**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 3 1/2 Years  
Hometown: Green City, MO  
Stationed: South Pacific  
Of note: Purple Heart, Presidential Citation, Philippine Ribbon 1 star and others



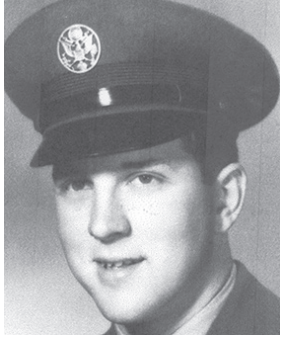
**Donald Terry**  
Branch: Navy, Air Force, National Guard  
Years: 20 Years  
Stationed: USS Saratoga, USS Shelton, Kincheloe Air Base



**Joe Terry**  
Branch: Marine Corps  
Years: 1959-1965  
Stationed: Laos  
Of note: Semper Fi



**Carl Tidgren**  
Branch: Navy  
Stationed: Pensacola, U.S.  
Hometown: Camdenton, MO  
Of note: Assigned to search and rescue unit and was the photographer on a seaplane



**Roger Trost**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 1952-1956  
Of note: Maintained electronic systems Air Defense Command in Ohio



**Bernard Trudeau**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1959-61  
Hometown: Camdenton, MO  
Stationed: Korea



**Robert Usher**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 1968-1972  
Stationed: Vietnam



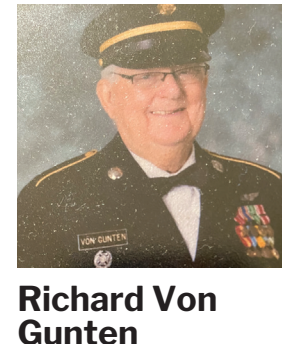
**Leo Usher**  
Branch: Army Air Corp  
Years: 1946-1947



**Ernest Venis**  
Branch: Army Signal Corp  
Years: 1966-1969  
Stationed: Vietnam  
Of note: Reserves until 1971, various commendations and a Bronze Star



**Brad Vold**  
Branch: Marines  
Years: Served four years  
Of note: Served in the military police during the Vietnam War



**Richard Von Gunten**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1954-1976  
Stationed: Korea, Japan, Greenland and Vietnam  
Of note: Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal w/ Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal, Good Conduct Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, many other awards and accolades



**Mike Waggett**  
Branch: Air Force  
Of note: Awarded numerous commendations, including Legion of Merit, Air Force Commendation Medal, 2 devices and Meritorious Service Medal, 3 devices



**Bill Wallin**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1967-69  
Stationed: Vietnam  
Of note: Artillery forward observer



**Drew Weaver**  
Branch: Marines  
Years: 2005-2008  
Of note: Awarded Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Purple Heart



**Robert L. White**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1943-1946  
Hometown: Eldon, MO  
Stationed: Germany



**Ken Whitfield**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1965-67  
Of note: Operation Junction City; National Defense Service, Vietnam Campaign, Vietnam Service medals, Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/ Palm Unit Citation Badge



**John V. Williams**  
Branch: Navy  
Stationed: U.S. and Japan  
Of note: Was among the first US service men to go ashore and disarm Japan



**Troy Williams**  
Branch: Marine Corps  
Years: 1989-1993  
Of note: Washington, D.C. Marine Barracks - security duty at White House; Operation Desert Storm; Eldon VFW Post Commander, VFW State Surgeon



**Harlan L. (Jerry) Wicker, Jr.**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 1965-68  
Hometown: Des Moines, IA  
Stationed: Taiwan during Vietnam War



**Rob Willis**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1995-present



**Dewey Phillips**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1953-58  
Stationed: Germany



**Unknown**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1972-74  
Stationed: USS Kitty Hawk



**Donald P. McAdams**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1952-54



**Fay Howard Reitz**  
Branch: Marines



**Warren (Joe) Anderson**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 1961-1965  
Of note: 15th Air Force, March AFB, California, Iowa National Guard, 22nd Civil Engineering



**Shirley Reid Anderson**  
Branch: Air Force  
Of note: 15th Recon Group, SAC, March Air Force Base, California



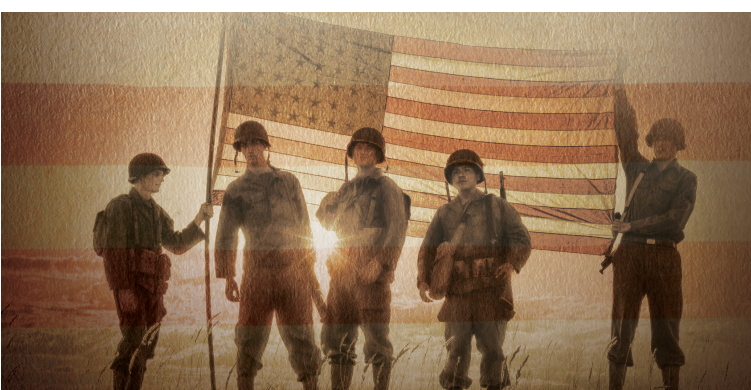
**Charles J. Bryan**  
Branch: Air Force Staff Sergeant 1951-1955  
Stationed: Fairchild AFB, Spokane Washington 1951-1954  
Kimpo AFT, Seoul, Korea 1954-1955



**Bob Chester**  
Branch: Navy  
Stationed: USS Kitty Hawk CVA-63  
Of note: San Diego, CA wo tours Vietnam 1966-67 National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star



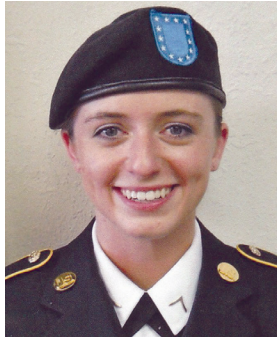
**Dennis Crawford**  
Branch: U.S. Marines  
Years: 1969-1971  
Stationed: Camp Pendleton and Twentynine Palms, CA



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**Ronnie Cramer**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 1969-1973  
Stationed: Air Traffic Controller at McConnell AFB in Wichita, Kan. Served 3 years in Wichita, Kan., and one year in Thule, Greenland



**Ashley Cross**  
Branch: Army National Guard Reserve  
Years: 2012-present  
Stationed: Missouri



**Clarence J. Dietrich**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1943-1946 WWII  
Stationed: Italy  
Of note: Received the Purple Heart



**Charles Joseph Kral**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1963-1970  
Hometown: Omaha, NE  
Stationed: U.S.S. Intrepid Carrier Based Squadron  
Of note: National Defense Medal with two Bronze Stars, Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device



**Bernard Trudeau**  
Branch: Army  
Hometown: Gravois Mills, MO  
Of note: Army 7th Infantry Division 2 years, 7th Infantry Division, Korea, 4th Infantry Division, Ft. Lewis, Washington  
Good Conduct Medal, Korea Defense Service, National Defense Service



**George Kestler**  
Branch: Navy Medical Corps  
Years: 1957-1963  
5-1/2 years, 1/2 year Reserve  
Hometown: Salisbury, NC  
Of note: Bethesda National Medical Center, Bethesda, MO  
Philadelphia Naval Hospital  
Lab Tech 3rd Class Petty Officer, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam War Medal



**Jeffrey Cocco**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1981-1984  
Stationed 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii  
Years: 1994-2010  
Stationed: 628th Transportation Co, Ft. Leonard Wood, Camp Doha, Kuwait, Camp Gary Owen 4/7 Cavalry, South Korea  
Personal instructor/writer/transportation trainer/Squadron Safety  
Non-Commissioner Officer (NCO) Fort Sill, Okla.  
Truck Master/Platoon Sergeant  
Missouri Active Guard Reserve (AGR) 2007  
Veterans Affairs Supervisor



**Allan R. Johnson**  
Branch: Army  
101st Airborne Division, 3rd Brigade, (Company C, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry)  
Years: 1968-1970  
Stationed: Vietnam (Camp Evans, Central Highlands, and the A Shau Valley situated North of Da Nang)  
Of note: Bronze Star with V Device, Purple Heart, Air Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Commendation Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge



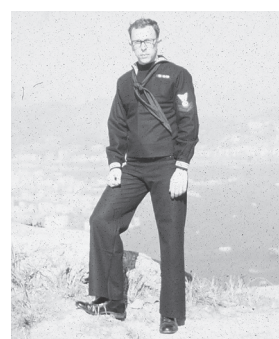
**Dr. Timothy S. Bartlett**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1983-2013 (30 Years)  
Stationed: Iwakuni, Japan, California, Virginia, Illinois, USS Boxer LHD-4 (San Diego, CA), Minnesota, Maryland, Texas, Tennessee  
Deployed: Desert Storm  
Of note Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal, War on Terrorism Service Medal



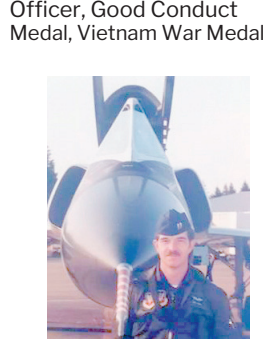
**Larry N. Williams**  
Years: Spent 12 years serving his country. 13 months in Vietnam 1968-1969  
Of note: Officer Candidate School, Flight School and became a helicopter pilot and a maintenance helicopter pilot. He earned numerous medals while there



**George Stanton**  
Branch: Army 1st Lieutenant  
Years: 1968-ROTC University of Missouri-Rolla 1968-69-Bell Helicopter in Hurst, TX  
Vietnam 1968-1970  
Of note: MACV Advisory Team 18, QuangDien District, Thua Thien Province 34th General Support Group, Saigon  
Bronze Star for Meritorious Service



**Robert Dye**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: June 24, 1967-December 21, 1972  
Honorable discharge as an Electricians Mate 1st Class  
Stationed: Served aboard USS Robert K Huntington DD781 in the Mediterranean, attended Nuclear Power School at Bainbridge, MD, Knolls Atomic Laboratory at Ballston Spa, N.Y., and then aboard USS Truxton DLG(N) 35 in the Pacific.  
Hometown: Sunrise Beach, MO  
Of note: National Defense Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Good Conduct Medal, RVN Campaign Medal with device, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea), Vietnam Service Medal



**Lt. Col. Max L. Fisher (Ret)**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 1975-1997 (23 years active duty)  
Of note: Air Defense Command (ADC), Tactical Air Command (TAC), Florida Air National Guard (FLANG)  
USAF Aircraft qualified in T-33 Shooting Star, F-106 Delta Dart Interceptor, F-16 Falcon Air Defense Fighter & C-26B Metroliner Counter-Drug



**1st Lieutenant Elgin M. Fisher**  
Branch: Army Air Force  
Years: Commissioned January 1944  
Of note: Graduated as a B-25 Copilot September of 1944. Married Beth Crowe prior to his departure on his overseas assignment to China. Killed in Action three months later on Dec. 13, 1944 when his B-25 crashed. Buried in St. John, KS



**Thomas B. Reth**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1964-1992  
Stationed: U.S. (Including Pentagon), Vietnam (twice), Hawaii, Italy and Germany  
Of note: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Vietnam Service Medal



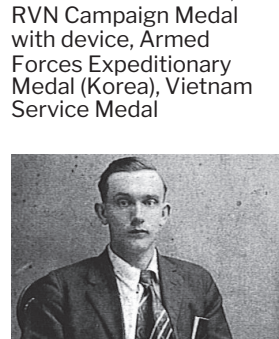
**John M. Hart**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 1967-1990  
Stationed: New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, Thailand, S. Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Guam  
Of note: Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1), Meritorious Service Medal (2), Air Medal (2), Air Force Commendation Medal (3), Cambodian National Defense Order of Division (1)



**William K. (Bill) Morris**  
Branch: Air Force Pilot  
Years: 1960-1965  
Stationed: Pilot Training at Reese AFB Lubbock, TX. Stationed at Sewart AFT, Symrna, TN and Langley AFT, Newport News, VA  
Of note: Trained in T-37s and T-33s. Flew C130s. Visited 47 different countries



**Merle Cross**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 1 Year served  
Stationed: San Antonio, TX



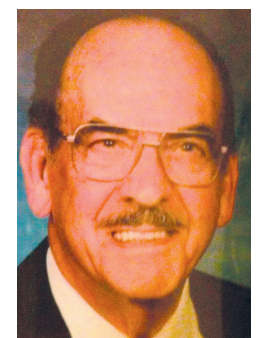
**Daniel E. Shumate**  
Branch: Army  
Years: WWI  
Stationed: Muddy trenches of France



**Howard E. Webb**  
Branch: Army  
Stationed: WWII--98th Infantry Division, Philippine Islands  
Of note: Purple Heart



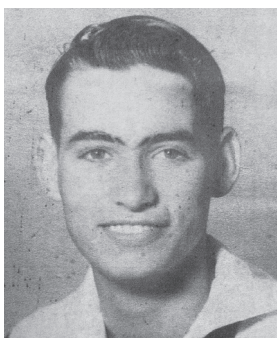
**Kerry Shannon**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 3 Years  
Stationed: 319 Station Hospital, Bussac, France



**Maurice C. Newmann**  
Branch: Navy  
Stationed: WWII--Pearl Harbor; shipped out days before the attack.  
Of note: Died on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, 2011



**Robert Blair**  
Branch: Army Security Agency  
Years: 1970-1973  
Stationed: Wobeck Detachment, Field Station Augsburg, West Germany



**Robert D. Bebermeyer**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 3 Years - WWII  
Stationed: South Pacific  
Of note: WWII Victory Medal



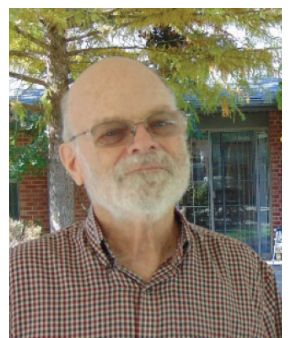
**Pearl Smith**  
Branch: Army



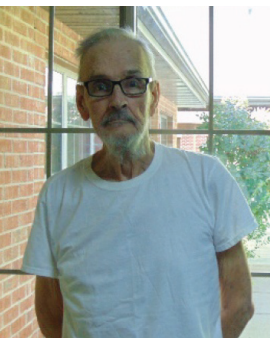
**Orville Payton Jr**  
Branch: Air Force



**Walter Prewitt**  
Branch: Army



**Ron Wheelock**  
Branch: Army



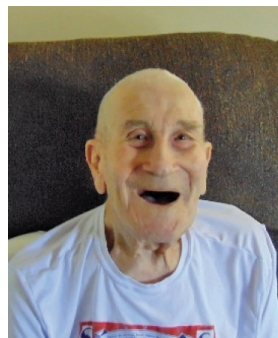
**James Peters**  
Branch: Army



**Steven Shellabarger**  
Branch: Army



**Billy Carter**  
Branch: Marine



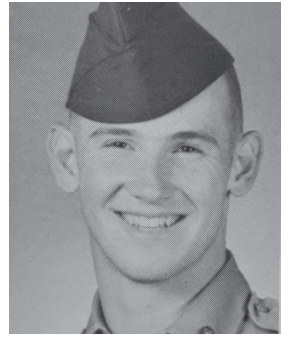
**Floyd Cain**  
Branch: Army



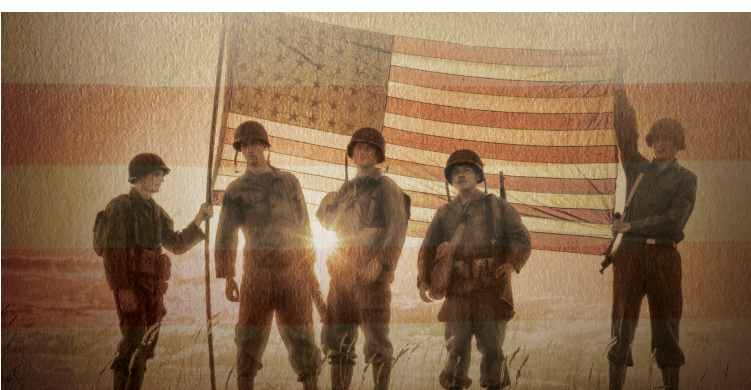
**Alfred Carver**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 7 Years  
Stationed: LST 385 World War II (Deceased)



**Charles J Bryan**  
Branch: US Air Force  
Years: 4 Years  
Stationed: Fairchild Air Force Base, Spokane, Wash.  
Hometown: Brookfield, MO



**Gary Steen**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 3 Years  
Stationed: Vietnam  
Hometown: St. Louis, MO



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**Jeff Lierheimere**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 22 Years  
Stationed: Norfolk, VA  
Columbia, Mo., Dallas, Texas  
North Atlantic, Hawaii, Iraq  
Hometown: Mexico, MO  
Of note: Armed Forces, National Defense, Battle E - 2, Service Emerit, Unit Commendation, Warfare



**G.L. Jerry Schmitt**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1969-1970 (2.5 years)  
Stationed: Vietnam  
Of note: Combat Infantry Badge (CIB), Bronze Star (2), Expert Badge's, numerous others



**George W. Kestler**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 6 Years  
Stationed: Bethesda Naval Medical Center and Philadelphia Naval Hospital  
Hometown Salisbury, N.C.  
Of note: Good Conduct Medal - Vietnam 1957-1963



**Larry Yale Snodderley**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: November 1963-January 1968  
Stationed: QM2 on the USS Long Beach  
Hometown: Sunrise Beach, MO  
Of note: National Defense Service Medal, the Viet Nam Service Medal, and the Republic of Viet Nam Campaign Medal



**Gene Scheiter**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 25 Years  
Stationed: Pensacola, Jacksonville, FL, Hutchinson, KS, Santa Clara, Oakland, CA, Hawaii, Corpus Christi, Memphis, Washington D.C. at the Pentagon, Philippines, Morocco, Vietnam  
Hometown: Hannibal, Mo



**T. Sgt. Harold G McFarland**  
Branch: US Air Force  
Years: 11/3/52 - 11/30/52 20+ Years  
Stationed: South Carolina, Arkansas, Illinois, Texas, North Dakota, Vietnam, Japan, Spain, Africa, Azores, Labrador  
Of note: Air Medal, Vietnam, Korea  
Born 10/25/32 (91 years old and still rides a Harley Davidson Trike)



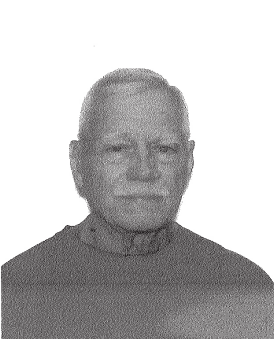
**Curtis W Sansom**  
Branch: MO Army National Guard  
Years: 13 Years  
Stationed: Ft. Campbell, KY, Lebanon, MO 2 Deployments: Kandahar, Afghanistan & Fob Shank  
Of note: Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, 4-Accommodation Medals & numerous other medals and awards



**Richard D. Pace**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 3 Years  
Stationed: Fort Belvoir, VA  
Hometown: Kansas City, MO  
Of note: Army Commendation Medal



**Steve Swann, CM Sgt., USAF Retired**  
Branch: USAF/AMG  
Years: 29 Years  
Stationed: San Antonio, St. Louis, MO, Turkey and Saudi Arabia  
Hometown: Lake Ozark, MO  
Of note: AF Comm. Medal (2), AF Achievement Medal (3), Global War on Terrorism, AF Expeditionary Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Small Arms Expert Rifle, AF Training Ribbon, AF Meritorious Service (4), National Defense Service Medal (2)



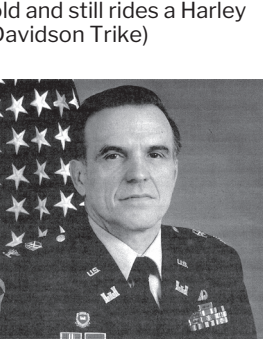
**Marlin Ritzman**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 3 Years  
Stationed: USS Manley DD940 Norfolk, Va.  
Hometown: Sioux Falls, SD  
Of note: Plank Owner, Blue Nose Certificate



**Kem Guyer**  
Branch: Navy C.B.  
Years: 22 Years  
Stationed: Reserves  
Hometown: Waterloo, IA



**Ray E. Friesen**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 2 Years  
Stationed South Korea DMZ  
Hometown: Huntington Beach, CA  
Of note: National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Sharpshooter Rifle Medal



**Thomas B. Reth**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1964-1992  
Stationed: United States, Germany, Vietnam  
Hometown: Long Island, NY  
Of note: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service, etc.



**Lt. Col. Ronald R. Hager**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 23 Years  
Stationed: California, Arkansas, Japan, Hawaii, Colorado, North Dakota  
Hometown: Manhattan, KS  
Of note: HQ Air Force Space Command National Defense Division Commander Cavalier Air Force Station North Dakota, AF Space Com Inspector General Team Chief, Navigator C-130 Flight Examiner Military Airlift Command (MAC) Meritorious Service Medal - 4, AF Commendation Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Combat Readiness Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit - 3, AF organizational Excellence award, Coast Guard Unit Citation and others.



**Dennis Brouillette**  
Branch: USMC Special Forces  
Years: 1957-1962  
Stationed: Vietnam, Bay of Pigs  
Hometown: Chicago, IL



**Daniel F. Mitzel, Jr**  
Branch: US Navy Submarine Service  
Years: 1981-1993  
Stationed: San Diego, CA  
Hometown: Camdenton, MO  
Of note: Medals Received: Submarine Service Dolphins, Good Conduct Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Navy Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with Bronze Star, Engineering Excellence Ribbon, Recruit Training Command Company Commander



**Robert W. Humble**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 4 Years  
Stationed: Richard Gebaur and Iceland  
Hometown: Middletown, PA



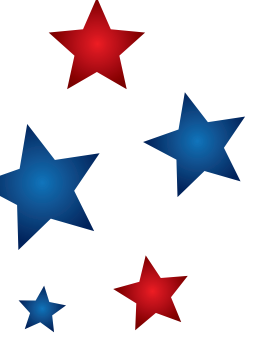
**Robert "Nippy" Jones**  
Branch: Army (AAA)  
Years: 1953-1955  
Stationed: Chicago, IL  
Hometown: Eldon, MO  
Of note: Good Conduct Medal and National Defense Medal



**Jerry Goggins SP4**  
Branch: Army  
17th Engineer Battalion  
Stationed: Fort Hood, TX  
Hometown: Aftton, MO  
Of note: Medals received: National Defense Service Medal, Expert ( Rifle)



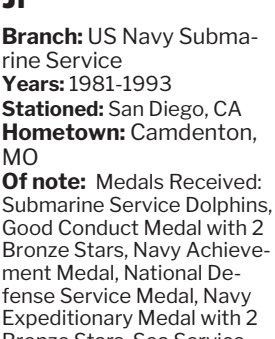
**Cpt Joe Brandt, Retired**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 6 Years  
Stationed: DucPho, Vietnam  
Hometown: Cape Girardeau, MO  
Of note: 3 Distinguished Flying Crosses, Bronze Star, 3 Air Medals with V Device, Numerous Air Medals, Pur-



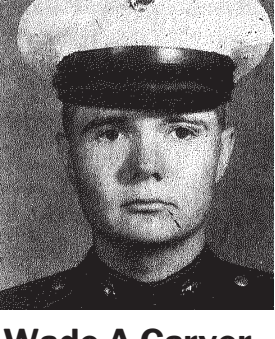
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**James Gibson**  
Branch: USCG  
Years: 4 Years  
Stationed: Alaska/California  
Hometown: Hamilton, IL  
Of note: Medals received: Sea Service, Sharpshooter B, Coxswain 41' Boat



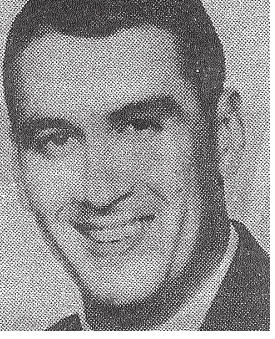
**Wade A Carver**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 3 Years  
Stationed: Iwakuni, Japan  
Hometown: Cherry Point, NC



**Randall Reid**  
Branch: US Marine Corp  
Years: 3 Years  
Stationed: Camp Lejeune, N.C.  
Hometown: St. Louis, MO



**John M Hart**  
Branch: US Air Force  
Years: 23 Years  
Stationed: Thailand, Guam  
Hometown: Killeen, Texas  
Of note: Air Medal - 2, AFCM -4, VSM, RVCM, CND



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# The Origins of Veterans Day

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In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. This site, on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, D.C., became the focal point of reverence for America's veterans.

Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor (in England, Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe). These memorial gestures all took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). The day became known as "Armistice Day."

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar Congressional action. If the idealistic hope had been realized that World War I was "the War to end all wars," November 11 might still be called Armistice Day. But only a few years after the holiday was proclaimed, war broke out in Europe. Sixteen and one-half million Americans took part. Four hundred seven thousand of them died in service, more than 292,000 in battle.

**Armistice Day Changed To Honor All Veterans**  
The first celebration using

the term Veterans Day occurred in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1947. Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran, organized "National Veterans Day," which included a parade and other festivities, to honor all veterans. The event was held on November 11, then designated Armistice Day. Later, U.S. Representative Edward Rees of Kansas proposed a bill that would change Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1954, Congress passed the bill that President Eisenhower signed proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day. Raymond Weeks received the Presidential Citizens Medal from President Reagan in November 1982. Weeks' local parade and ceremonies are now an annual event celebrated nationwide.

On Memorial Day 1958, two more unidentified American war dead were brought from overseas and interred in the plaza beside the unknown soldier of World War I. One was killed in World War II, the other in the Korean War. In 1984, an unknown serviceman from the Vietnam War was placed alongside the others. The remains from Vietnam were exhumed May 14, 1998, identified as Air Force 1st Lt. Michael Joseph Blassie, and removed for burial. To honor these men, symbolic of all Americans who gave their lives in all wars, an Army honor guard, the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard), keeps day and night vigil.

A law passed in 1968 changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day

to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

## National Ceremonies Held at Arlington National Cemetery

The focal point for official, national ceremonies for Veterans Day continues to be the memorial amphitheater built around the Tomb of the Unknowns. At 11 a.m. on November 11, a combined color guard representing all military services executes "Present Arms" at the tomb. The nation's tribute to its war dead is symbolized by the laying of a presidential wreath. The bugler plays "taps." The rest of the ceremony takes place in the amphitheater.

Veterans Day ceremonies at Arlington and elsewhere are coordinated by the President's Veterans Day National Committee. Chaired by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the committee represents national veterans organizations.

Governors of many states and U.S. territories appoint Veterans Day chairpersons who, in cooperation with the National Committee and the Department of Defense, arrange and promote local ceremonies.

# The Seal of the Department of Veterans Affairs

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You know them when you see them, those familiar shapes and symbols — corporate America calls them logos — that automatically identify a business in the public mind. They are closely guarded and protected. They are worth millions. Symbols are just as important to government agencies. A federal agency's official seal, for example, carries the full weight and impact of the laws, resources and responsibilities vested in it by the American people.

VA's current seal dates back to 1989 when the then-Veterans Administration, an independent agency of the federal government, was made the Department of Veterans Affairs — a Cabinet member agency — by Congress. This brought many changes to VA, including a new VA seal.

The reproduction and use of the VA seal is specified by law (38 CFR 1.9). It is reserved for limited use as the symbol of governmental authority invested by the Department. The seal identifies all official documents, certifications, awards, publications, regu-

lations and reports. Variation and modifications of the seal are prohibited. It is VA's legally sanctioned official signature.

VA turned to its employees in its search for a new seal representing the newest Cabinet member. A contest was held among more than 225,000 VA employees to design the new seal. A design submitted by David Gregory, a medical media production specialist working at the Indianapolis VA Medical Center won. He focused on traditional American symbols and his own innovative symbolism to visually convey VA's special mission.

The VA seal features five key elements. The primary element is the bald eagle, the official symbol of the United States since 1789. The mature eagle is a powerful representation of the United States symbolizing both the American people and the freedoms they enjoy. The circle of five stars above the eagle represent the five branches of the U.S. military; Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, which produce the veterans VA serves. The

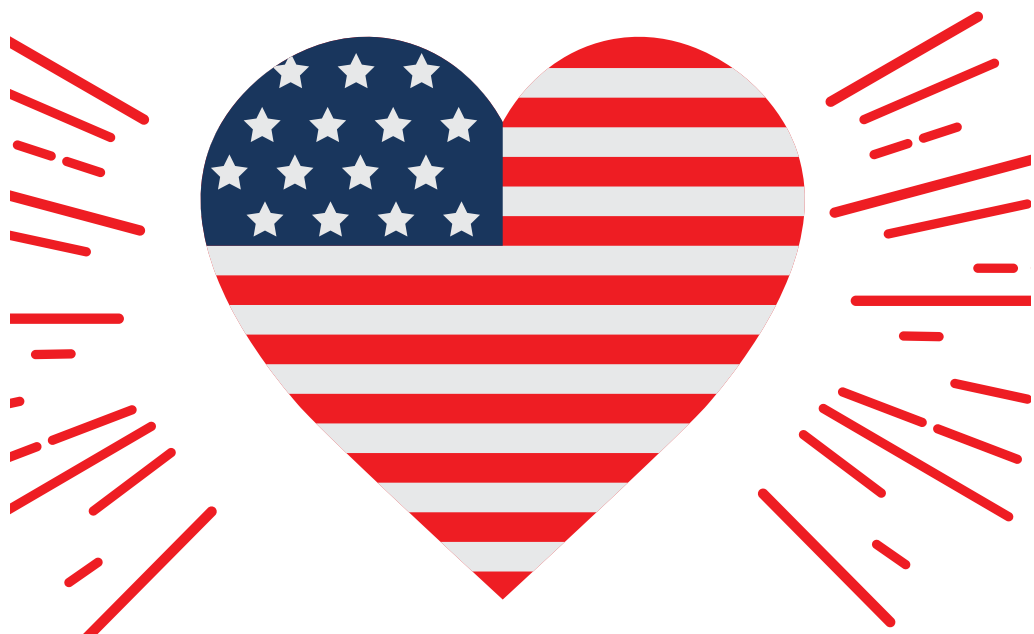
two flags in the eagle's talons symbolize America's history from the thirteen colonies to the present fifty states. A golden cord symbolic of those Americans who have fallen in service to their country binds the flags. The cord is also held by the eagle to perpetuate the memory of those veterans who have sacrificed for the nation. The seal's colors are derived from the American flag and the natural colors of the earth, representing the Nation's commitment to its veterans.

In order to maintain the appreciation and respect of the Seal, VA has specific guidelines for use of the Seal. The Seal may only be used in an official capacity. You will never see the official Seal on souvenir or novelty items, toys, gifts, matchbook covers or calendars. These unauthorized uses of the Seal may result in criminal prosecution.

Just as a logo is synonymous with a specific company, the Seal is synonymous with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Any time you see the Seal, you can bet VA is close by.



# HAPPY VETERANS DAY



**NOVEMBER 11th**

The five stars represent Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard.



The eagle holds the cord to perpetuate the memory of all slain Americans and their sacrifices

The flags represent the span of America's history from 13 colonies to present 50 states.

The golden cord symbolizes those who have fallen in defense of this country.



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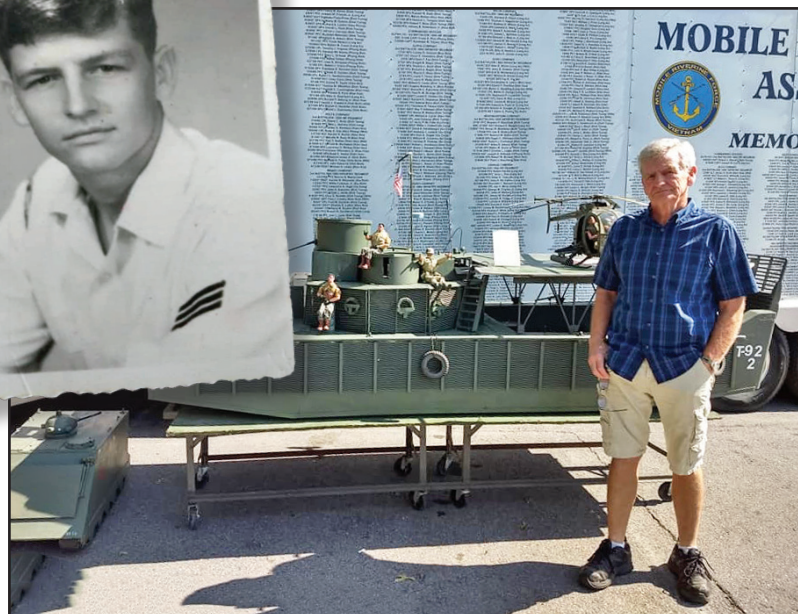
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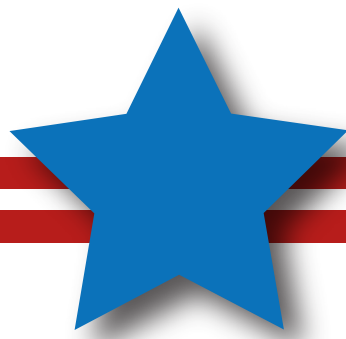
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