

# *Celebrating* **Our Veterans**



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# From combat to coming home to the Lake

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The Lake Sun

At just 18 years-old, Jordan Webb chose to enlist in the Marine Corps instead of accepting one of many Division I scholarships to play college football. Prior to graduating from Camdenton High School, Webb spent three years learning tactical training and leadership instruction through the One Shepherd Tactical School of Leadership. This influenced his decision to take the military route instead of college.

Webb was born and raised in Camdenton. His family had a history of protecting the country. His great uncle was best friends with Harry S. Truman, and was the head of the United States Marshalls. His grandfather served in the Navy and battled at Pearl Harbor.

"While attending Camdenton High School my best friend and I went into the training program on the buddy system," he explained. "I was learning all these skills and decided instead of college I would like to give back. I was so enamored with the guys I was learning from in military that I couldn't imagine doing anything else. I learned from some of the best in the world." These instructors, Webb said, included Christopher Larsen. Larsen is currently a Research Program Analyst who currently works on Research and Development for the US Special Forces.

In September of 2000, Webb reported to boot camp at Camp Pendleton in Southern California. He then attended the school of infantry, a specialized war fighting course that taught the use of conventional warfare and weapon systems. He attached to the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines Maritime Special Purpose Force (MSPF). Here he specialized in direct action raids, ship takedown search and seizures, and gas and oil platform takedowns, and became special operations capable. "The Western Pacific was our theatre of war," he said. "This included Singapore, Af-

rica, Kenya, and Thailand. We trained with the Kenyan Commandos."

After returning from his first deployment with the MSPF Platoon, he switched over to STA (surveillance target acquisition) in Pakistan, providing support to Operation Enduring Freedom. In 2002, he voluntarily reported to Kuwait, working with Kuwaiti commandos at their camp. "We knew we were invading Iraq, and we ran the security operations in preparation for that invasion," he said. "I was part of RCT 1 - Regimental Combat Team."

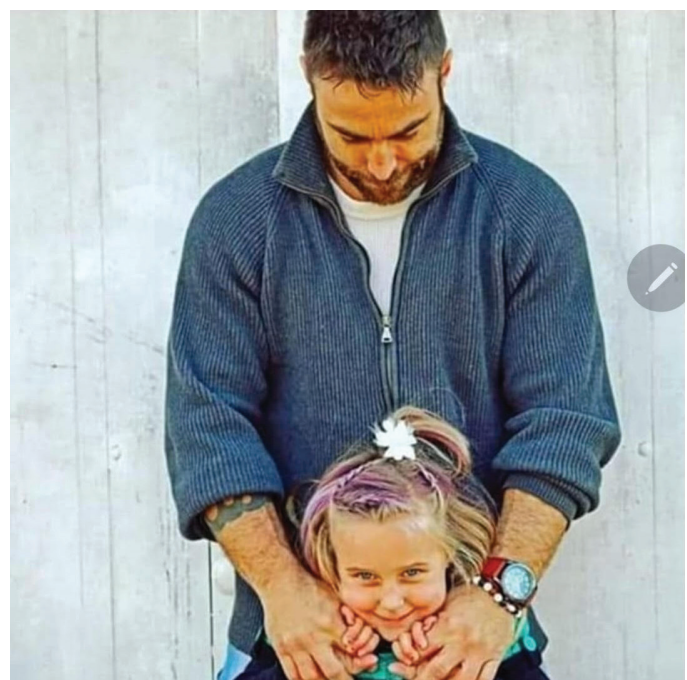
Webb recalls the morning they invaded like it was yesterday. "That morning we invaded, I was standing there with General James Mattis and over 70,000 marines, waiting to invade," he recalled. "This was my regiment, and we were just one small piece of our Division. We were the front line and the very first entry into Iraq. We were waiting and General Mattis said: you're going to be tired and bloody, but you'll never be alone. You'll have angels on your shoulders." At that precise moment, Webb said, the American aircraft support flew overhead. It took three to four days to get this many soldiers in battle formation, Webb said.

Prior to the invasion, they sat 200 yards from the border.

The leadership experience, camaraderie, and skills learned from serving are priceless, Webb said. What's even more priceless, he explained, is being a father to his 12 year-old daughter Lilly. "I waited my whole life to be a daddy, and she's the light of my life," he said.

In 2009, Webb moved back to the Lake. An avid climber, he started an outdoor climbing company but found the need wasn't a need here. For the past several years, he has worked as the sale manager at Bobcat of Lake of the Ozarks, a company that sells, rents, and services tractors, mowers, and heavy equipment. He's an avid fisherman, and coaches youth football and soccer. Giving back, he said, has always been important to him. He also serves as a Lead Combat Instructor at One Shepherd Technical School of Leadership.

"I love what I do," he said. "I am extremely blessed and fortunate. I have an amazing and supportive family, and I live in a really cool place. I've been to 33 different countries, and there's no place in the world like here at the Lake."



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The plane carrying his remains landed at St. Louis Lambert International Airport 74 years after Wilson was presumed missing in action.

After decades of efforts involving Wilson's family and the U.S. Army, Wilson's remains were identified in 2018. Multiple veterans' organizations, including the Patriot Guard, escorted Wilson's remains from the airport to southwest Missouri, where Wilson was from.

A procession escorted Cpl. Wilson's remains westbound along Interstate 44 across the state.

Some of the groups showing their respects included mul-

multiple fire departments along Interstate 44 displaying American flags.

"It's just out of pure respect and love that we do this," Anthony Rumbo, an American Legion Rider who was at the airport to help with the escort, said.

David Erger, a member of the Kirkwood Hog Association, did not know Wilson's family but was determined to be at the airport to show his support. He hopes others will turn out for future displays of support for service members who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

"He fought for our country, and I was glad to do it," Erger said. "It's a way of giving back to them for what they've all done."

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Beach was there to honor him.

The fallen soldier's casket was personally escorted from Hawaii by E5/Sgt. Brody Patrick via Los Angeles, Lambert International Airport in St. Louis and then to Camden-ton. Once Corporal Wilson's casket arrived at the funeral home, Sergeant Patrick said his mission was complete.

Sergeant Patrick said high-ways and overpasses between St. Louis and Camden-ton were lined with individuals showing their respect for Corporal Wilson.

For Mr. Wilson's obituary, visit <https://www.lake-news-online.com/stories/cpl-gerald-jerry-newton-wilson,100461>. Allee-Holman-Howe of Camden-ton was in charge of arrangements.

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# Osage Beach Veterans Memorial

After several months of planning, redesigning and negotiations, it appears the Veterans Memorial in front of Osage Beach City Hall will become a reality by Veterans Day.

The board of aldermen recently learned that the cost and scope of the project — to be located in the circle area in front of City Hall — have been modified to be within the \$152,000 budget. When the project was first bid earlier this year, the estimated cost was between \$230,000 and \$240,000 — far above the budgeted amount.

The board tabled a deci-

sion on the project and asked city officials to work with Elks Lodge #2517 and the engineer to find a way to meet the budget.

These changes to the original plan have been made:

- Reduced overall size of the memorial
- Reduced total area of pavers
- Reduced total area of concrete slab
- Changed structural design from foundation walls to slab on grade with curbs
- Removed curved guardrail from project.
- Removed ramps from project

In visiting with a potential bidder, officials learned the memorial should come in at around \$150,000.

The Elks Lodge plans is to sell memorial pavers within the circle to help defray costs of the project. Theme of the memorial is "Honoring All That Have Served" and each 4-inch by 8-inch brick can be inscribed with a short message such as name of veteran, dates served, branch of service, etc.

There will be a bronze statue in the center of the memorial.



# Helpful Links for Veterans

## Department of Veterans Affairs

<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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## 5 Facts About Veterans Day

Every year on November 11, the United States celebrates Veterans Day to honor those who serve and have served in the armed forces. The armed forces is comprised of six branches: the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard and Space Force. The holiday is rich with historical significance and has weathered changes spanning several presidencies and decades. Here are 50 facts about Veterans Day that you may not know.

1. Veterans Day is not grammatically incorrect, as many

people believe. The Department of Veterans Affairs explains that veterans do not own the holiday, which would make it Veteran's Day, but instead it is a day to honor them.

2. Armistice Day was the original name of Veterans Day. It was called this because it represented the first anniversary of a cessation between Germany and the Allied Nations in World War I.

3. The armistice began in 1918, in the eleventh month, on the eleventh day, at the eleventh hour. However, it does not signify the actual

end of the war. It merely represents the start of the end.

4. Originally, Veterans Day was not intended to take place every year. It was not until 1926 that Congress determined it should be a yearly occurrence.

5. It was not until 1938 that the day became a holiday recognized nationwide.



## 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.

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## A FAMILY OF VETERANS



**Dave Weyer of Sunrise Beach is proud of his service to his country and the long line of family members who also served. He provided this list, and the relationship to him:**

- Sgt. Franklin E. Weyer, Tarkio, deceased, U.S. Army World War II, North Africa, Dave's father.
- Archie D. Thornton, Rock Port, deceased, U.S. Army World War II, Italy and Europe, Dave's mothers' brother. Archie was only one of 12 of his original company to survive the war without serious injury. Mentioned several times in the book, Good Times and Bad Times.
- Orlan J. (Jim) Thornton, Rock Port, deceased, U.S. Army Air Corps World War II, later career Air Force, England and Europe, Dave's mothers' brother.
- Robert D. Thornton, Rock Pork, deceased, U.S. Army World War II, South Pacific, Dave's mothers' brother.
- Msg. Franklin R. Weyer, Sedalia, deceased, career U.S. Army, 1959-1979, three tours of Vietnam earning two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart, Dave's oldest brother. My niece, his daughter, Tina Weyer, Army Reserves SP4 1980-1986, My nephew, his son, Franklin Weyer Jr, US Army, dates and rank unknown. Both deceased.
- SP5 Thomas D. Weyer, Montreal, U.S. Army, six years of service in 1960s and '70s, tours in France, Vietnam and Panama, Dave's older brother.
- SP5 David L. Weyer, Sunrise Beach, U.S. Army 1970-72, Germany.
- Roy's Father, SGT Marlin S. Reisinger, US Army WWII & Korea - deceased
- SP4 Roy A. Reisinger, Versailles, U.S. Army, 1981-83, Ft. Riley, Kan., Dave's younger brother.
- Senior Airman E-4 Terena M. Wilson, Lebanon, U.S. Air Force, 1993-1997, Lubbock, Texas, Dave's daughter.
- PV2 Aaron M. Thurman, Lebanon, U.S. National Guard, 2012-2017, Ft. Leonard Wood, Dave's grandson.

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**Phone numbers:**  
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VA Health Connect: 833-381-1943

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Sunday: Closed

## MILITARY FAMILY OF CAROL J. EASTER



**Pvt. Luther A. Walker**  
Grandfather-In-Law  
Served in World War I  
US Army Engineer  
Stationed France  
Of note Purple Heart



**EIC Walter B. Driscoll**  
Father  
US Navy  
Stationed Pacific



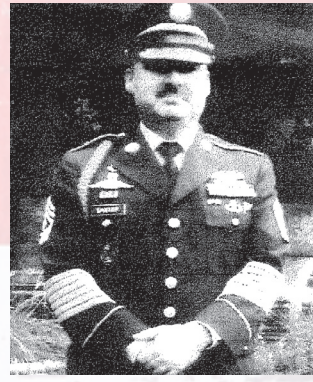
**Sgt. Marion L. Easter**  
Father-In-Law  
Served in World War II  
US Army  
Of note Served under General Patton at Battle of the Bulge



**SSGM William A. Easter**  
Husband  
Served in Vietnam 1969-1970  
US Army Infantry 25 years  
Stationed Hawaii, Korea, Germany twice, Alaska, Ft. Knox  
Of note Purple Heart, Silver Star for Valor and Bronze



**AIC Bart W. Easter**  
Son  
Served in Kuwait Conflict 2 years active duty and reserves  
Stationed Saudia Arabia



**ISG William L. Easter**  
Son  
Served in Panama invasion  
U.S. Army Ranger Airborne 20 years  
Stationed Korea DMZ, Germany, Ft. Drum, N.Y., Alaska, Bosnia, Croatia



**SP4 Burke E. Easter**  
Son  
U.S. Army Airborne 4 years  
Stationed Korea KMS, Germany, U.S.



**CPT Shelly A. Easter**  
Daughter  
U.S. Army 4 years with JAG (attorney)  
Stationed Charlottesville, Va.



**AIC Madison Hamilton**  
Grandson-In-Law  
Air Force 1 year still active duty  
Stationed San Antonio, Texas



**Lance Cpl. Bryce Driscoll**  
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Corps Camp Lejeune



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1962-63

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



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



**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



**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



**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



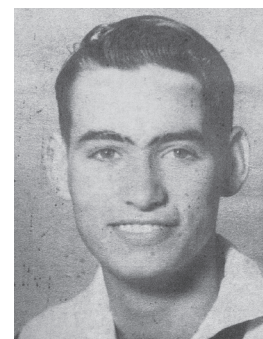
**Max L. Bartley**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 4 1/4 Years  
Stationed: World War II  
Hometown: Sunrise Beach, MO  
Of note: 2 Bronze Stars, 7 overseas



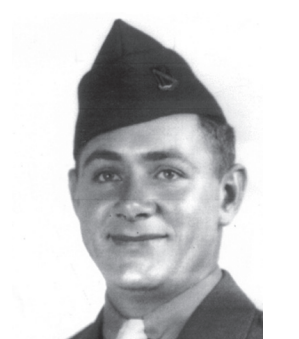
**Bill Bassett**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1943-45  
Hometown: Des Moines, Iowa, Lake Ozark, MO  
Of note: Purple Heart from the Battle of the Bulge



**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



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



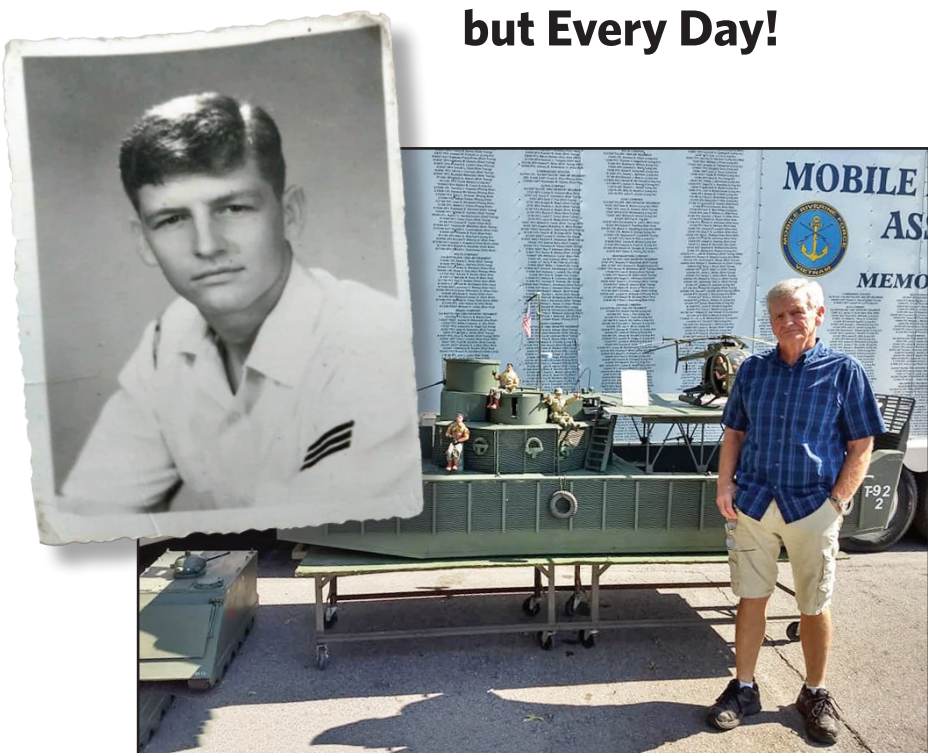
**Richard Bennett**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 5 Years  
Hometown: Loveland, Colo.  
Stationed: South Pacific  
Of note: Good Conduct, Occupation and WWII medals



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**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



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



**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



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**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, Purple Heart



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



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



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



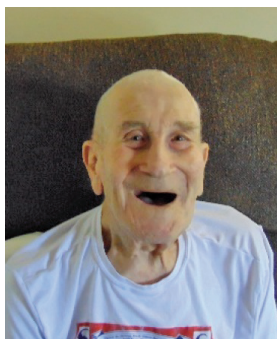
**Vernon L. (Lance) Burdette**  
**Branch:** Army, Air Force, MSgt., USAF, Retired  
**Years:** 1957-60, 1960-77  
**Stationed:** Okinawa, The Azores, Portugal, Thailand, Germany, Guam, Philippines



**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



**Floyd Cain**  
**Branch:** Army



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



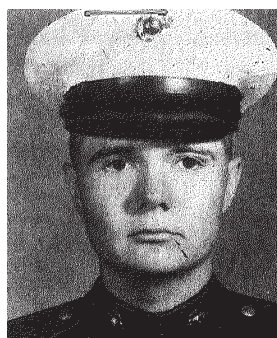
**Billy Carter**  
**Branch:** Marine



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



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



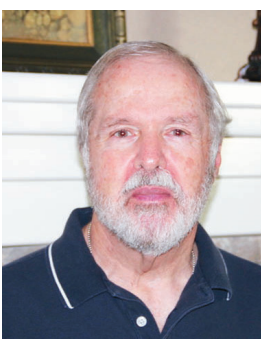
**Wade A Carver**  
**Branch:** Army  
**Years:** 3 Years  
**Stationed:** Iwakuni, Japan  
**Hometown:** Cherry Point, NC



**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



**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



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



**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  
**Hometown:** Nebraska  
**Of note:** Tet Offensive, Vietnam; military intelligence



**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 Calvary, 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



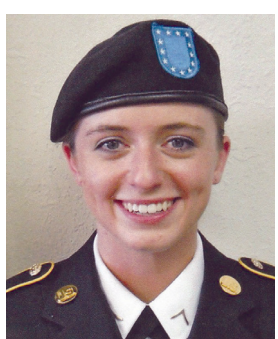
**Ronnie Cramer**  
**Branch:** Air Force  
**Years:** 1969-1973  
**Stationed:** Air Traffic Controller at McConnell AFB in Wichita, Kan. Served 3 years in Wichita, Kan., and one year in Thule, Greenland



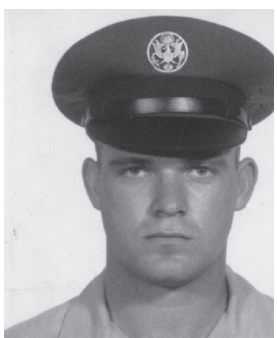
**Cody Cramlett**  
**Branch:** Army, SPC.  
**Years:** 5 Years  
**Hometown:** Camdenton, MO  
**Stationed:** Fort Bragg and 1 tour in Afghanistan  
**Of note:** Global War on Terror, NATO and Afghanistan Campaign medals, Overseas Ribbon, Army Commendation



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



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



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



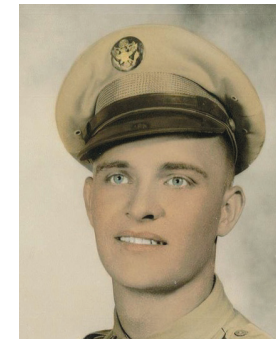
**Christopher A. Crossland**  
**Branch:** Army Guard  
**Years:** 2001-2004  
**Stationed:** Kosova, Iraq  
**Hometown:** Kyle, Texas



**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



**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



**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.



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



**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



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

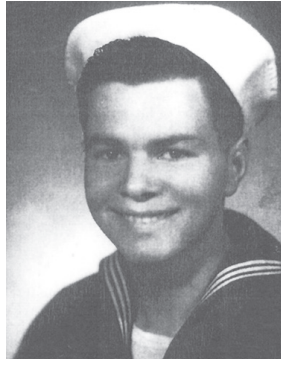
# Veterans' Profiles



**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 Dye**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: January 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



**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



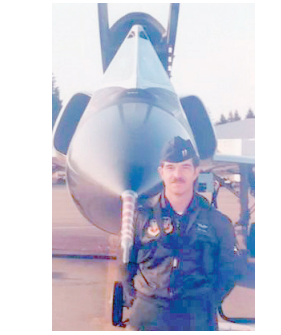
**Patrick Elson**  
Branch: Marines, Sergeant  
Years: 2003-2007  
Hometown: Kansas City, MO  
Stationed: Camp Pendleton  
Of note: Deployed to Haditha, Iraq; Combat Action Purple Heart and others



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



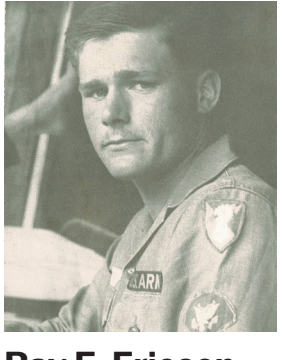
**1st Lieutenant Elgin M. Fisher**  
Branch: Army Air Force  
Years: Commissioned January 1944  
Of note: Graduated as a B-25 Copilot September of 1944. Married Beth Crowe prior to his departure on his overseas assignment to China. Killed in Action three months later on Dec. 13, 1944 when his B-25 crashed.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



**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



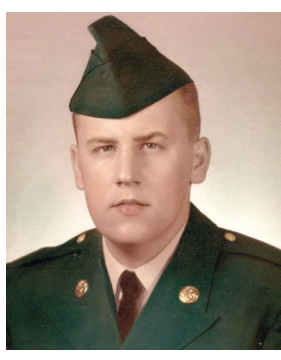
**Timothy L. Fletcher**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1966-1969  
Of note: Served in Tan Sun Nhut, Vietnam as part of the Military Assistance



**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



**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



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



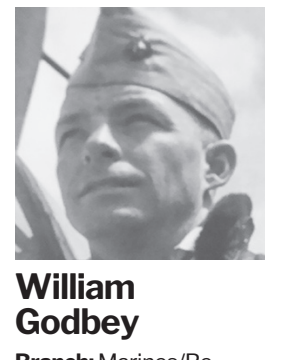
**James Fiers**  
Branch: Army Air Force  
Years: 1944-1946  
Of note: Transported papers from the EmpireState Building to the United Nations



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



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



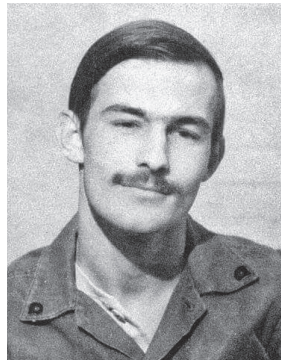
**William Godbey**  
Branch: Marines/Reserves  
Years: 1942-52  
Deployed: WWII; Korean War  
Of note: Shot down at Guadalcanal, picked up by P.T. boat; fighter pilot; Iwo Jima; protected convoys, bombers at Okinawa; wounded during Inchon, covered pull-out; shot down behind enemy lines, rescued by Korean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



**Jerry Goggins SP4**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1979-84  
Stationed: Fort Hood, TX  
Hometown: Affton, MO  
Of note: Medals received: National Defense Service Medal, Expert ( Rifle)



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



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



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



**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



**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.



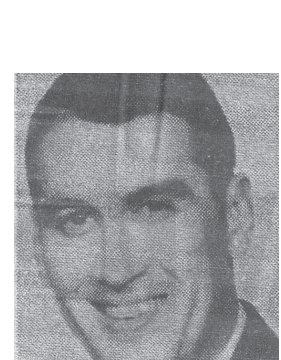
**Terry Haller**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1987-1995  
Stationed: Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Asia  
Of note: Bronze Star and numerous other medals and ribbons



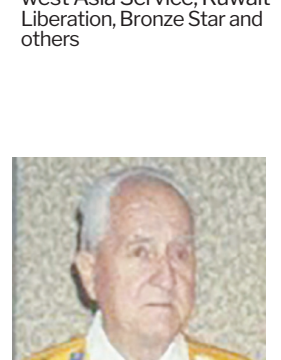
**Wayne Hanks**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1950-1954  
Stationed: Philippine Sea  
Of note: Earned National Defense, Good Conduct, KPUC, and Korean Service awards



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



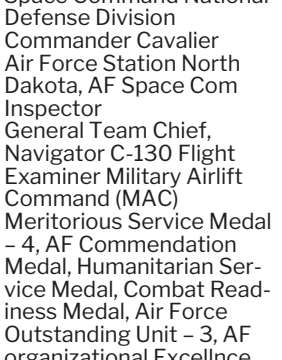
**John M. Hart**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years: 1967-1990  
Stationed: New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, Thailand, S. Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Guam  
Of note: Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1), Meritorious Service Medal (2), Air Medal (2), Air Force Commendation Medal (3), Cambodian National Defense Order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



**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



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



**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



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

# Veterans' Profiles



**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



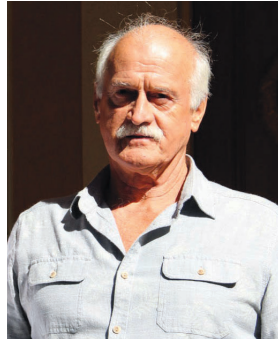
**Sgt. Bob Holmes**  
Branch: Marine Corps  
Years: 3 Years  
Deployed: Korea, 1953  
Hometown: Colorado  
Of note: Belongs to Marine Corps League 1137



**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 memorial 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.



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



**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



**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



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



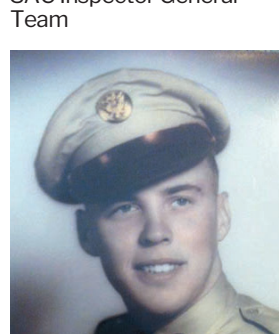
**Ordell Jones**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1945-47  
Stationed: Ft. Leavenworth, Ft. Hood, Paris, France  
Of note: Sgt. Technician 4th Grade Quarter Master in Paris



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



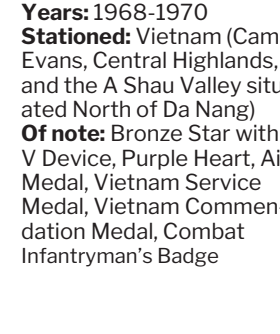
**Russell Kasnick**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1954-1956  
Hometown: Bensonville, IL  
Of note: Served as an electrician in an Amphibious Unit called Beachmasters



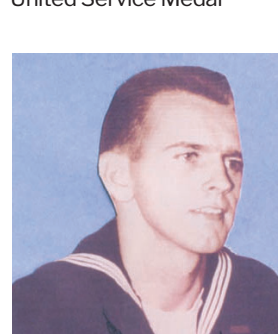
**Wilbur Keck**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1951 to 1953



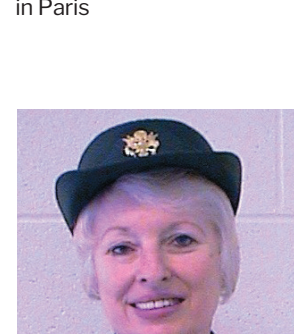
**Paul Keller**  
Branch: Army  
Hometown: Anaconda, MT  
Of note: Special Forces, lived with S. Vietnamese; drill sergeant; summited Denali, high altitude rescues; Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Vietnam medals and more



**George Kestler**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1957-1962  
5-1/2 years, 1/2 year Reserve  
Hometown: Salisbury, NC  
Stationed: Bethesda National Medical Center, Bethesda, MO  
Laboratory Technician School  
Philadelphia Naval Hospital  
Good Conduct Medal



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



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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



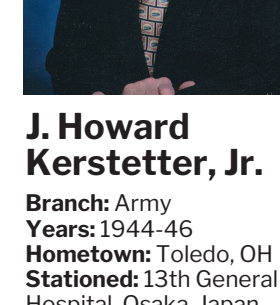
**Troy King**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1982-1989  
Hometown: Belton/Osage Beach, MO  
Stationed: Europe



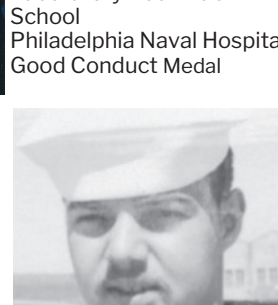
**Joseph A. Kinnaman**  
Branch: Navy-HMZ  
Years: 7-plus Years  
Hometown: Troy, MO  
Stationed: Vietnam  
Of note: Vietnam Service Medals, Bronze Star



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



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



**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



**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



**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



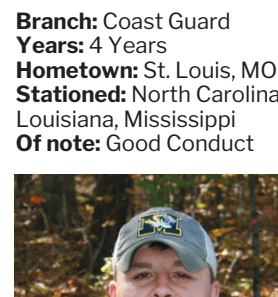
**Dannie Landrus**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 5 Years  
Stationed: Cook Barracks, Germany



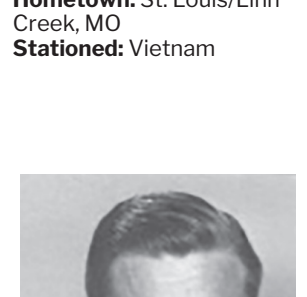
**Ronnie Landrus**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 3 Years  
Hometown: St. Joseph, MO  
Stationed: Ft. Belvoir, Virginia



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



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



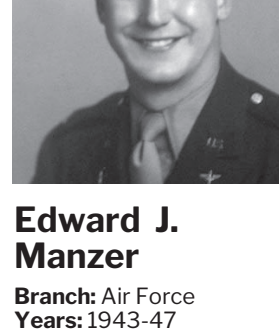
**William Mathis**  
Years: 23 Years  
Hometown: Camdenton, MO



**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



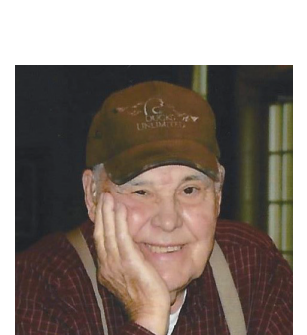
**Scott Martin**  
Branch: Army, Lt. Col.  
Years: 23 Years  
Hometown: Camdenton, MO  
Stationed: Ft. Wood; Germany; Vietnam  
Of note: 5 Bronze Stars (1 w/valor), Vietnam Service 6 Stars, Vietnam Gallantry Cross and Commendation and others



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



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



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

# Veterans' Profiles



**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)



**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



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



**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



**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



**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



**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



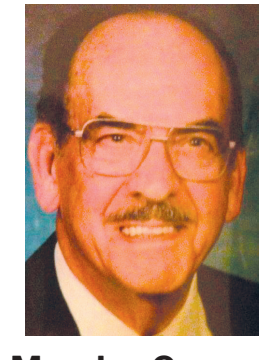
**William K. (Bill) Morris**  
**Branch:** Air Force Pilot  
**Years:** 1960-1965  
**Stationed:** Pilot Training at Reese AFB Lubbock, TX. Stationed at Sewart AFT, Symrna, TN and Langley AFT, Newport News, VA  
**Of note:** Trained in T-37s and T-33s. Flew C130s. Visited 47 different countries



**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



**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



**Randolph Niswonger**  
**Branch:** US Army Armored Cavalry  
**Years:** 1970-1972  
**Stationed:** Vietnam  
**Of note:** Nation Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal W/60DVC, Vietnam Service Medal, Purple Heart, Overseas Bar, Army Commendation Medal, Expert M-14 Rifle, Sharpshooter M-16 Rifle



**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



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



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



**Orville Payton Jr**  
**Branch:** Air Force



**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



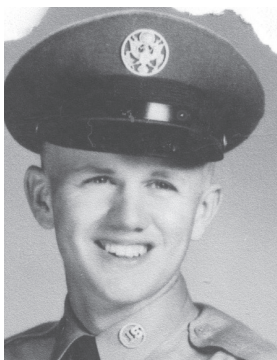
**Jim Pennino**  
**Branch:** Air Force  
**Years:** 1966-1970  
**Of note:** Served in Korea following the capture of the Pueblo, awarded Commendation Medal



**James Peters**  
**Branch:** Army



**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



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



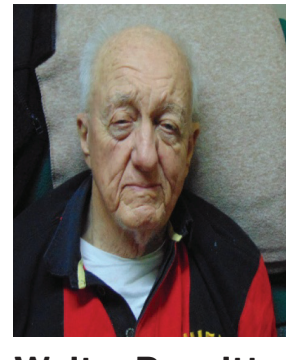
**Grover Pickel**  
**Branch:** Army  
**Years:** 1969-1971  
**Of note:** Aviation instructor then in Vietnam served with A company/101 aviation battalion/101 airborne



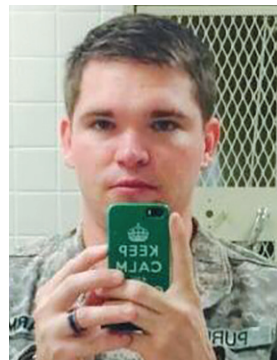
**Roy W. Pinzke**  
**Branch:** Army  
**Years:** 1953-1955  
**Of note:** Served as a combat photographer in the 25th Division Signal Corp



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



**Walter Prewitt**  
**Branch:** Army



**Nathan Purdy**  
**Branch:** Army  
**Years:** 4 Active and 11/2 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



**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



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

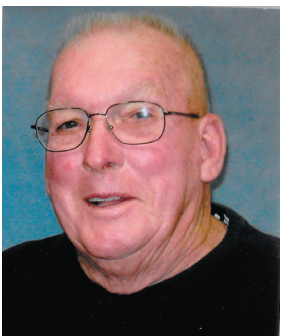


**Harry Reed**  
**Branch:** Army, Sgt.  
**Years:** World War II  
**Stationed:** Europe  
**Of note:** Battle of the Bulge; Bronze Star, 2 Purple Hearts with Cluster, Belgium, Normandy, Luxembourg medals, Missouri Medal, Five Battle Stars, Five Overseas Stars, French Knight of the Legion of Honor



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

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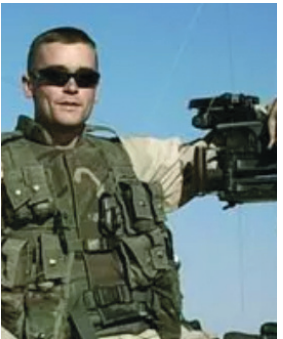
**Fay Howard Reitz**

**Branch:** Marines



**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



**Jake Schnakenberg**

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



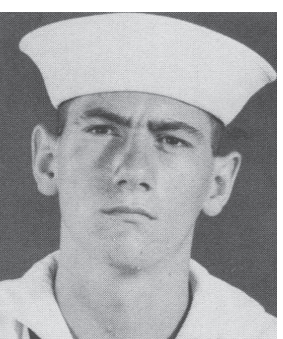
**Daniel Shepherd**

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



**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



**Lloyd Ray Sorrell**

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



**Thomas B. Reth**

**Branch:** Army  
**Years:** 1964-1992  
**Stationed:** USA (several locations including the Pentagon), Vietnam (twice), Hawaii, Italy and Germany  
**Hometown:** Camdenton, MO  
**Of note:** Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Vietnam Service Medal



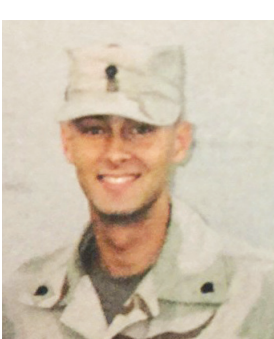
**M.J. Buzz Sawyer**

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



**Terry Scholl**

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



**David Shepherd**

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



**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.



**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



**SFC Paul Schaefer**

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



**Leroy Schultz**

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



**Tom Shoemaker Sr.**

**Branch:** Navy  
**Years:** 1956-62  
**Hometown:** Camden-ton, MO  
**Stationed:** USS Antietam CVS



**Dennis Smith**

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



**Paul Sorrell**

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



**Marlin Ritzman**

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



**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.



**Donald Scott**

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



**Daniel E. Shumate**

**Branch:** Army  
**Years:** WWI  
**Stationed:** Muddy trenches of France



**Pearl Smith**

**Branch:** Army



**George Stanton**

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



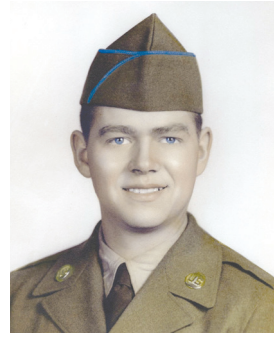
**Donnell Robie**

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



**Gene 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.



**Kerry Shannon**

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



**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."



**Larry Yale Snodderley**

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



**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



**Robert H. Schlutow**

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



**Rosayliz Sifuentes**

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



**Douglas Somerhalder**

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



**Stafford H. Starn**

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



**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



**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



**Steven Shellabarger**

**Branch:** Army



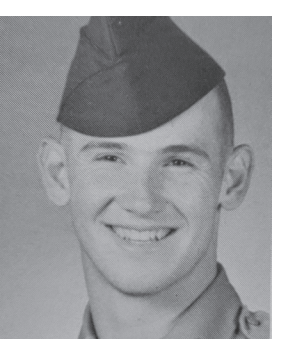
**Ted Skidmore**

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



**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



**Gary E. Steen**

**Branch:** Army  
**Years:** November 1968 till November 1969 in TayNinh, South Vietnam  
**Stationed:** Vietnam  
**Hometown:** Camdenton, MO

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**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 Stoeber**  
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



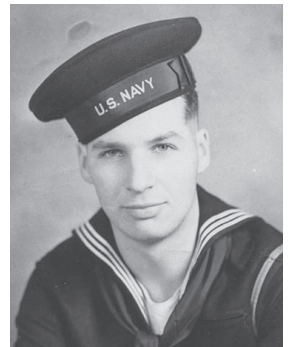
**Travis Stogsdill**  
Branch: Navy  
Years: 1983-93  
Hometown: Eldon, MO  
Of note: Kuwait Liberation, Southeast Asia Service (Iraq & Somalia) medals, Humanitarian Award (Bosnia); and more



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



**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)



**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



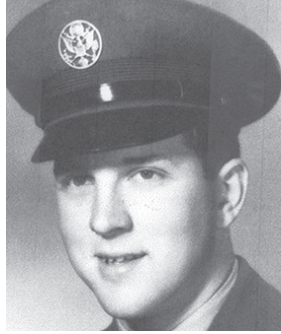
**Donald Terry**  
Branch: Navy, Air Force, National Guard  
Years: 20 Years  
Stationed: USS Saratoga, USS Shelton, Kincheloe Air Base



**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



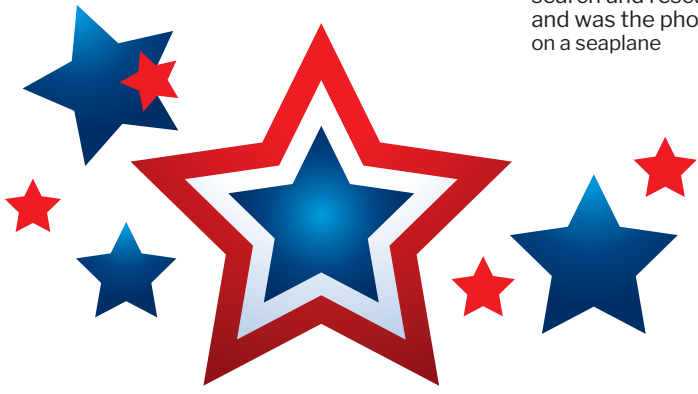
**Bernard Trudeau**  
Branch: Army  
Hometown: Gravois Mills, MO  
Of note: Army 7th Infantry Division 2 years, 7th Infantry Division, Korea, 4th Infantry Division, Ft. Lewis, Washington  
Good Conduct Medal, Korea Defense Service, National Defense Service



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



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



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**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



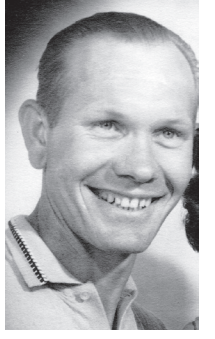
**Mike Waggett**  
Branch: Air Force  
Of note: Awarded numerous commendations, including Legion of Merit, Air Force Commendation Medal, 2 devices and Meritorious Service Medal, 3 devices



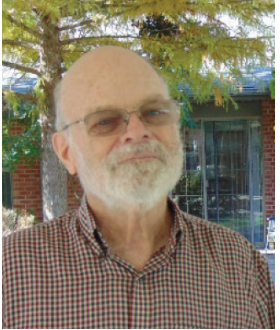
**Bill Wallin**  
Branch: Army  
Years: 1967-69  
Stationed: Vietnam  
Of note: Artillery forward observer



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



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



**Ron Wheelock**  
Branch: Army



**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



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



**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



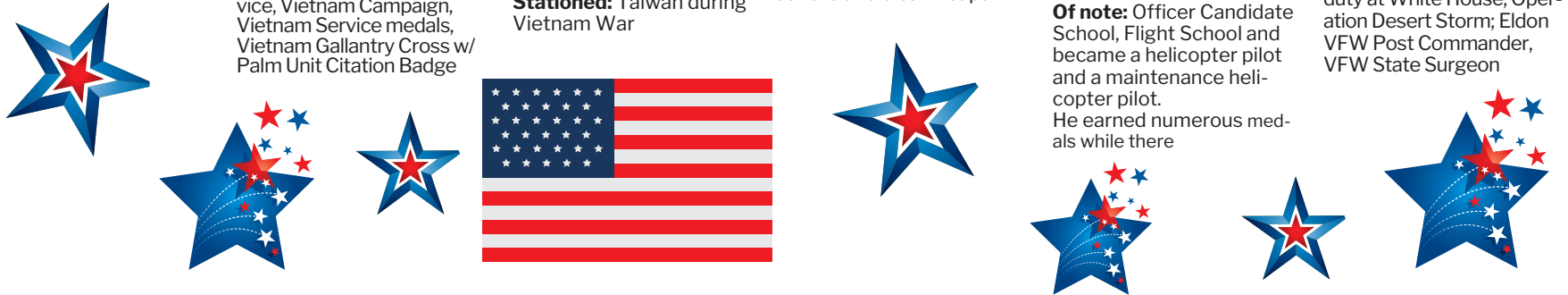
**Larry N. Williams**  
Years: Spent 12 years serving his country. 13 months in Vietnam 1968-1969  
Of note: Officer Candidate School, Flight School and became a helicopter pilot and a maintenance helicopter pilot. He earned numerous medals while there



**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



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



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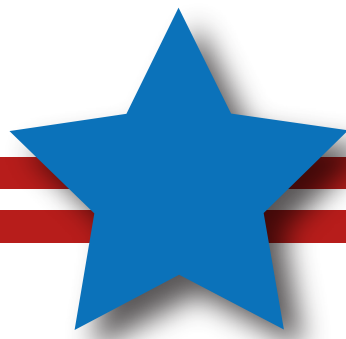
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