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Gary Baker - United States Marine Corps Reserve



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Paul Bartlow - United States Army



United States Army/Army Reserves from 1966 to 1972. I was a Medic and served in a Field Hospital Unit. While on active duty, I was stationed at Fort Polk and Fort Sam Houston. My rank was Spec 6 (E-6) when I got out.

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Price Bingham - United States Air Force



US Air Force - four years at the Academy followed by commissioned active duty for 26 years. Command pilot. Retired as Lieutenant Colonel. Served in Vietnam three tours (1967-1968 1st lieutenant pilot; 1969-1970 captain pilot; 1972-1973 captain MACV Hq fighter controller, last six months of tour were in Thailand and Cambodia). Awards: Distinguished Flying Cross with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with 16 Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 8 Service Stars, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding unit Award with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Combat Readiness Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Air Force Presidential Unit citation with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, and 1 successful ejection from F-100 in January 1970.

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Steve Brown - United States Marine Corps Reserve



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Don Burleigh - United States Army



United States Army, 1963-1965. One year tour in Vietnam. Pay grade E4 upon discharge.

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Dan Deloa - United States Army



United States Army. Served in Viet Nam. Died as the result of exposure to agent orange.

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Jonathan Englehardt - United States Army

Jonathan was still in the service when his brother, Edward, died as a result of walking in front of an airplane. He was attempting to start his plane manually along the river behind the Englehard family home on Marshland road. It was ascertained that as Ed pulled the prop on the plane, it caught and he wasn't out of the way. He was alone at the time, but found soon after and still alive. He was DOA when the Apalachin squad got him to the hospital.



It was rumored that Jonathan had a difficult time after returning from Viet Nam due to what he was exposed to while serving in a war zone. Perhaps his suicide stemmed from his military service coupled with the death of his brother.

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Steve Franklin - United States Army



**Served in Viet Nam in 1968. Wounded twice.
Awarded Silver Star, Bronze Star (Two), Purple Heart
(two), Air Medal (two).**

**Anyways, we all know that this was not a good time
in our Country's History so when you came back (if
you did) you just tried to keep your head down and
try to fit in again. Not so easy! No one wanted to
hear about it. Salute to the class of 1961.**

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Ron Hughes - United States Marine Corps



United States Marine Corps - 21 years, 6 months, 9 days. MOS was 0193 - Personnel Administration. (Thanks to Ms. Hamilton for those typing skills - no hill humping!!) Viet Nam - one tour. Awards include: National Defense Service Medal; Good Conduct Medal (5); Certificate of Commendation, Letters/Certificates of Appreciation (5); Recruiting duty, Officer Selection duty. Retired as a Gunnery Sergeant (E7).

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Bruce Jarvis - United States Navy



United States Navy/Reserve - 4+years. Enlisted start of junior year at IU. Entered Officer Candidate School May of 65. Served aboard the USS Mazama (AE-9). Deck Gunnery & Nuclear Weapons Officer. 1 tour Viet Nam. 1 Med tour aboard the USS Butte (AE -27). Navigator new construction crew. To inactive reserve Oct 69 as Lieutenant Junior Grade.

NOTE: (AE-9 referenced above is Ammunition Explosive -- thank god none ever did!!)

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George Karpel - Retired Military



After twenty years in the Air Force, George was honorably discharged as a Master Sergeant on July 1, 1986. While serving his country, he earned his Bachelor of arts Degree.

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Leighton Knox - United States Army



Served in the United States Army.

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James Schultz - United States Army



SP5/E5 in rank due to soldier of the month at Ft Campbell KY - home of the 101st Airbourn. Served in the US Army from April 68 to January 70. Shipped out to Korea as Chaplin assistant (71M20) and was in charge of the Headquarters in Seoul Korea for all Chaplin Assistant's and budget. Took counseling classes from University of Maryland. This led to eligibility for an early out for graduate school.

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Roy Shrauger - United States Army



Inducted into the United States Army in November of 1964. Spent 1 year and 6 months in Germany. I was a wheeled vehicle mechanic, achieving the rank of Specialist 4th class.

I was assigned to the 102d USASA Security Detachment. Thank GOD I didn't see any enemy fire! But I was stuck in east Germany for 65 days because the Russians and US were having a tiff.

Received the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and of course M-14 Sharpshooter Medal. That's it!

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Alan Smith - United States Army



Served in the United States Army

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Tom Snyder - United States Navy



United States Navy. Four years of active duty: one year under instruction as a medical student at Albany Medical College in the Ensign 1915 Program; one year as destroyer squadron medical officer; two years as a general practitioner at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. 20 years as a reservist with a variety of operational (Minesweepers, Marine ground and air), Naval hospital, commanding officer (3) and staff jobs. Wartime rank: Navy Medical Corps Lieutenant. Retired a Navy Medical Corps Captain. Awards: Meritorious Service Medal; Navy Commendation Medal; Vietnam Service Medal (2 awards); Fleet Marine Force Ribbon; Navy Reserve Medal with Silver Hourglass Device.

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Art White - United States Army



Served as an officer in the United States Army.

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Leo Williams- United States Navy



United States Navy, 1964 - 1968. Attained the rank of petty officer second class (E5). I was a disbursing clerk attached to the supply division of the Navy. Stationed in Great Lakes, Newport, Rhode Island, Norfolk, Virginia and Adak, Alaska.

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Jack Woodard - United States Air Force



Served in the Air Force from Sept 1961 to Sept 1965. Went to Lackland AFB in Texas for basic training and then to Lowery AFB in Denver, Co for Electronics School to learn how to check out the Weapons systems on 5 different aircraft including the B52 Bomber.

After school I was sent to Mather AFB in Sacramento, Ca and spent most of my career there testing weapons systems. We had to load nuclear weapons and Missiles on the alert pad and practiced loading conventional bombs on aircraft that weren't on alert. In Feb of 1965 we were sent to Guam for 77 days when the Veitnam war started and our practice loading 500 lb bombs came to good use. We went back to Calif. and spent the rest of my time at Mather and got out Sept.18, 1965. It was a good experience.

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Don Wunder - Supporter Of Our Military

I did not serve but have great respect for ALL that did. Thank you all. I especially want to recognize Jonathon Englehard (our class President). He and others will not be forgotten.

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Jack Wylie - United States Army



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