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HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

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"Never was so much owed by so many to so few."

Winston Churchill

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Only

W. Keith Baldwin 1961 - 1967

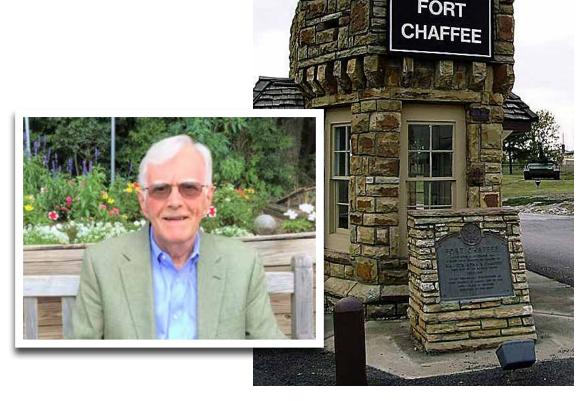
Enlisted in the 100th division reserve at Frankfort, KY after college. I served 13 months on active duty at Ft Chaffee during the Berlin Crisis.

My last assignment was being a Detachment Sergeant in the 259th Military Intelligence Unit in Cincinnati, OH.

I then declined a direct commission to officer and was honorably discharged June 30, 1967.









Gordon A. Christenson Korean - 1951 - 1953

Air Force Reserve - 1954-1967

Active Duty Recon Intelligence Specialist Yokota Air Force Base, Japan

Reserve Duty Intelligence Officer USAF Reserve 1954-1959 - 1st Lt. AFJAG Officer - International Law & Affairs Pentagon 1960-1967 - Captain

Bomb damage assessment reports and surveillance of Soviet shipping through the Kuril Strait.

Guard periphery of Yokota Bomber Base from possible attacks by subversives during the Occupation of Japan after the treaty.







1st Lt. Charles Richard Clark 1961 - 1963

I received my commission as a 2nd Lieutenant upon graduating from the University if Illinois after 4 years Reserve Officer Training (ROTC.)

After 3 months of officer orientation at Ft. Lee, Virginia I was assigned to the US Army Petroleum Distribution Command in Europe (France) which operated a pipeline that ran from the West Coast of France (St. Nazaire) to Kaiserslautern, Germany. I served as the Melun Terminal District which was located approximately 40 miles south of Paris.

The purpose of the pipeline was to transport petroleum products (2 grades of jet fuel, motor gasoline, kerosene, and diesel.) My unit supplied all the US Army posts and US Air Force bases within Paris geographical area via railroad tank cars and 5,000-gallon tank trucks.

This was a very tense time throughout Europe and the world in general. The United States was dealing with the ongoing was in Viet Nam, the failed Bay of Pigs Invasion, the building of the Berlin Wall and the Cuban Missile Crisis. Things were very unstable during the "Cold War" period, and it was evident in the area where I weas stationed.



Despite the world situation, I enjoyed a good quality of life. Because there was no BOQ, I lived off the economy and enjoyed French hospitality. Living so close to Paris provided my buddies and me with some interesting R&R. I was young, single and the champagne flowed freely.

I received a honorary discharge in May 1963 along with a critical skills Army deferment (due to being a petroleum engineer) and resumed my life as a proud veteran.





Captain Barry Cors Korean - 1954 - 1957

Went on active duty at the end of the (active) Korean conflict, as a Lieutenant, separated as a Captain. Stationed at Moses Lake Air Force Base, Washington, with the 8th Troop Carrier Squadron. A navigator on a C-124 globemaster, carrying troops and equipment.

Many missions to the DEW Line (Distant Early Warning Line) in Alaska, with heavy construction machinery as cargo. Due to security, could not use electronic navigation equipment which would disclose location of classified sites. Most missions were navigated by dead reckoning, since foul weather obliterated land and sky. Landed and took off on frozen sea ice.

Temporary assignments (TDY) to Pacific Islands and Japan. Also served as a loadmaster and Squadron Adjutant (administrative officer).

While in Training Command, owned a light aircraft and was a

licensed pilot.

Song Request:

U.S. Air Force song









Pierson Davis WWII, Korean -1942 - 1953

Pacific Theater: Oct 24, 1942 - Feb 12, 1946

Army Active Reserve: April 30, 1950 - April 3, 1953

My first experience overseas was to ride a Liberty Ship from Townsville, Australia to Lae, New Guinea, our cargo was 500 lbs. bombs. We ran without escort across the Coral Sea.

I was in the Engineers Company in the 23rd Port Battalion at Lae, New Guinea. The ground war was over but we had regular late night air raids. The trick was to listen for the click when the bombs were released. If it was around the 10 o'clock angle – DUCK.

From there I went to Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea. It was secured but my surveying crew suffered sniper fire - no injuries. One night we were watching a news reel of the 11th Airborne making their first combat drop. As the camera followed a chute down there was one of our Engineers sitting on his bulldozed watching the landing.



I was on a troop ship headed to Okinawa from New Guinea. We were being trained for the invasion of Japan. One of the sessions was on the need to shoot children of all ages. As in the phillipines cute little kids would hang around asking, begging for chocolate. In Japan, unlike other places, we were told to throw them a bar. If they kept coming shoot them because they were strapped with explosives. Their purpose was to kill as many Gls as they could. Since the occupation was peaceful that didn't happen.







Richard Fencl Navy - 1955

Dick was commissioned Ensign in the US Naval Reserve on August 6, 1955, the day he graduated from the US Merchant Marine Academy with a degree in Marine Engineering, and a license from the US Coast Guard as a 3rd Assistant Engineer, steam and diesel, unlimited horsepower, any waters.

In January 1957, he was called up for active duty in the Navy and was assigned to be the Engineer Officer on the USS Aludra, a refrigerated store ship, sailing between San Francisco and the western Pacific Ocean. The mission of the ship was not glamorous, it was to transport about 10,000 tons of fresh, frozen, and canned food from the Naval Supply Depot in Oakland to the ships and bases in Japan, the Philippines, Taiwan, and other far away such places. Sometimes the food was transferred while the ships were in port and other times the Aludra met ships while they were sailing and the food transferred while both ships steamed in parallel paths, merely feet apart.



After two years, of active duty, Dick was released to inactive duty again, and 10 years later was allowed to resign his commission.



In April 1917, he was invited to participate in the Honor Flight for Tri-State Veterans. In one very full day the group, plus their escorts, flew from CVG to Washington DC, toured numerous monuments in DC and then were welcomed home at 10:30 p.m. to a band, a cheering crowd of well -wishers, and people wanting to thank them for their service.



Bob GerwinAir Force

Bob was a Captain in the U.S. Air Force and flew F-86 fighter jets, known to this day to the knowledgeable as "magnificent machines." They flew 1000 mph.

Bob trained in Lubbock, Texas, where he recalls the temperatures soared to 110 degrees in summer.

The picture is of Bob climbing into an F-86 to pilot it.









Don Gray 1962 - 1996

Basic training at Ft. Benning

Reserve Unit sent to Ft. Bliss, El Paso, TX - active duty (PFC)

Reserve Duty 1968-1996 - Military Police (2nd Lt.)









Al Harris Korean - 1955 - 1957

Quartermaster corps – Research and Development.

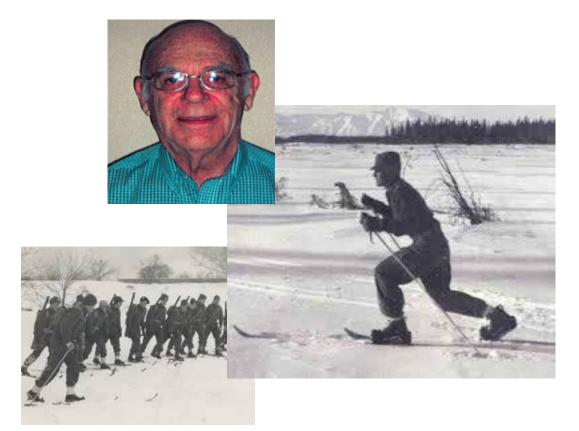
Never left the U.S.A.

Never fired a shot after basic training.

Still happy to have served and feel it was worthwhile.

Most extended assignment was as a cross-country ski instructor in field evaluation of new insulated combat boots.









Donald Hawley Korean- 1943 - 1952

- U.S. Naval Station in Newport, Rhode Island
- · Naval Hospital in Newport, Rhode Island

During World War II in 1943, I was a part of the Navy V-12 program at Mass.Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) and the University of Cincinnati Medical School until the end of WWII.

I remained in the Naval Reserve and was recalled to active duty, Nov. 1950 to Newport, Rhode Island Naval Base Dispensary as a medical officer. I was transferred to the Newport Naval Hospital to run the infectious disease ward, and transferred to Dispensary in Oct. 1952 as the acting senior medical officer. I was discharged from active duty in Nov. 1952.













Dr. Robert Hummel 1954 - 1956

I was a Captain at Brooke Army Hospital at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX. I was the Chief of the Burn Study section. We were the military burn treatment center caring for those with burn injuries from all branches of the service. We flew all over the US to pick up patients and transfer them to us for treatment.

I wrote and published 7 research papers on burns during those 2 years.

As a side note, no one ever shouted at me except in basic training! I also never saw any combat experience.









Andrew MacAoidh Jergens 1959-1965

U.S. Army Ordnance Corps

Dates of Service: February 27, 1959 to January 16, 1961 (active duty) January 16, 1961 to January 31, 1965 (reserve to discharge)

I got my draft notice from President Eisenhower. I did my basic training at Fort Ord, California. I was assigned to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland where I was an Officer Personnel Specialist. I maintained Garrison Officers' pay records and other personnel records.

I was the Aberdeen Soldier of the Month for August 1960 and therefore orderly to the Secretary of the Army (Wilbur Brucker) at his annual conference with defense contractors. I also took part in guard duty at a fireworks explosion in nearby Havre De Grace.

I was awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal for my 16 days active duty in 1961.





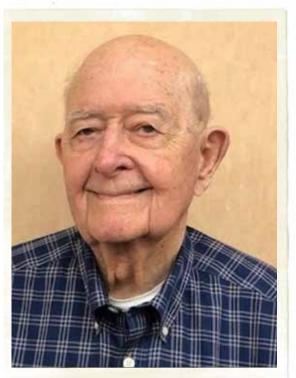


Pictured with Wilbur M. Brucker, Secretary of the Army.



Robert A Johnston 1944 - 1946

I spent 4 semesters in V12 program at University of Texas, received my commission in the Pacific theatre and served as a Deck and Summary Officer. On two APAs until discharged. I was in Navy Reserve until 1966.













Wally Macaulay WWII -1943 - 1946

Army Combat Engineer, 1943-1946

Served in reserves until 1953

"I was a college student studying for an exam when my roommate shouted 'They have bombed Pearl Harbor!' My life was changed forever. I joined the ROTC and was called to active duty in 1943.

After a year of training for the invasion of Japan, my unit, the 1298 Combat Engineer Battalion, sailed on July 30, 1945. On August 6, 1945 Hiroshima was bombed and August 9, Nagasaki. War over!

On September 25, 1945 we landed in Nagasaki and spent three months rebuilding roads and bridges, unaware of the hidden dangers from Residual Radiation. We had a first-hand witness to the awesome power of Atomic weapons.



Never Again!"



ENGINEER





Fred McGavern Navy - 1965-1969

After graduating from Kenyon College in May 1965, I entered Navy Officer's Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. Upon graduation from OCS in December, I attended the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, Georgia for six months. My first assignment was as disbursing officer (paymaster) and assistant supply officer (laundry and morale officer) aboard USS Henrico (APA 45) a "fast attack transport" (16 knots with fair winds and a following sea) that carried a battalion of troops and the boats to put them ashore over the beach.

The Henrico's home port was San Diego, California, America's most beautiful city. After a nine-month deployment shuttling Marines between San Diego to Vietnam and then rotating them from Vietnam to Okinawa or Subic Bay, the Henrico was put out of commission in Bremerton, Washington. I then had additional training in San Diego before reporting as supply officer aboard YRBM 18 (yard repair, berthing, and messing), a repair barge in the Mekong Delta that was the home base for twenty fiber glass patrol boats.



I spent a year aboard the barge, participating with the other units of our task force in Operation Giant Slingshot, an attempt to stop the infiltration of enemy troops from Cambodia by patrolling the rivers that ran alongside the "parrot's beak" of Cambodia that jutted into Vietnam. Everyone in our task force was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation for participating. When I returned to the United States in March 1969, I was released from active service as a lieutenant.





Jay Magee WWII - 1941 - 1946

Enlisted the day after Pearl Harbor.

Basic training was at Parris Island, South Carolina, before shipping out to New Zealand with the 1st Marine Division, 1st Battalion, C Company – "the Old Breed." Mission was to prepare for the invasion of Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands.

Fought in the battle of Guadalcanal for 5 months, battling the Japanese and diseases such as Malaria and Jungle Rot.

On 12/28/1942, Company was shipped to Australia, for 6 months of preparation for the Battle of New Britain. Target was a critical Japanese Base and supply depot located on the North end of New Britain. Many soldiers contracted diseases while he remained healthy, and thus available for more missions.

Fought in the battle of Gloucester on the Island of New Britain. Company was assigned to protect the PT boats and tenders, which were located away from HQ. One of the boats was rumored to be carrying the future President Kennedy. While on the island, was called back to HQ by the General. Unsure of what the General wanted, there was no room for argument as the General sent his personal pilot and a small plane to pick him up. Nothing was explained regarding the General's request. Forced to make a wet landing in the Pacific due to Mechanical issues, leaving them in a difficult situation, compounded by the fact the pilot could not swim. Was able to get the pilot to hold on to something floating at the crash site before starting to swim to shore. Could see the island from the crash and after making it to shore, made contact with an islander who swam out to save the pilot. Made it safely, but all his gear, save for his knife, went to the bottom of the Pacific. Command located them and sent a boat to pick them up the followind day, nEventually made it back to his company, but never spoke to the General and to this day, has no idea why he was wanted at the base.

Moved to a tiny island consisting only of sand, rocks, and trees; Pavuvu in

the Russell Islands. This became the new HQ where they trained for their next mission, another invasion on the island of Peleliu.

After boarding the transport ship for the invasion, received orders to gather gear and get off the boat.

For him, the war was over.







Earl J. Mills Korean - 1950 - 1954

I was very fortunate in being assigned to Air Force Headquarters in Wiesbaden, Germany for three years during the Korean War. The work was classified and required long hours, but the rewards were generous. My group leader was a pilot and I was able to be a passenger on his training flights for a C-47 cargo plane. This took us to air bases in several countries on the overnight flights. Including England, France, Norway, and Berlin, Germany. Half of my basic training class went to Korea and I missed the cut-off(alphabetically) by one name. The other half went to Europe. I was very lucky.







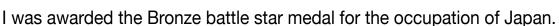


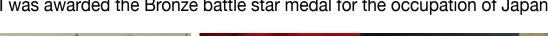
Robert Nau WWII - 1944 - 1946

In August of 1944 at the age of 18 I was drafted into the United States Army. I was sent to Camp Tannin near Tyler, Texas for combat training. After training I was shipped to the Pacific Theater via California and the Golden Gate Bridge. Attached to the America Division and in combat in the Philippines the islands of Cebu and Negros - May - June of 1945.

On September 1 we left Cebu on our way to the Tasakawya Air Base in Japan. We arrived in Tokyo Harbor on September 2 and were the first infantry division arriving 4 hours after the armistice was signed on the Battleship Missouri. There were approximately 300 American and Allied ships in the harbor. It was an awesome sight. Tears were shed.

We were aware the Japanese may still resist. We walked onto Japanese soil with gun safety off prepared to fight. They did not. I stayed in Japan with the occupation force until September 1946.













Tom Ottenjohn Korean - 1952 - 1954

Tom served in the army stateside for 2 years during the Korean War. At Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, he ran a training office for 300-400 men who would be send all over the world. Orders were sent down to specify military needs in different areas and then he picked names to fill those needs. If there was time, Tom let the men trade assignments. He was also in charge of a barracks of 60-120 men. This is a photo of Tom in his Eisenhower jacket in 1999, 45 years later, while visiting his daughter's family. On the jacket are sergeant's stripes he earned. In the later part of the service. He was promoted to Sergeant E-5.













David Thomas Retford 1955 - 1994

Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army Reserve, Corp of Engineers

I graduated from Michigan State University in 1955. As a Land Grant university, all male students were at that time required to participate in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program during their first two years at MSU. My two older brothers, who had both been in active combat in the military as enlisted men, told me I would be foolish not to get a commission so as to be an officer when I went on active duty (draft was still on then). With this strong encouragement, I completed my last two years at MSU in the Advanced ROTC program and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army Corp of Engineers upon graduation.



This ROTC commission obligated me to combination of 2 years active and 4 years reserve duty. In 1957 I went on active duty at Fort Belvoir in Virginia, the Corp of Engineers primary training base. The Korean war had just ended and the Army was over staffed with returning Lieutenants. This led to me being given the option of spending only 6 months on active duty but in turn I would be obligated to 8 years in the reserve; I accepted. And I stayed on for 20 more years.

As the years went by I was involved with a number of different Reserve units, most often as the Company Commander. My units included a Combat Engineer Battalion, an Engineering Equipment company and for two years commanding a Transportation Corp Light Boat company located in Muskegon, Michigan. The Light Boat company had the same type of landing craft as were used in the Normandy invasion in 1944.





David Thomas Retford con't.

We trained on the waters of Lake Michigan and as my friends said I had my own fleet of yachts.

In later years I received a Mobilization Designation, meaning I had a specific position I would go to in the event of an all-out mobilization of the Army. These positions were in some civilian run office where in the event of a mobilization there would need to be a military officer "overseeing" the civilians. Mine was with a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH) support group in St. Louis. The hospital structure itself was an air inflated building, one that could be dropped from a plane, attached to an air compressor and be up in place in a few minutes, ready for the medical staff.

In 1980 I had completed over 20 years of Army Reserve duty and was transferred to the Ready Reserve where I no longer completed active training each year. But I still received orders in January of each year telling me where I was to report in the event of a mobilization. Finally on my birthday in 1994 at the age of 60 I was formally retired. I do subscribe to the saying, "there is a right way, a wrong way and the Army way" to accomplish something. But in retrospect I did enjoy all of my Army years.









Roy Riedinger Korean - 1954 - 1956

I was assigned to a unit which was part of the Atomic and Hydrogen bomb testing.

Our mission was to determine the radioactive levels following each detonation and to control access to the contaminated areas. My assignment was to be in charge of the monitoring section which were the first ones to enter the area of the blast and determine the radioactive levels, plot the area on a map and control access. In all I participated in 13 atomic bomb tests and 1 hydrogen bomb test.

These were awesome and I hope I will never witness another.





The Q clearance was an Atomic Energy clearance and considered higher than "Top Secert".







Charles Rodes 1954 - 1957

Service U.S. Navy 6/54-6/57. Primary assignment: Officer on U.S.S Knapp DD 653 (Fletcher Class) 6/54-2/57. Home base out of San Diego, CA with primary assignments in Western Pacific on Formosa patrol (Taiwan patrol). Assignments aboard the U.S.S. Knapp was Torpedo Officer, ASW (Anti-Submarine Warfare) Officer and Gunnery Officer. Decommissioned the U.S.S. Knapp at Long Beach Naval Shipyard 2/57 to 6/57.









V. Amod Saxena, M.D.1969 - 1976

- Drafted into the US Army as a captain in Medical Corp. I was signed to Fort Sam in Houston, Texas at Brooke Medical Center.
- I was responsible to initiate and establish a cancer center in Radiation Therapy and was appointed as its first chief.
- Assigned to train physicians in cancer treatment
- I was appointed as radiation safety committee to safe guard military against radioactive fallout.
- Appointed member of the cancer committee
- Supported and attended to patients in the Emergency Room.
- Honorably discharged in May 1971 and served in the US Army reserve until 1976.

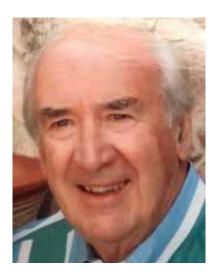








John Srofe 1956-1957



Luckily, I was between wars.
My entire time was spent on board ships. The last ship I was on carried the Admiral. We supplied the DEW line which were radar stations.
We went as far north as Point Barrow, Alaska.









Joe Todd, M.D. 1968 - 1969

After one year of training at Fort Campbell in Kentucky, Lt. Col. Joe Todd, MD, served as the ranking officer at the 29th Evacuation Hospital, about five miles from the city of Can Tho in South Vietnam during the Vietnam War. He had received medical training at Harvard University and the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine. He had been ranking surgeon at the Veterans Administration hospital in Cincinnati. Ranking officer at an army hospital is the equivalent of Chief of Surgery at a civilian hospital. Despite all his training as a vascular and thoracic surgeon, as well as general surgery, there were times for the surgeon, then in his mid-30s, "when you feel something is over your capacity," he said. "All of a sudden, you're going to be doing major operations," with many casualties needing help.















Rodney Nixon 2002 - Present

U.S. Army/U.S. Army Reserve

I entered military service in June 2002 after high school. I was sent to Fort Jackson for training. Upon completing basic training and AIT, I was attached to the 1st Calvary division at Fort Hoof Tx.

I was sent to Iraq in 2004-2005. I've also served in Kuwait, Egypt, Panama, and briefly in Saudi Arabia.

Afterwards I joined the army reserve were I continue to serve today. My awards include two Army commendation medals(A). Two- army reserve components achievement awards (ARCAM) Armed forces

reserve medal, army service ribbon, global war terrorism medal (B), and humanitarian service medal (C).













Frank Uehlin 1971 - 2012

I joined the Ohio Army National Guard on May 15, 1971. I went to Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Knox, KY.

In 1977 there a huge blizzard in Cincinnati. I drove doctors and nurses to and from the hospitals in a jeep. The whole city was shut down for a couple of days.

In 1989 my unit went to Honduras to build roads that had been washed out from rain storms. There was a flash flood in June 1990 at Shadyside, OH. It killed 26 people. Our unit was involved with the aftermath and helped with the cleanup.

In 1993 there was a riot at the maximum state prison in Lucasville, OH. We were activated for a week and our unit had to sleep in a chicken coop at the state fair grounds. The next year we went to Panama to construct an obstacle course for the Army at Ft. Kobbe.



In 2003 I went to Korea to participate in the US/S Korea military exercises which North Korea gets very excited about.

In 2004 our battalion (216th Combat Engineer) was activated and sent to Iraq for a year. We were stationed in Tikrit and built an airstrip, constructed berms and guard posts. The surge was going on at this time.

I retired on October 31, 2012.









DH Resident Veterans

Baldwin, W. Keith

Christenson, Gordon A.

Clark, Charles Richard "Dick"

Cors, Captian L. Barry

Davis, Pierson

Fencl, Richard "Dick"

Gerwin, Bob

Gray, Don

Harris, Albert E.

Hawley, Donald

Hummel, Dr. Robert

Jergens, Andrew

Johnston, Robert A.

Macaulay, Robert "Wally"

Magee, Jay

McGavern, Fred

Mills, Earl

Nau, Robert

Nixon, Rodney

Ottenjohn, Thomas H.

Retford, David Thomas

Riedinger, Roy

Rodes, Charles

Roos, John

Rowe, William "Bill" C.

Saxena, V. Amod, M.D.

Srofe, John

Todd, Joe, M.D.

Uehlin, Frank



Thanks to all who served.

Former DH Resident Veterans

Andress, Frank - Navy

Austin, Arnold - Navy

Bain, St. John - Navy

Baude, Hugh K. - Navy

Bartlett, Robert A. - Army

Bayless, David - Armed Forces

Beckman, Mark - Air Force

Bigham, Margaret

- WAAF, Royal Air Force

Breiel, Wilson - Navy

Burkman, Ken - Coast Guard

Campbell, David - Air Force

Cavaliere, Chet - Air Force

Cobb, William - Army

Dinsmore, Wiley - Army

Davis, Frank

Faught, Walter S. - Army

Fix, John "Jack" C. - Navy

Giesel, Roger G. - Army

Ginsburg, Marshall - Army

Gottschalk, Jack - Air Force

Grant, Don

Gunnell, Dorothy

- Royal Canadian Air Force

Hopple, John - Navy

Koehler, Fred - Air Force

Hunter, Summer - British Army

Bill Keating - Navy

Matthews, Pierce - Air Force

Matthews, Robert - Air Force

Mattingly, Steele F. - Army

Maxwell, Elizabeth - Air Force

Maxwell, Jim - Air Force

McCormick, Robert - Navy

McOwen, Thomas B. - Army

Muntz, Ernest G. - Air Force

Nebergall, Jack - Army

Nielsen, Eric - Air Force

Paulsen, Paul - Navy

Plattner, John W. - Army

Pontius, Tom

Raible, Earl - Air Force

Risinger, Captain Robert E.,

USN, Ret. - Navy

Robertson, Robbie - Army

Rohde, William "Bill" - Army

Roos, John - Navy

Rowe, William "Bill" - Navy

Sarran, Ted - Navy

Schmidt, John E. - Air Force

Schreiner, Albert W. III, M.D. - Army

Smith, Roger - Army

Victor, Bill - Army

Wham, William B. - Navy

Williams, Jack - Army

Wilson, Robert - Air Force

Zwicky, John - Army



VETERANS DAY

"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God such men lived"

- George S. Patton



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