

The Veterans of S Marjorie P. Lee





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

= George S. Patton



John S. Bruner, 1st Lt. CE Army Corps of Engineers – 1949-1958

Active Reserve: November 1949 to May 1951 Active Duty: May 1951 to April 1953 Inactive Reserve: Additional five years

Major Active Duty Stations

- Summer to early 1951/1952 winter at Yuma Test Station, California
- Spring 1952 to Spring 1953 at Joint U.S./Canada Airforce Base, Goose Bay, Labrador



Robert M. Elkins US Marine Corps Reserve – 1948-1949 US Army – 1952-1953

I spent years in the US Marine Corps Reserves during my first two years at the New London branch of the University of Connecticut. The Reserve placed me in the machine gun platoon. We did one week of training at Camp Le Jeune, ending with a mock landing from a landing craft.

I received an honorable discharge when I moved to New York City. This resulted in me being drafted into the Army by the New London Draft Board. I ended up in infantry training at Columbia, S.C.

I was sent to Seattle and then to Pusan, South Korea where I served as an "Official U.S. Army Correspondent." I worked for the Public Information Section of Headquarters, Korean Communication Zone (KComZ,) Taegu. I did not see combat but did cover such actions as the exchange of prisoners-of-war at Munsn and an armistice talk in Panmunjon, North Korea. This led to an armistice declared on July 27, 1953. The conflict never officially ended in peace.

My boss, Lt. Col. James Chestnutt awarded me a Commendation ribbon with Metal Pendant for meritorious service. Our ship of Korean vets was welcomed by a bevy of young dancers on the pier and a fireboat squirting a plume of water on Puget Sound. It was Seattle's last time to officially welcome such a ship from Korea.





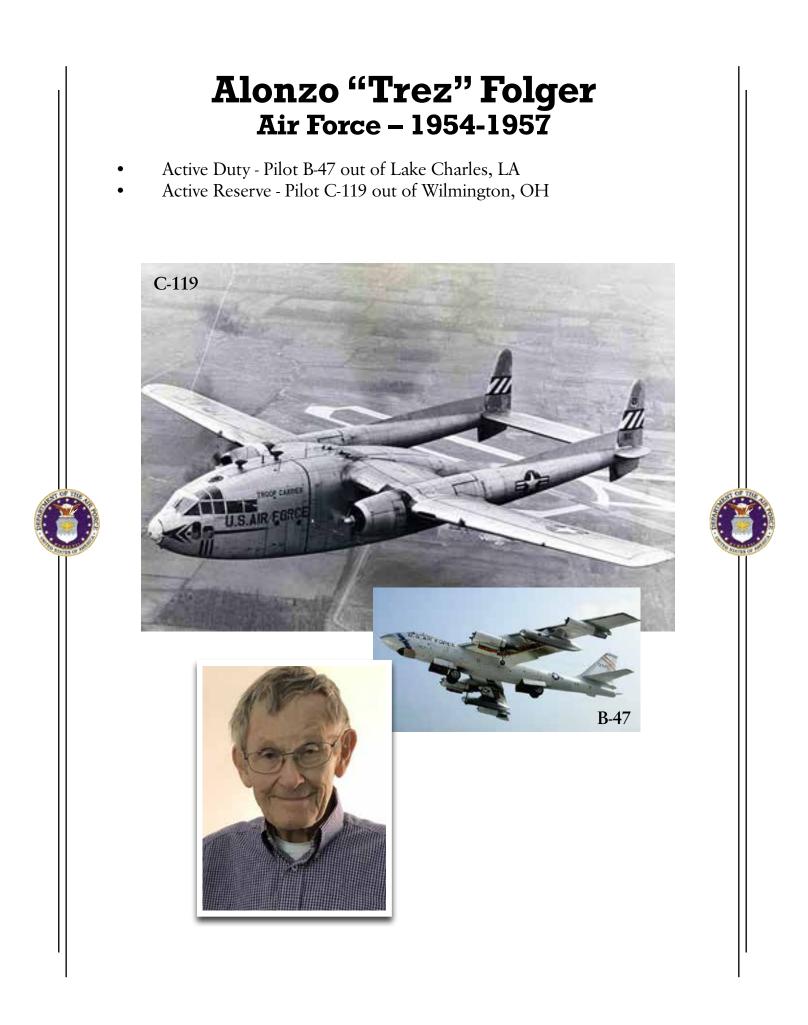
Bill Fogle Army

He was in the Army in the 1950's., stationed in Camp Handford, WA. Basic training in FT. Lewis, WA(nothing but snow)! When his service was finished, he was a Corporal, but they said he deserved to be a Sargeant. By the time he reached home, a letter was waiting which said, "It was a mistake, you shouldn't be a Sargeant. Therefore he had to return his extra pay for the short time he was a Sergeant!









Bob Habel Army Reserves – 1957-1959

Army served from 1957 to 1959 in the ROTC US Army Artillery in Ft. Sill Oklahoma. I was a Battery Commander until the Post Engineer found I was an architect. I was then put on temporary duty to build a sewage treatment plant. This assignment lasted for the last six months of my service.



Bob on the left

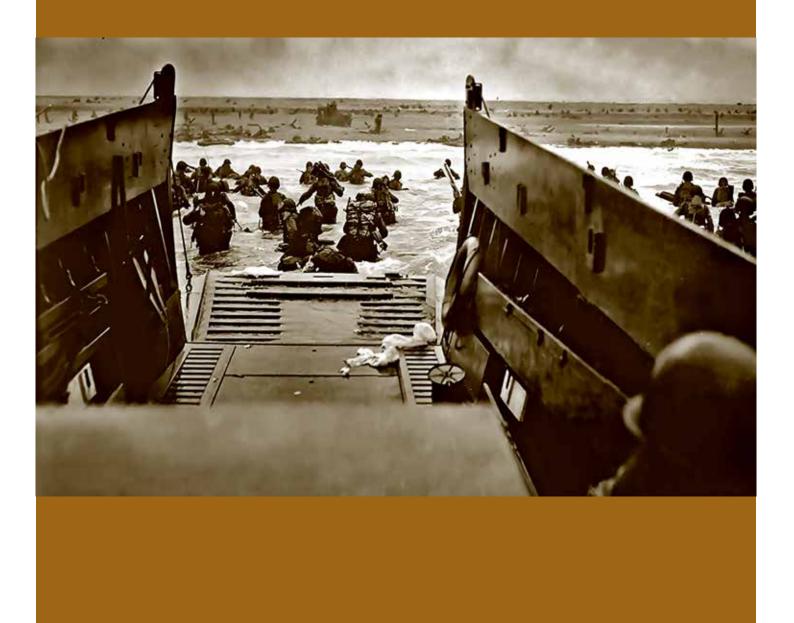


William Hackman Army - 1954-1956

"I was an instructor at the Clerical School at Fort Knox, Kentucky. With the other instructors and students, who were generally college graduates, I was able to form a few lasting friendships. Although I was not happy about being drafted for two years, in certain respects the Army was a rewarding experience."



Bravery doesn't mean you aren't scared. It means you go anyway.



Charles Rudy Heath II Army Reserves – 1957-1960

I served six years in the peacetime reserves—four years while in college and two years thereafter. No tours of combat duty. I attended weekly meetings and received two weeks of active duty for training each summer. In 1960 that changed to one weekend per month (Saturday and Sunday) plus two weeks summer training. When discharged I was an E-5.

I enlisted at Ft. Thomas, Kentucky in 1956. There I served in Company A, 365th Engineer Aviation Battalion that built airfields and bridges in WWII. I transferred to the 834th Engineer Battalion (Heavy Construction) while attending the University of Kentucky in Lexington from 1956 to 1960. About 15% of the personnel (officers and enlisted) consisted of WWII veterans serving reserve duty to gain retirements points toward a military pension. My last assignment was with Headquarters Company, 2nd Special Training Group of the 2420th ERTC in Cincinnati from 1960 to 1962.

My MOS was engineer heavy equipment mechanic. I never did that. When the officers of the 834th and 2420th found out I could type, I was assigned to perform clerical duties. The closest I ever got to heavy equipment tools was at Ft. Eustis, Virginia. I was part of an advance team that set up the headquarters office. As we loaded desks we walked past heavy equipment parts and tools also stored in that warehouse!

Active duty for training was received at the following duty stations:

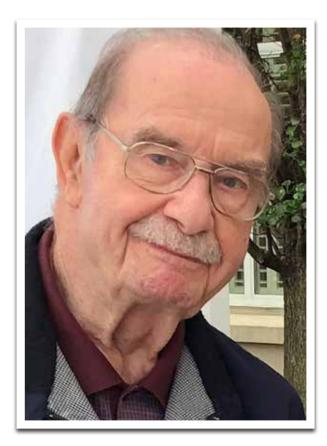
- 1956: Ft. Knox, Kentucky for Basic Training
- 1957: Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky
- 1958: Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky
- 1959: Ft. Eustis, Virginia
- 1960: Ft. Eustis, Virginia
- 1961: Ft. Belvoir, Virginia





Robert Helton MD United States Army -1954 - 1956

I did my basic training in the Medical Corp in Houston, TX. I was then deployed to Germany in February of 1955. There I was assigned to an Antiaircraft unit. I trained and practiced AAA firing over the Baltic Sea. I completed my active service on September 12, 1956 and returned home in November.

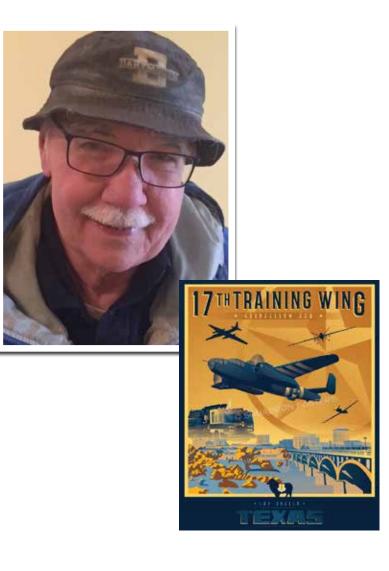


Stanley Hooker ARMY – 1968-1972

Army Security Agency

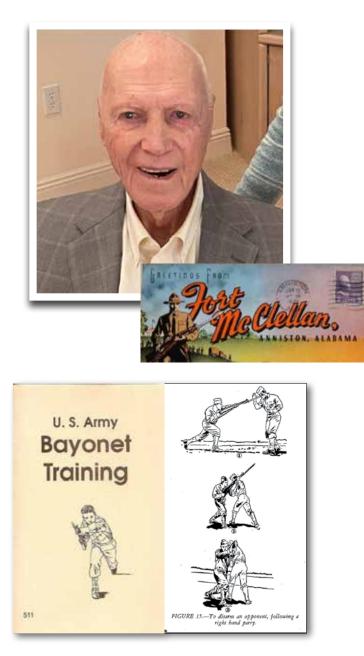
After basic at Fort Jackson, South Carolina I was in Monterey, California for 16 months at the language school, learning Russian. Then I was at Good Fellow AFB in San Angelo, Texas for four months for technical training.

Then I was in Berlin for a year and a half listening to Russians. 90% was just radiomen but occasionally something interesting came up.



Jim Howe Army – 1945-1946

I was drafted into the Army in February 1945. I was stationed at Fort McClellan in Anniston, Alabama. While there I rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant. My duties included teaching bayonet and physical training. Once it was discovered that I excelled in sports, the base commander kept me on base to play on the base's football and basketball teams. My military career ended with an honorable discharge in November 1946.



Alton Mayo Army – 1945-1947



I am a veteran, but I did not participate in any actual war activity.

I graduated from high school in Alabama in May 1945. Regular Army enlistment was not open to me at that time, but I was accepted into the Army Enlisted Reserve Corps program at Clemson University starting in July. That program ended in November, and I was then transferred to active duty in the Army. World War II was already officially over.

My first assignment in the Army was two months Armored Basic Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Then I was sent to the U.S. Iceland Base Command in Keflavík, Iceland via Westover Field, Massachusetts. The U.S. Military had been in the process of moving out of Iceland for some time, and I arrived there in the final stages. As it turned out the base closed eleven months later. Almost all the remaining troops returned to the U.S. by ship. The office that I worked in at that time was the last operation to close, so I returned to Westover Field on the last flight out on April 9, 1947. I was separated from the Army of the United States on May 18, 1947 with the rank of Sergeant. Total active service: 13 months.

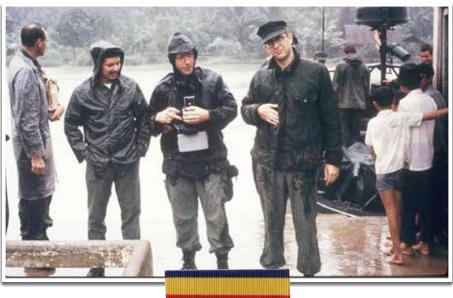
Iceland was a good experience for me. The weather was difficult and the living was uncomfortable, but I was able to grow in many ways.

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.



Chris Neely Navy – 1943-1946

I was was in Boot Camp on VJ day. On completion of boot training I was assigned - as a Seaman First Class in the Radar Tech Program - to the USS Rutland. We shipped out on the Rutland to Sasebo Japan to ferry the 7th Marines home. I was honorably discharged on our ship's arrival at Norfolk - credited with fifteen months active service - and ten days later returned to MIT to complete my B. Sc. In Chemical Engineering.



Jim Powers Navy – 1958-1962



Here I am in my senior year bringing a manuscript over to my weekend date for her to help me type.

In senior year each midshipman is required to submit a history essay on a topic of his own choosing. My faculty advisor was Capt Karl Heinz Peter of the Bundesmarine who was on a two-year stint with us. He had been a young officer on Hitler's invasion of Denmark and Norway in April, 1940. He advised me to write on the event using his first

person input and a newly published history on this event during the Sitzkrieg.

I still have the paper and its scoring sheet, which I used as the model for my high school students papers.

Although I wasn't able to serve after my four years at USNA, I have put to good use what I learned there.



ERS Staff Member **Mike Gabennesch Army - 1967 - 1969**

U.S. Army Special Forces

Vung Tau, Vietnam - 1968 - 1969



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

Winston Churchill



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