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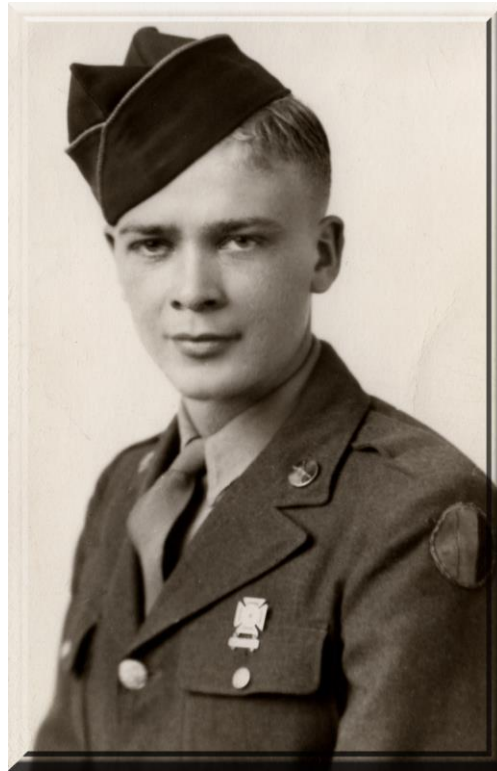
U.S. Navy

Rank: Radioman 2nd Class (RM2)
War Era: WW II
Date Entered: October 29th 1942
Date Discharged: February 24th 1946

Citations or Medals Received:

Good Conduct Medal, European Theater Medal,
American Theater Medal, WW II Victory Medal.

Anthony went to the U.S. Navy Recruiting Station in Buffalo NY, for mustering in, and then on to the Naval Training Center in Sampson, NY for Basic Training. He spent 8 weeks in Sampson. After Basic Training, Anthony was sent to the Naval Training School, Miami University in Oxford, Ohio for 16 weeks for Radioman School. From Ohio he went to the Receiving Station in Norfolk, VA before shipping overseas to England. Anthony spent 8 weeks at the U.S. Naval Radio Station in Londonderry, Northern Ireland. He lodged with a civilian family in London for some time but it is unknown for how long. Anthony was also stationed at various, naval stations in France, Scotland and Sicily. His last station was at Port Lyautey in French Morocco. He received orders for a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) move to Lido Beach, Long Island NY, where he mustered out in February 1946.



LLOYD G. THORSEN

U.S. Army

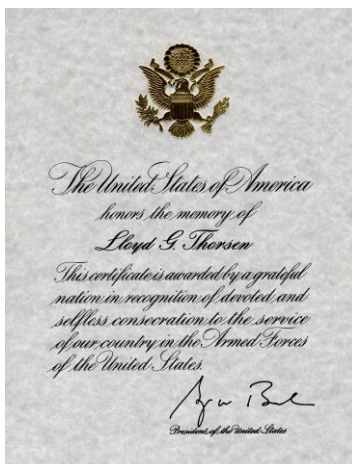
Rank: T/SGT

War Era: WWII – Pacific Theater

Date Entered: October 4, 1944

Date Discharged: November 28, 1946

Bronze Star, Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army of Occupation Medal Japan, Army Commendation Ribbon



Lloyd entered the Army at Fort Snelling. He was a Chief Clerk. Lloyd was wounded during his deployment and spent nearly two months in the hospital recovering from his wounds.



TODD ALLEN TRCKA

Minnesota National Guard

Rank: Staff Sergeant E-6
Date Entered: August 1983
Date Discharged: February 1995

Served During Peacetime

Letter of Recommendation; Certificates of Achievement, Training, Extension and Distinguished Service; Army Achievement Medal; Army Commendation Medal

Todd attended basic training at Fort Jackson, SC. He took additional training at the Chemical School in Fort McClellan, AL. Todd also completed a Primary Leadership Development Course. He spent 12 years of duty with the 447th Chemical Company out of Northfield, MN. In 1990, the 447th Chemical Company named Todd the NCO of the Year. He was honorably discharged in February of 1995.



VERNON TRCKA

U.S. Army

Rank: Private First Class MP
War Era: Korean War
Date Entered: November 13, 1952
Date Discharged: November 13, 1954

National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal

Vernon attended basic training and Military Police Training at Fort Campbell, KY. He was assigned to the 553rd Military Police Company at Fort Campbell, KY for his entire enlistment. Vernon's duties were comprised of patrolling the Base and surrounding areas. He enforced military laws, dealt with domestics, investigated motor vehicle accidents and criminal activity, made arrests, wrote citations, and testified in Military Court.

5 TRINKA BROTHER'S SERVED THEIR COUNTRY

The story of the Sullivan Brother's is well known, with a movie being made about the five boys who served, and finally died for their country. The Montgomery area has a somewhat similar story, involving five Trinkka Brothers, sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Trinkka, whose home place was near Lake Pepin. While the Trinkka Brother's did not make national news, they are well known in the area. At the time of this story, one of the brother's is deceased. The week before Memorial day seems an ideal time to recognize five brothers from one family who served their country in the military services. The Trinkka brothers, and their military history, follows: WOODY TRINKA, Montgomery, Air Force, World War II, TONY TRINKA, Eagan, (deceased), Marines, World War II, FRANCIS TRINKA, Waconia, Air Force, Korea, ALVIN TRINKA, Waukegan, Ill., Air Force, Korea, CLARENCE TRINKA, Webster, Air Force, Korea. Other members of the Trinkka family are three sisters: Mrs. Frank (Helen) Pasek of Webster, Mrs. Ray (Irene) Keske, Northfield, and Mrs. Lorraine Borgsthal, Owatonna.

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Francis Anton Trinkka

U.S. Air Force

Rank: Airman First Class
War Era: Korean War
Date Entered: December 30th 1950
Date Discharged: November 5th 1954

Awards:

Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, 9th & 10th BS for Korean Service Medal.

Francis volunteered to enlist in the Air Force in 1950. Francis attended Basic Training in San Antonio Texas. After Basic Training, Francis was assigned to the Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio Texas. He worked in the 3700th Supply Squadron until his deployment to Korea. Upon arrival in Korea Francis worked in the salvage yard. His duties included, trading scrap metal and items to the Korean government. On November 5th 1954 Francis was honorably discharged from the U. S. Air Force at the Smokey Hills Air Force Base in Salina Kansas.



WOODROW "WOODY" TRINKA

U.S. Air Force

Rank: Corporal

War Era: WWII Pacific

Date Entered: April 11, 1942

Date Discharged: February 20, 1946

Good Conduct medal, Sharp Shooter Medal, Two Overseas Service Bars, American Theater Service Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal

Woody was a Supply Clerk and Diesel Engineer in charge of seven diesel engines. He served in the Southern Philippines Liberation in the 4th Air Command Far Eastern Air Forces. After one mission, when returning back to Okinawa, his barge and crew survived being caught in a typhoon with 125 mile per hour winds with waves at 90 feet high.



CLARENCE S. TRNKA

U.S. Army

Rank: Private First Class

War Era: Korea

Date Entered: February 13, 1957

Date Discharged: February 12, 1959

Sharpshooter Medal, Good Conduct Medal

The Sharpshooter Medal is one of three levels of marksmanship the Army awards soldiers – expert, sharpshooter, and marksman. This is not a permanent award and requires soldiers to re-qualify every 12 months with the same weapon and at the same level in order to continue wearing the medal.

The Army Good Conduct Medal was established in 1941 and was awarded for exemplary behavior and efficiency throughout a specified period of continuous enlisted active service.



LAWRENCE A. TRNKA

Branch of Service: U. S. Army Reserve
Rank: Sergeant
War/Peace Time: Viet Nam
Date Entered: 02-26-1964
Date Discharged: 02-26-1970

National Defense Service Medal

Lawrence attended Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood Missouri. After Basic Training Lawrence attended Military Truck Drive School at Fort Leonard and he continued his active military duty driving truck on this base. His duties included delivery Base supplies. Once Lawrence completed his active Military Duty, he was first assigned to the 353rd Transport Unit in Faribault Minnesota and then later transferred to Buffalo Minnesota. Upon his transfer, Lawrence was promoted to Assistant Motor Pool Sergeant.



FRANK J. TUMA

U.S. Army

War Era: WWI

At this time, not much is known about Frank's service for his country. He played trumpet and clarinet in the Army Band.



MILO A. TUMA

U.S. Army

Rank: Corporal

War Era: Korea

Date Entered: November 29, 1950

Date Discharged: August 28, 1952

*Korean Service Medal with one Bronze Campaign Star,
United Nations Service Medal*

Milo attended Basic Training at Fort Riley, KS. He attended training for heavy artillery weapons at Fort Phil, OK. Milo served in the 50th Battalion during the Korean War manning a 50-caliber machine gun. After serving in Korea, Milo returned to C-Battery 4th Field Artillery Battalion (PK) Camp Carlson, CO.



ALVIN MARTIN TUREK

U.S. Army

Rank: Staff Sergeant

War Era: WWII

Date Entered: June 5, 1942

Date Discharged: October 27, 1945

*Bronze Star, Three Overseas Service Bars, Good Conduct Medal,
Combat Infantryman Badge, European-African-Middle Eastern
Theater Service Medal*

Alvin was with Company A 350th Infantry Regiment 85th "Custer" Division. In 1944-1945, he was part of the Italian Campaign, also known as the "forgotten front." Alvin spent 20 months in service overseas.



BENJAMIN J. TUREK

U.S. Army Air Corps

Rank: Tech Sergeant

War Era: WWII – European Campaign

Date Entered: February 10, 1942

Date Discharged: October 5, 1945

*Distinguished Unit Badge, Good Conduct Medal,
European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal*

Benjamin flew out of England, and was involved in campaigns over Europe, Italy, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe and Ardennes.



FRANK TUREK, JR.

U.S. Army

Rank: Airman Third Class

War Era: Korea

Date Entered: July 1952 and October 1959

Date Discharged: July 1956 and June 1960

*Korean Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal,
Good Conduct Medal, United Nations Service Medal*

Frank was a Teletype Operator and was stationed in Japan.

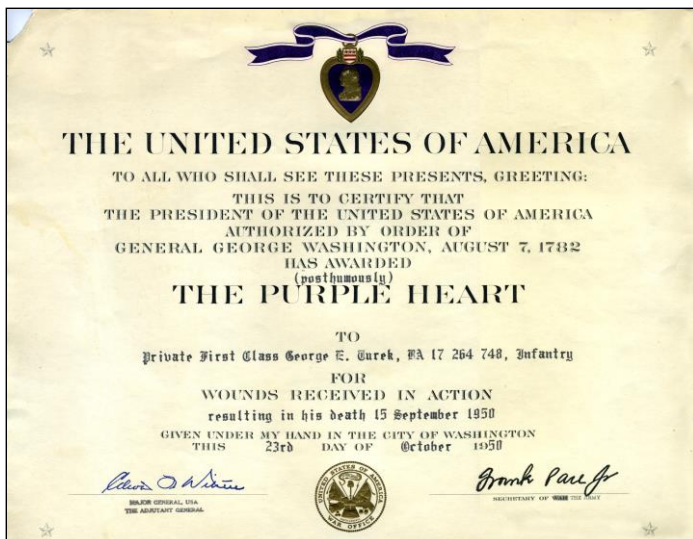


GEORGE E. TUREK

U.S. Army

Rank: Private First Class
War Era: Korea
Date Entered: January 1950
Killed in Action: September 15, 1950

Purple Heart (posthumously)



George was killed in the invasion of Korea. He had landed in Korea only four days earlier.



MILO T. TUREK

U.S. Army

Rank: TEC-4

War Era: WWII Pacific Theater

Date Entered: October 10, 1942

Date Discharged: November 19, 1945

Meritorious Unit Award, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific Theater Service Ribbon, Five Overseas Bars, Driver and Mechanic Badge

Milo served during World War II as a Truck Driver. He served in the battles of the Eastern Mandates and the Western Pacific.



NEIL H. TUREK

U.S. Army

Rank: Sergeant
War Era: WWII – Pacific Theater
Date Entered: June 16, 1941
Date Discharged: April 15, 1945

Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon and Battle Star, American Defense Service Ribbon, Infantry Aviation and Marksmanship Badge

Neil served his country in Kansas, CA and then on to the South Pacific. He was in the New Guinea Campaign – one of the major military campaigns of World War II. Neil was also involved in the Philippine Island Campaign to defeat and rid the Philippines of the Imperial Japanese Forces occupying the islands.



RICHARD JOHN TUREK

U.S. Air Force

Rank: Colonel

War Era: Korean and Vietnam

Date Entered: October 1951

Date Discharged: July 1, 1976

Colonel Turek received 26 awards and commendations including the Legion of Merit w/ 1 cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal w/ 10 clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Outstanding Unit Award w/ 1 cluster, Expeditionary Medal w/ 3 clusters, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Republic of Vietnam Medal w/ 3 clusters

Dick entered the service as an Air Cadet at James Connally AFB in Waco, TX. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant and remained there as a flight instructor. Later Dick was assigned to Northeast Air Defense Command at Goose Bay AFB, Labrador where he flew early warning missions over the North Atlantic. He also flew reconnaissance missions over the Pacific and many classified missions during the Cold War. Other flying assignments included Yuma, AZ; Greenland; Japan; and Vietnam. At Davis Monthan AFB in Tucson, Dick trained USAF Officers and others from 7 foreign nations in Weapon Systems Operations. He was promoted to Commander of the 4457th Combat Crew Training Sqdn. His last two assignments were as Base Commander in Alaska and New Mexico. During his 25-year career, Dick amassed over 10,000 flying hours in 10 different aircrafts. He retired with the rank of Full Colonel in July 1976.



WILLIAM T. TUREK

U.S. Army

Rank: Private

War Era: WWI

Date Entered: February 29, 1918

Date Discharged: November 15, 1918

William served in the U.S. Army during World War I. He was stationed at Hoboken, NJ and Camp Merritt, NJ. William's occupation during his enlistment was an Army Cook.



KYLE E. TUTTLE

Branch of Service: U. S. ARMY AIR
Rank: PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
War/Peace Time: GULF WAR
Date Entered: APRIL 1990
Date Discharged: SEPTEMBER 1992

Aircraft Crewman Badge, Army Service Ribbon, Sharpshooter Badge

Kyle attended Basic Training at Fort Dix New Jersey. After Basic Training, Kyle continued his training in Aviation Mechanics at Fort Dix. Upon completion of training Kyle was assigned to Fort Dix as at Helicopter Mechanic specializing in the Apache Helicopter at Fort Dix.



STEVEN R. TUTTLE

Branch of Service: U. S. MARINE CORPS
Rank: SERGEANT
War/Peace Time: PERSIAN GULF WAR
Date Entered: APRIL 1975
Date Discharged: NOVEMBER 1984

Steven attended Basic Training at San Diego California. Upon completion of Basic Training, Steve was deployed to the First Marine Brigade in the Indian Ocean. Steven was assigned the Duty of Squad Leader for Infantry Rifleman.



WILLIAM TUTTLE

Branch of Service: U. S. ARMY
Rank: SERGEANT
War/Peace Time: WORLD WAR II
Date Entered: DECEMBER 1944
Date Discharged: MARCH 1947

World War II Victory Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal

William attended Basic Training at Camp Roberts in San Miguel California. Upon completion of Basic Training, William attended training with the 185th Infantry Center at San Miguel. William was then deployed to the XXIV Corps Yong Dong Po, Korea where he served as a MP (Military Police) for 3 years. After his tour of duty in Korea, William was received an Honorable Discharge at Camp Beale California.



JAMES F. "PEANUTS" UHLIR

U.S. Navy

Rank: EM2

War Era: Vietnam

Date Entered: September 13, 1960

Date Discharged: September 13, 1964

Good Conduct Medal, Top of Class Naval Electrical School

Peanuts attended basic training at San Diego, CA. He spent three months in 1961 on the USS Rochester CA 124. From 1961 to 1964, Peanuts served aboard the USS Hornet CVS 12.



ROBERT EMIL UHLIR

U.S. Navy

Rank: Airman

War Era: Korea

Date Entered: January 8, 1956

Date Discharged: January 8, 1958

Robert attended basic training at Great Lakes, IL. After training Robert served aboard the USS Essex CVA-9.

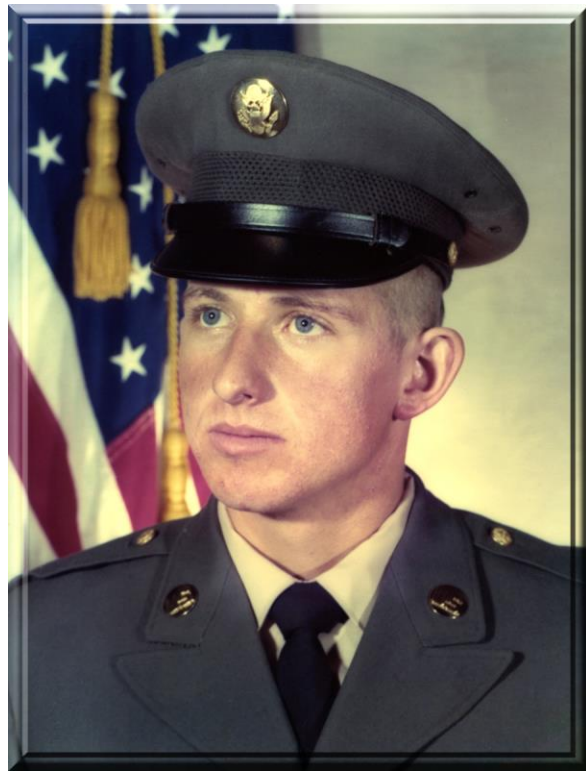


JOSEPH J VISKOCIL

Branch of Service: U.S. Air Force
Rank: Airman 2nd Class
War Era: Viet Nam
Date Entered: 06-10-1960
Date Discharged: 03-03-1964

U. S. Air Force Good Conduct Medal, U. S. Air Force Special Operations 113 Patch, U. S. Air Force Tactical Air Command Shoulder Patch.

Joseph attended Basic Training at Lockland Air Force Base in Lockland, Texas. After Basic Training, Joseph attended Radio Relay Equipment Repairmen training at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi. Once Joseph completed his training, he served as a Radio Relay Equipment Repairman on Baffin Island on Frobisher Bay, Nova Scotia. After his tour of duty in Nova Scotia, Joseph was assigned to the Shaw Air Force Base near Sumter, South Carolina.



CHARLES EDWARD VLASAK

U.S. Army

Rank: SP4

War Era: Vietnam

Date Entered: October 24, 1972

Date Discharged: October 21, 1974

*National Defense Service Medal, Marksman M16 &
45-Caliber Pistol, Sharpshooter Hand Grenade*

Charles entered the Army in Minneapolis. He trained in Composite Risk Management (CRM) – the Army’s decision making process to identify hazards, reduce risks and prevent accidents both on and off duty. Charles served with Company B 2/37th Artillery USAEUR/7A. He was honorably discharged from Fort Dix in New Jersey.



DAVID MICHAEL VLASAK

U.S. Navy

Rank: FN (Fireman)

War Era: Vietnam

Date Entered: May 27, 1969

Date Discharged: May 26, 1975

*National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal,
Vietnam Campaign Medal*

David completed basic military training as well as training for Fireman (engine/machinist apprentice), MRPO (Machine Processing Petty Officer), and MM (Machinist's Mate).

In 1971, David was released from active duty and transferred to the Naval Reserve out of Bainbridge, MD. His last assignment was aboard the USS Shangri-la CVS-38 at Mayport, FL.



EDWARD J. VLASAK

U.S. Army Air Force

Rank: Corporal

War Era: WWII

Date Entered: February 10, 1942

Date Discharged: November 30, 1945

*American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal,
World War II Victory Medal*

Edward entered the Army at Fort Snelling. He served as a Medical Corpsman with the 324th AAF Base Unit. The Army Air Force was the military aviation arm of the U.S. during WWII and immediately after – it was the direct predecessor the Air Force.



Gregory J. Vlasak

U. S. Army, U.S. Coast Guard, U. S. Navy

Highest Rank: Boatswains Mate 1st Class

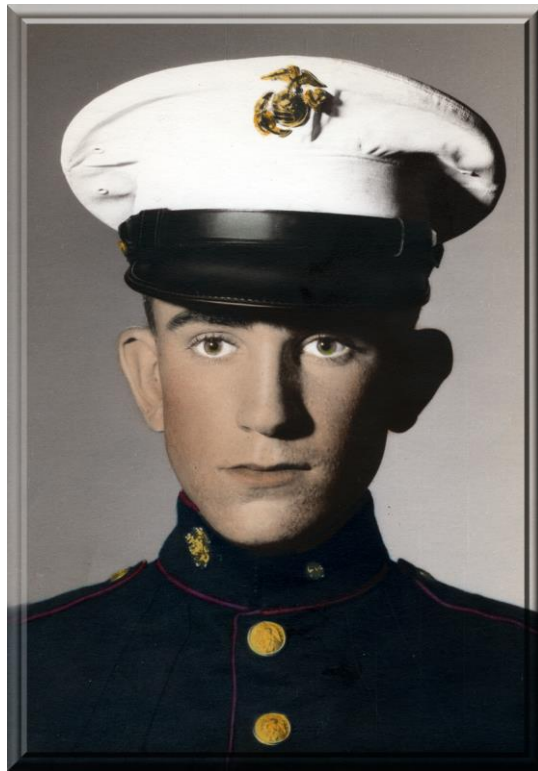
War Era: Viet Nam & Gulf War

Date Entered: October 31, 1966

Date Discharged: January 31, 1995

National Defense Service Medal, Viet Nam Service Medal, Viet Nam Campaign Medal, Republic of Viet Nam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation Badge, Marksman Badge with Carbine Bar, Basic Missileman Badge, Army Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Expeditionary Medal, Army Service Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Coast Guard Unit Commendation w/ "O" Device, Coast Guard Marksman Pistol Ribbon, & the Civil Action Medal First Class Color

Greg served his Country in three branches of the United States Military. U. S. Army 10/31/66 – 6/8/69; U.S. Coast Guard 01/10/72 – 12/15/78; U. S. Navy 08/31/84 – 01/31/95. Greg started his military career in the U. S. Army serving in the infantry frontline in Viet Nam. After his tour of duty in the Army, Greg enlisted in the U. S. Coast Guard where he obtained the Rank of Boatswains Mate. His duties included: being assigned the U.S.S. Cutter Mesquite in Duluth, MN. After his tour of duty in the U. S. Coast Guard, Greg enlisted in the U. S. Navy. He was assigned to the TAR Program at Naval Air Station in Alameda, CA. Then he served on a Mine Sweeper near Bahrain in the Persian Gulf during the Gulf War. After his deployment in the Persian Gulf Greg was an instructor at Naval Reserve Base in Avoca, PA. Greg was discharged at NAVRESREDCEN Great Lakes, IL.



EDWARD J. VOCHOSKA

U.S. Marines

Rank: Corporal

War Era: Vietnam

Date Entered: 1966

Date Discharged: 1970

*National Defense, Navhy Achievement, USMC Good Conduct,
2 Purple Hearts, Vietnam Campaign, USMC Rifle Marksman,
6 Company 4th Division Patch, 5th Division Patch, Vietnam Service*

Edward was stationed at Camp Pendelton, CA. He served at Marble Mountain, DaNang, Vietnam as a pointman on Search and Destroy. Edward was a Bush Grunt in Phu Bai, Vietnam with Golf Company 2nd Battalion 4th Marine "Magnificent Bastard."



PAUL J. VOLLMAR

U.S. Army

Rank: Corporal

War Era: Korean War

Date Entered: December 8, 1953

Date Discharged: December 7, 1955

National Defense Service Medal

Paul attended Basic Training at Fort Riley, KS, Advanced Basic Training at Fort Hood, TX and Wireman Training at Camp Chaffee, AK. Paul returned to Fort Hood, where he served as a wireman. His duties included working on switchboards, telephones and telephone poles and lines. He later transferred to Fort Bliss, TX. While at Fort Bliss, his company was also in charge of guarding the Mexican border. During his last six months of active duty, Paul served as a personal Jeep driver for Colonel Stilger, who was in charge of the Wireman Company.



MARTIN VRZAL

U.S. Air Force

Rank: Staff Sergeant
War Era: Gulf / Iraq / Afghanistan
Date Entered: October 14, 1998
Date Discharged: October 14, 2005

Martin was a Aerospace Propulsion Tech 4 Security Forces at Edwards Air Force Base, CA. He was part of the Security Forces / Military Police at Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia. Martin was also an Aircraft Engine Operations Tech at Elmendorf Air Force Base, AK and Kadena Air Base at Okinawa, Japan.

Some of Martin's military operations included Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and Desert Shield.



SCOTT VRZAL

U.S. Marine Corps

Rank: Sergeant

War Era: Gulf

Date Entered: July 31, 1995

Date Discharged: July 31, 1999

National Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Navy Achievement

Scott attended boot camp at MCRD San Diego, CA and Marine Combat Training at Camp Pendleton, CA. He also attended Motor Transport School at Camp Lejeune, NC. Scott was stationed at Quantico, VA and operated all types of motor vehicles and trained officers at The Basic School – “TBS.”



ALVIN J. VYSKOCIL

Branch of Service: U. S. Army
Rank: Sergeant
War/Peace Time: Korean War
Date Entered: 09-27-1950
Date Discharged: 12-11-1951

*Korean Service Medal with 2 Bronze Campaign Stars
and the Bronze Star Medal*

Alvin entered the U. S. Arm at Fort Riley Kansas. Alvin was assigned to the HQ and SVC Company 430th Engineer Construction Battalion where he served as a Blade Operator during the Korean War.



DONALD EMIL VYSKOCIL

Branch of Service: U. S. Army
Rank: Specialist 4
Date Entered: 03-13-1956
Date Discharged: 13-14-1962

Donald entered the U. S. Army at Fort Snelling Minnesota. He was shipped to San Diego California and later was transferred to Casablanca Morocco. After his tour of duty in Casablanca Donald was assigned to Trans XIV U. S. A. R. Corps Reserve.



EDWARD F. VYSKOCIL

Branch of Service: U. S. Army
Rank: Private 1st Class
War/Peace Time: World War I
Date Entered: 09-09-1917
Date Discharged: 01-19-1919

Edward entered the U. S. Army Company 37 at Presidio California. He was assigned to Company 9, 163rd Depot Brigade at Camp Dodge Iowa During World War I.



EDWARD J. VYSKOCIL

Branch of Service: U. S. Army
Rank: Private 1st Class
War/Peace Time: Korean War
Date Entered: 09-27-1950
Date Discharged: 12-11-1951

Edward entered the U. S. Army at Mankato Minnesota.
He served during the Korean War. Edward received an Honorable
Discharge at Fort Bliss Texas.

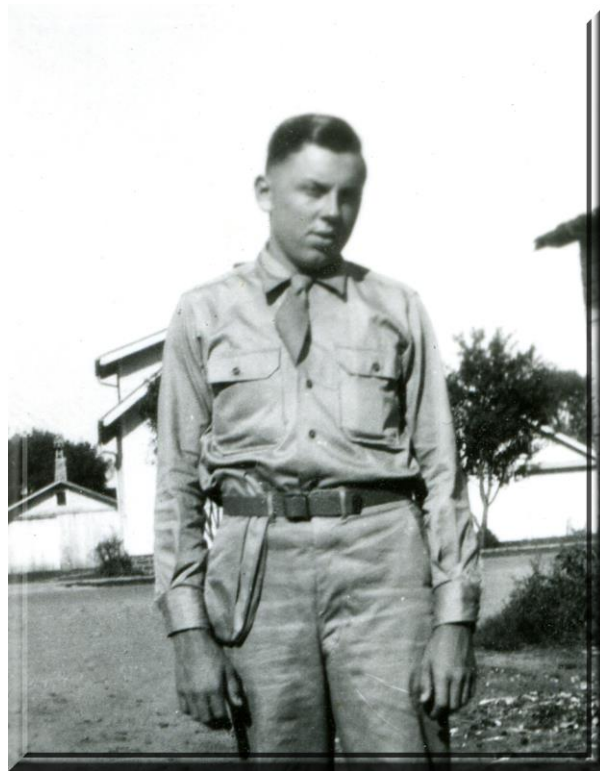


HENRY E. VYSKOCIL

Branch of Service: U. S. Army
Rank: Private 1st Class
War/Peace Time: World War II
Date Entered: 11-10-1942
Date Discharged: 01-27-1946

Expert Infantry Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart, American Theater Service Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Service Ribbon and two Overseas Bars.

Henry entered the U. S. Army at Fort Snelling Minnesota. He served during World War II as a truck driver. He received an Honorable Discharge at Camp McCoy Wisconsin.



LEONARD J. VYSKOCIL

U.S. Army

Rank: Private

War Era: WWII European Theater

Date Entered: August 26, 1943

Date Discharged: May 29, 1945

Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, EAME Ribbon with one Bronze Battle Star and three Bronze Campaign Stars, Expert Medal for M1, Expert Citation for Browning Automatic Rifle

Leonard was a Rifleman who trained with the 232nd Infantry Regiment Company "C" in Camp Gruber, OK. He served with the 79th Division 314th Company "L" Infantry Regiment. Leonard arrived in England on April 16, 1944. He was wounded in combat in France on October 14, 1944. Leonard participated in the invasion of Normandy, the French and German Campaigns.



RAYMOND C. VYSKOCIL

Branch of Service: U. S. Army
Rank: Corporal
War/Peace Time: Korean War
Date Entered: 02-04-1953
Date Discharged: 01-26-1955

*Army of Occupation Medal (Germany),
National Defense Service Medal*

Raymond Entered the U. S. Army in Minneapolis Minnesota.
Raymond was assigned to D Battery 25th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Gun
Battalion as a Radar operator. Raymond received an Honorable
Discharge at Fort Sheridan Illinois.



GORDON R. WALTERS

U.S. Navy

Rank: Yeoman 3rd Class

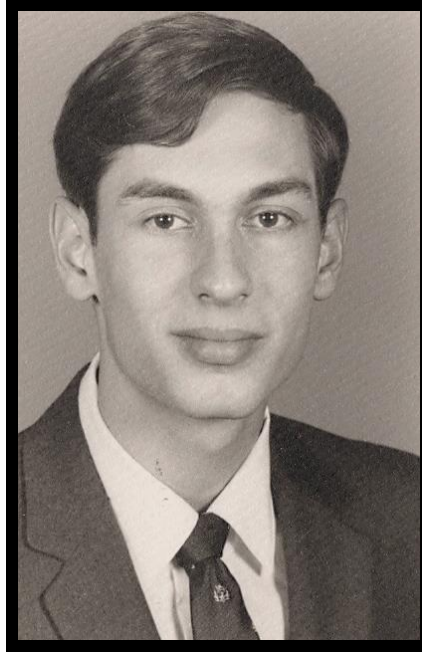
War Era: Korean

Date Entered: September 6, 1950

Date Discharged: July 9, 1954

Good Conduct Medal, Korean Service Medal with 5 stars, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal

Gordon attended Basic at the Great Lakes Training Center in North Chicago, IL. After Basic Training, Gordon was assigned to the US Los Angeles in the 5th Fleet, a cruiser that sailed the waters from Japan to Korea along the Bomb Line of the 38th Parallel. The USS Los Angeles supported the Korean War by bombing several targets. Gordon was in charge of all blueprints of the ship, and he handled all leave and liberty for the Engineering Division.



WILLIAM FREDRICK WASHA

U.S. Navy

Rank: MSSN

War Era: Vietnam

Date Entered: 10-28-1971

Date Discharged: 11-19-1975

National Defense Service Medal

Bill Graduated from Montgomery-Lonsdale High School in 1970. Bill signed up for the U. S. Navy and served 1971 to 1975. Bill Served aboard two ships during his enlistment in the U. S. Navy, the USS Ponchatoula (AD1480) and the USS Fort Fisher (LSD-40).

Bill was deployed and sailed through the following Countries/States: Hawaii, China, Philippines, Singapore, Vietnam and the Asia Territories. Bill was assigned to the Culinary Department and his specialty was Commissary and Provisions/Mess Hall.



FRANK J. WASHA

U.S. Navy

Rank: Motor Machinist's Mate, 3rd Class
War Era: WWII – Pacific Theater
Date Entered: October 30, 1944
Date Discharged: July 7, 1946

Frank attended Basic Training in Farragut, Idaho. He served aboard the US Navy Light Ships LST-1079, LST-883 and LST(H)-931. His tour of duty took him to Guam, the Philippines, the Marshall Islands, Japan, China, Taiwan, Pearl Harbor, Waikiki and Honolulu before returning home through San Francisco. He served as an engineer in the main engine room as well as the auxiliary engine room.



ROY WASHA

U.S. Navy

Rank: F2C

War Era: WWII Pacific Theater

Date Entered: August 11, 1943

Date Discharged: March 20, 1946

Honorable Service Lapel Pin, Discharge Button, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal w/ 4 Bronze Stars, WWII Victory Medal, Navy USCG Commendation Ribbon

Roy served aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise where he worked in the engine room. Roy's home port was Pearl Harbor, HI.

The USS Enterprise was the most decorated ship having fought all but two of the twenty-plus major actions during WWII. Some of the sea battles Roy fought on the Enterprise against the Japanese fleet include Marshall-Gilbert Islands; Truk Atoll; Palau; Yap Island; Wolerau; Dutch New Guinea; Siapan; and Guam.



ARTHUR T. WEIERS

U.S. Army

Rank: Corporal

War Era: Korea

Date Entered: July 13, 1954

Date Discharged: June 1, 1956

*National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal,
Sharp Shooter Medal, Overseas Bar*

Art attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He trained for Quarter Master at Fort Lee, VA. Upon completion of training Art was shipped to Thule Air Force Base (AFB), Greenland where he was assigned the duty of Administration Clerk. Art's duties included ordering supplies for the base, writing reports and keeping records. While stationed at Thule, Art experienced very cold and snowy conditions along with six months of darkness. Thule AFB was responsible for monitoring air traffic watching for enemy planes from Russia. After his tour of duty at Thule, Art was transferred to Fort Sheridan, IL where he continued the duties of Administration Clerk.



KARL WESTERMAN

Branch of Service: U.S. Marine Corps
Rank: Buck Sergeant
War Era/Peace Time: KOREA
Date Entered: 04-1953
Date Discharged: 12-1958

National Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Reserved Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation

Westerman started his military service as a member of the Marine Aviation Reserve from 1953-1956. Karl went on Active Duty from 1956-1958; attending Basic Training at the U.S. Naval Air Station in Minneapolis, MN. After Basic Training, Karl attended Advanced Infantry Training at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Upon completion of his training, Karl was stationed at the 2nd Marine Air Wing in Cherry Point, North Carolina, for two years. While stationed at Cherry Point, NC, Karl was the NCO in charge of Flight Operation, maintaining flight records of training pilots who trained in Night Carrier Landings, Photo Recognizance, along with maintaining maintenance records.



CAROL M. WINTERFELDT

Branch of Service: U.S. Air Force
Rank: E-3
War Era/Peace Time: U.S.
Date Entered: 10-22-1985
Date Discharged: 02-25-1987

Air Force Training Ribbon.

Carol attended Basic Training at the U. S. Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

After Basic Training, Carol attended Inventory Management Training School at Denver, Colorado. After completion of her training, Carol was stationed at the 47th Supply Squadron Department of the Air Force Fly Training Wing in Laughlin, Texas. Carol's duties were working with the entire base's supplies and inventory.

After her active duty Carol was assigned to the Air Force Reserve 133th Tactical Air Lift Wing, Minneapolis, Minnesota.



ALVIN G. WONDRA

U.S. Army

Rank: Corporal RA-17264743
War Era: Korea
Date Entered: January 1949
Date Discharged: December 1951

Alvin taught auto mechanics at the transportation school in Ft. Eustis, VA. He was transferred to 508th Truck Unit in Berlin, Germany. Alvin travelled the open corridor of Berlin through the airlift to keep the passage open.



DAVID A. WONDRA

U.S. Army

Rank: SPEC 4

Date Entered: June 1976

Date Discharged: June 1979

Served During Peacetime

David was part of the 73rd Military Intelligence Company. He also worked as an aircraft mechanic at the Stuttgart Army Airfield in Stuttgart, Germany.



STEVEN J. WONDRA

U.S. Navy

Rank: AD 3

Date Entered: June 1975

Date Discharged: June 1979

Served During Peacetime

Steven served as a jet engine mechanic at VT10 in Pensacola, FL.



STEVEN JOHN WORATSCHKA

Branch of Service: U.S. Air Force
Rank: Sgt - E-4
War Era/Peace Time: VIETNAM
Date Entered: 10-10-1968
Date Discharged: 10-06-1972

National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal.

Steven attended Basic Training at Amarillo AFB, Texas; Sheppard AFB, Texas, for Schooling; Sewart AFB, Nashville, TN, Training Squadron; Little Rock AFB, Arkansas, Training Squadron; Cam Ranh Bay AFB, Vietnam, Rescue/Recovery Squadron; Thailand, Rescue/Recovery Squadron; Clark AFB, Phillipines, Aircraft Maintenance; Forbes AFB, Topeka, KS; TDY to Europe, Alaska, Panama, Goose Bay, Labrador, and other US locations. At Forbes AFB, we were known as "The Trash Haulers."



STANLEY E. YOUNG

U.S. Air Force

Rank: Technician 5th class

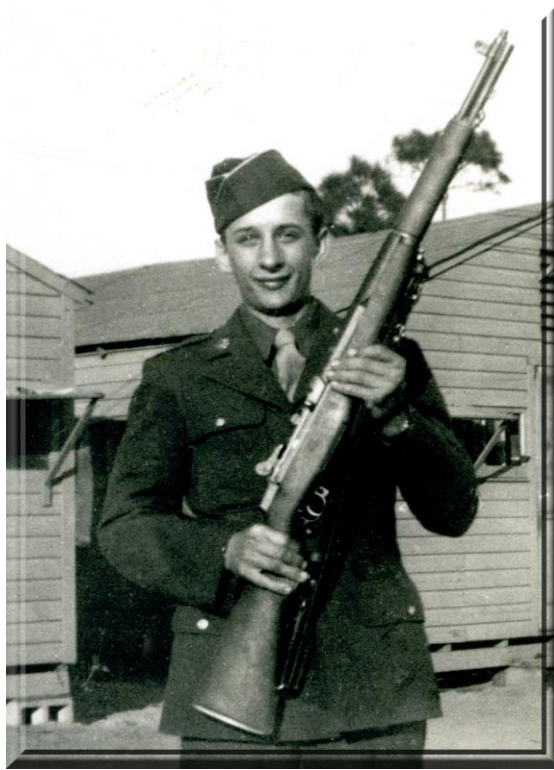
War Era: WWII – American Theater

Date Entered: February 13, 1943

Date Discharged: February 18, 1946

*World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal,
3 Overseas Service Bars, 1 Service Stripe*

Stanley served as a heavy truck driver and was stationed in Newfoundland, Canada. He was a Sharpshooter with carbine and a Marksman with rifle.



ARNOLD J. ZAH RATKA

U.S. Army

Rank: Private First Class
War Era: WWII Europe
Date Entered: May 19, 1943
Date Discharged: March 16, 1946

Bronze Star, American Campaign Medal, European Campaign Medal, WWII Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Marksman Expert Bayonet-Rifle 745 Medal, Le Diplôme from the Minister of France

Arnold's military career started at Fort Snelling. From there he headed for training at Camp Blanding, FL and proceeded to Camp Butner, NC and Camp Atterbury, IN. where he joined the 106th Infantry Division. After spending time at Camp Myles in Standish, MA, Arnold headed to England and eventually arrived at LeHavre, France. He entered combat with the 424th Regiment and was part of the historic Battle of the Bulge.

Before returning to Montgomery, Arnold spent time at Camp Stoman in California and Camp McCoy in Wisconsin.



LEONARD T. ZAHRAATKA

U.S. Army

Rank: TEC 5

War Era: WWII

Date Entered: November 16, 1945

Date Discharged: June 16, 1947

WWII Victory Medal

Leonard entered the service at Fort Snelling. In the Army, Leonard was a light Truck Driver assigned to Troop A 68th Constabulary Squad 3rd Regiment. He was discharged from the Army at Fort Dix, NJ.



EDWARD W. ZELLMER, JR. & LOUIS E. ZELLMER

U.S. Navy

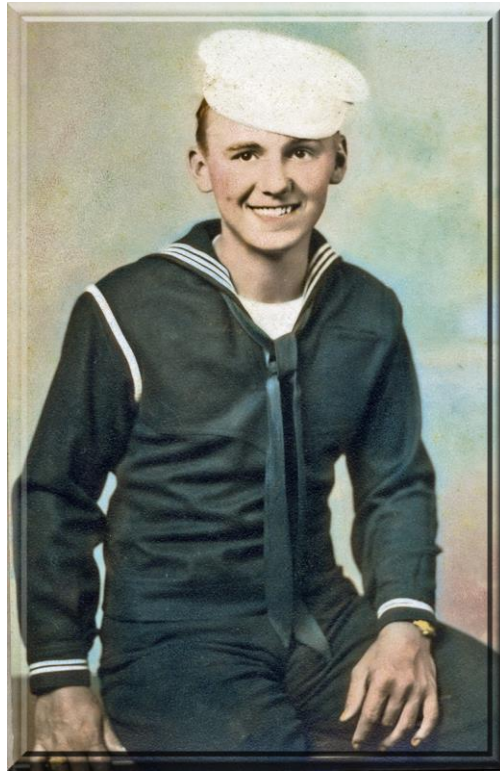
Rank: Seaman First Class
War Era: WWII

Edward was inducted at Great Lakes Naval Base, IL. He was attached to the Utility Aircraft Squadron VJ 13 with the 7th Fleet. Edward was discharged from Layte Naval Base in the Philippines.

U.S. Army Air Force

Rank: Private
War Era: WWII

Louis was inducted into the Army Air Force at Jefferson Barracks, MO. He served with the 1890th Engineer Battalion in March Field, CA. He also served at Borinquen Field in Puerto Rico.



LEONARD ZVANOVEC

U.S. Navy

Rank: Seaman First Class
War Era: WWII Pacific Theater
Date Entered: November 15, 1945
Date Discharged: November 15, 1947

WWII Victory Medal

Leonard attended basic training in San Diego, CA. After training, he was put on a ship and sent to Hawaii – before Hawaii was a state. A large storm hit the Pacific and Leonard, along with many others aboard the ship, was seasick the entire trip. Leonard served at the U.S. Navy Air Station in Honolulu, HI. During his time there, Leonard received his GED.