# **OMENA'S LEGACY OF SERVICE:**

# A COMMON BOND



### GEORGE ARMSTRONG CUSTER, GEN. UNION ARMY, CIVIL WAR

Though General Custer never lived in Omena, he visited, and owned land through inheritance from his wife's father, Daniel Bacon. Judge Bacon's daughter, Libbie Bacon Custer, was niece to Aaron Page, civil war veteran, and Abel Page, Omena real estate investor. She was cousin to Rebecca Richmond, who built the Bonnie Banks and Camp Lookout cottages.

### BENJAMIN HARRISON GRIERSON, GENERAL UNION ARMY, CIVIL WAR, WESTERN TERRITORIES

"Grierson's Raid" moved 1700 men 600 miles through Mississippi destroying Confederate supplies and infrastructure along the way and is credited with turning the tide of the Civil War to a Union Victory. His distinguished career included leading the Black 10th cavalry, known as "Buffalo Soldiers" in the Western Campaign, to map, lay telegraph cable, and build roads.

- Brevet Major General Grierson was the first post Commander of Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, a frontier fort that provided protection to civilians and Indians, protecting various tribes against intrusion by Sooners.
- The General retired to his "Garrison" in Omena, where he passed away in 1911.





# BYRON M. CUTCHEON, GENERAL, UNION ARMY, CIVIL WAR

- Byron Cutcheon was an 1861 graduate of the U of M, and joined the 20th Michigan Infantry in 1862. In fall of 1864 he was commissioned Colonel of the 27th Michigan Infantry. In 1865 he resigned as Brevet Brigadier General, having served in the battles of the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, and Petersburg. He was awarded the Medal of Honor.
- While serving in the U.S. Congress Cutcheon submitted a bill to establish the Gettysburg National Military Park to commemorate both the North and South in the Civil War.
- In 1896 he built his Omena Cottage, "Maplewood".

# Pvt. Payson Wolfe, Union Army,Civil War, Company K,1st. Michigan Sharp Shooters

Payson enlisted in Company K on August 3, at Northport. Company K was the largest all - Indian regiment east of the Mississippi, with 139 Anishnaabe out of 146 men. They fought in the battles of the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, and Crater. Payson was taken prisoner at Petersburg, Va. on June 17, 1864, and sent to Andersonville Prison. He was discharged at Camp Chase, Ohio, June 13, 1865. (Research by Chris Czopek.)

### Clarence "Bud" Burnside Wolfe, Tech Sgt. US Army Air Force, WWII

Bud was born in Aghosatown in 1917, the great-grandson of Payson Wolfe. Bud's military service was in Iwo Jima and Saipan.



### Pvt. Aaron Sahgahnahquato Pequongay, Union Army, Civil War

 Aaron Sahgahhnahquato Pequongay, an Ottawa, was recruited by Payson Wolfe, and enlisted with John Jacko and John Kiniewahasoipi for one year. He was assigned to the 1st Michigan Sharpshooters, Co K. They served in the Petersburg Va. area. Payson and Aaron survived the war, and Aaron was discharged at the end of the war in August 1865. Aaron's uncle, Thomas Kah-gee served in Co K also.



Aaron Page, Pvt, Co E, 72 Illinois Infantry, Union Army, Civil War

Aaron Page was an early settler in Omena. He was the first postmaster in Northport, and then in Omena. He was married to Almira Dame and was uncle to Libbie Bacon and by marriage to George A. Custer. He acquired his Omena land (now Page Lane) from the Bacon estate.

Page was an ardent abolishionist and champion of voting rights for Native Americans. III health caused by his Civil War service kept him from continuing to farm in Omena, and he moved to Colorado to work for a mining company. His Colorado grave finally received a marker in 2012 due to the efforts of his descendant, Michael Page, pictured here wearing a reproduction Union Army sack coat and kepi.







### **THOMAS MILLER, Union Army, Civil War** Co. K, 1st MI. Sharpshooters

Thomas enlisted at Northport for 3 years in 1863. Thomas' native name was Thomas Kah-gee; his father's names were Thomas K. Miller and Henry Kah-gee. His parents were married at Old Mission by Rev. Dougherty. He is buried in the Omena Presbyterian Church cemetery. He became seriously ill before his first battle, and Mower Hospital in Philadelphia gave him 20 days leave to recover at home. He died while on leave. He was thought to be a deserter, but was not. Thomas is buried in the Omena Presbyterian Church cemetery.

Research by Chris Chrobak; information from 1870 pension file.

## FRAZIER FAMILY, Union Army, Civil War

James Frazier, Pvt. Virginia, POW 1863. Brother in Law of Thomas McLean, father of Mary Frazier



Thomas E.H. McLean, Pvt. Co. F, 137th Infantry, Ohio. Enlisted as "100 days man". He was a hospital administrator in Cincinnati and one of the group of businessmen who built the Hotel Leelanau on Omena Heights.

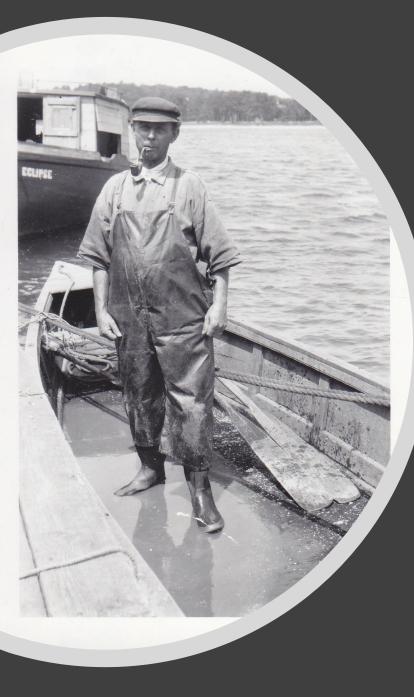
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# Capt. Samuel A. McClelland, Union Army, Civil War

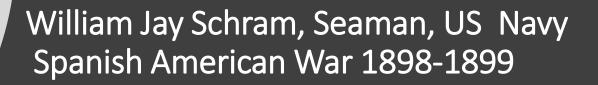
Lt. Samuel A. McClelland was commissioned in November, 1861. He was injured at the Battle of Malvern Hill in July, 1862, and was promoted to Captain September 16, 1864. He served in Battery G, New York 1st. Light Artillery. Captain McClelland's unit served at Antietam; Fredericksburg; Gettysburg; Spotsylvania Courthouse; Petersburg, Virginia; and Weldon Railroad, Virginia, before being mustered out at Elmira, New York on June 19, 1865.

Captain McClelland is buried in the Omena Cemetery.







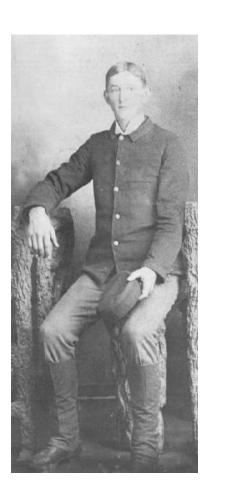


Bill served on the USS Fish Hawk and USS Dorothea He later partnered with John Bauer in Omena. The Schram and Bauer fishing boats were the "Eclipse" and the "Bill & John".

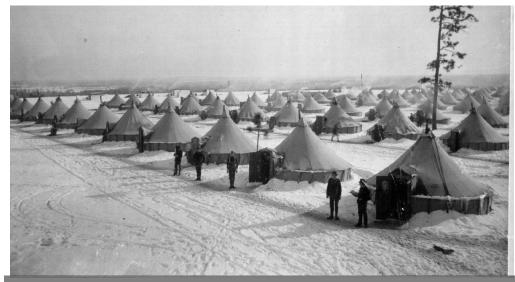


### **US Life Saving Service**





# JOHN RUFLI Spanish American War



Camp McKenzie, Atlanta GA February 12, 1898 12 degrees below

John Rufli enlisted June 6, 1898, Co C. Regulars Michigan Infantry, 35th Regiment.

John later joined the US Life Saving Service, which merged into the Coast Guard in 1915. He served in Holland, Michigan.

### Mary McLean Frazier, USANC Spanish American War

Daughter of James Frazier, Civil War Veteran, Mary trained as a nurse in her uncle Thomas McLean's hospital in Cincinnati.

Mary was among the first group of women nurses to serve in the US Army, first as a contract nurse, then as a full member of the military.

The Secretary of War on June 20, 1899, established the Army Nurse Corps and defined the duties and privileges of the Corps. Mary earned a military pension of her own, not as a spouse. Mary was a founding member of the Omena Women's Club.

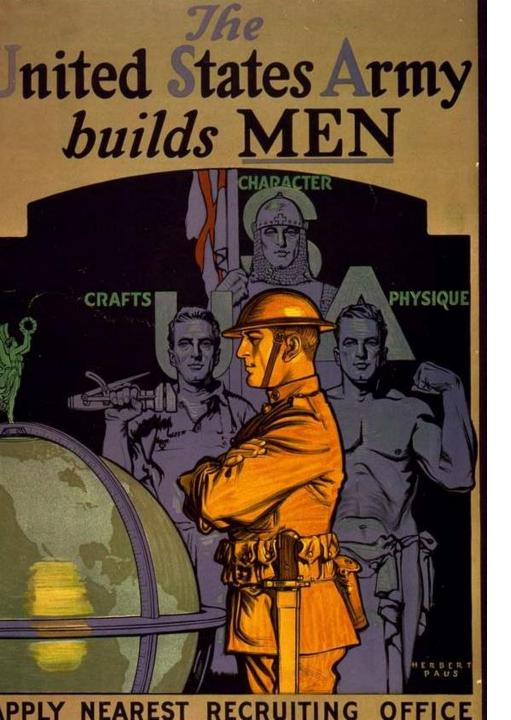


Albert Luke Freeland, US Army, Spanish American War, Pvt. Co A Regiment 1, Illinois Infantry

Born in Hungary, Albert served in Puerto Rico. He and Mary met in Chicago after the war, and were married in 1902. Mary was called to Omena to nurse her uncle Thomas McLean is his final illness, and determined that she and Albert would return to Omena to raise their family.

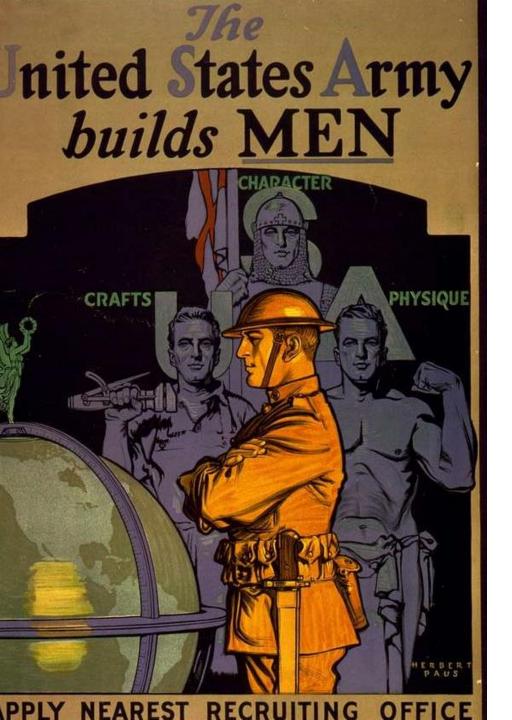
In 1907, with \$80 and children ages 3 and 1, they arrived by boat and established the Freeland Resort in Omena.





# WORLD WAR I VETERANS

- Jimmie James Pvt. US Army
- Thomas James Pvt. US Army, Co. D 18th Infantry
- John P. Mashka
- Andrew Clarence Renz M.D.



# WORLD WAR I VETERANS

- David Patrick Pvt. US Army
- Ernest Ranger Pfc. US Army
- Verlin Steele Pvt. US Army, Student Training Corps
- Nelson Theodore Pvt. US Army

Co. C 125th Infantry

# SANDS FAMILY VETERANS

- Charlie Sands, Pvt. US Army WWI
- Amos Sands, Pvt. US Army WWI
- William Stuart Sands, Pfc. US Army, WWII, 124th Battalion Field Artillery, Norwich Eng.

These three sons of George Sands and Lucy Bishkogijik King are buried in the Omena Hillcrest Cemetery



MORSE (SAXTON) FAMILY VETERANS **Robert Lay Morse**, Pvt. 1st Army AEF, 23rd Engineers, WWI

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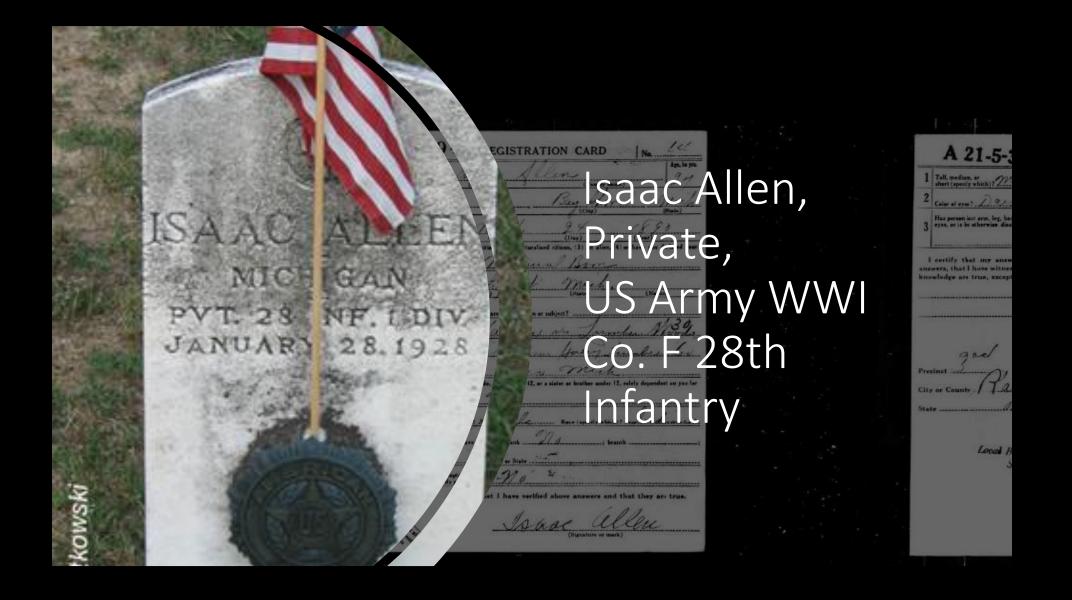
Argonne, France





Robert with the Briet family, France, 1918

**Thomas Towle Morse,** A1C, US Air Force, Korea, son of Robert Lay Morse.



Charles Aniwishke, Pvt. US Army WWI Co B 16th Infantry Division



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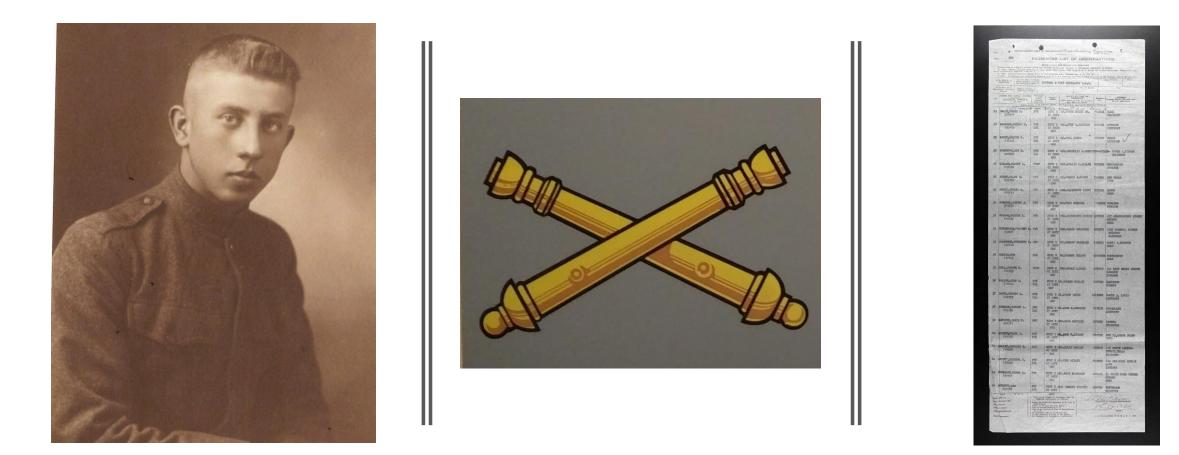
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Pfc. Horrace Phillips Wheeler, US Army WWI 307 Field Signal Battalion Co A June 7,1917 – May 26, 1919

MM 1st class Charles Eugene Wheeler, US Navy WWI NAS Pauillac, France Dec. 12, 1917- March 15, 1919





### Walter G. Barth Pvt. US Army WWI Battery E, 67th Artillery France





Robert C. Barth Pvt, US Army WWI

**Ernest A. Barth, US Army WWI** Co. C. 139th Infantry, 35th Division Paul and Christina Barth's three sons served in the US Army during WWI, Robert and Walter with the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe.

Ernest served in the US, 1920-1921, at the end of the war.

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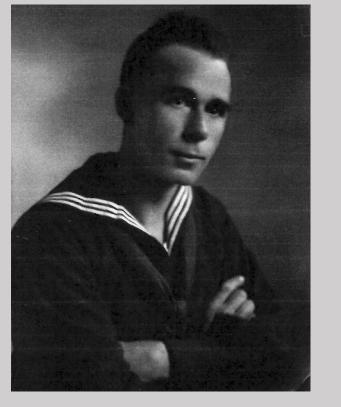


### Pvt. Moses Ance US Army WWI

Pvt. Moses Ance enlisted in the US Army in March 1918. He served in the 108th Ambulance Co. 27th Division in Europe. He returned to the US in March 1919 from Brest, France aboard the Troop Transport Ship 'Mount Vernon' with the Camp Custer detachment, arriving in Hoboken N. J. Pvt. Ance was discharged April 1, 1919.

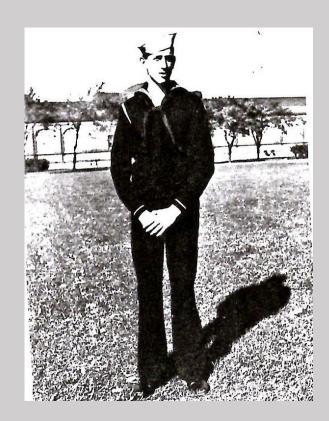
# TATCH FAMILY VETERANS

Earl C. Tatch, Signalman, US Navy WWI USS Mississippi





Nathan Tatch, Seaman, US Navy WWII Great Lakes Naval Station



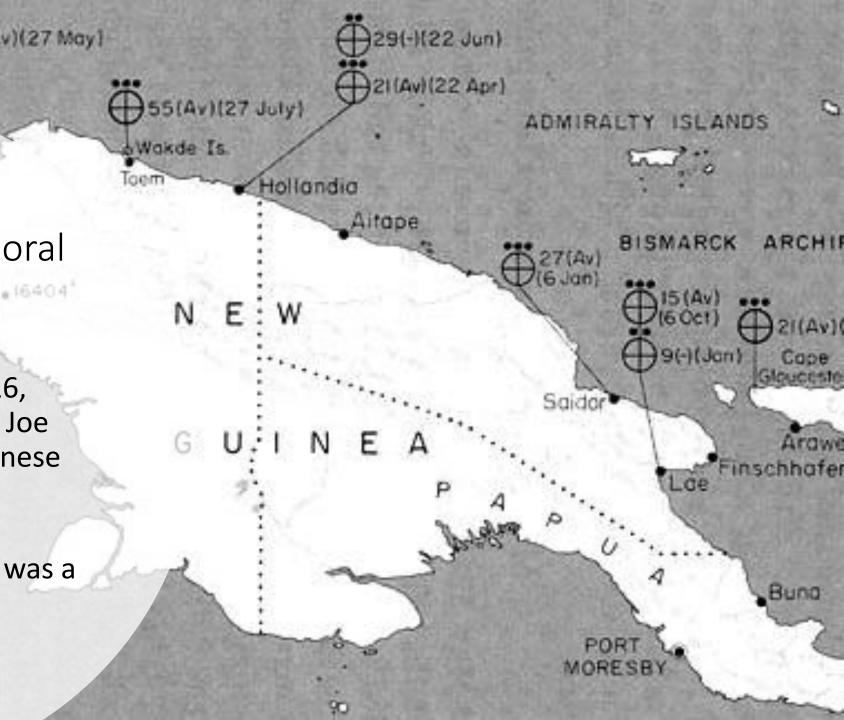
### Elmer J. Shocko, Corporal Pacific Theater

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 Leelanau Enterprise, Oct. 26, 1944 : "Elmer Shocko, son of Joe Shocko, escaped from a Japanese prison and was safe in New Guinea".

• Elmer's father, Joe Shocko, was a WWI Veteran, Pvt., US Army



# VERNON E. KEYE, US NAVY WWII

Vernon E. Keye was a Lt. Commander in the US Navy during WWII. He was assigned to submarine duty during training but failed his submarine physical. His tour of duty was at Great Lakes Naval Station in Illinois. There he developed the neuropsychiatric unit as its chief social worker.

Following his discharge in 1945 he went to Wayne State University where he established Veterans' coun seling service and two years later started a mental health clinic in the University Student Health Service.

# KIMMERLY FAMILY VETERANS

John C. "Jack" Kimmerly US Army Korea





### Patrick Kimmerly US Navy



## David Waldron Hildner, Lt. US Navy WWII

Lt. Hildner enlisted in the Navy in 1941, and served until 1945. He was a mechanical engineer and served in the Pacific Theater as commander of PT 108. He was married to Barbara Bradley, whose grandfather built the brick cottage on Singing Sands in 1914.

• "Family, Service, Health"







### Herbert Everett Holmes, Sgt. US Army WWII, POW

Herb entered service October 9, 1942 and served side by side with his twin brother, Bob in the North African Theater in Italy. They were separated during hand-tohand combat in battle. Bob knew that Herb was alive as he was not among the dead. Herb spent 7 months as a German prisoner at Stalag 4A Hohnstein, until escaping with a handful of men who walked 40 kilometers to the American lines. Johnny T. Brown saved his life, carrying Herb when he could no longer walk.

Herb and Dorothy Benjamin were married on December 28, 1945.



ENSIGN BEATRICE BOUCHARD, <sup>44</sup> Is stationed in Washington, D. C. (See Class Note, Page 477, Col. 1)



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Beatrice Bouchard McLogan was born on July 27, 1923 and died on February 23, 2016 at age of 92. Bea supported the war effort by joining the Navy as an officer in the WAVES, (Women Accepted to Voluntary Emergency Services). She received communications training at Smith College and Mr. Holyoke College. Sometimes she dropped off very sensitive documents to the White House which may have been destined for the War Room. The WAVES program was created in August 1942 in response to the need for additional military personnel during World War II. From the very beginning, the WAVES were an official part of the Navy; and its members held the same rank and rating as male personnel. The navy provided cryptology classes at several colleges for some WAVES. Those whose test scores were high were sent straight to work in Washington, D.C. Women accepted into the cryptologic field were sworn to secrecy, and the penalty for discussing their work outside proper channels ---considered to be an act of treason in time of war-could be death. Bea was fond of telling people who interviewed her over the years that "for every woman who joined the WAVES, the Navy could put a man at sea?"



# **BEATRICE BOUCHARD**, ENSIGN, US NAVY, WAVES, WWII

Beatrice Bouchard graduated from college in 1944. After communication training in the WAVES, she was stationed in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, DC. She frequently hand delivered documents to the White House.

Bea said: "For every woman who joined the WAVES, the Navy could put a man at sea."

Bea married college sweetheart Lt. Ted McLogan after the war. Bea Bouchard and Ted McLogan were Mary Ziegeler's parents.

# EDWARD A. MCLOGAN, LT. US ARMY WWII









#### 2001 U.S. ARMY RANGER HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

#### LIEUTENANT EDWARD A. MCLOGAN

Lieutenant Edward A. McLogan is inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame for his exemplary conduct and actions in combat while serving with the 5307th Composite Unit Provisional (Merrill's Marauders) in Burma in World War II. As a platoon leader he repeatedly risked his life railying his men to stand off repeated Banzai attacks. At the Battle of Nhpum Ga, while the Marauders were surrounded for two weeks, at one time he pulled his men back 100 yards, booby trapped their former foxholes, and strategically positioned his men so that when the enemy attacked, they were completely surprised. After repeated attacks by the enemy and flerce hand-to-hand engagements, the Japanese retreated leaving over 50 bodies behind. After this action, the Marauders nicknamed it McLogan's Hill in his honor. Prior to volunteering for a dangerous and hazardous mission behind enemy lines with the Marauders, Lieutenant McLogan served with the 35th Infantry Regiment in battles in the South Pacific at Guadalcanal and his platoon was selected to lead the way in the first wave of the invasion of the Soloman Islands at the Beach Head. He exemplifies the code of the Army Rangers in leading the way, and is a credit to his country and his unit. His awards include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and the Presidential Unit Citation.

Ted McLogan graduated from U of M in 1942. From ROTC he joined the 25th division in Guadalcanal and the Solomon Islands as a 2nd. Lt.

Ted volunteered to join a long range penetration unit behind enemy lines in Burma as one of Brig Gen. Frank Merrill's "Marauders". The unit had no motorized vehicles and walked nearly 1000 miles to conduct guerilla warfare against the Japanese. Lt. Mclogan was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Ted and Bea Bouchard were Mary Ziegeler's parents.





# IRVING RANGER, US ARMY AIR FORCE WWII

# GORDON HERBERT SOLLE, SGT. US ARMY WWII

Sgt. Gordon Solle was stationed with SHAEF, Supreme Headquarters, American Expeditionary Force. He stood guard outside the red schoolhouse headquarters of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower at Reims, France, when Germany unconditionally surrendered to the Western Allies on May 7, 1945.

# JULIUS G. MUSOLF, US NAVY Seabee, WWII

Julius loved the "can do" spirit of the Seabees. His most rewarding assignment was the time that he spent as commissary man 2nd. class on Midway Island.

An actress from the visiting USO tour came to the kitchen looking for something to eat. Julius

provided a meal, and she asked him to join her, just the two of them. The actress was Betty Grable.

"Keep your head down and follow through." "Fulfilling, Scared, Friendships"





Pfc. Stanley Morgan US Army, WWII Pvt. Delia Gingway Morgan, USAAC WWII

• Pfc. Stanley Morgan served in the Pacific Theater with the 542nd EBSSR from 1943- 1945. He was trained as an Amphibious Engineer and as Military Police.

• Pvt. Delia Morgan was trained at Lowry Field, Co. as an Air Force Photographer and was a specialist in controlled mosaics – making maps from aerial photographs.

• The Morgans were married at the time of Delia's enlistment in 1943.



#### Lt. Joan Smith Van Pelt, USANC WWII S. Sgt. Charles Van Pelt, USAAC WWII

- Lt. Joan Smith served as a nurse transporting American soldiers home from Europe and German prisoners on the return.
- Charles "Bud" Van Pelt was a photographer in the 2nd Combat Camera Unit assigned to the 20th Bomb Command in Kharagpur, India. He flew bombing missions in the Pacific Theater, to China, Manchuria, Japan, and others.
- Joan and Bud met and corresponded during the war and were married in the Omena Presbyterian Church in 1946.





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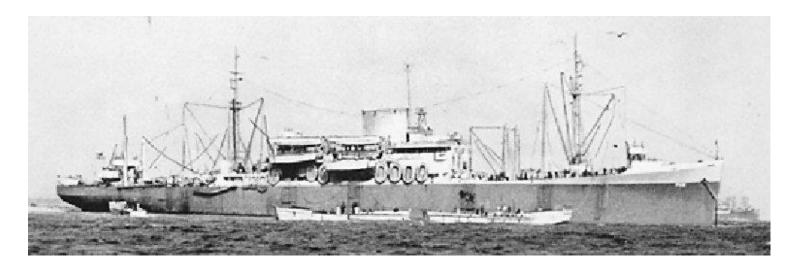
### WALLACE MAYNARD COX, Pvt. US ARMY, post WWII Wally Cox lived in Omena for part of several years in the 1940's. His military career was brief, as Wally said "There was a basic conflict between the Army's needs and my capacities."

# HARTER FAMILY VETERANS

Jack Kay Harter US Navy, WWII Served on the ship "Monrovia"

### **Denver Kay Harter** US Navy, Vietnam War

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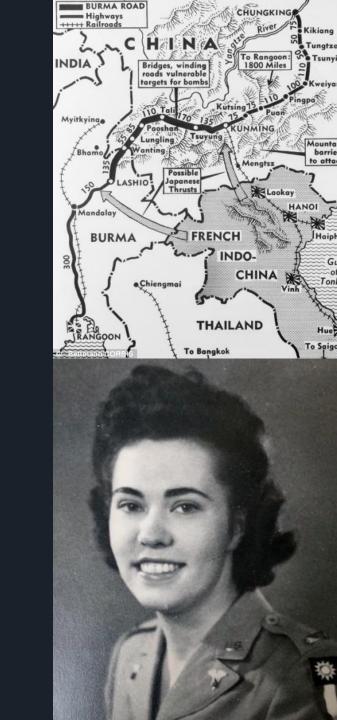
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### Abbot Family Veterans

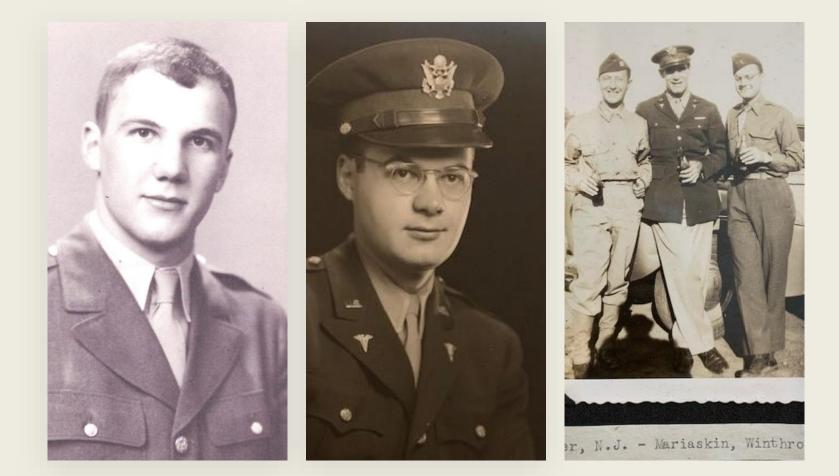
Capt. Waldo Abbot Jr. US Army WWII, commanded a truck platoon moving supplies on the China Road. 60% of the soldiers providing transport on the road were Black.

Waldo had the misfortune/fortune to have a burst appendix. He met a spunky Lt. from West Virginia who was his surgical nurse, Lt. Neva Pingley.

Lt. Neva Gray Pingley USANC WWII, came from the mountains of West Virginia to join the Army Nurse Corps during World War II. Deployed to India as a surgical nurse, Ping lived for three years in a tree house in the jungle. Upon her return to the States, Ping traveled alone by train and ice truck to meet Captain Waldo Abbot's family in Omena.



### **GRAF FAMILY VETERANS**



**Capt. William Graf,** US Army, Ft. Leavenworth Kansas

Major Douglas Graf, US Navy, Ship's Surgeon, USAT Capiapo, Casablanca, Morocco, Oran, Brazil, Solomon Islands

**1st. Lt. John Reister,** US Army Vietnam War, Thailand, married to Ellen Graf • Citation: Sgt Porter, a member of Company G, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and outstanding courage above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy. Advancing under cover of intense mortar and artillery fire, two hostile platoons attacked a combat outpost commanded by Sgt. Porter, destroyed communications, and killed two of his three man crew. Gallantly maintaining his position, he poured deadly accurate fire into the ranks of the enemy, killing 15 and dispersing the remainder. After falling back under a hail of fire, the determined foe reorganized and stormed forward in an attempt to overrun the outpost. Without hesitation, Sgt. Porter jumped from his position with bayonet fixed, and meeting the attackers in close combat killed six hostile soldiers and routed the attack. While returning to the outpost he was killed by an artillery burst.

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MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH: U.S. ARMY

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# US COAST GUARD VETERANS

- Elaine Southwell, EMT3c, USCG SPARS, WWII
- Francis S. Southwell Eng. CPC USCG , WWII, Korea, career
- Glenn Ray Putnam, EM1, WWII
- Charles Eichorn, USCG
- Timothy John Gill, SN, USCG



# **DEVORE - ROTH FAMILY VETERANS**

Joan DeVore Roth, US Navy WWII





John E. Roth Jr. US Army WWII, married Joan after the war.

**Leonard H. DeVore**, LCDR, US Navy WWII and career, enlisted 1942, retired 1965. (Joan's brother)







### Tom Foster, Lt. US Army Air Corps, WWII KIA

### B-17 Pilot, shot down

#### Married to

Skeet Applegate Foster, who later married Lamonte Durbrow III, Grandfather of Veteran C.W. Parker .





### LAMONT DURBROW III US Navy WWII

 Lt. Commander Lamonte "Pete" Durbrow Served I n the Pacific Theater in WWII as captain of the Minesweeper "US Crag". Pete married Skeet Applegate Foster.

### **PFC Harold Landis** WWII US

Army, 321st Transport Squadron Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe

Citations include EAME Theater Ribbon w 4 bronze service stars Harold and Wyn were popular entertainers at the Omena Inn.

> Harold and Wyn at Percy Jones Hospital for Disabled Vets Feb 1953









# **RUFLI FAMILY**



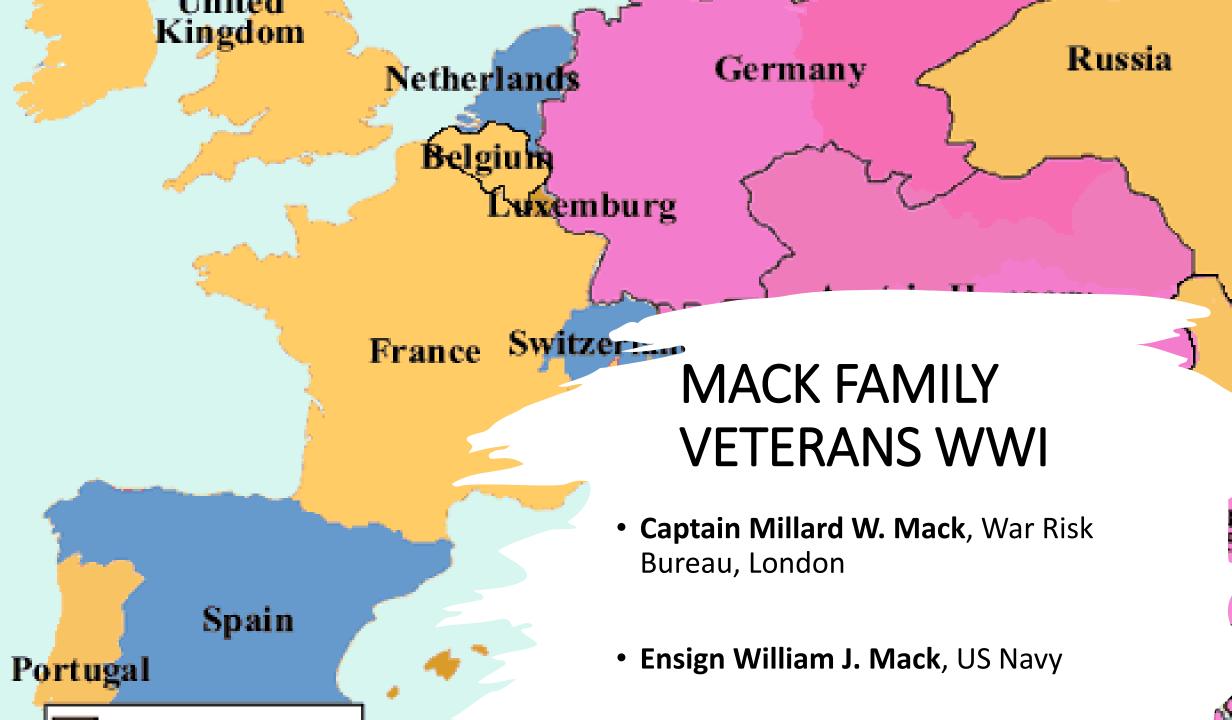
**Theodore Rufli** US Army WWII 4th armored Div. 53rd Infantry; fought in the Rhineland Campaign and the Battle of the Bulge under General Patton. Ted earned two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart



**Carl Rufli**, SSgt. US Army WWII Co. D 377th Infantry Regiment, 95th Infantry Div. The "Victory Division" liberated over 5,000 starving French Soldiers in Germany. Garl earned a Bronze Star.







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## **S. SHEPHERD TATE SR,** Cmdr., US Navy WWII

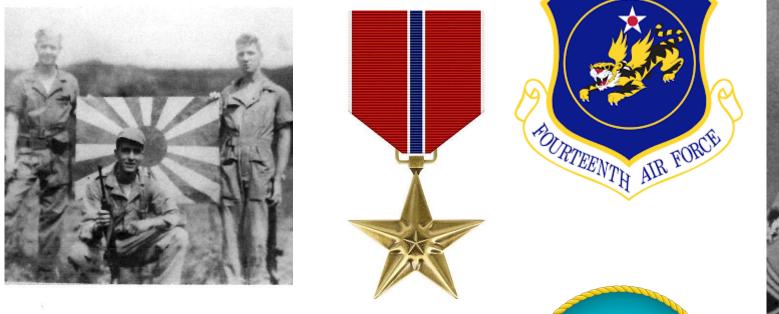
Commander Shep Tate served with US Naval Intelligence in China.

In recognition of his service he was awarded the Order of the Cloud by the Chinese Government.



## Royal M. Ruefli US 14th Air Force WWII

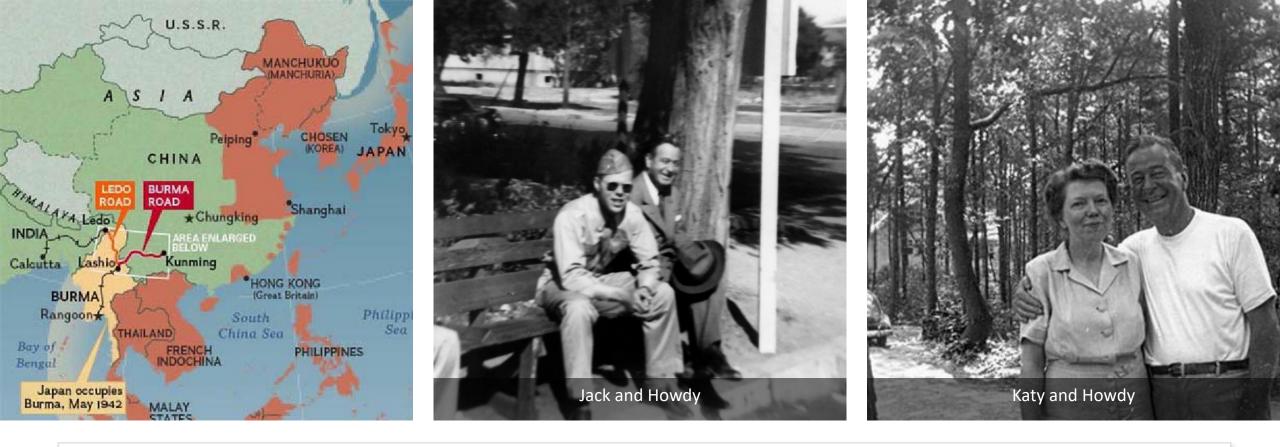
Royal enlisted in May 1940 and served under General Claire Chennault in China as a "Flying Tiger". He earned a Bronze Battle Star He was discharged in Oct. 1945





### James Jennings Rufli US Coast Guard Korean Era





John Howard Stephenson Jr. US Army WWII 10th Mountain Division and OSS Burma John Howard Stephenson Sr. US Army WWI

The day Pearl Harbor was attacked was Jack's birthday. He enlisted into the 10th Mountain Division, but was tapped to join the OSS, and was stationed in Burma decoding in an effort to keep the Burma Road open. He parachuted into Japanese held Taiwan to be captured, evaluate, and report back. He stayed on in Taiwan gathering intelligence until the war was over.

## Kalchik Family Veterans World Wars and Korea

Louis L. Kalchik, WWI

Frank Charles Kalchik Jr., Tech Sgt, US Army WWII

Arthur J. Kalchik, WWII

John Kalchik, Sgt. WWII Phillipines

Howard Raymond Kalchik, Korea

Ann Kalchik Callaghan, 1st Lt. USANC

**Melvin Thrun**, US Army 1947-1952 (married to Alice Lydia Kalchik.



Kalchik Family Veterans WWII & Cold War Charles J. Kalchik Jr. US Air Force, Cold War

Gerald Kalchik US Army, Cold War

Harold Louis Kalchik, Pvt. US Army, 101st. Airborne

Ralph Kalchik, Pvt. E-2, machinist, US Army, Cold War

Walter Joseph Kalchik, US Army, West Germany

Stanley Rufus Kalchik, S2, US Navy

## Kiersey Family 7 Veterans



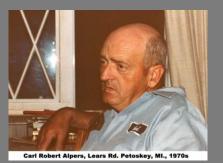


### Hugh S. Kiersey "Ole"

Thule, Greenland 1953



Donald F. Kiersey Jr. Robert L. Kiersey Gerald J. Kiersey

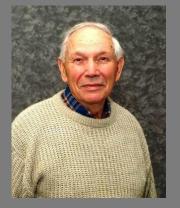


Carl R. Alpers, Pfc. US Army Ft. Knox Ky.1948

Ralph C. Kiersey, Pvt. US Marine Corps, killed in training accident 1958



**Denver F. Kiersey** 



### **LANDON G. ROBINSON,** LT. Col., US Army Air Force, WWII, Korea, Vietnam

• Lt. Col. Robinson flew B-24 bombers for 35 missions for the 8th Air Force in Europe. He stayed in the Reserves and was called back to serve in Korea.

• The Army sent Landon to MSU where he earned a degree in packaging technology; he then worked on the design for the Low Altitude Parachute Extraction System to deliver supplies in Vietnam. He flew C-130s to deliver supplies, logging over 10,000 flight hours before his retirement.





# Smith Family Veterans

George S. Smith, 2nd. Lt. US Army Field Artillery WWI

George S. Smith Jr., US Army WWII, South Pacific

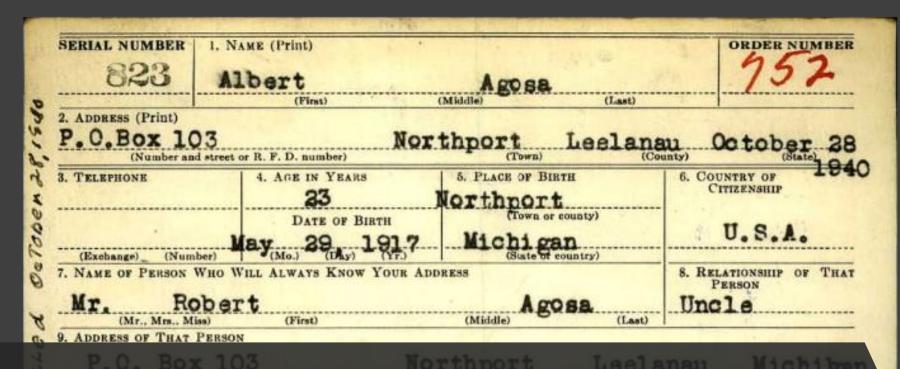
Preston M. Smith, US Army

Thomas F. Smith, 1st. Lt. US Army, WWII

Craig S. Smith, Col. US Marine Corps,

Korea, Vietnam, Career





### Pvt. Albert Agosa US Army Infantry WWII

Albert Agosa was born in 1917 in Aghosatown, Leelanau County. His parents were John Agosa and Mary Shocko. Albert enlisted in the US Army in 1940. He was injured by artillery shell fragments in September 1944, and served until September, 1945 Oscar M. Anderson US Army WWI

Andrew F . Anderson US Army WWII

Adrian "Pete" Anderson US Army Korea **Oscar Anderson** 

son of A.F. Anderson, father of Andrew F. Anderson, entered military service from Omena, and served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Field Artillery.

#### **Andrew F. Anderson**

son of Oscar, cousin of Pete and George Anderson served in the US Army Occupation Forces following WWII.

#### **Pete Anderson**

son of Frank, nephew of Oscar M. Anderson, cousin of George and Andrew was deployed numerous times during his military career. During the Korean Conflict Pete was a Sergeant attached to an ordnance installation in the Iron Triangle of Korea. After a chance encounter with his cousin George the cousins managed to get together weekly, as they were stationed only five miles apart.



Lt. Louis Anderson Jr. US Navy WWII Lt. Anderson enlisted in December, 1941. In November Lt. Anderson left with a convoy to Safi in French Morocco, which was allied with Germany. Once Safi was secured, Lt. Anderson was stationed at Casablanca as a shore patrol officer. While in Casablanca, he took over 12,000 photos, most of which he developed himself.



George W. Anderson US Army, Korea Signal Supply Sergeant

• George Anderson served with the US Army in Korea, with the 17th Infantry Regiment, the most highly decorated unit in Korea, and the only American company to have crossed the Yalu. He arrived at the time of the stalemate, serving at Pusan, Koje Do, and the Iron Triangle. His company lost 1500 men in six days at Pork Chop Hill. As signal supply sergeant, he worked under fire to keep supplies moving day and night. George was awarded the Bronze Star for valor. He returned home in 1953.

### Geddes Warren Carrington, USMC, WWII 1st Lt. 1st Marine Division South Pacific

A communications officer in the 1st Marine Division, Ged fought in two major battles: Okinawa and Peleliu Island, where he was injured by grenade shrapnel, which he bore for the rest of his life. He was awarded The Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for his bravery.

John Boden Smart, married Ged's daughter, Judy. John served in the US Army National Guard, Military Police, 1968-1974.





Battle of Peleliu: 73 days28,000 Marines and Infantry40% died or were wounded

Battle of Okinawa:83 days 49,000 American casualties, 12,500 killed; 110,000 Japanese soldiers lost their lives.

## World War II Veterans



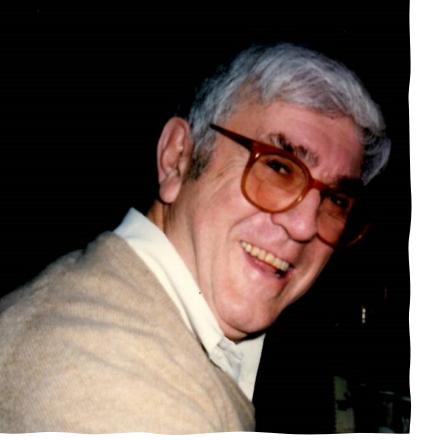


Warner R. Cato, Tec 5, served August 12 1941- June 25,1945 John William LeMaster, US Army Air Force, 390th bomber group

Russell R. Marsden, PFC, US Army, served 1942-1943 William M. Rockwood Jr. , Sergeant US Army radio officer

Adrian Putnam Ralph, Tec 5 Frank E. Stowe, US Army Air Force

Frederick Field Ward, Sgt., US Army Air Force, WWII









### Frank W. Gaffney, US Army, 106th Infantry, WWII,

Frank enlisted in 1943 in Toledo, Ohio; he served until 1945. Frank and his unit fought in the Battle of the Bulge near Bastogne, Belgium in December, 1944.

The picture of Frank in uniform was taken with his sister, Mary Tonneberger, when she was about six years old, wearing her junior WAC uniform. Many will remember Frank and Doris from their many visits to Omena. Frank passed away in 1999.

Frank C. Gaffney, Mary and Frank's father, was a Veteran of World War I.

# WORLD WAR II and Occupation VETERANS

Robert W. Bailey, Cpl. US Army	John "Jack" Bruce, Col. US Army tank commander, career	Benjamin A. Fowler, SSgt.US Army, WWII
Walter Madison Gaudette Jr. , US Army Occupation, Germany	Henry McMachin, US Army	Clifford Paul, Pfc. US Army
John Ray, 2nd armored division, US Army, Occupation, Germany 1955	Edgar B. Rothenberger, US Army	Daniel John Schleef , US Army, Occupation, Austria





### Fouts Family WWII Veterans

Three sons and a son-in- law of Homer and Myrtle Gould Fouts served. Son Rupert was killed in action.

Corp. Emmet J. Fouts US Army Air Force, served 1944-1946 as an Aviation Mechanic. Pvt. Cyrus G. Fouts enlisted in The US Army Air Force in 1940.

SSgt. Edward Frank Burton, US Army -married to Dorothy Fouts.

Son Rupert was killed in action.

### 1st. Lt. Rupert V. Fouts,

US Army Air Force, 506 Bomber Squadron, 44th Heavy Bombers.

On March 22, 1943, 1st. Lt. Fouts was declared MIA. He was shot down over Wilhelmshaven, Lower Saxony, Germany, while piloting a B-24 Liberator. Lt. Fouts was awarded the Purple Heart and the Air Medal.









Sergeant Amos J Bemis, US Army WWII

Amos Bemis of Omena was an early recruit for WWII, Joining the 7th Infantry in December 1939. He served with the 3rd army in the North African campaign.

The recruiter shown is Cpl. B.J. Smith

7TH Infantry Motto : " TRUST IN ME"



### Gilbert A Deibel, 1st Lieutenant, US Army Air Corps WWII

US Army Air Corps, B 24 Bomber Pilot, 5th Air Force, 403rd Squadron, 43rd Heavy Bomb Group New Guinea, Western Pacific, Southern Philippines Liberation, Luzon, Ryukyus, China,

Japan Air Offensive, le Shima

Gil married Annette Anderson, Oscar Anderson's daughter



2nd Lt. Pauline Egeler Collett, USANC 1949

Sgt. Edward Charles Egeler, US Army WWII





- 2nd Lt. Pauline Egeler graduated from Traverse City State Hospital School of Nursing, and was stationed with the 6th service command at Camp McCoy in Wisconsin.
- Sgt. Edward C. Egeler, US Army, was Pauline's brother.
- Their parents were the Edward C.
   Egelers Sr. of Omena

## CLARK, TAYLOR, REED, DEAL, MAHER FAMILIES

- Robert Reed, US Army Balloon Corps
- Ed Taylor, WWI & WWII OSS
- Major Harry Ernest Clark, US Army WWII, signal operator
- Robert Clark Reed, WWII
- Robert Gregory, US Navy WWII
- Thomas Maher, US Army pre- war Korea
- Wayne Deal, US Army Tank Corps WWII
- Jay Deal, US Navy, Vietnam



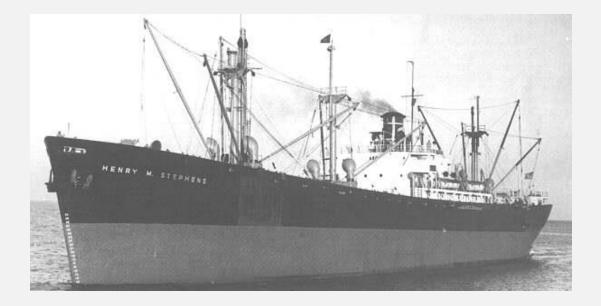
 Christopher Verdery, US Army E4 Medic Specialist, served 4 years at Ft. Dix NJ Hospital after short time in Vietnam

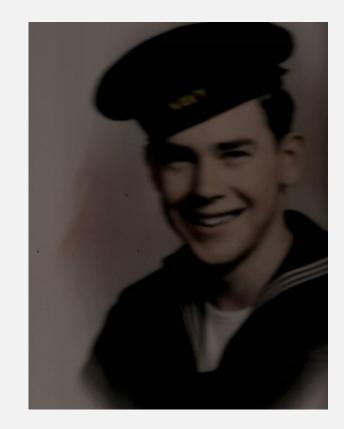
• Sgt. Richard Taylor, US Army WWII, airplane mechanic



### CARL A. "BILL" EMMERT, SM 3rd/C, US Navy WWII

Bill's first ship was a Liberty Ship, the SS. Henry M. Stephens. Bill traveled to Freemantle, Australia; Colombo, Ceylon & Calcutta, India; Townsville, New Guinea; Admiralty Islands; San Francisco.





Bill's second ship was the S.S. Cape Meares, a troop transport, which took troops to Guam, and hospitalized troops to the States. Those interned by the Japanese at Santo Tomas were transported to the States aboard the S.S. Cape Meares.

### WAUKAZOO FAMILY VETERANS WWII

**PHILLIP M. WAUKAZOO,** US Army Air Force, WWII

JOHN HOWARD WAUKAZOO, WWII

Phillip enlisted June 4, 1942 and served until November 3, 1945. He served at Ellsworth Air Force Base near Rapid City, South Dakota.

Son of Amos and Mary Wassagijik, Phillip died in 1984 and is buried in San Leandro, California. John enlisted on September 13, 1943, and was discharged on April 12, 1946.

Son of Henry and Bessie Theodore, John died November 1, 1983.

Phillip and John were first cousins once removed.

# PANFILO C. DILORETO, Capt. US ARMY Medical Corps, WWII



Dr. DiLoreto was a captain in the US Army Medical Corps during WW II and served in Greenland, Germany, and France. He landed at Omaha Beach as part of the Normany Invasion. He was awarded a Bronze Star and Silver Star for Valor.



# MACK & FROHMAN FAMILY VETERANS WWII

### William J. Mack Jr. US.NAVY, S. Pacific

### **Jack Frohman**





PFC. Leon Meyer Mack, US ARMY, KIA, Battle of the Bulge

# Paul Family Veterans sons of Lucy Sands and Louis Paul

### Pfc. Clifford Paul,

#### US Army WWII

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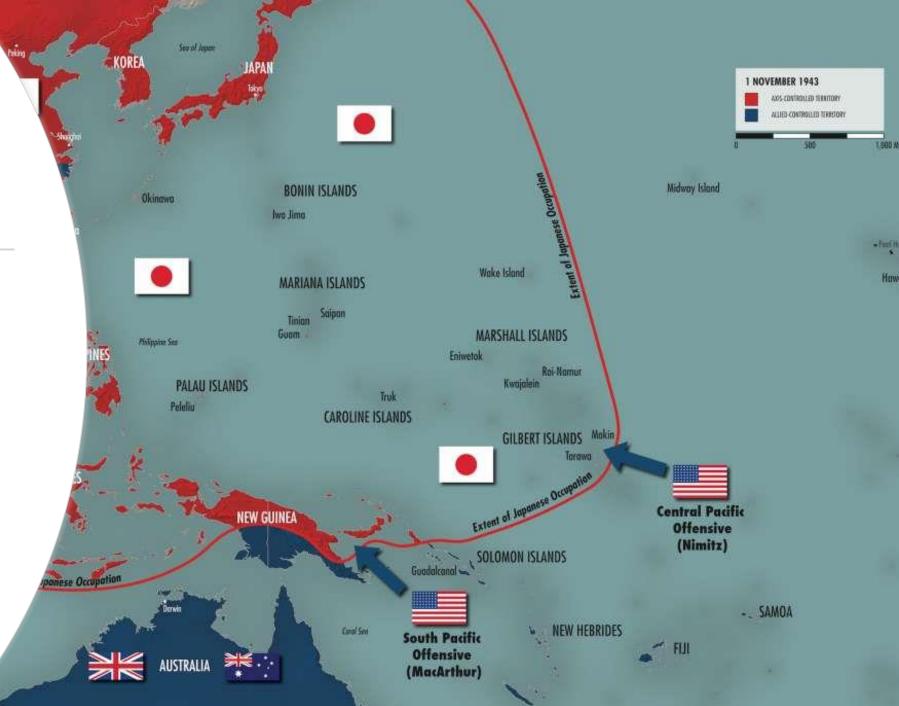
KENDALL W. PROBST, Cpl. US ARMY, WWII Occupation, Germany

Kendall served from 1951-1953 in Germany.

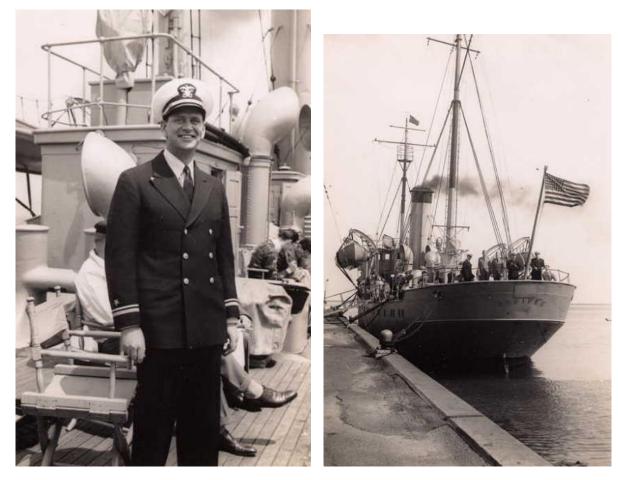
His most rewarding assignment was guard duty on the Russian border.

The boat trip home through the English Channel was memorable, with 60' waves as they entered the Atlantic Ocean. **Raymond W. Chippewa**, S. Sgt. US Army Air Corps. WWII

Raymond's training to be Foreman of Ammunition **Delivery was at Hamilton** Field, CA., where **Raymond saw Philip** Waukazoo from home. From October 1943 to October 1945 he was stationed in the Pacific to take part in the Japan air offensive including Terawa, Philippines and Okinawa.



# Paul Frazier Freeland, Lt. US Navy WWII



Paul's ship, USS Ossipee

# Rossman W. Smith, Capt. US Army WWII

Captain Smith worked as a chemist for the Army.

He was married

to Mary Lyle Freeland



### MARY BRADY JELINEK, 1st Lt, US Army Nurse Corps, WWII

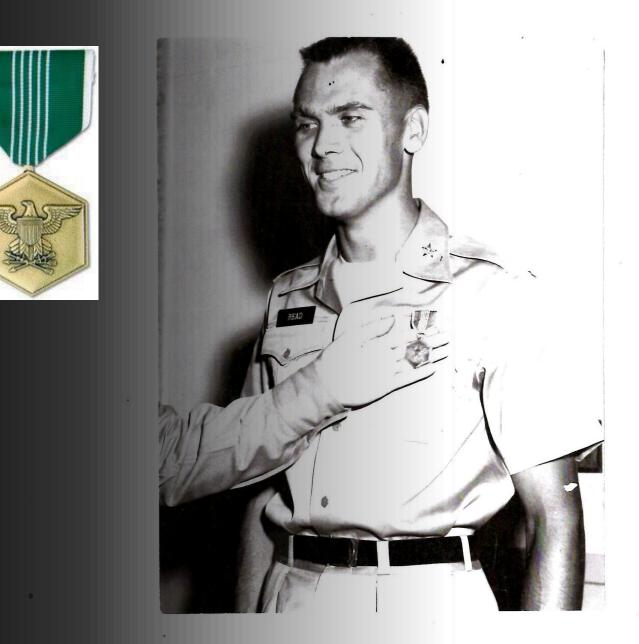
After earning her RN in 1943, Mary served with the 98th Evacuation Hospital, then transferred to the 105th Evac. She crossed the Atlantic on the QE Troop ship, and crossed the English Channel on an LST to land on Omaha beach four months after D-Day. Lt. Brady served in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany, caring for wounded US and Allied troops and POWs.



## ALAN READ, Lt. Col., US ARMY, WWII, Career

Lt. Col. Read entered the service April 19, 1946 with a direct commission, and served until April 30, 1967. His field was Intelligence. Alan's last assignment was to travel the world inspecting security agencies and embassy offices.

Alan was married to Charlotte Smiley Read.



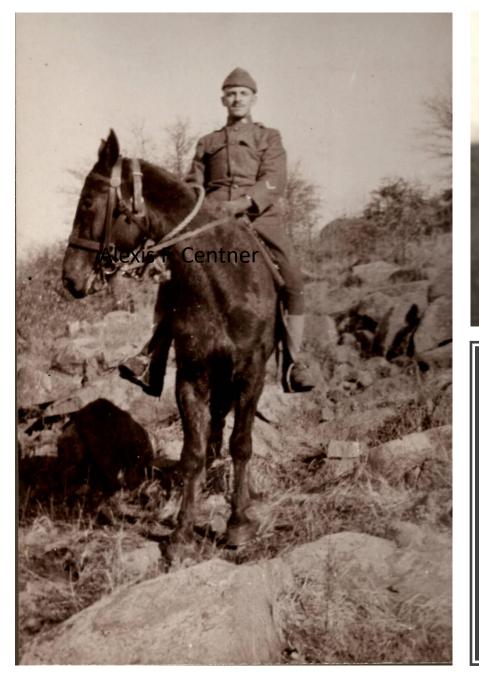
# DONALD GEORGE YANNETT SR., US ARMY WWII & KOREA



## FRANCIS H. CLOUD FAMILY VETERANS WWI, WWII, KOREA

- Paul Gregory Cloud, 1st Ohio National Guard Cavalry WWI
- Raymond Cloud, Pfc. US Army, Bat. D, 136 FA 37th Div. WWI
- John Dominick Cloud Lt. Jg. US Naval Reserve WWII
- Lawrence William Cloud, US Navy, WWII, 128th Fleet, USS Bataan
- Richard Dempsey Cloud, Cpl. US Army, Korea



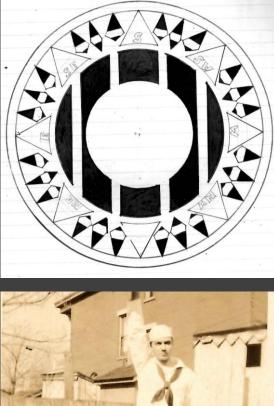




### Alexis F. Centner

First Ohio Cavalry Field Artillery Mexican Punitive Expedition, WWI Married to Mary Ann Cloud, Joe's sister; father of Paul and Jim Centner.





### LEO CLOUD FAMILY VETERANS

JOSEPH F. CLOUD, Ens. US Navy, WWI, Naval Reserve

#### JAMES RICHARD BULGER, 1st Lt. US Air force. Killed in a crash over the Thames,

England, 1957. Married to Joe's daughter, Martha Cloud.



## **Paul J. Centner**, Capt., US Army Medical Corps, Korean Era



Paul served stateside during WWII while he completed his medical education. After the war he practiced in Boston before establishing an occupational health practice in Kansas City.

Paul was Al Centner's son and Jim Centner's brother.

Paul's Grandfather, Leo Cloud, built the Centner cottage in Omena in 1903.

#### JAMES L. CENTNER, SR., Col. US Army, WWII; Army Reserves

Jim served in the Pacific Theatre of Operations, rising to the rank of brevet Lt. Col. at age 23. Returning to his regular rank of Captain, he landed in Japan with the occupation forces during the first week of September, 1945. Later in that week he was one of the first officers to tour Hiroshima to evaluate conditions and report to senior command, including directly to General MacCarthur. Shortly thereafter, he was appointed the Military Governor of Mei Prefecture, the state south of Tokyo. He mustered out of active duty in August, 1946, returning to Cincinnati and continuing service in the Army Reserves. During that reserve service he completed curricula at many military courses for senior officers including the War College and the Command and General Staff School, where he became the senior lecturer in combined arms in amphibious landing offensives. Prior to retiring from reserve duty at age 50, he commanded the 2075th Field Army Artillery Reserve School in Cincinnati. Jim was Al Centner's son, Paul Centner's brother.







### JAMES L. CENTNER, JR. Cmdr. US Navy, career

Jim transferred to the Navy after completing Army OCS in 1969. He went on to flight school and service on Orion P-3 aircraft and carrier duty. He served on the carrier USS America during the Libya raid against Muhammer Gaddafi in April, 1986, and was present in the US embassy in Beirut, Lebanon when it was terror bombed in April, 1983. He was assistant professor of history USAMA West Point, NY. He served as a United Nations observer in Damascus, Syria. Jim retired from the Navy in 1990 following a final tour at the Pentagon.







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## BUEHLER FAMILY

**Tom Buehler**, 1st.Lt., US Army, Field Artillery, Vietnam Era; US Army Reserve Tom is married to Marsha Centner

James W. Buehler, Colonel, United States Air Force. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1942, as E-1 and rose to O-6. His service included two combat tours in Thailand during the Vietnam Conflict, at air station Ubon and tours at the Pentagon and Sandia Labs in Albuquerque, N.M. Jim was Tom Buehler's uncle.

# Richard Kennedy, Lt. US Navy, Korean War

Richard Kennedy, Lt., Newport OCS, Aircraft Gunfire Control Systems Project Director, Naval Bureau of Ordinance, Washington DC.





# JOHN P. HARRIS, Capt., US ARMY Dental Corps

Dr. Harris entered the service through ROTC, and was deployed to the 42nd Field Hospital, Verdun, France from 1959-1963. "We saw the great differences in life between Socialist/Communist countries and life in the West! Certainly made us appreciate the capitalist system and way of life in the USA."

"Military personnel are the same as the civilian population in many ways. Some military were dedicated and hardworking while others just did enough to get by."

"Enriching, Exciting, Fulfilling."

#### JAY WALDO GROSMARK, US ARMY, 6th Medical Unit KOREA





Cpl. Walter Baumberger USMC 3rd engineers 3rd Marine division

Died Okinawa 1956 age 21

# HALLETT FAMILY VETERANS

Edward Cagnet Hallett Spec. 4 Alpha Co. 1st Engineer Battalion, Vietnam









**Robert Hallett** US Army, Vietnam Era Ft. Wainwright, Alaska





# HALLETT FAMILY VETERANS



**Roddie Burton Hallett,** Sgt. US Army, Korea; Vietnam; Career, Ret. 9-1-1973

#### **Chester Anthony Hallett**

US Army, Germany; Vietnam; Washington DC

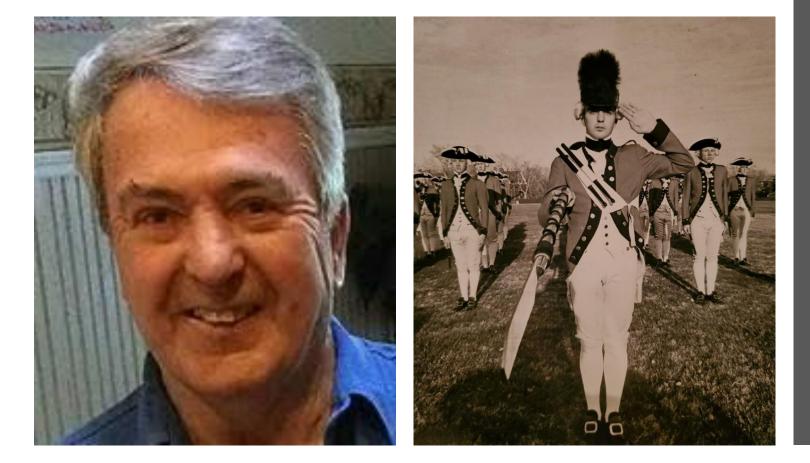


#### **Neil William Hallett**

US Coast Guard, Monterey, CA 1952-1956



# HALLETT FAMILY VETERANS



Frederick J. Hallett Sgt.
E5 US Army
Old Guard Co. 1st
Battalion, 3rd Infantry Ft.
Myer Virginia

As Drum Major of the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps Fred led President Johnson's inaugural parade.

• John Hartford Hallett, US Army, Korea

## STEPHEN S. STANTON, CAPTAIN, US ARMY, KOREA AND VIETNAM

• Capt. Stanton entered the service through 4 years of ROTC at University of Arizona, where he graduated as a 2nd Lt. In 1965. He attended Armor Officer Training and was deployed to Korea from 1966-1967, and was assigned Platoon Leader in A-Company, 2nd Battalion, 72nd Armor. He served also as Company Commander of B-Company, 9th Infantry Battalion, which was his most rewarding assignment.

 Upon return to the States, Steve joined the National Guard and served in several capacities before being sent to Vietnam as Assistant A3 for 1st Squadron,10th Cavalry, 4th Infantry Division near Pleiku. His final assignment was as Battalion Adjutant (S1). After his service, he was invited to the White House for a ceremony with his entire chain of command, from President Nixon to Battalion Commanding General, a memorable farewell from the US Army.



USARPAC Leadership Award, Good Conduct, Army Commendation, Bronze Star with Oak leaf Cluster, Good Conduct, Air Medal, Vietnam Service Medal.

## DALE BLOUNT LT. US NAVY

Lt. Blount served from June 1956 to September 1959. He was Executive Officer of the USS Nahant, which was built as a net tender and salvage vessel. The ship deployed harbor defense nets.

Motto:Non Transibunt "You Shall Not Pass"





#### HAROLD O. PUTNAM, LT. COL., US ARMY WWII; CAREER

Harold retired in 1968 after 27 years in the Army. His deployments included WWII in Liberia; Korea; and Vietnam. His most rewarding assignment was Post war Germany.

"A good job"

Harold was John Putnam's father.



- "Demanding respect for human dignity makes a difference, and it matters."
- "Honor truly is a powerful and valuable ethic."
- "Diversity strengthens all."

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JOHN L. PUTNAM, BRIG. GEN. **US AIR FORCE Operation Iragi Freedom** General Putnam was a Medical Entomologist in the Air Force. His most rewarding assignment was at the US Air Force Academy. John found the service to be "surprising, fulfilling, and exciting".

#### **FREDERICK PUTNAM,** Sgt. US Army Vietnam Era & Army Reserves

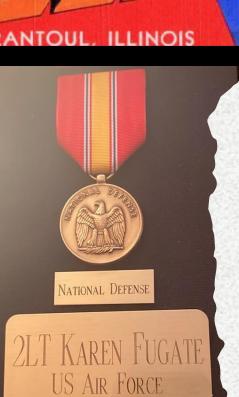
Sgt. Putnam's military career began in 1965 as a recruit headed to Ft.
Knox. He went to Ft. Sam Houston to train as a medical corpsman, then on to Ft. Benning for airborne training.
He joined the 101st. Airborne
Division, and then was sent to the Army School of the Americas in
Panama for jungle training.

• Fred joined the 5032d Army Reserve Forces School in 1974; served as the CSM for the 345th Medical Battalion; in the 123d ARCOM; and as 1st Sgt. For E Co. 2/333 Infantry before his retirement in 2004





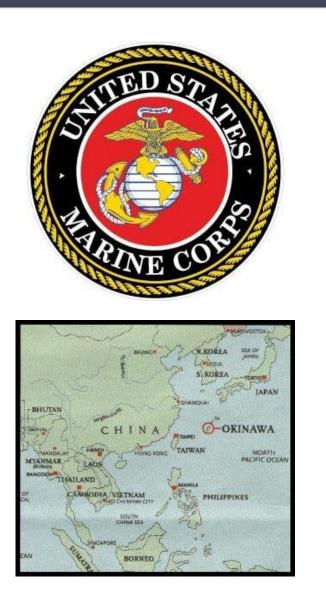




#### 2ND LT. KAREN PUTNAM FUGATE, US Air Force, Vietnam Era

Lt. Fugate entered the military on September 7, 1967 and attended Medical Services School. She served as a general and staff nurse at Chanute Field, Illinois, and was discharged on November 28, 1968.

Karen was Fred Putnam's sister. She passed away in 1982 at the age of 35.



## ALVIN DEAN HULETT, Lance Cpl. US MARINE CORPS Vietnam

Al was drafted into the Marines and served from 1965-1967. He was deployed to Okinawa, which was his most rewarding assignment, and worked in Supply. His three words are: Vietnam, Big Mistake US NAVY& USMC VETERANS WWII, OCCUPATION & KOREA

Donald Patrick Agosa, USN, WWII Robert Richard Lewis, Jr. WWII Frank Stafford Weaver, Cpl. US Marine Corps WWII John A. Weiss WWII Occupation



**FISHER FAMILY VETERANS** R. Stewart Fisher, Capt. USN, Ret. Dr. John F. Fisher, Capt. USN, Ret. A 1971 graduate of the Naval Academy, Stewart Fisher retired as a Captain after 31 years of service spanning the Vietnam War and Desert Storm. Stew led a helicopter combat search and rescue/special operations squadron in Desert Storm, and has received numerous awards including the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, and Air Medal.

Dr. John F. Fisher is a retired Navy flight surgeon, and teaches at the Medical College of Georgia in Atlanta.

## **CRAKER FAMILY VETERANS**

Jay L. Craker, Airman 2nd class US Air Force 1956-1960 Gerald A. Craker, Airman 2nd class US Air Force, 1956-1960 Clinton C. Craker, gunner 2nd mate US Navy, 1960-1964 John Denny, Korea, Chosin Reservoir Silver Star (married to Kay Craker)

Alan Craker, US Air Force, security police, Vietnam

Robert Lee Craker, Tec 5, US Army WWII

**Edward C. Craker**, Pvt. US Army Air Corps, WWII

**Dwight V. Craker**, Sgt. US Army, 10th Mountain Division, Korea



The Korean War June 25, 1950-July 27, 1953 Most destructive modern era war, over 3 million fatalities

Dale W. Brown, US Army Cpl. Keith D. Brown, US Army Willard Kesis Cobb, Sp3 US Army Raymond Korson, US Army Clarence J. Manitowash, US Army James Oren Mashka, US Army Cpl. Lawrence H. Meachum, US Army

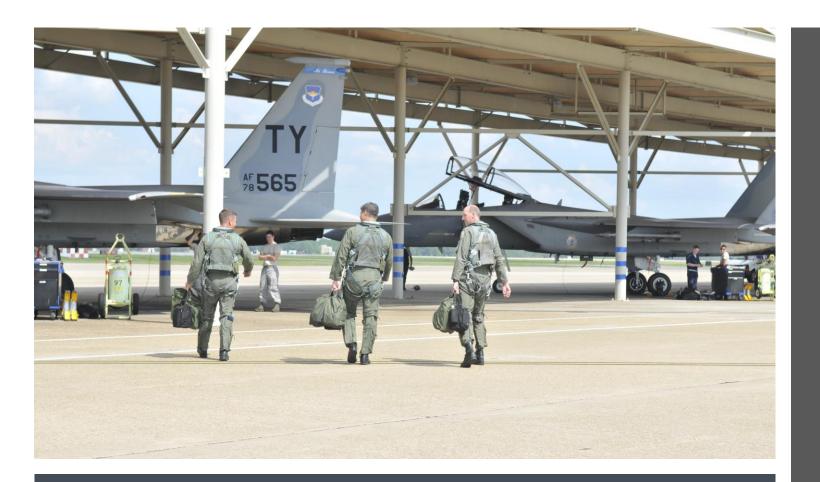


#### LARRY T. REYNOLDS, CPL. US Marine Corps.

Larry enlisted in 1957 and served until 1963 in the military police. He credits the military for turning him from a slack to a disciplined person. His most rewarding assignment was as a rifle coach.

"discipline enhancing experience"





# PORTER FAMILY VETERANS

Albert Porter, US Air Force Reserve, Cuban Conflict

**Brian D. Porter,** Col., US Air Force, Us Air Force Academy; Career

Colonel Porter graduated with honors from the Air Force Academy in 1990. As an F-15 pilot, he flew 48 combat sorties over Iraq in support of Operation Southern Watch. As a member of the Florida Air National Guard he was assigned to Tyndall Air Force Base as an F-15 instructor in air-to-air combat maneuvers.



#### JIM MILLER, Cpl. US ARMY, 8th ordinance,11th Armored Cavalry, Cold War

Jim served from 1962-1965 in a unit guarding the Czech border.

His responsibilities included turret, artillery, and small arms repair.

#### Robert Grabowski, Sgt. USAF Cold War "Where I was the day President Kennedy was Assassinated"





#### Mark Frank, US Army, Vietnam 1970-1972 Crew Chief AH 1G attack helicopter



HAROLD CLINTON MCKEE, E4, Naval Reserve 1961-64; US NAVY 1965-67 Cuba & Mediterranean

USS ENTERPRISE & USS MONTRAIL



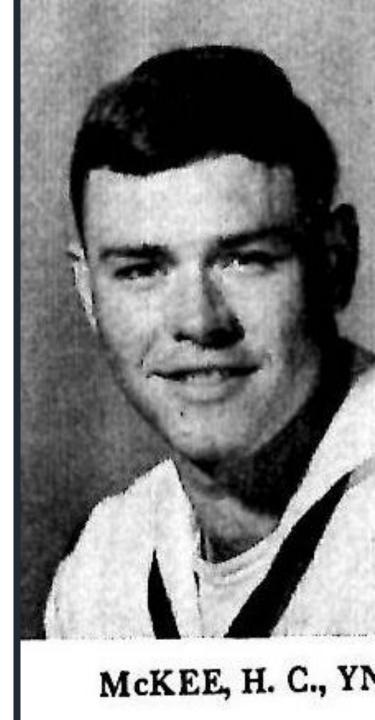
Harold was Legal Yeoman aboard the USS Montrail, and the Captain's designated ship communicator.

The two ships he was on were critical in training men for deployment to Vietnam.

"The only thing that I missed after getting out of the service was the friendships... I did miss the serenity and quietness of being at sea for long periods of time. The only negative was that it was with all men!"

"It's a misconception that the only people who enlist are those who don't know what else to do".

Rewarding, Exciting, Educational



### William Edward Bader Specialist 5th Class US Army Vietnam KIA



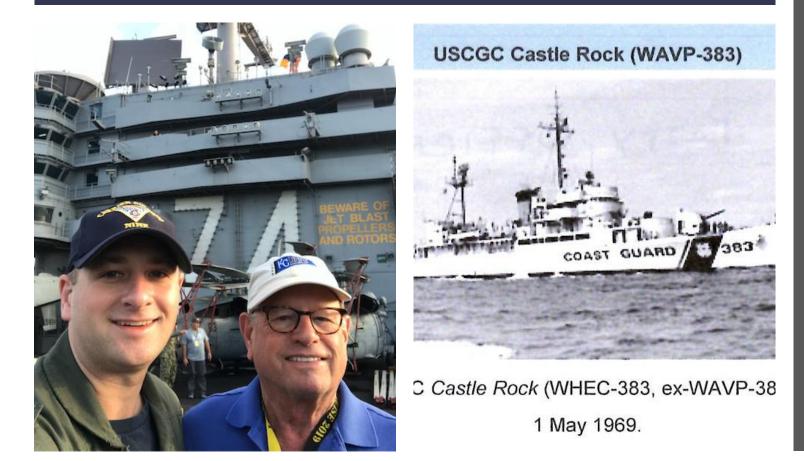
Sp.5 Bader entered the service in December 1967, in the Airborne Division Artillery, 101st Division.

He was killed in a helicopter crash on June 24, 1968 at Thua Thien-Hue. He was 21 years old.

'FROM THE CLOUDS'

### PARKER FAMILY VETERANS

Geoffrey S. Parker, Sonarman 1st Class Petty Officer, USCG Christopher W. Parker, Lt. US Navy



- Grandson of Lamont Durbrow, son of Geoffrey Parker, "Woody" Parker served in Carrier Air Wing Nine, USS John C. Stennis, and deployed with the 5th Fleet in the Persian Gulf.
- Geoff served with the US Coast Guard 1965-66, on the USCGC "Castle Rock", and in the USCG Reserves from 1966-1971.

### Captain John M. Abernathy III, US Navy

John Abernathy served as a Navy pilot, commencing in 1974, with 12 years of active duty, then 11 years of Reserve duty with a recall to active duty for Desert Storm. John then served 7 more years in the Individual Ready Reserve. During active duty, John served as Aide and Flag Lieutenant to Commander, Middle East Force (now the 5th Fleet)- Bahrain



# VIETNAM ERA & POST VIETNAM VETERANS

David Allen Boner, Capt. US Air Force

Russell "Terry" Groesser, US Navy

Geneva. M Pino, Specialist, US Army Reserve Nurse Corps.

Ronald Delbert Story, Po3, US Navy

Linda M. Woods, Communication Specialist, A2C, US Air Force; Commander, Eagletown Post 120, American Legion

#### DARRYL L. LUNA, US NAVY, CPO, Persian Gulf War; Somalia; Iraq Freedom War

Darryl retired from the Navy as Chief Machinist's Mate after a career of 23 years. His parents are Chico and Maria Luna.



### SAVANNAH NINA LINGAUR, E5 MP2, US NAVY



- Nina "The Boss Lady" joined the Navy in 2011, and served for 6 ½ years. She served as an MP at Walter Reed Medical Center, where she worked with the Secret Service and faced protesters.
- She served also in Sasebo, Japan.
- Nina is Jeff and Sheila Lingaur's daughter, a descendant of Joshua Middleton, Civil War Veteran, and a Putnam family descendant.

Steve Alguire Playing Taps at the Vietnam Memorial Washington DC

> Captain J. Stephen Alguire

US Army, 1959-1966

Vietnam 1965-66, Platoon Leader

Adjutant, Eagletown Post 120

American Legion



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