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# Lieutenant H. Eugene Vickers



**Service dates:** Dec. 1, 1942 - 1946

**Branch of service:** U.S. Navy

**Location of service:** WWII N and S Pacific; Australia, New Guinea, New Hebrides, Ie Shima, Iwojima, Okinawa

**Basic Training:** Studied Radio Engineering and Coding Messages in 1942 at Naval communications School, Harvard University.

From July 1943-April 1944 he served as Communications Officer and Chaplain on the U.S.S. Ganymede AK104 which took part in the Finschafen Operation and Hollandia Operation.

October 1944 -June 1945 he served as Signal Officer on the flagship U.S.S. Panamint AGC13, where he passed on commands from the Admiral via flags and flashing lights and participated in suicide watch looking for Japanese boats loaded with explosives. They travelled 27,679 miles through the North and South Pacific, the East and North China Sea, the Aleutian Islands and Alaska. They participated in three invasions - Ie Shima, Iwojima, and Okinawa.

H. Eugene Vickers completed his tour of duty in 1946 after sailing to Ominato Naval Base, Anchorage, Alaska, to assure that the Japanese fulfilled the requirements of the treaty that ended WWII.



Staff Sergeant US Army  
Captain USNR  
Dr. Ron White

**Service Dates:** Active 1955-1958 US Army  
USNR 1962-1992

**Branch of Service:** US Army and US Navy Reserves

**Basic Training:** US Army Fort Gordon GA

**Locations of Service:** US Army Language School Monterey CA.

**War/Conflict:** Cold War

Dr. White enlisted in the U.S. Army and was trained as a Russian translator and vice interpreter. He attended voice intercept school and served in West Germany from 1956-1958. He was stationed in Coburg Germany near the East German Border. A detachment of 50 soldiers were assigned to the listening post. At the time the Hungarian Revolution was unfolding and fighting was erupting in the streets. He intercepted Soviet Infantry and Tank radio messages throughout the region. He shared, "We could hear the commands of the Soviet tank commanders attaching the Hungarians in the streets. That's when we were given our steel pots (helmets) and weapons. We were told to get ready to make a stand." After his service in the Army, Dr. White sought to become a Naval aviator. He was accepted into aviation but due to a backlog he was assigned to Naval Air Intelligence. He would Serve in the U.S. Naval Reserves and retire at the rank of Captain.



# Captain Joseph McGarve



**Service Dates:** June, 1966 to July, 1968

**Branch:** U.S. Army

**Basic Training:** Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. Medical doctor at large Army Hospital ( William Beaumont, El Paso, Texas )

I received draft notice when I was in medical school. Through what was called Berry Plan, I was able to defer my service until I finished my medical training. I spent 6 months in my training in cardiology and divided my service time between internal medicine and cardiology. Basic training in San Antonio with my wife and 3 children(boy who was 4 and twin girls aged 3). By the way the boy is Cameron McGarvey' dad. After some interesting experiences, we drove across Texas to my assignment at William Beaumont General Hospital in El Paso, Texas El Paso is located in Southwest Texas and was across the border from Juarez, Mexico.

It was a great location and I worked with great doctors and patients. The sacrifices that we made in leaving our homes and families were more than met with the great privilege of serving our country. One of my fellow physicians was deployed to Viet Nam and he would write back to us describing how he would go out with the troops to treat any who were wounded. Unfortunately he was killed in a fire fight and left his wife and 2 children behind, paying the supreme sacrifice.

By being assigned to El Paso, Texas, we had the world opened to us in terms of meeting people from all over the United States and also enjoying trips to the National Parks and the West Coast and finding ghost towns in Texas.



# Chris Stratton



**Graduation Date from Lenape:** 1965

**Service Dates:** 15 September 1970 TO September 1978

**Branch of Service:** . U.S. MARINES RESERVE

**Basic Training:** PARRIS ISLAND

AVIATION TRAINING MEMPHIS TENNESSEE

**Locations of Service:** WILLOW GROVE JOINT NAVAL AIR BASE, WILLOW GROVE. PA. INCLUDE US MARINE BASE CHERRY POINT, NC, PUERTO RICO AT ROOSEVELT NAVAL AIR BASE AND US MARINE AIR STATION YUMA, ARIZONA.

**War/Conflict:** Cold War Era

My service in the United States Marine Corps Reserve began with extensive boot camp training at Parris Island North Carolina. From there I received extensive training on repairing military equipment for battle situations. This job involved working on fighter jets and helicopters. Work included repairing their hydraulics and I served as a hydraulic mechanic. I was then transferred to the training department where I was responsible for any and all training for personnel working on the fighter jets and helicopter systems. I reenlisted for two more years and completed my service in September of 1978. At no time was I put into harms way.



## First Lieutenant (1LT) Tom Ramsey



**Active Duty Service Dates:** May 1969 – April 1971

**Branch of Service:** U.S. Army Transportation Corps

- 1965 - Enlisted ROTC, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA
- 1967 - Commissioned upon Graduation, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA
- 1967-1969 - Delayed Call to Active Duty, Graduate School, Lehigh University
- 1969-1970 – Washington, DC – Military Traffic Management & Terminal Service (MTMTS)
- 1970-1971- Saigon, Republic of Vietnam – Traffic Management Agency, Military Assistance Command Vietnam (TMA-MACV) (HQ, 507th Transportation Group, Movements Control)

1LT Tom Ramsey was an Automatic Data Processing & Systems Planning Officer both in the United States and Vietnam. In Vietnam he was responsible for the Military Assistance Command Automated Movements Management System (MACAMMS). MACAMMS prioritized the movement of cargo from ocean going vessels through deep water ports in Vietnam onto smaller, intercoastal ships for delivery to local, shallow draft ports throughout the country.

For MACV, 1LT Ramsey also was responsible for overseeing the transportation requirements of military units returning to the United States from Vietnam as part of the Vietnamization of the war.

1LT Ramsey received the Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam.

# Boatswains Mate 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Lewis S. Graham

**Lenape Alumni**

**Service Dates: 1968-1972**

**Branch of Service: U.S. Navy**

**Basic Training: Great Lakes Illinois**

**Locations of Service:**

**War/Conflict: Vietnam War Era**



I was selected to service in the White Staff in Naval Administrative Unit euphemism for presidential yachts. Once selected for this new duty I serve on the USS Sequoia AG 23 105 and the Yacht Patricia, formerly known as the Honeyfitz 95, yacht Julie, formerly Patrick J, 65. I received top secret White House security clearance and was made coxswain of high speed Secret Service chase boats. During that duty, attained the title of boat captain of all yachts. Served six months at the Florida White House in Key Biscayne, Florida. I was also the boat captain of the Guardian, 100 secret PT Boar of the presidential support craft.

Photo No. KN-1130 USS Sequoia (AG-23) on 17 November 1960





# Chief Petty Officer David Carlen

**Service Dates:** June 1984 – June 2006 (Cold War, Iran/Iraq War, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom).

**Branch of Service:** US Navy

**Basic Training:** Recruit Training Command (RTC) Orlando Florida

**Service Information:** "A" School – Pensacola, Fla; Clarke Air Base, P.I.; COMMIDEASTFOR (Persian Gulf); Augsburg, GE; Diego Garcia B.I.O.T.; Gander NFLD, CA; RTC Great Lakes; USS Higgins (DDG76); CNSG Norfolk, VA; COMMARFORCOM (US Marine Liaison).

**Noted Events:** USS Stark (May 17 1987); Stationed in Germany during Berlin Wall coming down. Plank Owner – USS Higgins.



# Commander Thomas Burtis

**Service Dates:** 1975 - 1995

**Branch of Service:** U.S. Navy

**Locations of Service:**

**War/Conflict:** Cold War, first Gulf War



Commander Tom Burtis flew as a pilot and mission commander on P-3 anti submarine aircraft finding and tracking soviet submarines and surface ships in the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea.

He was also a flight instructor for new naval aviators and a pilot for naval oceanographic research missions.

He completed his career as the project engineer for cruise missile and unmanned aerial vehicle engines and finally as Engineering Director for the Naval Air Propulsion Center in Trenton, New Jersey.



## Lieutenant Colonel Peder C. Cox, US Army, Retired



**Service Dates:** 1 July 1971 to 30 September 1996

**Branch of Service:** US Army

**Basic Training:** Infantry Officer Basic

**Branch of Service:** Infantry/Logistics with extensive time in the Special Operations world.

**War/Conflict:** I was in several different areas of conflict: 4 different counter insurgency tours in Central/South America. US Support Operations in Beirut, Lebanon, Operation Golden Pheasant (Honduras/Nicaragua), Desert Shield/Desert Storm (Saudi Arabia/Iraq/Kuwait), Operation Provide Comfort (Turkey), Operation Restore Democracy (Haiti), United Nations Mission in Eastern Slavonia. Also several other much smaller operations worldwide that never had a name or were public.

I entered the Army in 1971 at the tail end of the Vietnam war. I was not deployed to Vietnam and by the time my training was over it had ended. The majority of my career was spent in the Light Infantry, Airborne, Special Operations world with multiple overseas assignments and deployments. I was in the Army 26 years and spent 16 of it overseas. I had in Italy, 3 years in Germany, 14 months in Haiti and all the rest were shorter operational assignments. As a senior Major, the Army decided I needed to learn a new trade so I became a logistician and provided ongoing support to the special operations community and international peacekeeping operations with the United Nations. My final assignment I spent 14 months as the Chief of Logistics for the UN mission in Haiti. After retirement I went to work for the UN as the Chief of Logistics for the UN mission on the Serbian/Croatian border. Overall my military career was exciting, varied and gave me the opportunity to meet many different people, interact with multiple cultures and make lifelong friends ranging from South Africa to Nepal to Germany!

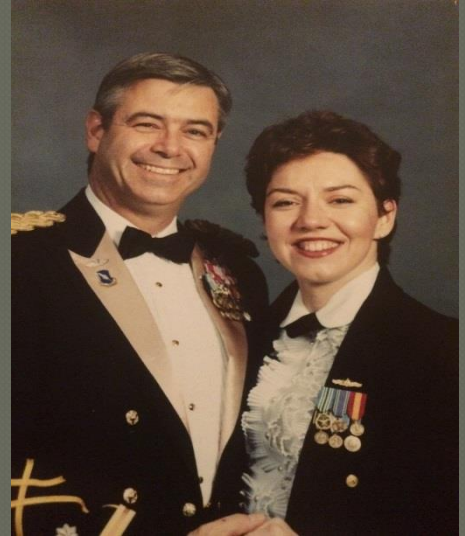
## Lieutenant Commander Ellen Cox

**Service Dates:** June 1993 – Present

**Branch of Service:** US Navy

**Training:** US Navy Supply School

**War/Conflict:** Middle East Service



A Seagoing Navy Supply Officer, have deployed twice to the Med/Middle East on USS Supply(AOE6) as the Stock Control Officer (S1). I am Surface Warfare and Air Warfare Qualified. Trained and worked in Navy Financial and Supply Management, Food Service, HAZMAT, Retail, Disbursing and Postal Operations.



# Staff Sergeant George Henry Lindsey Jr.

**Service Dates:** 1977-1983 and 1995-2003

**Branch of Service:** U.S. Army

**Basic Training:** Fort Jackson and Fort Benning for Infantry Training

**Locations of Service:** Hawaii, Philippines, South Korea, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar

**War/Conflict:** Cold War and Operation Iraqi Freedom

## GEORGE H LINDSEY JR. SSG RETIRED 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

1. US ARMY 1977-1982 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION SHCOFEILD BARRACKS HAWAII

PHILIPPINES- AQUINO- MARCO CIVIL UNREST

CHUNCHON SOUTH KOREA- CAMP PAGE FIRST TEAM SPIRIT NEAR DMZ

BIG ISLAND HILO KONA

2. PA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD 1995-2003

3. US ARMY RESERVES 2003-2013

IRAQ, KUWAIT, QATAR, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM



## SGT. Ed Lopez

**Service Dates:** 1986-1992

**Branch of Service:** US Army

**Basic Training:** Ft. Sill, OK

**War/Conflict:** Desert Shield / Desert Storm - Aug. 1990 – March 1991

First Duty Station was with 3RD Infantry Division, 1st Battalion 10th Field Artillery Mechanized in Schweinfurt Germany 1987-1989. My job in the Army was a Unit Communications Maintainer, translation: I maintained/repared all tactical communications equipment in our Battalion which included all FM/AM radios, Intercom systems, Encryption equipment, and Antenna systems.

Next duty station was the 197th Infantry Brigade (Separate) 4th Battalion 41st Field Artillery Fort Benning, GA 1989-1992. In Aug. 1990 the 197th was put on alert and issued orders that we would be shipping off to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia due to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. We arrived Aug. 29th 1990 in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. 197th stayed in Dhahran for two weeks, and was shipped to the Iraqi/Saudi border where we took up defensive positions until other units were brought in.....This period was known as Desert Shield. Desert storm begins Jan. 16th 1991 with air strikes. Ground forces move into Iraq/Kuwait on Feb. 23, 1991 and engage the Iraqi forces.

197th Fly's home March 28th 1991. I was discharged from the the Army Jan. 1992.



## AW2 (AW/NAC) Steve Smith

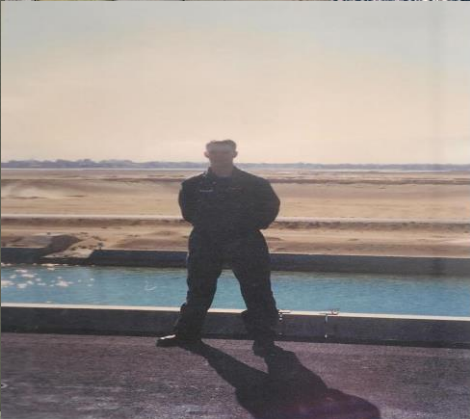
**Service Dates:** 1994 - 1999

**Branch of Service:** US Navy

**Basic Training:** Recruit Training Command (RTC) Orlando, FL - Company I129

**War/Conflict/Era of Service:** Between Gulf Wars, Operation Southern Watch, Operation Joint Endeavor

AW2 Smith flew as a naval aircrewman in the H-60 Seahawk helicopter where he fulfilled duties to hunt, track, and destroy enemy submarines while he also fulfilled roles as a aviation rescue swimmer and combat search and rescue crewman. He left for bootcamp 2 weeks after high school. He then went on to aircrew school, rescue swimmer school, AW (Antisubmarine Warfare) "A" school, and finally to HS-1 for schooling on the H-60 helicopter. After completing all his schooling he was assigned to HS-5 (Helicopter Antisubmarine Helicopter Squadron 5) stationed in Jacksonville, FL. He completed two 6 month deployments aboard an aircraft carrier in support of Operation Southern Watch in the Persian Gulf. He left the Navy after 5 years of service in 1999 to go to college and start a family.



Kimberly A. Carter



Service Dates: 18 Jul 1991 - 17 Jul 1995

Branch of Service: USAF

Basic Training: Lackland AFB, TX

Branch of Service: USAF

War/Conflict: Gulf War Era in support of Desert Shield/Desert Storm

In June of 1991 I enlisted shortly after attending a ticker-tape parade in NYC where returning troops came home from the Gulf War and marched down the canyon of heroes. At the time, I was 23 years old. I chose to pursue a career path similar to my Dad, and I became a Military Working Dog Handler. My tech school kept me in Texas for nearly 6 months, after which I went to Ft. Dix in New Jersey to learn Air Base Ground Defense. I was to be a soldier in the event my Air Force Base were to come under attack.

After arrival at my duty station, Ellsworth AFB, SD, my MOS (job) kept me busy traveling around in support of US Customs in New York and New Jersey, humanitarian efforts in Cuba, and public relations throughout the western United States. Of my 4 year Ellsworth AFB assignment, I was only at my duty station for a total of one and a half years. My four years of active duty service ended after receiving numerous awards and professional recognition.





# Lieutenant Colonel Frank Kolbe

**Service Dates:** 1992 - 2013

**Branch of Service:** U.S. Marine Corps

**Locations of Service:** CA, VA, PA, NJ, Japan

**War/Conflict:** OEF (Afghanistan, Philippines),  
OIF (Iraq)



LtCol Frank Kolbe flew as a pilot and mission commander on the KC-130 Hercules. The primary mission being air to air refueling of jets and helicopters, and troop insertion.

While stationed in Okinawa, Japan, he and his fellow Marines performed humanitarian/disaster relief missions in Thailand, the Philippines, and Java, Indonesia.

He deployed immediately after 9-11 and flew the first Marines into Afghanistan for the initial assault to Kandahar. He also deployed for a year-long ground tour in the Al Anbar province of Iraq coordinating air support for the Marines.



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OUR VETERAN PRESENTERS AND TO  
THE VETERANS OF OUR NATION.**



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

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To all American Veterans...

Thank you!