



Our Veterans Biographies

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Gene Laskey*
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Paul D. Levey*
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Dr. Jules Levin*
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Ron Levin
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Jacob Levit*
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Irving Lukoff*
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Mark Lukoff
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Mark Mandel
(submitted by Mark)

Bernard Marcus*
(Submitted by Dianne Sehler, his Daughter)

Irving Marcus*
(submitted by Andrea Marcus Konz, her Father)

Robert Masters
(submitted by Richard, his Son)

Roger W.L. McConnell*
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Robert Miller
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David A. Peltin*
(submitted by Barbara Peltin, her Husband)

Abe Plotkin*
(submitted by Jerry Plotkin, his Father)

Alan I. Pohl, M.D. *
(submitted by his wife, Carol Pohl)

William Pollard*
(submitted by Nikki Levin, her Uncle)

Kim Queen
(submitted by Kim)

Irving Raffé
(submitted by Irving)

Werner Richheimer
(submitted by Werner)

Ervin Ross*
(submitted by Sandra Ruesink, her Father)

Simon Rothenberg*
(submitted by Nancy Sandler, her Father)

Leon Herbert Sacks*
(submitted by Dr. Sherry H. Blumberg, her Father)

Joseph Sandler*
(submitted by Mitchell Sandler, his Father)

Edward Schneiderman*
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Dr. Leonard J. Schwade*
(submitted by Sandy Schmidt, her Father)

Stanley Sehler
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Richard Selby*
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Alan Sidman
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Jonathan Slomowitz*
(submitted by Marcia Slomowitz, her Father)

Leon Snap
(submitted by Stacie Bishop, her Father)

Harold Stein*
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George Strick
(submitted by George)

Milton James Sweed*
(submitted by Judy Grodsky, her Father)

Henry Taxman*
(submitted by Julie Taxman Stracks, her Father)

Dr. Peter Townsend*
(submitted by Margo Zimmerman, her Father)

Denise Wadzinski
(submitted by Denise)

Kurt Wadzinski
(submitted by Kurt)

Samuel Weitzen*
(submitted by Betty Weitzen, her Husband)

Ernest F. Wilkinson*
(submitted by Daniel Wilkinson, his Father)

Floyd M. Wilkinson*
(submitted by Daniel Wilkinson, his Brother)

James F. Wilkinson*
(submitted by Daniel Wilkinson, his Brother)

Charles Willis* & Melvin Willis
(submitted by Carol Fishman, her Uncles)

Robert Wolpert*
(submitted by Bobbie Cohn, her Father)

Alexis Zahradnick
(submitted by Tiffani Zahradnick, her Mother)

Randy Zemel
(submitted by Randy)

Philip Zuckerman*
(submitted by Nadine Zuckerman, her Husband)

An asterisk next to each name is a veteran of blessed memory.
New submissions are in Bold.



Jerome Aprill



Jerome Aprill was a Warrant Officer in the U.S. Army, where he served in the Southwest Pacific from 1940 to 1945. Jerome was assigned to General Douglas MacArthur's staff located at the Southwest Pacific general headquarters. That included forward deployment units from Australia to New Guinea to the Philippines. Many of his duties were top secret given Jerome was a member of General MacArthur's staff.

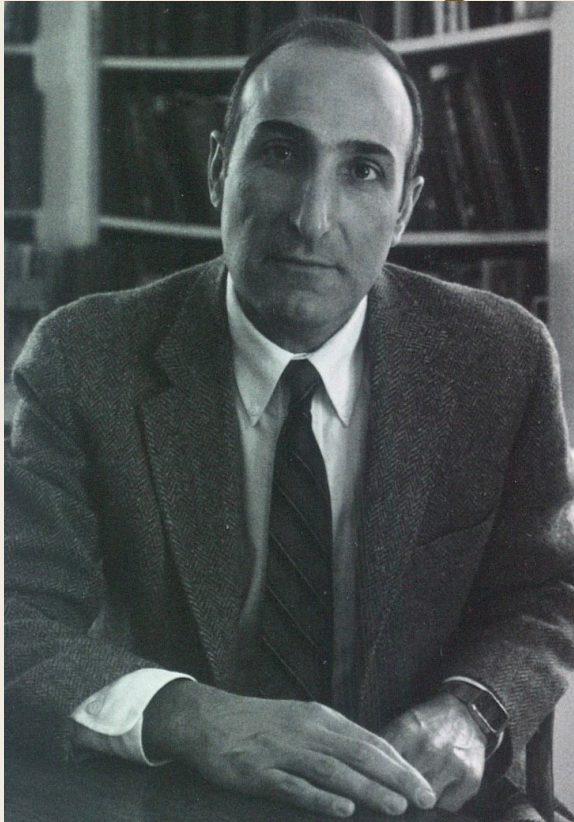
Jerome's best memories were the relationships he had working with representatives of counties located in the Southwest Pacific. He was especially impressed by the hospitality of the Australian and Philippine people.

A memorable experience was that General MacArthur knew him by name. While in Australia, Jerome was in the elevator. General MacArthur turned to him and said "how are you doing Aprill?" For Jerome this was a great memory because in those days staff did not wear badges.

Although there were negatives serving in the armed forces, Jerome made the best of the situation. He treasured his time traveling throughout the Southwest Pacific where he got to know people from around the world, along with collecting coins, stamps and other memorabilia. Jerome generally spoke only of good memories.



Harvey Barash MD



Harvey Barash was a Major who served in U. S. army from 1970 to 1972. Harvey served as an Orthopedic Surgeon at an Army Hospital located in Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Harvey witnessed so many soldiers with amputations and complex injuries. He feels gratitude to have been given the opportunity to perform reconstructive surgery on injured soldiers. One memorable experience was caring for a soldier who had severe injuries to all four extremities, but was able to ambulate and function normally.

Harvey believes his service in the military was a very good experience. He wants to reassure the current members of the armed forces that the medical care they will receive at Veterans Hospitals in the future is of a very high caliber. Harvey is the Father of Cantor David Barash.



Myron E. Berkson



Myron E. Berkson served in the U.S. Army as a First Lieutenant during WWII from 1943 to 1945. Myron was a meteorologist and was stationed in both Europe and the United States. Rabbi Marc Berkson, his son, wishes convey his deepest thanks to current members of the armed forces.



Norman L. Blumberg



Norman L. Blumberg served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in the Pacific from 1945 to 1946. He was a B-24 Gunner and served at the end of WWII. Other than some 'milk runs,' Norman never actually saw combat in Japan, but did broke an ankle jumping out of his plane after it landed. He ended up in the hospital, while his original unit shipped out. Norman later found out that many of those tail gunners did not survive.

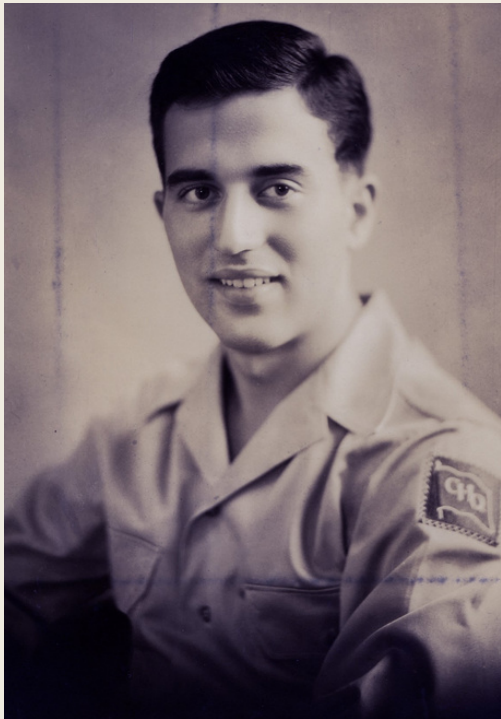
During one training flight, crew members began relaying anti-semitic comments over the intercom about the 'kike' tail gunner. The Commanding Officer caught wind of this and made it clear to all the crew members of the plane had to protect each other's backs and that such comments were unacceptable. Norman was subsequently transferred to another plane. He later found out that the crew from that plane went down with all hands lost.

On a light note, Norman was never a smoker and would trade his cigarettes for candy. He definitely had a sweet tooth!

Donald and Mimi Chudnow (her Father) are very proud of Norman's service during WWII and their support continues for the men and women currently serving in the military.



David Brazner



David Brazner served in the U.S. Army from January, 1945 to November, 1946. He was a member of the Honor Guard for General Douglas MacArthur. David was very proud of his responsibilities for General MacArthur and secretly took photographs of his private office.

Serving took a physical toll on David. He was seasick all the way from San Diego to Hawaii to Japan and suffered permanent hearing loss, probably from rifle noise.

David stayed in close contact with his fellow Honor Guards and enjoyed attending their reunions. David's son, Kevin wants to thank current members of the armed forces and families for their sacrifices and service!



Sam Brazner



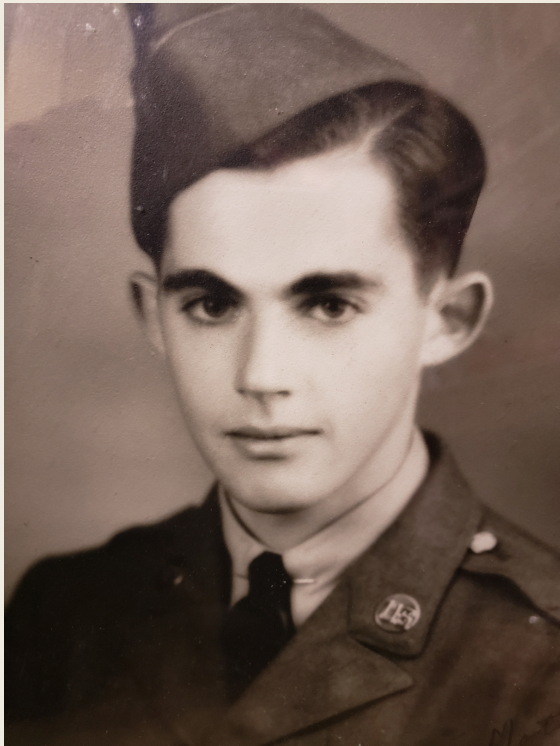
Sam Brazner served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He was a Sergeant stationed in the Philippines as a Radio Technician.

Bob Brazner, his son noted his Father never discussed his wartime experiences with Family.

But there is a lighter side. At the conclusion of the war, Sam and his brother David (who also served at the same time) were stationed in nearby bases in Japan, both ready to come home. Sam got a one-day pass to make a surprise visit to see his brother David. His brother David got a one-day pass to surprise Sam. They both ended up traveling on the same day and the surprise, of course, was that they missed each other.



Stanley Burns



Stanley Burns was a Private First Class in the Army Airforce during WWII. Stanley enlisted when he was 17 years old and was stationed at Wharton Airforce Base near Lancashire, England. He told stories of learning to drive a manual truck during training. He hated camping during basic training during the hot summer in Georgia.

Stanley recalled the tragic Freckleton Air Disaster, where a test flight of a B24 crash resulted in the deaths of 61 people, including 38 children. He also recalled German V2 rockets falling around the base where he was stationed. He was happy to return home in 1946.

Stanley and his son, Adam experienced a wonderful 2014 Honor Flight Trip together. Stanley was always proud of serving his country and usually had a flag in front of his home.



Roy E. Burt

Roy E. Burt was a Lieutenant in the Union Army of the Potomac, 24th Michigan Infantry Regiment during the Civil War from 1861 to 1863. This regiment was part of the Iron Brigade of the West, otherwise known as the Michigan Black Hats. His duties were assisting in the training, daily supervision and command of the 24th Infantry Regiment.

Roy's best memory was meeting President Abraham Lincoln in the Spring of 1862 on the battlefield after the Battle of Antietam. His worst memory was fighting in many of the bloodiest conflicts during the Civil War and witnessing the number of casualties from both sides, who were all Americans.

Roy fought alongside the 6th Corp under General George Meade at the Battle of Gettysburg at Little Round Top. He died during the Battle of Gettysburg on July 2, 1863. Roy was the great grandfather of Daniel Wilkinson. The message Dan would like to offer is “stand strong, give your life rather than give up, since you’re in it to win!”



Howard & Jean Canham



Howard Canham enlisted in the U.S. Army in WWII. He served in the European Theater of Operations, in the Supply Services. At first stationed at various Army bases around the US, his wife Jean followed him from station to station, working at various war effort industries.

When Howard was assigned a new station in England, Jean knew she would not be able to follow him there. She made the decision to enlist and serve the country. Instead of enlisting in the Army like Howard, Jean joined the U.S. Navy (WAVES), trained at Hunter College in New York and later was stationed in San Diego, California

Both Howard and Jean served their country through the end of the war and Howard remained in the Army after the end of the war, stationed and living with a family in Maastricht, Holland.

After they left the service, they moved back to Aurora, IL, and later moved to Wisconsin and raised their family in Brookfield. Married for 64 years, Howard and Jean passed away at the age of 85, two years apart, both in February, Howard in 2005 and Jean in 2007. They are buried next to each other at Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Union Grove, Wisconsin. Together forever...



Jack Chernin



Jack Chernin was a Sergeant in the U.S. Army from September, 1945 to January, 1947. He was stationed in the Office Of The Chief Engineer in Frankfurt, Germany during the occupation. Jack kept records of all engineer officers in Europe and was the only person in that office.

Jack received his basic training at Camp Joseph T. Robinson near Little Rock, Arkansas. This was the only time he fired a weapon. After being shipped to Germany, Jack lived in German barracks, which were huge cement three story buildings with attics. Jewish refugees from the concentration camps had been living in these barracks prior to his arrival.

While in Germany, Jack had a lot of free time and use of a Jeep. He was able to visit many castles and small cities. Jack was given furloughs to Paris and Switzerland and Verdun during Bastille Days.

Accepting orders and following instructions are lessons Jack learned during his military service.



Joseph Chudnow



Joseph Chudnow served in the U.S. Army in Italy and North Africa from 1942 to 1945 during WWII. He was a Technical Sergeant in the Signal Corps (30th Signal Heavy Construction Battalion, 5th Army). The Signal Corps is a branch of the Army that creates and manages communications and information systems for the command and control of combined armed forces.

Joe was involved in the invasion of Sicily. He was aboard a Landing Ship Tank during particularly heavy seas. He accidentally tripped over a guide wire, fell flat on his face and knocked out several teeth. Nothing Joe could do as this was the middle of an amphibious invasion. When ashore, one of his men, who spoke fluent Italian said they should find a dentist in a small town that was just liberated. They found an Italian dentist who turned out to be a dedicated Fascist. The dentist told Joe's buddy that he wouldn't work on an "American Pig," where upon Joe's buddy pulled his .45, pointed it at the dentist's head and said, "either you fix up my Sergeant or you're not leaving this office alive." Not surprisingly, the dentist spent the next hour fixing Joe's teeth with a gold bridge, which lasted several years after the war.

Joe met up with his younger Brother, Erv in Italy too. Joe had a neighbor in a small town in Italy, who told him his Brother was stationed with an armored unit just fifty miles away. He used his Signal Corps talents to contact Erv and they ultimately met...an unexpected happy event. Joe's worst memory was the death of a jeep driver who strayed off the road and hit a mine. This was only man under his command who died during the war.

Joe was very proud of his Army service. The war transformed him from a boy to a man. Donald Chudnow, his son was fortunate to attend ten of Joe's Army reunions and meet a good number of the men he served with, all of whom had fond memories and high respect for their Sergeant. Don was also very proud of his Father's service. Don wants current members of the armed forces to know he has always been a strong supporter of our military and all veterans. He thanks all our fine men and women for their service.



DeWitt Clinton

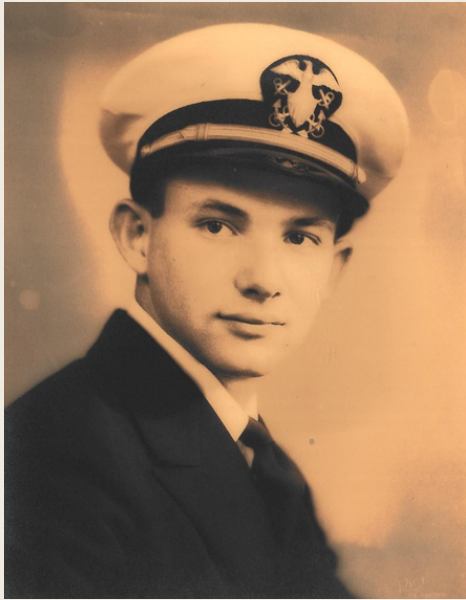
DeWitt Clinton was in the U.S. Army from June, 1968 to January, 1970 during the Vietnam War. He was a Private and later a Corporal in the Artillery 105 Howitzer Cannon Unit. DeWitt's duties was a computer operator determining the distance and direction of 105 howitzer cannon on enemy targets.

On one occasion, DeWitt's artillery/infantry unit was overrun by the North Vietnamese Army soldiers, including some with flamethrowers. Just surviving a fierce attack on the firebase was just one experience. DeWitt has occasional flashbacks when hearing Huey helicopters buzz over his neighborhood. He can not watch a few Hollywood films about the Vietnam War.

There are no words of wisdom about serving in war DeWitt can offer to current members of the armed forces.



Robert A. Cohen



Robert A. Cohen served in the U.S. Navy as a Lieutenant Commander on the USS Wolsey (DD4437), a destroyer ship during WWII. He was based mostly in the Mediterranean Sea and spent some time in the Pacific. Robert was responsible for charting and navigation while at sea. The USS Wolsey transported soldiers from different branches of the military to their theaters of operation. The USS Wolsey did not take a single hit during the war. This was a great source of pride for Robert, along with members of the crew and their families. For the rest of his life, his lucky number became 4437 given the USS Wolsey never took a hit.

Robert established special lifelong friends and a unique bond with them aboard the USS Wolsey. Those comrades are now located throughout the country. Robert became a respected businessman and leader in his community using the skills that were developed while serving the country he loved.

Linda Cohen, his daughter told how proud Robert was to be in the Navy, fight for his country and the great regard he held for military service people. He was buried with military honors. The Honor Flight Trip made before his death at the age of 94 1/2 was a cherished experience and rekindled many memories. Linda and Robert thank current members of the armed forces for their service and of course, Go Navy!!



Perry Cohn

Perry Cohn served as a Captain in the U.S. Air Force from 1957 to 1963 during the Vietnam War. Perry was a Dental Officer and was stationed in Milwaukee.



Harry Donerkiel



Harry Donerkiel on the far right

Harry Donerkiel was a Sergeant in the U.S. Army during WWII. He served in China, Italy and North Africa as a Supply Convoy Leader. One memorable experience was successfully taking a convoy of supply trucks through Italy with the wrong color camouflage.

Lois Brazner, his daughter conveyed her father's best memory was riding camels at the pyramids at Giza in Egypt, while his worst was the terrible rations, especially SPAM. The effect of serving in the military was good in that he met so many people not like him. The diversity in the military was incredible.

Lois is so grateful to our armed forces. She believes those who are no longer serving should be sought out and coveted by all employers, since they bring discipline, respect, dignity, organization, structure and dedication to any job they undertake.



Sheldon Dorf



Sheldon (Shelly) Dorf served as a Captain in the U.S. Air Force from 1962 to 1964 at Perrin Air Force Base in Sherman, Texas. He was a Dentist and was able to practice his profession daily, while serving in the military. After two years, Shelly came home with enough money and a lot of experience, which resulted in the opening of his own dental practice.

One memorable experience was when Shelly was invited to go up in a fighter plane with a neighbor, who was a pilot. He was as excited as a child and told his wife, Phyllis all the maneuvers he had experienced and how proud he was to be wearing a flight uniform. Shelly also came home ghostly white, nauseous and dizzy.

The best memory was the birth to their first child. The worst memories were Texas scorpions, roaches and mice. On one occasion, Phyllis stood on the dining room table holding their child after a mouse ran across the floor. All Shelly could do was laugh after arriving home.

The message Phyllis wishes to convey to our armed forces is how fortunate it is to be serving during peace time. Make the most of an incredible experience.



Henry Dorman

Henry Dorman was a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Corp from June 20, 1944 to February 1, 1946. Henry was enrolled in Officer Candidate School at Yale University. Henry was a communications officer who taught radio/signals to young recruits. Henry was extremely proud to serve his country.



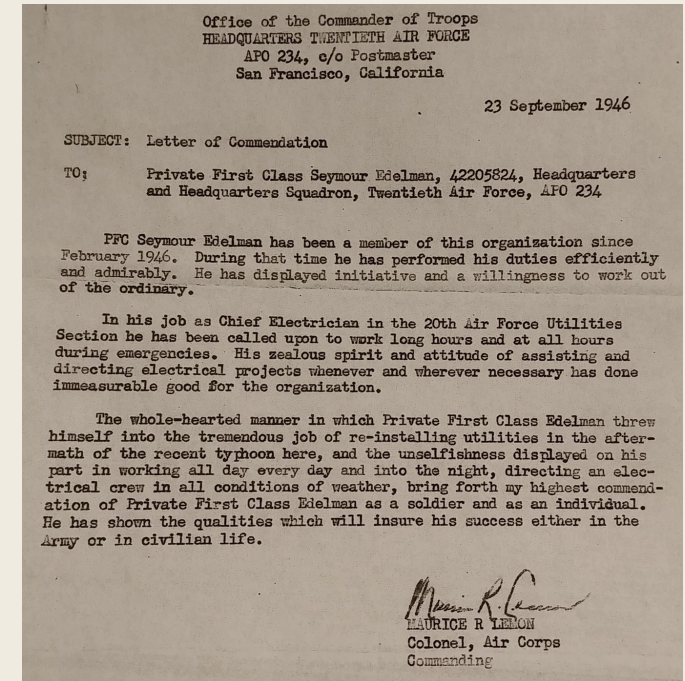
Seymour Edelman



Seymour Edelman served with the 20th Air Force. Seymour was stationed in an army camp in the Philippines from 1944 to 1946 and was in charge of all electricians. He was thought of highly by his commanding officer, who was dependent upon him to keep all electric components of the base in operating order. Seymour had good military experience and received many accolades and written recommendations from officers, which helped him seek civilian employment when he was discharged.

Seymour had a monkey which adopted him. The monkey would steal things from other soldiers and bring the items to him. Seymour spent a lot of time returning these items.

Naomi Berkowitz, his daughter wants the current members of the armed forces to know she doesn't want to think where we would be without our military.





Dr. Harvey P. Eder



Dr. Harvey P. Eder served in the Army from 1942 to 1946. He was a Captain and the Commanding Officer of multiple munitions depots. One depot was the Sioux Ordnance Depot in Sidney, Nebraska. Dr. Eder's duties included testing and surveillance of explosives. He enjoyed riding his horse "Roxy" around the Depot.

Many subordinates visited Dr. Eder after the war and they remained good friends. Audrienne Eder, his wife mentioned that Dr. Eder always rolled with the punches, never complained and strove to do his duty. Audrienne is grateful to the current members of the armed forces.



Edward B. Elkon



Edward B. Elkon served in the South Pacific as a Major in the U.S. Army during WWII from 1942 to 1946. Edward enlisted in August, 1942. After training, he landed in Finschhafen, New Guinea as a Second Lieutenant and was initially assigned to the 462nd Rifle Platoon. From New Guinea, Edward was deployed to the Philippines. He landed in Leyte, where he fought in Tacloban and Palo and was wounded.

After returning to duty, Edward joined the 41st Infantry Division. Edward landed in Mindanao in the amphibious first wave on March 10, 1945, where he fought with D Company. After assignment to C Company, where Edward took command of his first infantry platoon, he continued to fight under the command of General MacArthur. Edward finished his deployment in Japan, after the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

For his service to his nation, Edward was awarded two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star with Valor and a Presidential Unit Citation.



Michael K. Fefferman

Michael K. Fefferman was a Captain in the U. S. Army from 1965 to 1971. He served as an Adjutant General Officer-Director of Administrative Services, Post Adjutant Officer, Courier serving in the Judge Advocate's General Corps on special cases. Michael's wife, Bobbie was with him the entire time.

Michael's most memorable experiences was creating All-Army Welcoming Stations at every Post with a special team. When a soldier came to a new assignment, the Military Police directed him to their Station where he was given a full orientation to the post and his assignment, living quarters and supervisors. Losing friends and colleagues were his worst experiences.

The effect of serving in the military was it moved Michael from a student to an adult and taught him skills that were of value his entire life. The message Michael offers to the armed forces is that they are on the front line protecting one of the few democracies in the world.



Louis J. Ferris



Louis J. Ferris was a Staff Sergeant in the U. S. Air Force. He served in the Korean War from 1950 to 1953. Louis also served in the National Guard and as a Staff Sargeant in the Army Airforce. Serving his country and community was a passion for him.

Louis was Toni Quartana's uncle. Her reflections of her uncle are poignant. Please see the following slide.



Louis Ferris was a man of diverse interests and his love of people showed in all facets of his life. Louie devoted his senior years to honoring and promoting veterans causes. He spent many years as the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Leader and Commander. He was the driving force in the naming and erection of The Veterans Monument at the Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex, located at UW La Crosse. The Veterans Hall of Honor is the La Crosse area's first monument paying tribute to all La Crosse veterans who have served our country honorably in war and peace.

Louie approached the city about having a park established upon which to erect war memorials in honor of those local residents who had served in the various military branches. Located on French Island, the park is named La Crosse Veterans Freedom Park.

As a one-man fund-raising team, Louie sought out and procured all the needed funds. He worked diligently with local craftsman, many who donated their time and efforts to the cause. After the first statue was erected, Louie was approached by other military groups and spouses to erect a statue in memory of their loved ones who had served. In all, Louis oversaw five memorial statues, plus the establishment of the park itself.

The Korean War Memorial, the World War I Memorial, the Hmong-Lao Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Nurse Cadet Corps Memorial, who served in World War II and a World War II Memorial. Prior to passing, he was assisting others on the WI Vietnam War Memorial and one other memorial.

The memory of La Crosse native and Korean War veteran, Louie Ferris, will be honored at a city park he helped to build. The La Crosse Park Board voted Thursday to rename a road inside Veterans Freedom Park after Ferris.



Eli Frank



Eli Frank served in the Army as a Captain from 1965 to 1974 in the United States. He was an Adjutant, which is a military officer who acts as an Administrative Assistant to a senior officer in charge of payroll and personnel.

Eli's best experience was running the administration at Army Hospitals, each for a short time at various locations. Eli's worst memory was going thru basic training. An event that stood out was almost dying after drinking rancid coffee.

The lessons learned from Eli's military service was useful in his life. Eli values the service of all our armed forces.



M.P. (Mike) Frank

M.P. (Mike) Frank served in the United States Coast Guard as a Seaman from 1941-1944. He was the proud Father of Eli Frank. His duties were guarding the Port of Milwaukee and rescue responsibilities on Lake Michigan.



Philip S. Freund



Philip S. Freund served in the United States Army from 1951 to 1991. Philip was proud to wear the uniform from the day he enlisted in 1951, becoming a First Lieutenant in 1960 and retiring in 1991.

Philip's duties focused on Military Intelligence. He taught at Fort McCoy for many summers and was stationed in Washington, DC two weeks every summer for many years.

The camaraderie with his men was wonderful and he considered them family. Philip was an excellent teacher and always took courses to better himself. He was the first to offer help to his men when needed, not only serving as a teacher, but a guidance counselor.

Philip told Belle Anne, his wife that he was so very grateful for the GI Bill, which helped to pay for his advanced schooling. Having left Germany aboard the MS St. Louis in 1939, he loved doing all he could for the goodwill of this country.

The message Belle Anne offered is to study hard to better yourself, leave a better place than how you found it, be grateful for what you have and love America.



Sam Friedman

Sam Friedman was a Corporal in the Air Force during WWII from 1942 to 1946. Sam was a morse code instructor serving on Okinawa Island in 1945 and the United States.

Sam's best memory was winning the enlisted mans bridge tournament on Okinawa Island and his worst memory was to go outside for exercises with a 103 degree temperature. A memorable experience was being passed over for a rank upgrade in 1945 because he wouldn't kowtow to his sergeant.

The effect of serving in the military was to learn a lot about people. George Friedman, his son wants to thank all veterans for their service and God bless them.



Melvin Godshaw



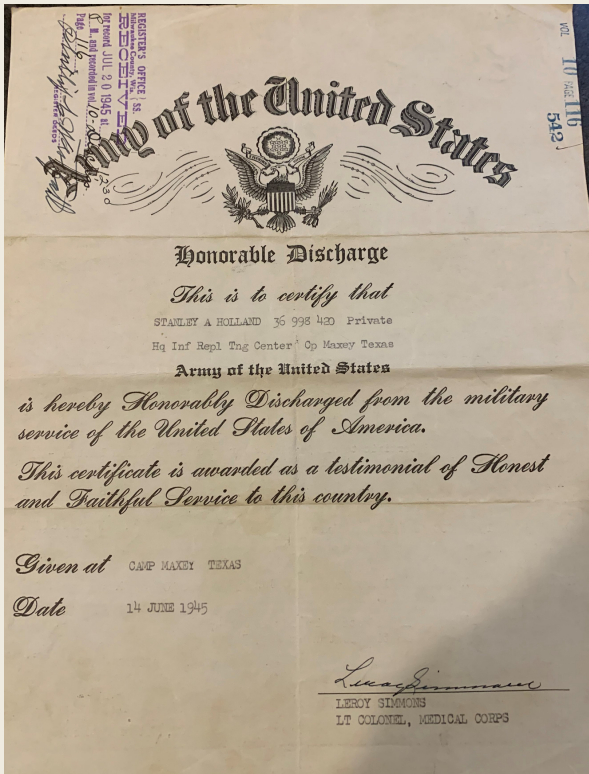
Melvin Godshaw served in the Navy during WWII, where he worked in the galley. He was stationed in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. Melvin told his daughter, Linda Allen that Brazil was a beautiful country to be stationed in during the War.

Melvin's finger was cut off in a slicing machine, which resulted in him being considered a wounded Vet. He received the Purple Heart for his accident! Melvin was proud to be a Jewish War Veteran. So proud that he was married in his sailor uniform after WWII.

Linda wants to thank the current members of our armed forces for serving our country.



Stan Holland



Stan Holland was in the U.S. Army during WWII. He was a Private and received his basic training was in Texas. Stan remained stateside during the war. One memorable experience was his contact with German POWs.

The GI Bill paid for Stan's education and included a life insurance policy. Stan's message to current members of the armed forces is how appreciative he was to serve and of their service to our country.



Allan Honigman



Allan Honigman served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army in Japan and New Guinea during and after WWII. Allan was a Logistics Officer.

One memorable experience was opening up the harbor port of Yokahama after the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and Negasaki. This was a necessity, since there was no place for cargo ships to offload supplies for the occupying troops. Allan reported to General MacArthur's aide twice daily.

The positive effect for Allan of serving in the military was that every design that was drafted had complete usability. No space went to waste, including the home he designed for his wife and two daughters to live in!

The message his Maternal Granddaughter, Beth Clement wishes to convey is the rich history of military service among many Jewish families. Beth feels this is a very special community.



Patrick House



Patrick House was a Private in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War in the 1970s. Patrick was a Communications Specialist. The worst memory for Patrick was being drafted, while his best were the people of Vietnam. His most memorable experience was flying over Cambodia in a helicopter. The effect of serving in Vietnam was bad: PTSD, divorce and pancreatic cancer probably caused by Agent Orange exposure. The message Abbie Fishman, his wife wishes to offer current members of the armed forces is her appreciation for their service and wishes that our government serves you better than they did for previous members of the military.



Harold Jacobson

Harold Jacobsohn was a Captain, who served in the U.S. Air Force from 1969 to 1971. Harold was a Physician Medical Officer. He did not complete his training before entering active duty.

Harold was stationed in Greenland and New Mexico. Harold enjoyed his tour spent in New Mexico. The tour in Greenland however was remote and was considered isolated duty, making it an unsatisfying medical experience.

The most memorable experience for Harold was rescuing a Greenlander accidentally shot while hunting. Harold volunteered for military service and found his experience satisfying.



James Karon

James Karon served in the U.S. Air Force from 1970 to 1973 during the Vietnam War. He was a Sergeant and was based at SAC Headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska and one year in Southeast Asia. His duties were to analyze various kinds of data, debrief photos and do special research. James worked with many great people, but while stationed in SE Asia, he was always alone and worked shifts, which meant he hardly socialized with any fellow service members for an entire year.

James mentioned one of many memorable experiences, while in Thailand assigned to a base for search and rescue operations. He was returning to base one night after an afternoon off in the local town. It was already dark and suddenly there was a distant flash and sparkling cloud. It was a B-52 that crashed after the crew bailed out as soon as they crossed into Thailand. It was a startling and serious reminder of the danger air crews faced, instead of hearing about it.

James was glad to serve and believes he made a meaningful contribution, although sometimes it felt pointless. He returned home in the midst of the 1973 Recession and wage freezes. James went back to his former employer and was given a new position, since the old one had disappeared. He discovered that he was three years behind in professional advancement and compensation and never really caught up. James eventually used his GI Benefits to go to graduate school.

James greatly appreciates those who serve now and recently. Compared to those who serve today, James believes he had it easy during the Vietnam Era.



Bernard Kaufman

Bernard Kaufman served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1946 during WWII. He was a Private First Class in the Infantry stationed in the Aleutian Islands, Burma and India. One memorable experience was landing in Calcutta the day the atomic bomb was dropped in Hiroshima. Bernard's best memory was coming home alive! He regretted the lost business opportunities while in the military, but the VA Hospital benefits have provided him a great service.



Orville J. Klumb

Orville J. Klumb served as a Private in the Army Air Corps during WWII in Europe. Orville was an Ambulance Driver. His best memory was the comradely in the unit. Orville developed a sense of loyalty and fulfillment from his military experience. The message from his daughter, Lynn Klumb Sidman to current members of the armed forces is the gratitude she feels for their personal sacrifices and pride in knowing her family has contributed in defending our homeland.



Lawrence Kreiner

Lawrence J. Kreiner is a retired Lieutenant First Class in the South African Navy. Lawrence served for six years from 1976 to 1982. He is the recipient of the "Queen Victoria" Medal for Honorable Service. Lawrence was a shift leader in charge of "Shore To Ship" communication via morse code at a Naval base called Silver Mine. This base was at one time an actual silver mine five stories below the surface.



Taliah Lansing



Taliah Lansing is currently serving in the U. S. Navy as a commissioned officer with the rank of Ensign O-1. Taliah is a nuclear physics instructor at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command. Taliah teaches enlisted sailors (typically right out of high school) all the foundational physics they need to know to operate a nuclear reactor. Once graduated, these sailors work in the engine rooms of nuclear-powered submarines and aircraft carriers.

Taliah's most memorable experience was from the final day of ODS (the Navy's version of Officer Boot Camp). Taliah went through a FinEx (final exercise) where all the leadership and tactical training happens in one day of rigorous and never ending (fake) missions. Looking around her squad, Taliah realized how far they had all come. Each mile irritated the blisters they had earned, and every sandbag showed everyone how strong they had become. With gunfire ringing in their ears and barbed wire over their heads, everyone completed each step together. The best part was noticing that when one person was too tired or injured, another would step up to lead. Whether it was carrying gurneys or calling cadences, no person carried more than they could handle. It reminded Taliah of the Talmudic phrase 'Kol Yisrael Aevim Zeh Ba'zeh', all of Israel is responsible for one another. To succeed, Taliah recognized we had to complete our mission together.



Gene Laskey

Gene Laskey was in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. His rank was Private and he worked at Edgewood Arsenal Base, a top secret lab doing government work located in Maryland. Gene never wanted to be in the Army, but was drafted and considered going to Canada. His grandparents made him go into the Army. Gene loved working in the lab, but to this day can't divulge what he worked on.

Gene's worst memory was driving an Army Jeep on base and being accused of speeding. He was given KP Duty, placed in a shack and forced to take the eyes out of 500 potatoes. One consequence of serving in the military is his dislike for oatmeal, since this was served far too often.

Rachel Frank, his daughter wants to convey to current members of the armed forces to be glad that you made the choice to volunteer in the military. Those that were drafted did not have a choice. Make the most of your time.



Arnold LeBell

Arnold LeBell was a Colonel who served in the U.S. Air Force from 1942 to 1970 as an Appellate Judge.



Paul D. Levey

Paul D. Levey served as a Sergeant in the Army Air Corps during WWII from 1943 to 1944. Paul was a Left Waist Gunner on a B24 Liberator. He was shot down and killed over Germany on November 22, 1944. His plane lost two engines while on a mission to Hamburg. The crew decided to fly for neutral Sweden, rather than attempt the long journey back to base in England. The plane was shot down by a German Me 262 jet fighter over the island of Reugen in the Baltic Sea. There was only one survivor. A German medical officer communicated five bodies were recovered from the crash site and buried on Ruegen.

David Levey never met his Uncle Paul. His death had a profound effect on his Father and Grandparents. It wasn't until a few years ago that David learned of the hurt in his family. While moving his parents, David came across a suitcase full of his uncle's personal effects, service medals, and letters to his grandparents. There were also letters from his grandmother to and from other mothers of the crew members hoping for word of the fate of their sons. It wasn't until after the war was over and American POWs liberated that they learned their sons would not be coming home.

The message David wishes to convey to current members of the armed forces is that their service to our country is respected and honored by the millions you protect and defend.



Dr. Jules Levin

Dr. Jules Levin was a Neuro-Surgeon and served as a Captain in the Medical Corps during WWII. He was assigned to the Northenington Army Field Hospital in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Jules basic training was in Pennsylvania.

Jules took care of wounded soldiers, who were shipped from Europe to the East Coast and then transferred by train to Tuscaloosa where he operated on them. He performed continuous surgery six days a week, each day lasting eight hours.

Jules best memories were saving the lives of wounded soldiers. The worst memories were the horrible wounds of some soldiers whose lives he was unable to save.

Their son, Ron Levin noted his Mother sang to recovering soldiers, while his Dad operated on the wounded. His Mother and other wives, along with the wife of the commanding general made bandages, along with similar activities. This helped to boost the moral of the recovering soldiers.

The lasting effect of serving in the military was the good in saving lives, while the bad was losing lives.



Ron Levin

Ron Levin served as a Captain stationed in Thailand during the Vietnam War. His duties included helping to run the NCO and Officers Clubs, which included bars and restaurants. Organizing entertainment and recreational spaces for both enlisted personnel and officers were a part of Ron's duties too. Thai citizens often played music to entertain the troops.

Ron was stationed near an Air Force base in Thailand, where B-52s flew missions into Vietnam. He was able to sightsee in Thailand and throughout Southeast Asia. One memorable experience was attending a USO show featuring Bob Hope! Ron viewed his military tour as a once in a lifetime experience.



Private Jacob Levit

26th Wisconsin Infantry, Company H
Enlisted at Milwaukee August 15, 1862
Discharge disabled June 15, 1865

Jacob Levit was born in Prag, Bohemia on July 10, 1837. His father was also named Jacob Levit, and his mother was Sarah Blumenthal. When he immigrated to the United States is not known, but he was in Milwaukee on June 15, 1862 to enlist in Company H, 26th Wisconsin Infantry. Prior to the Civil War, he is neither found on any census nor in any Milwaukee City Directory.

Jacob was deemed healthy when he enlisted and Jacob served in Company H until October, 1864, when he was assigned to be an assistant surgeon at the US General Hospital in Milwaukee. In June, 1865, he was discharged with incapacitated lung disease. His medical report listed frequent recurring bouts of coughing up blood as his symptoms (TB?). His illness was considered chronic and incurable. He was in Milwaukee at the time of his discharge.

A short time later, on October 31, 1865, he married Minna Hirschstein in Milwaukee with a Jewish ceremony at Benai Jeshurun by Rabbi Samson Falk. He and his family are listed in the 1870 Greenfield, WI, census. He had two daughters, Theresa (b. ~1866) and Rosa (b. ~1869). His occupation was listed as a grocer, but he is not in any Milwaukee City Directory.

Not much more is known about Jacob except that he died on April 6, 1875 in Milwaukee at 588 Second Street. He is buried at Schaarei Tzedek, also known as Hopkin's Street Cemetery in Milwaukee.

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(It is just south of Union Cemetery, a tiny Jewish burial ground at the intersection of Hopkins and Chambers streets. Address: 1615 West Chambers Street It's location address is 1612 West Hopkins although it's entrance is on Chambers.)

State of New York }
 County of Erie }

On this 10th day of May ad 1875,
 personally appeared before me the
 undersigned authority in for said
 County. *Samson Talk*
 to me well known, and whom I
 certify to be respectable & credible,
 & who being by me duly sworn, both
 depose & say - that in October
 1865, Depment was residing in the
 City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and was
 the Rabbi of the Congregation Benai
 Teshuvim on 5th Street in the City
 of Milwaukee; that on the 30th of
 October 1865, he, as such Rabbi,
 performed the marriage ceremony, for,
 and joined in the bonds of Marriage,
 Jacob Levit and Minna Hirscheim.
 The ceremony was performed at the home
 of Leopold Wirth, then living on Wells
 Street in the city of Milwaukee; the
 witnesses present were Isaac Stransky,
 J. B. Schram, Mrs Cardine Wirth,
 and other neighbors and friends.
 Depment performed the marriage
 according to Jewish rites. There
 was at the time no record made

of said marriage in any book
 in the Custody of said Congregation.
 - Depment, as was his usual custom,
 made out a Certificate of said marriage
 which he gave to a Trustee of the
 Congregation, to be recorded in the
 Register of Deeds Office of Milwaukee Co;
 but he must have neglected the duty,
 for Depment is informed by Mrs Levit
 that the record of the marriage cannot
 be found in the said Office of Register
 of Deeds of Milwaukee Co; & therefore
 Depment makes this affidavit -
 Depment speaks from personal knowledge,
 he is disinterested. Depment's P.O. address
 is *Samson Talk* ~~Buffalo~~ Buffalo, N.Y.
 287. Ellicott Street
 Subscribed & sworn to before me the day &
 year first above written, I do certify
 that the foregoing Depment was read
 over to Depment before execution, & I am
 disinterested.

J. L. Remington
 Clerk of Erie Co
 & County Clerk



Irving Lukoff



Irving Lukoff served in the U.S. Army during WWII in Europe from 1942 to 1945. Irving was a T/5 Signal Corps Lineman in the Third Army commanded by General George Patton.

The worst experience Irving endured was D-Day, while coming home was his most memorable. Irving stated he would never forget being a Jew fighting the Germans.

The effect of serving in the armed forces was knowing it needed to be done. His son, Mark believes his Father was the best of the Greatest Generation.



Mark Lukoff



Mark Lukoff served in the Army and Army Reserve from 1968 to 1997, reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Mark served in Vietnam and Desert Storm. In Vietnam, Mark was a Sergeant doing security and Reserve Judge Advocate.

Mark's best memory was participating in the Honor Flight with his son, Ari and being greeted when returning by his wife, Toby and daughter, Meira.

His worst memory was the heat and monsoons in Vietnam. The effect in the military was overall a good experience. The message Mark would offer to current members of the armed forces is that you are not alone and that we honor your service.



Mark Mandel

Mark Mandel was a Captain in the U. S. Air Force from 1970 to 1972. He was a General Dentist stationed at Vandenberg Air Force Base. Being able to provide dental care to men returning from the Vietnam War was a great professional experience. His memories of service were all good. Mark wants to thank current members of the armed forces for their service!



Bernard Marcus

Bernard Marcus served in the U.S. Army as a Staff Sergeant in WWII from 1942 to 1945. He served in Europe on the Western Front.

Bernard led a company on the front line during the Battle of the Bulge. His most memorable experiences were saving the lives of comrades under severe enemy fire. Bernard received a Bronze Star for his heroism.

Dianne Sehler, his daughter indicated the effect of Bernard's service deepened his love of our country. Dianne's family honors veterans for their service, sacrifice and patriotism.



Irving Marcus



Irving Marcus served in the Navy as a Radioman Third Class from July 21, 1944 to July 9, 1946 in the Asiatic Pacific. His duties included radioman, shore patrol and swimming instructor. Irving received the American Theatre Medal, Asiatic Pacific Medal and Victory Medal. During the war, he received a shrapnel wound in his leg and developed a mild case of PTSD.

One terrifying experience was being attacked by Kamikaze Pilots. Another memorable experience occurred on September 2, 1945, when Japan signed an unconditional surrender on the U.S.S. Missouri. Irving was on one of the ships circling the Missouri for protection. Irving was able to see both the American and Japanese dignitaries on board the Missouri.

Andrea Marcus Konz told of her father's great sense of humor and that he like to joke around - sometimes at the expense of others. On one rocky day at sea, Irving wafted the fumes of something that was cooking to help ensure that the seasick sailors got sick over the side of the ship

Andrea noted Americans across the political spectrum thank all members of the armed forces for their service and for doing their part to make this the land of the free. Her father was very patriotic and believed in standing up for those without a voice.



Robert Masters



Robert Masters served in the U. S. Navy from 1943 to 1946 after being drafted following High School. Robert was an Aviation Machinist Mate Second Class serving in the Pacific Theater during WWII. His duties were repair and maintenance of Grumman F4F Wildcats, F6F Hellcats, TBF Avengers and Corsair F4F Wildcats.

Robert grew up very quickly due to the adult obligations and exceptional responsibilities expected at that time. The knowledge gained and achievements were his best memories. Being away from what he would have been experiencing as a typical 18 year old was something that is lost.

Robert Masters, his son would like current members of the armed forces to accept the responsibility of serving in the military and to strive for reliability and perfection in performing their duties.



Roger W.L. McConnell

Roger McConnell served in the U.S. Navy as a Chief Hospital Corpsman for twenty-one years from 1954 to 1975. Roger joined the Navy right after High School Graduation. He was the only medical person on smaller ships and provided care for Marine units. Roger was stationed in many places over those years with his last assignment being in Vietnam.

His worst experience was being shot down in a helicopter while administering medivac in Vietnam. Half of the crew was killed, and Roger was injured. He was sent to Great Lakes Hospital for surgery.

During his later years of service, Roger realized he wanted to further his education in order to find successful employment. He earned a bachelor's and master's degree utilizing the G.I Bill. Roger's military service ultimately prepared him for a career in the medical field upon retiring from the Navy.

Roger and his wife, Rocille attended ship reunions. Many men thanked Roger for the medical service he provided to them while at sea. Roger would tell current members of the armed forces to be proud that you are serving your country.



Jack Meyers



Jack Meyers served in the Navy from 1941 to 1945 as a Communications Officer. He served in the Pacific Theater and enjoyed traveling to different ports. Jack was in attendance on the USS Missouri during the signing of the Peace Treaty with Japan.

Barbara, his wife noted the best effect of serving in the military was learning discipline. Barbara wants to convey to current members of the armed forces that serving your country is a privilege.



Robert Miller

Robert Miller was a Captain in the U.S. Army Reserves from April, 1961 to June, 1969. His duties were being a General Hospital Personnel Officer. The best experiences were the friends Robert met, while a memorable experience was two weeks summer active duties around the country. The effect of serving in the military was good.



Michael Anthony Monsoor

Michael Anthony Monsoor was a Petty Officer Second Class, Navy Seal, Master-at-Arms. He served in Operation Iraqi Freedom from March 21, 2001 to September 29, 2006. Mike's duties were as a heavy weapons machine gunner in Delta Platoon, SEAL Team 3 and was also a SEAL communicator. Mike and his platoon operated in a highly contested part of Ramadi city called Ma'laab District. Mike and his fellow SEALS came under enemy attack on 75 percent of their missions.

On May 6, 2006 Mike rescued a SEAL who was shot in the leg. He ran out into the street with another SEAL, shot cover fire and dragged his comrade to safety, while enemy bullets kicked up the concrete at their feet.

On September 29, 2006, Mike was part of a sniper overwatch security position with three other SEALS and eight Iraqi Army (IA) soldiers. An insurgent closed in and threw a fragmentation grenade into the overwatch position. The grenade hit Monsoor in the chest before falling to the ground. Positioned next to the single exit, Monsoor was the only one who could have escaped from harm. Instead, he dropped onto the grenade to shield the others from the blast. Monsoor died approximately 30 minutes later from wounds sustained from the blast. Because of Petty Officer Monsoor's actions, he saved the lives of his 3 teammates and the IA soldiers.

Petty Officer Second Class (SEAL) Michael A. Monsoor received the Medal of Honor posthumously in a ceremony at the White House on April 8, 2008. At his Medal of Honor ceremony, President George W. Bush quoted one of the survivors of that day, who said, "Mikey looked death in the face that day and said, 'You cannot take my brothers, I will go in their stead.'" The citation on his medal reads: "By his undaunted courage, fighting spirit, and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of certain death, Petty Officer Monsoor gallantly gave his life for his country, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and upholding the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The USS Michael Monsoor, the Navy's second Zumwalt-class destroyer, named in Mike's honor, was commissioned at Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego, where the ship will be based. With its distinct angular shape designed to give stealth capabilities at sea, the Zumwalt-class is the Navy's most technologically advanced and expensive destroyer ever built.

During Michael Monsoor's funeral in San Diego, as his coffin was being moved from the hearse to the grave site at Ft. Rosecans National Cemetery, SEALS were lined up in both sides of the pallbearers route forming a column of two's, with the coffin moving up the center. As Mike's coffin passed, each SEAL, having removed his gold Trident from his uniform, slapped it down embedding the Trident in the wooden coffin. The slaps were audible from across the cemetery; by the time the coffin arrived grave side, it looked as though it had a gold inlay from the Tridents pinned to it.

Michael Anthony Monsoor is Toni Quartana's cousin. Toni wishes to convey to the current members of the armed forces: "Thank you for your service to our country. We owe you everything!"



Moses Moskowitz



Moses Moskowitz (left in photo) was a private in the Army during WWII. Moses served in the European Theatre and was killed at the Battle of the Bulge in 1944. He was a gunner in an assault troop and fire support vehicle known as an "amtrak." Moses proudly served his country. Cary Silverstein, his nephew was born while Moses was serving in Belgium. Cary knows his uncle served with honor and gave his life for our freedom.



Private Nathan Neustadtl

24th Wisconsin Infantry, Company H
Enlisted at Milwaukee August 12, 1862
Killed in Action at Chickamauga, GA, September 20, 1863

Nathan Neustadtl was born around 1838 in Bohemia. He first appears in a census when he became an adult. On the 1860 Waukesha census, he is listed as a watchmaker, and is living with Henry and Rosa Katz. He moved back to Milwaukee and lived with his brother, Simon, and parents, Isaac and Maria Neustadtl at 468 Main Street according to the 1862 and 1863 Milwaukee City Directories.

Nathan enlisted in Company H of the 24th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry in August 1862 at Port Washington to help his friend, Gustav Goldsmith, in his recruiting effort. Nathan was the first enlistee to be named on Goldsmith's roster. He was killed in action at Chickamauga on September 20, 1863. Nathan's commanding officer was taken prisoner and sent to Libby Prison at Richmond, VA, but while there, he received a letter of inquiry from the family, written by Rosa Katz, which he answered from prison:

Libby Prison, Richmond, Va., November 19, 1863

To Mrs. Rosa Katz, Eagle, Wisc.

Madame:

...when I was taken prisoner I saw (Neustadtl) lying on the field very badly wounded. The nature of his wounds were such as to leave little hope of his recovery. It is very hard to part with one's friends, still it is a great consolation to know that they died while doing their duty. Nathan Neustadtl was a true soldier. I remain with much respect, T.S. West, Lt. Col. 24th Wis.

As is the case with many young men, more is often known about their parents than them. That is also the case with Nathan and his father, Isaac. Isaac was among the first Jewish settlers in Milwaukee around 1844. They had traveled from their native land of Bohemia. He opened a grocery shop on 3rd Street with a Nathan Pereles. Isaac also branched out into the insurance business.

Isaac became involved in politics. He was elected to the position of alderman in 1852-3 representing "Germantown" in the 2nd Ward. He ran on the Republican ticket. Later, he was selected to be on the nominating committee for the Republican city convention in 1860, and he was a delegate to the Union Caucus of 1861.

Isaac was also very involved in religious and civil organizations. In 1847, he and eleven other Bohemian Jewish settlers held the first Yom Kippur service in Milwaukee at his house on 4th and Chestnut. This group of Jews merged with other groups leading ultimately to the establishment of Imanu-El, the first Jewish congregation in Milwaukee. It eventually became Emanu-El.

Isaac was one of the founders of the German-English Academy which began in 1851. Henry Katz served as its financial secretary. Isaac's daughter (Nathan's sister), Elizabeth, founded the Academy's kindergarten. When Henry Katz's wife, Rosa, died in 1867, he married Elizabeth. Isaac was also a manager of the Milwaukee Musical Society in its first decade of existence, the 1850s.

Other relatives of Nathan who were prominent include his brother, Simon. Simon worked as a clerk and a travel agent in the 1870s before starting his own cigar manufacturing company in Milwaukee, The S.E. Neustadt and Co. Later, in the 1890s, he brought his son, Harry, into the business and changed its name to Harry M. and Simon E. Neustadt, Cigar Manufacturers.

Simon had four sons in all: Nathan E. (1866), Harry M. (1868), Edgar Herman (1874), and Robert Walter (1879). He named his first son after his fallen brother. Nathan's nephew, Elizabeth's son, Henry Katz graduated from the USNA at Annapolis in 1876 and served in the Navy until 1884.

The location of Nathan Neustadt's grave is unknown, but the family erected a monument at Forest Home Cemetery in Milwaukee:



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Marshall J. Palakow

Marshall J. Palakow served as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army during WWII. Marshall was assigned to the Anzio Beachhead. He had sight in one eye and was put in a unit with others like him. Marshall stood in front of the "real" soldiers to protect them. These soldiers buddied up so that each pair had a left and right eye. None of his comrades were killed. Marshall felt he had accomplished something. The message from his daughter, Peggy Palakow Bernstein to current members of the armed forces is how much she appreciates their service.



Charles W. Peckarsky



Charles Peckarsky served as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946 during WWII in Europe. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School in 1932. Charles was drafted in the the U.S. Army and was assigned to the Medical Corps.

He completed his Basic Training in Memphis, Tennessee and thereafter debarked from New York City and studied at the London School of Economics in England. Charles was deployed to the Eighth Army Hospital in Nancy, France, where he served as an Roentgenologist (X-Ray Technician) until he was discharged.



David A. Peltin

David Peltin served in the U.S. Air Force from 1949 to 1953 during the Korean War. David was stationed in Florida operating a radar station.



Abe Plotkin



Abe Plotkin served in the Pacific during WWII as a Corporal in the U.S. Army. He contracted malaria while stationed in New Guinea and was subsequently sent to Salt Lake City, Utah for treatment. After recovering, Abe volunteered for an "unknown mission," which was a risky proposition. That reassignment turned out to be guarding German POWs at Mitchell Field. So Abe ended up coming home.

Jerry Plotkin, his son noted Abe did not speak much about his military experience. He just fulfilled his duty to to our Country. Jerry also mentioned on the day of his birth, Abe was in Minnesota being discharged.



Alan I. Pohl, M.D.



Alan is in the middle of the middle row with glasses.

Alan I. Pohl, M.D. served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War from 1968 to 1970 as a general surgeon with the Third Marine Division. Alan was in Vietnam for over 6 months. Later, Alan was transferred to Okinawa and then Japan at the Naval Hospital in Yokuska. Alan helped Vietnamese children with cleft lips and palates in addition to his military patients.

Serving in the military was a mixed experience. Being gone was very hard on his eldest son. The message Alan conveyed to his wife, Carol, was that he was very impressed with the Marines.



William Pollard

William Pollard served as a bombardier in the Army with the Flying Tigers in Burma, China and India during World War II. His rank was Sergeant. William was the proud Uncle of Nikki Levin. He spoke little of his military experience, but mentioned to Nikki he had an appendectomy in Karache, lost his watch during a bombing mission and saw the Taj Mahal.

William also told Nikki that he was taking a bath during the attack on Pearl Harbor. He never took a bath again, only showers. William wanted to be a JAG lawyer, but ended up enlisting in the Flying Tigers.

William was proud to serve and be a part of the "Greatest Generation" that saved the world!



Kim Queen

Kim Queen served as a Captain from 1968 to 2012 in the U. S. Army. Kim served in Central America, Iraq and Vietnam where his duties were in counter insurgency. His most memorable experience was observing Passover in Vietnam. The effect of serving in the military was the development of pride. The message Kim would like to send to current members of the armed forces is to stay true to your oath.



Irving Raffe



Irving Raffe was a Captain in the Army Medical Service Corps. Irving served on active duty from 1953 to 1955 and in the reserves from 1955 to 1962. Irving was Psychiatric Social Work Officer. Irving was located at Fort Sam Houston, Brooke Army Medical Center while on active duty and the 452nd Combat Support Hospital located in Milwaukee while in the reserves. Irving was Honorably Discharged in 1962. The effect of serving in the military has been excellent.



Werner Richheimer

Werner Richheimer was a Captain in the U. S. Army from 1962 to 1964. He served in the Fifth Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado. Warner's duties were Medical and Dental Services. A Jewish Dental Colonel offered Werner a Dental Rotation, which allowed him to experience advanced courses in dental and medical specialties.

One memorable experience for Werner was going up in a helicopter to bring back an injured soldier. Th birth of his first son was the very best memory! The effect of serving in the military was the satisfaction of taking care of the dental and medical needs of soldiers.



Ervin Ross

Ervin Ross served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945. He was a Pilot/Navigator flying with inexperienced pilots in San Antonio, Texas, which proved to be a nerve-racking experience. Ervin especially enjoyed flying B-45 Bombers.

Sandy Ruesink, his daughter, told the story that she was born at 11:50 pm on September 2, 1945, which was VJ Day. Her birth on that day gave Ervin enough points to get an honorable discharge from the military. Ervin nonetheless loved flying so much, that in the 1950's, he joined the Wisconsin Civil Air Patrol. He also went on search and rescue missions and taught youth how to fly.

Ervin acquired good leadership qualities from his military experience. The GI Bill paid for his degree at Marquette University. For Sandy Ruesink, those who serve in the military are her heroes.



Simon Rothenberg

Simon Rothenberg served in the U.S. Army in the 1940s. Simon was a Lieutenant stationed in Puerto Rico and performed various office duties.

Nancy Sandler, his daughter wants to let current members of the armed forces know how much we value your efficiency with daily operations and the protection you provide for our country.



Leon Herbert Sacks

Leon Herbert Sacks served in the Army Medical Corps as a Private in the Middle East during WWII. Leon was an x-ray technician and was responsible for other medical needs. Leon worked in terrible conditions but loved the guys he met. One memorable experience was a patient who was a ballet dancer who lost his legs. Leon defended this soldier from others who teased his profession. Leon noted that ballet dancers were really strong. The effect of serving in the military was the negative aftermath on his marriage. Leon came back a different person.



Joseph Sandler

Joseph Sandler was a Private First Class in the U.S. Army during WWII in Europe from 1941 to 1945. Joseph was an infantryman and truck driver. Joseph had many memorable experiences. He landed at Normandy, France six days after D-Day in June, 1944. Joseph earned the Purple Heart Medal for being wounded during the battle at St. Lo, Normandy in July, 1944. He was a member of an army unit that liberated Dachau Concentration Camp in Germany in April, 1945.

Mitchell Sander, his son wants to thank all current members of the armed forces for their service and defense of our nation.



Edward Schneiderman

Edward Schneiderman was a Captain in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate Corps from January, 1952 to November, 1954. His duties were defending and prosecuting soldiers accused of wrong doing. All of Ed's posts were in the United States.



Dr. Leonard J. Schwade



Dr. Leonard J. Schwade served in the U.S. Army from July, 1942 to November, 1945 during WWII. He was a Combat Physician and Surgeon with the 48th/128th Evacuation Hospital. This was a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital. Dr. Schwade served in Algeria, Ardennes, Central Europe, France, Normandy, Rhineland (Western Germany), Sicily and Tunisia.

The most difficult part of Dr. Schwade's duties was witnessing the horrors of war-the debilitated and wounded soldiers and so much death. It was difficult for him to be away from his wife and young daughter for three years. Dr. Schwade's daughter was two years old when he left and five years old when he returned. He was in constant danger for the three years, living in frightening and unfamiliar circumstances with no way to predict the outcome or the future. However, Dr. Schwade always believed very strongly in the cause and thought the war was worth fighting for given the stakes.

Sandy Schmidt, his daughter was told by her Father about a young German soldier who was wounded and brought for treatment. Her Dad assured this soldier he would be well taken care of. As Dr. Schwade was giving this soldier a blood transfusion and administering anesthesia for his surgery, he leaned down and told this soldier that he was getting the best blood from a Jewish soldier.

Sandy told of her Brother watching a documentary with Dr. Schwade on D-Day. Her Brother asked him "how could you clamber down that rope and ladder into a boat and land on the beach under fire?" What could have motivated you to go and do that?" Dr. Schwade turned to his son and answered "so you wouldn't ever have to."

Dr. Schwade was very proud to be a doctor and serve in the Army during WWII. He was always grateful to have returned home without injury and be able to live peacefully with his family and return to his medical practice.



Stanley Sehler

Stanley Sehler was a Captain in the U.S. Air Force from 1962-1964. His duties were with the Medical/Dental Unit at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas. Stanley was proud to be counted among the active duty personnel and feels privileged to have worn the uniform in the U.S. military.

Stanley feels sincere gratitude for those who served to defend the blessings of our nation's freedoms.



Richard Selby



Richard Selby served in the Army Judge Advocates Generals Corps (JAGG) from 1962 to 1964. He was a Captain and a Court Martial Trial Counsel. Richard both prosecuted and defended clients. His best memory was the successful defense of a fifteen year veteran charged with espionage, while his worst was losing a rape case he was prosecuting. Richard's most memorable experience was attending the Armored Officers School in Fort Knox, Kentucky. He enjoyed JAGG School at the University of Virginia, but disliked the huge caseload. Richard found military justice to be fair because of the dedication and intelligence of the attorney and judges. He believes we should support our service members.



Alan Sidman

Alan Sidman served in the Vietnam War from October 1966 to May 1970. One memorable experience was the first helicopter ride Alan encountered. There were no seats on the floor, so you sat with the cargo with no seat belts. The helicopter as it took off banked sharply to the right and Alan started to slide on the floor toward the open door. Alan quickly grabbed the back of the co-pilots seat in order to avoid sliding out the door. After this experience, Alan made sure to be holding on to something permanently.

The effect of serving in the military was the brotherhood you feel with veterans that you meet throughout your life. Alan believes service to your country is special and that your country is proud of you. Alan is honored and proud of the current members of the armed forces serving our country.



Jonathan Slomovitz

Jonathan Slomovitz served in the Navy on a ship in the Pacific Theatre during WWII and at the Korea Great Lakes Naval Station. Jonathan was a physician providing medical care to soldiers. There were few medical problems on the ship, although Jonathan recalled treating a soldier who fell off the balcony while watching a movie. Jonathan was proud to serve his country, but missed time away from his family and small children. Marcia, his daughter wishes to thank all veterans for their generosity in serving our nation.



Leon Snap



Leon Snap served in the Air Force from November 10, 1961 to July 17, 1964. Leon achieved the rank of E-3 which is an Airman First Class (A1C). Mastering their job while taking on more technical skills, they serve as a role model for junior Airmen.



Harold Stein

Harold Stein served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946 during WWII. He was a First Lieutenant stationed at various Pacific islands building bridges, roads and desalinization plants. A memorable event for Harold during the war was the decision to use the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The camaraderie among his military comrades had a positive lasting effect. Coming home when the war ended was his best memory.



George Strick

George Strick served in the U.S. Army as a Non-Commissioned Officer from 1954 to 1956. While serving for one year in Ft. Devens, Massachusetts, he was stationed at the Surgical Hospital Mobile Army focusing on medical equipment repair, set up and tear-down. While stationed at a hospital Okinawa, Japan for one year, George's duties were linen supply.

One memorable experience occurred during Basic Training in the Ozarks. Friday evenings was dedicated to cleaning the barracks in advance of Saturday morning inspection. It was a miserable task, which all disliked. During the second week of training, George and five or six Jewish servicemen found out a Chaplain conducted Friday Night Shabbat Services. They made a request to attending one Friday Shabbat Service, which relieved them of Friday night cleaning duties. When they returned to the barracks, their bunks and lockers were trashed and spread out on the floor. They complained to the Barracks Officer, who responded "he did not see anything and that they had been taught a lesson." George and his fellow Jewish servicemen reported the situation to the Chaplain. The following day a Colonel arrived at the base and the entire barracks command personnel were replaced. They never had a similar problem.

But a positive experience occurred while George was stationed in Okinawa. Pregnant women tend to give birth during times of low barometric pressure. So during the hurricane season, they were sent out to gather pregnant women and provide life saving assistance to them and their unborn children.

George encountered good and bad experiences in the Army, but serving in the military taught him a great deal about handling adversity with whatever tools are available.



Milton James Sweed

Milton Sweed served as a Lieutenant Junior Grade in the U.S. Navy during WWII from 1944 to 1946. Milton was a dentist and served at the Great Lakes Naval Station in Chicago and Sampson Naval Base in New York.



Henry Taxman



Henry Taxman was a Private First Class in the U.S. Army during WWII. He was trained to be an Italian translator, but those skills were never utilized. Henry served in France and on a ship in the Philippines. While being transported from Europe to Asia, Henry noted he received one Coke per day. Officers were always at the head of the line, while everyone else had to wait.

One memorable experience was attending a Passover Service, while in France and to his surprise finding Dudley Weinberg was conducting the service. While stationed in France, Henry wrote a letter to his daughter, Julie Taxman Stracks on her first birthday. Be sure to read this heartwarming letter (see attachment). Henry in fact missed the first two years of Julie's life, but returned safely to the United States.

(Letter to Julie on next page)

June 6, 1945
Beaune, France

Dearest Julie:

It's sort of hard, darling, for a dad to write a letter to his daughter on the occasion of her first birthday.

If it weren't for this tremendous World War II, I'd be able to be home to help you celebrate your birthday. We're in this war, darling, so that you and millions of other children will be able to enjoy a future free of hatred and viciousness. Millions of soldiers would love to be with their children. We'd love to, dear, but our duty to the world—our common goal of a world at peace—makes it necessary to be in many foreign lands. Here in France, whenever the little children see us American soldiers, they smile and put up their little fingers in the V for victory. If children the world over will realize and appreciate that kindness and tolerance are always good and that bigotry, viciousness, and intolerance are always bad, then the world will always be able to put up its fingers to form the V for victory.

Thanks to your Mommy's letters and those of our families and friends, I've been able to get an excellent picture of how adorable and sweet you are. Mommy knows how much I love children and how I'd love to have been able to be with you this past year. That's something that neither of us could do much about.

What I do know, dear Julie, is that one day the War will be over and I'll be home. We'll have lots of fun to catch up on and we'll certainly do it. We'll be pals, darling—you and I—real pals. Mom is doing a wonderful job by herself and when I get home, the two of us together will do our best to help you grow up to be a fine, gracious, endearing woman.

Happy birthday, my darling Julie. If God be willing, I'll be home to help you celebrate your second birthday.

Life is a wonderful thing, dear. To make it beautiful, it has to be nourished with goodness, kindness, and love. We'll do our best, won't we Julie, to keep life beautiful.

I love you so very much.

Love,
Dad



Dr. Peter Townsend



Dr. Peter Townsend came to the United States of America at eight years old in 1939 from Berlin, Germany, where he witnessed the atrocities of the time. He moved to New York City and attended public school as a German speaking youth. Dr. Townsend came to serve in the U.S. military in the country that saved him and his family, despite the loss of many in his extended family. Dr. Townsend was a Captain in the U.S. Air Force in the early 1960s. He enlisted following his residency program. He served as a Flight Surgeon during that time and was stationed primarily at Dover Air Force Base. At times, he traveled with pilots to bases and ships abroad and even had his own flight helmet.

Dr. Townsend served during the period when our nation was in heavy competition with the Soviet Union to land on the moon. He met many of the early astronauts and was involved with later stage development of the early space suits and astronaut endurance assessment.

Margo Zimmerman, his daughter told a story of interest. One night when Dr. Townsend was the "on-call" doctor in Dover, he received a call to go examine a person on a plane on the runway. He was told that he could only examine this person and not speak to him or ask any questions or tell anyone about this assignment. It wasn't until the next day that he realized that he had examined Gary Powers, who was the U.S. pilot shot down over the Soviet Union that subsequently resulted in a negotiated prisoner exchange.

When Dr. Townsend was discharged, he began his practice as a family physician. In order to supplement his fledgling practice, he began to serve as a civilian doctor for the military. He performed physicals on candidates for all of branches of the military. He served as intermittent Medical Officer countless times, but maintained his private practice despite many requests that he assume the role permanently. Dr. Townsend maintained a civilian role with the military for 47 years and was honored for his longevity of service many times. At times, he was required to assist in policy decisions and deliver difficult news to those he examined, such as an HIV positive result to patients during the AIDS crisis.

Dr. Townsend never received his official discharge papers for years. The official discharge did not occur for years due to the Vietnam War. He was never recalled for his Flight Surgeon position during that time too. Margo notes her Father frequently reflected on his days in the military with reverence, awe and gratitude.



Denise Wadzinski



Denise Wadzinski served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force from 1989 to 2010, graduating from boot camp at Fort Dix, New Jersey in 1990. She spent most of my military career as an enlisted Soldier and then a Non-Commissioned Officer. However, Denise eventually became a Commissioned Officer, reaching the rank of Lieutenant. The majority of her duties were located on training bases all over the United States (CONUS), but Denise spent some time in Germany at Ramstein AFB. She worked in several fields including: Administration, Civic and Public Affairs, Drill Sergeant School and Honor Guard.

Denise's best memory was training with the 11th Wing at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington D.C. for Honor Guard. She participated in several military funerals, which was truly a honor and a privilege. The most memorable experiences was flying regularly in C-130 and C-17 aircraft.

Denise's worst memory was suffering exertional heat stroke at Fort Benning, Georgia, which sadly led to the process of ending her military career. The base lost several Soldiers that year due to the excessive heatwave. Training deaths or accidents are quite common and they happen far more often than the average citizen realizes.

Denise's advice to current members of the armed forces is always save any and all paperwork, enjoy the camaraderie while you are serving because there is nothing like it in the civilian world, wear your PPE and do not get up from your seat when the plane opens the back door!



Kurt Wadzinski



Kurt Wadzinski served as a Master Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force from 1986 to 2009. His duties were Logistics Management. Kurt was later able to use the G.I. Bill to earn a bachelor degree.

Kurt believes serving and living with a variety of people of different races, religions, regions and countries helped to make a better and more empathetic person. Being with his fellow troops are among Kurt's best memories, while his worst experience was getting thru boot camp.

One memorable experience was preparing to deploy to Turkey in 2003 and then having the deployment called off at the last minute when Turkey's Prime Minister held a vote to allow U.S. Troops, which failed by four votes.

The message Kurt would offer members of the armed forces is to enjoy the experiences while you are in the military and use them to make yourself a better person because you will hang up the boots at some point in time. Really get to know the troops you are working with and it will serve you well.



Samuel Weitzen

Samuel Weitzen served in the U.S. Navy as a Chief Petty Officer. Samuel conveyed that the effect of serving in the military was good training for future living.

Betty Weitzen, his wife wants to thank current members of the armed forces for their service.



Ernest F. Wilkinson



Ernest F. Wilkinson served from 1941 to 1945 as a Corporal in the United States Army in Europe during WWII. Ernest had many duties. They included armament supply, assisting with new servicemen arrivals, guard duty, loading coffins on ships for the return trip to the United States, medic detail, mess tent and kitchen detail and supply ship inventory. Ernest met General George Patton and Winston Churchill.

The death and destruction of the daily bombing in London was Ernest's worst memory. The day the war ended and being informed he was going home to his wife and two children was his best memory, which included holding his sons, Floyd and Jim. Floyd was less than one year old when Ernest enlisted. He learned while at base camp in Needles, California that his wife was pregnant with Jim. Ernest shipped out six months before Jim was born.

Ernest conveyed to his son; Dan Wilkinson that serving in the military shaped his commitments for the rest of his life. Ernest pledged to make meaningful contributions to his country, community and his family. This purposefulness has been passed on to his 7 children, 17 grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren and 10 great-great grandchildren.

The message Dan wishes to offer current members of the armed forces is we need men and women of every rank in all five branches of the military to be as committed to our nation as were our military commanders during WWII. They need to adopt a similar style of living that his father possessed, along with most of his comrades after they returned from their military service.



Floyd M. Wilkinson



Floyd M. Wilkinson served in the U.S. Navy, mainly in the Caribbean and Mediterranean as a Petty Officer 3rd Class from September, 1961 to January, 1966. He enlisted three months after graduating from high school. Floyd's duties were Engine-Boiler Room Propulsion. Floyd later realized he received the equivalent of a college degree in High Pressure Steam Management/Maintenance as an Officer aboard a battleship.

During his four years aboard various class naval ships, Floyd was able to circle the globe and see the world. He participated in the flotilla order by President John Kennedy during the Bay of Pigs Invasion in October, 1962. Floyd was also in the Mediterranean about the U.S.S. Borie on June 24, 1963 in preparation for war in Beirut, Lebanon.

The message Dan Wilkinson, his brother would like to offer members of the armed forces is to pay attention to details. The small stuff makes a big difference. Those things that seem of little importance during basic training end up saving many lives in the furry of battle.



James F. Wilkinson



James F. Wilkinson was a Sergeant in the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1968 during the Vietnam War. His duties included Perimeter Guard Duty when at a Battalion Base Camp. That included commanding forward gunnery units and platoons stationed along the Demilitarize Zone separating North and South Vietnam.

James received a Purple Heart Medal from J.C. Lambert, Major General for being almost fatally wounded during action along the Demilitarize Zone. He still has thirteen pieces of inoperable shrapnel in his back, shoulder and upper body.

James completed three tours of duty. On two occasions, his helicopter was shot down, which resulted in the deaths of most of the soldiers aboard. James almost had his head taken off with a hoister shell, but survived this attack with a few other men of the platoon under his command. He again sustained severe injuries. James could only ask: "God, why am I still alive?" He nonetheless felt compelled to remain in Vietnam until the war was won.

James never received a hero's welcome upon returning home. Many of his comrades were spit on, verbally abused and made to feel "un-American." He still feels the shame today. Nonetheless after returning home tired and weak, James was committed to making young people understand what he had been fighting for!

Dan Wilkinson, his brother would like to convey to current members of the armed forces to take care of every Veteran from every war and to treat all veterans with equal respect.



Charles Willis and Melvin Willis

Charles and Melvin Willis were Brothers, who both served in the U.S. Army in Europe during WWII. Charles was a Paratrooper in the 12th Battalion, while Melvin was a MP. By sure coincidence, Charles and Melvin found each other in Belgium on March 14, 1945. They hugged and got drunk together. Ten days later on March 25, 1945 Charles was killed.

After returning home, Melvin joined the New York Police Department until his retirement. He received a master's degree, while working, which was paid via the GI Bill. Melvin had three children, all well-educated and went on to have successful careers.

Both Charles and Melvin were uncles of Carol Fishman. Carol wishes to convey the dilemma our armed forces face in protecting our country, but difficult decisions need to be made.



Robert Wolpert

Robert Wolpert served in the U.S. Navy from 1916 to 1918 during WWI. Robert was Seaman First Class and was a radio operator.



Alexis Zahradnick



Alexis Zahradnick was a Staff Sergeant (E5) in the Air National Guard. She served on Joint Task Force Delta for the Covid-19 pandemic. She has received the Air Force Achievement Medal and an Army Achievement Medal. She also completed one tour in Kuwait.



Randy Zemel



Randy Zemel enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1965 and served in the Vietnam War from 1966 to 1968 rising to the rank of E-5 Sergeant. Randy believes his duties were being a Marine each and everyday! The effect of serving in the military was how it shaped his life forever. Lots of memories that last forever. It's about "Semper Fi, being Always Faithful, never quitting, never giving up and giving my all, no matter what!"

Randy flew on his Stars and Stripes Honor Flight on May 11, 2019. His guardian, Ericka is a Marine Brat and daughter of a Marine. Hearing so many comments from veterans who flew on THEIR Honor Flight, the message was it was one of the best days of their lives.

Going on the Honor Flight was the same for Randy. So very special and emotional...a healing, cathartic experience. The Honor Flight experience changes the lives of veterans, their guardians and their families. It's NOT just a one day free trip to Washington DC...it's PERSONAL! What makes it personal? The camaraderie being with others who served. The day consists of being supported and surrounded by positive, caring, guardians and volunteers visiting OUR memorials (Korea, WWII, Vietnam Wall) and being able to see, to touch, to talk. Yes, talk to those Randy knew on the "wall" and were in Vietnam. How incredibly emotional and powerfully healing that was!

The Honor Flight has a magical, positive impact that transcends well beyond the early morning arrival and late evening return to throngs of caring well wishers welcoming the veterans home. The Stars and Stripes Honor Flight saying: "Everyday is a bonus" coined by Joe Demler, a WWII veteran is stitched on the back of each flight jacket and shirt. A very strong motivational reminder to live everyday...really live...and give back...paying it forward.

So yes, in Randy's case and with so many others who flew, life's trajectory has been changed forever by flying on the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight. What a gift given to him and so many others made possible by donations and an army of volunteers.

To current members of the armed forces, Randy wishes to convey how much he respects you, and wishes to thank you for your service and commitment.



Philip Zuckerman



Philip Zuckerman was a Private First Class in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from 1951 to 1953. He was stationed in Fort Bliss, Texas and worked in a photo lab. Philip enjoyed taking important pictures, but disliked field duties. Philip earned his college degree, which was paid via the GI Bill.

Nadine Zuckerman, his wife wants to convey to current members of the armed forces what you do is truly appreciated.