



GERALD G. ADAMEK

U.S. Navy

Rank: E-4 Quartermaster

War Era: Vietnam

Date Entered: 01-1964

Date Discharged: 01-1970

Awards

National Defense Service Medal, Viet Nam Service Medal, Republic of Viet Nam Campaign Medal

Jerry attended Basic Training at U.S. Naval Technical Training Center Treasure Island, San Francisco, California. After Basic Training, Jerry was assigned to the Air Craft Carrier, U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt (Rosie). Jerry's duties included being the Quartermaster in charge of Navigation Charts and Logs. While on the U.S.S. Roosevelt, Jerry sailed the Mediterranean, Caribbean, and the South China Sea (Vietnam). During his sea travels he crossed over the Equator two times. He spent only 2 months out of two years active duty at his home port of Jacksonville, Florida.



BERNARD B. BARABASH

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Rank: E-4

War Era/Peace Time: VIETNAM

Date Entered: 06-20-1967

Date Discharged: 06-19-1973

National Defense Service Medal, Viet Nam Campaign Medal, Viet Nam Service Medal with 2 stars, 2 Overseas Service Bars, Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device and First Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Sharpshooter Badge .45 Cal Pistol, Sharpshooter Badge M-16 Rifle, First Class Gunner Badge M-60, Sharp Shooter Badge M-14 Rifle.

Bernard attended Basic Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Bernard served in the 4th Infantry Division C Company 1st of the 22nd Republic of Viet Nam. Bernard was wounded in action on April 22nd 1968 in the Republic of Viet Nam. After Bernard's tour of duty in Viet Nam he was stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, for the duration of his active duty. Bernard then transferred to the U. S. Army Reserve Control Group USAAC at Fort Louis, Missouri.



WILLIAM J. BARNETT

U.S. Army

Rank: Private Second Class
War Era: Korean
Date Entered: March 6, 1953
Date Discharged: March 4, 1955

National Defense Service Medal

William was part of the 44th Infantry Division Signal Company in Fort Lewis, WA. After being released from active military service, he was transferred to the Army Reserves to complete 8 years of service under the Universal Military Training and Service Act of 1951.



RICHARD D. BARRIBALL

U.S. Navy

Rank: Sonar First Class
War Era: Korea
Date Entered: March 1952
Date Discharged: March 1956

Dick was stationed at the San Diego Navy Base, CA. His ship was the USS Laws DD558.



BARTA BROTHERS

*Sons of Frank J. M. and Mary Barta
of Lonsdale*

Back Row: Hank, Don, Tom, Al, Joe

Front Row: Fritz, Stan, Dick (deceased)



ALOIS E. BARTA

U.S. Marine Corps

Rank: Master Gunnery Sergeant (E-9)
War Era: Vietnam
Date Entered: February 3, 1960
Date Discharged: April 30, 1990

Rifle Expert Badge (4), Pistol Expert Badge (18), Air Medal (14), Good Conduct (10), Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Mast (2), Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (4), Vietnam Campaign Medal w/ 1960 Device, Presidential Unit Citation (2), Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Commendation Cross of Gallantry w/ Palm & Frame, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Commendation (1st Class) w/ Palm & Frame

Al trained at the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point, NC as an Airborne Radio Operator. He went to Eltoro, CA where he was a loadmaster for Aircraft KC -130. Al was also a Non-commissioned Officer in Charge of ground safety and an Air Refueling Observer.

Based out of Danang Airbase, Al served nearly 4 years in Vietnam doing transports and air drops of troops, cargo, ammunition, and supplies. He also refueled fighter airplanes and helicopters in air.

Al also served at the Marine Corps Air Stations in Iwakuni, Japan and Futenma, Okinawa doing paratroop and cargo air drops.



BEN F. BARTA

U.S. Army National Guard

Rank: Sergeant

War Era: Vietnam

Date Entered: August 8, 1967

Date Discharged: July 31, 1973

Sharp Shooter Rifle M16A1, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal

Ben attended basic training at Fort Leonard, MO. Ben was a squad leader in a Special Reserve force. He specialized in building M46 Floating Bridges and he was also a tank operator.



BRYAN BARTA

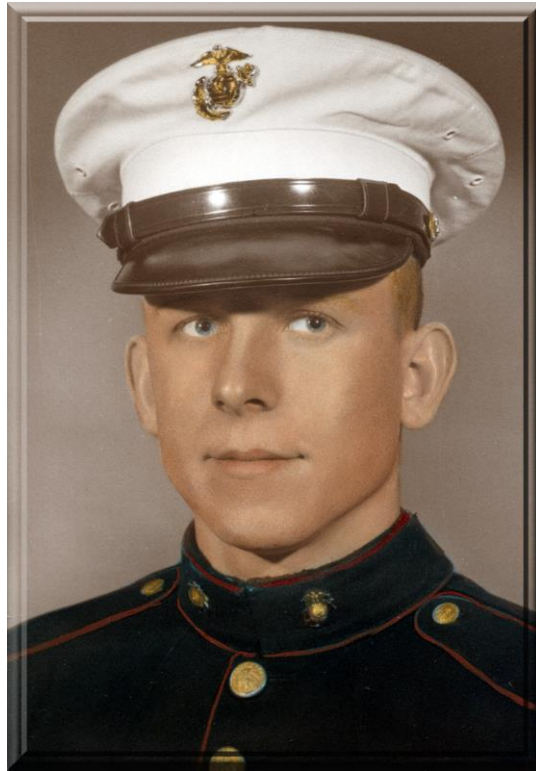
U.S. Marine Corps

Rank: Gunnery Sergeant
War Era: Iraq
Date Entered: May 1985
Date Discharged: May 2006

*Meritorious Promotion to PFC, LDPL & CPL, 3 Meritorious Masts,
1 Letter of Citation, 6 Good Conduct Medals, 2 NAMS, Oversea Service,
Flight Medal, 2 MUCS, NUC, National Defense*

Bryan served with both the U.S. Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserves. With the Marine Corps, he was a Fire Direction Control specialist and served with "P" Battery 5/11 at 29 Palms in CA. Bryan was also a NBC (Nuclear, Biological & Chemical) NCO at Camp Foster in Okinawa, Japan.

In the Reserves, Bryan was with Direct Air Support Center Operations (DASC) as the DASC Chief MASS-6 at Miramar, CA. He was then assigned to Alasad, Iraq from 8/04 to 2/05 as the MASS-6 DASC Chief.



DONALD JOSEPH BARTA

U.S. Marine Corps

Rank: Corporal

Date Entered: January 1, 1957

Date Discharged: January 1, 1960

Served During Peacetime

Expert Rifleman, Meritorious Mast, Good Conduct

Donald attended basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, CA; and took infantry training at Camp Pendleton, CA. He also attended Aviation Electrician School at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, FL. Donald served as an electrician at El Toro Marine Corps Air Station, CA. As a Jet Aircraft Electrician, he served at Kaneohe Bay, HI and at the Naval Air Station in Atsugi, Japan.



FRANCIS W. BARTA

U.S. Army

Rank: Corporal

War Era: Korea

Date Entered: December 7, 1950

Date Discharged: September 8, 1952

Korean War Service Medal

Francis attended basic training at Fort Riley, KS. He was part of the 7th Infantry Division Artillery Headquarters in Korea. Francis was a radio operator. He also worked at the Anti-Aircraft Operations Headquarters in Detroit, MI. Francis was discharged from the Army in Battle Creek, MI.



HANK BARTA

U.S. Army

Rank: Specialist

Date Entered: November 1954

Date Discharged: October 1956

Served During Peacetime

Good Conduct Medal, NATO

Hank attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He took additional training at Camp Gordon, GA for telephone installation and repair. Hank traveled from Fort Huachuca, AZ to Paris, France and worked at NATO Headquarters from July 1955 through October 1956. Hank was in the Army Reserves prior to and after active duty.



JOSEPH P. BARTA

U.S. Army

Rank: Private First Class
War Era: Korea
Date Entered: April 1953
Date Discharged: April 1955

Good Conduct Medal

Joseph attended basic training at Fort Riley, KS; and did further training in communications at Fort Bliss, TX. He worked with the guided missiles testing at White Sands, NM as a detached assignment from Fort Bliss. Joseph spent most of his military career at Fort Bliss and Carrizozo, NM. He received an honorable discharge in 1955.



KEITH BARTA

U.S. Army Reserve

Rank: Major

War Era: Iraq

Date Entered: October 1987

Date Discharged: On Active Duty

Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 2 M devices & hourglass, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with OLC, Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Parachutist Badge

Keith enlisted as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic in the 322nd Maintenance Company in Arden Hills, MN. He then attended ROTC at the University of Minnesota and became the Transportation Planning Officer in JJC 205th SPT BN, Arden Hills. In 1994 he was assigned as a Platoon Leader with the 353rd Trans. Co. in Buffalo, MN. Keith next was the Detachment Commander of HHC, 457th Trans. BN at Fort Snelling and became its S-4 Officer. In July 2000 he became the Company Commander of the 353rd Trans. Co, which was later deployed to Iraq transporting over 25 million gallons of jet fuel traveling over 1.25 million vehicle miles. After returning from Iraq, Keith was assigned as a Platoon Leader/Observer/Controller/Trainer with the 1/340th TSBN in Arden Hills as well as two one-year mobilizations to Fort McCoy, WI acting as Operations Officer and Battalion Commander. Keith is currently assigned as Executive Officer, 457th TC BN at Fort Snelling.



STANLEY B. BARTA

U.S. Army

Rank: Sergeant
War Era: Korean War
Date Entered: November 7, 1952
Date Discharged: October 12, 1954

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

Stanley attended basic training and Army Cooking School at Fort Riley, KS. After completing training, he was transferred to the Headquarters Company 27 Infantry Regiment 25th Infantry Division in Korea. Stanley's Company was assigned the duty of guarding their base against Communist Forces. He served time at the DMZ and other bases throughout Korea. Stanley was a Sergeant in charge of Army Cooks and Bakers which included ordering rations for all the troops on his base. Besides his duties of the Mess Hall, Stanley was also assigned Perimeter Guard Duty. After his tour duty in Korea, Stanley served 8 years in the U.S. Army Reserves.



STANLEY F. BARTA

U.S. Army

Rank: Sergeant First Class
War Era: WWII Pacific Theater
Date Entered: December 20, 1942 *and*
September 15, 1950
Date Discharged: January 22, 1946 *and*
November 15, 1951

*Three (3) Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal,
Philippine Liberation Medal*

Stanley served two stints in the Army as a Morse Code Operator. He participated in some of the major battles of World War II including the New Guinea Campaign; the Battle of Leyte and the Battle of Luzon, both in the Philippines; and the Battle of Okinawa in Japan.



THOMAS J. BARTA

U.S. Marine Corps

Rank: Staff Sergeant E5
War Era: Korea
Date Entered: August 11, 1952
Date Discharged: August 10, 1960

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

Thomas was a Drill Instructor at San Diego, CA. He did administrative and accounting duties in Japan and Okinawa. Thomas also did administrative and accounting duties as well as recruiting in Chicago, IL; Minneapolis, MN; and San Diego, CA.



GREGORY BASTYR

U.S. Air Force

Rank: Master Sergeant (E-7)
War Era: Vietnam, Peacetime & Gulf
Date Entered: November 17, 1971
Date Discharged: December 31, 1991

Meritorious Service Medal, Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Ribbon with Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster

USAF duties were Aircraft Maintenance (Crew Chief) on the C-130E, OV-10A, O-2A, F4-E/G and F-15 A/B Aircraft. Assignments were Forbes AFB KS-313 OMS, 3 tours at Clark AB in the Philippines with 374 OMS and 3 EMS, Bergstrom AFB TX-4502 CAMS, Osan AB South Korea-51 AGS, Shaw AFB SC-4507 CAMS, Holloman AFB NM-49 EMS. Deployments to Rhein Mein AB Germany, Utapao RTNB Thailand, Kadena AB Okinawa. Participated in the Vietnam Baby Lift and Refugee Airlift during the fall of South Vietnam; approximately 50,000 people evacuated.



ANTHONY LEE BIRDSELL

U.S. Marine Corps

Rank: Corporal

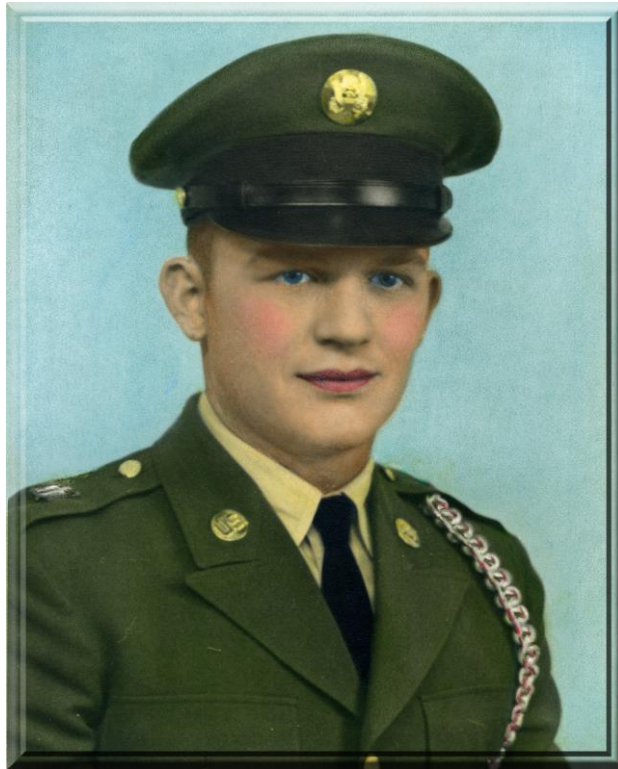
Date Entered: November 11, 1976

Date Discharged: November 29, 1980

Served During Peacetime

Rifle Marksman Badge, Good Conduct Medal

Anthony attended basic training at Camp Pendleton, CA. He was stationed with the 1st Marine Division as a Mortarman for 3 years 7 months. Anthony also performed guard duty in the Philippines for two of those years.



BERNARD R. BISEK

U.S. Army National Guard

Rank: Sergeant
War Era: Vietnam
Date Entered: 1960
Date Discharged: 1968

Bernard attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO and summer training at Camp Ripley, MN. He served in Minnesota.



DALE B. BISEK

U.S. Army

Rank: Captain
War Era: Gulf
Date Entered: 1982
Date Discharged: 1991

Dale attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY from 1982-1986 – graduating in 1986. He worked with the Corps of Engineers in Karlsruhe, Germany and Fort Leonard Wood, MO.



John (Jack) L. Blaschko

U.S. Army

Rank: Specialist 4
War Era: Viet Nam
Date Entered: March 14, 1959
Date Discharged: March 11, 1965

Marksman Badge (Rifle), Sharpshooter Badge (Carbine)

Jack attended Basic Training at Fort Riley, Kansas and Advanced Basic Training at Fort Chafee, Arkansas. After training Jack was assigned to Fort Dix, New Jersey for deployment. Jack was Deployed to Keflavik Iceland Air Base. Air Forces Iceland provided air defense for Iceland, operated Keflavik Airport, and furnished base support for all U.S. military forces in Iceland participating in its defense under NATO, also, Air Force component of NATO Iceland Defense Force. MATS was a Military Air Terminal and refueling point for Trans-Atlantic Air Service between the United States and Europe at Keflavik. During his stay in Iceland, Jack lived in a Quonset Hut with oil heaters. After Jack's nine-month assignment at Iceland he was transferred to Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he participated in daily firing demonstrations of the 105 Howitzer for newly appointed Officers. Upon discharge from Active Duty, Jack was assigned to USAR XIV US Army Corps until his discharge from military service.



JAMES O. BLUM

U.S. Army

Rank: Specialist 5
War Era: Vietnam
Date Entered: May 3, 1966
Date Discharged: April 24, 1969

Expert Rifle Medal, National Defense Service Medal

Jim attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He attended Engineer Missile Equipment Maintenance School in Belvoir, VA. Jim was assigned to Headquarters HMS Company S&M Group USAREUR in Venezia, Italy. This was a NATO base that supported the Vietnam Conflict. Jim was responsible for the maintenance of the Sergeant AJAX Missiles and their deployment.



GARY P. BOHANON

U.S. Army

Rank:	E-5
War Era:	Vietnam
Date Entered:	September 7, 1966
Date Discharged:	September 5, 1969

National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal W/DVC, Aircraft Crewman Badge, Sharpshooter Badge

September 7, 1966, I left Minneapolis on the Soo Line train for Fort Leonard Wood, MO and what a shock! Everyone jumping down your throat. I learned to say, "Yes sir" and "How high?" loud and clear. After basic I went to Fort Rucker, AL for training on aircrafts for a short time. Then I was transferred to 21st Aviation in Fort Lewis, WA. Then transferred to 245th Aviation. We were a new company and in September 1967, it was off to Vietnam. First to Da Nang and being all green horns, they broke up the company. I was transferred to 244th Aviation in Can Tho, in the Mekong Delta. Basically, parking planes and washing windows. I came out of Vietnam an E-5, just by luck. In September 1968, I went to Fort Huachuca, AZ, then on September 6, 1969 I was sent back home to MN.



FRANCIS H. BRADASH

U.S. Army

Rank: T-Sergeant

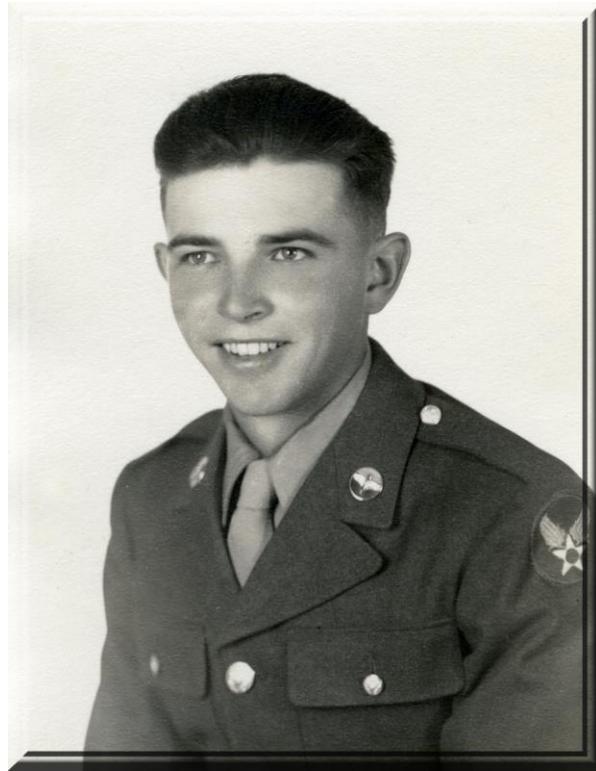
War Era: WWII

Date Entered: January 8, 1944

Date Discharged: January 7, 1946

Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal, 2 Overseas Service Bars

Francis entered the U.S. Army at Fort Snelling, MN. He served as a Railway Dispatcher with the 744th Railway Operation Battalion in France and Belgium. Francis engaged in North France, Rhineland and Ardennes campaigns. He directed the movements of trains over a military railroad plus maintained the records of those train movements, including time of arrival and departure from stations. Francis rerouted or rescheduled trains during emergencies and reported all accidents, damages to roads and failure to meet schedules. He drafted written instructions to engineers and conductors, maintained communications with other dispatchers by telephone and telegraph. He also dispatched wreck train and repair crews to defective points. Francis separated from the Army at Camp McCoy, WI.



DELMAR P. BRAUN

U.S. Army

Rank: Corporal
War Era: WWII Pacific Theater
Date Entered: June 23, 1943 & October 12, 1944
Date Discharged: October 23, 1943 & May 15, 1946

Army of Occupation Medal Japan, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Overseas Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Service Medal

Delmar enlisted and was discharged twice. He attended basic training at the Army Air Base in Lincoln, NE; infantry training at Howze, Gainesville, TX; and 2nd Air Corps basic training at Fort Warren, Denver, CO. Delmar served in the Philippines from June 12, 1945 to October 1, 1945 with the Anti-Tank Company 158th Regimental Combat Team as an Anti-Tank Gunner. On October 14, 1945 he was transferred to Utsunomiya, Japan – enduring a typhoon during his travels. He was later assigned to the Escort Guard Company, Yokohama, Japan where he guarded General Eichelberger.



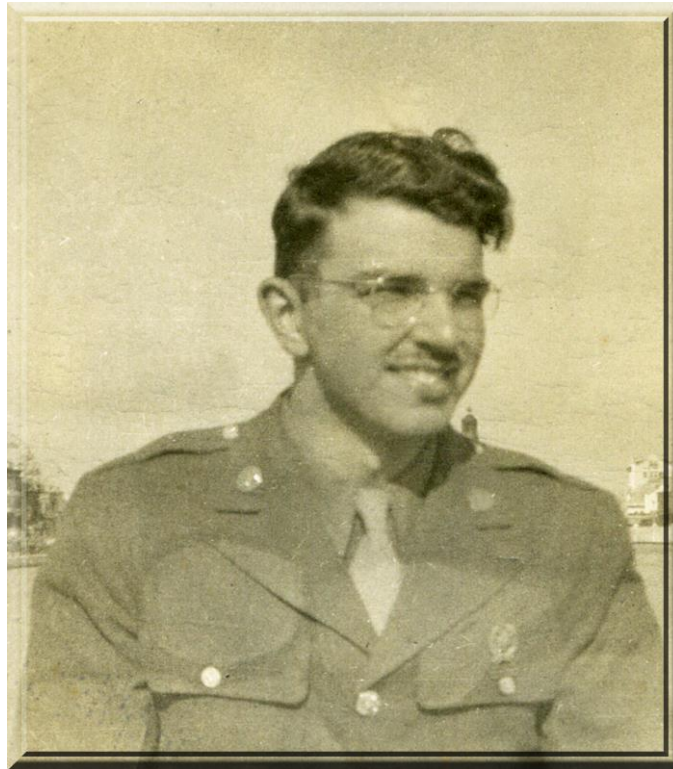
ERIC BRAUN

Minnesota Air National Guard

Rank: Staff Sergeant E-5
War Era: Afghanistan
Date Entered: June 30, 2004
Date Discharged: On Active Duty

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 1 Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 1 "M" Device, Air Force Training Ribbon

Eric is currently on active duty with the 133rd Air Lift Wing based out of Minneapolis. He was assigned to the Electronic Counter Measures Shop and Aircraft Maintenance upon enlistment and continues to serve as a fulltime technician. Eric was deployed to Afghanistan January-February 2007, September-October 2008, and is currently deployed July-September 2010.



PAUL O. BRAUN

U.S. Army

Rank: Sergeant

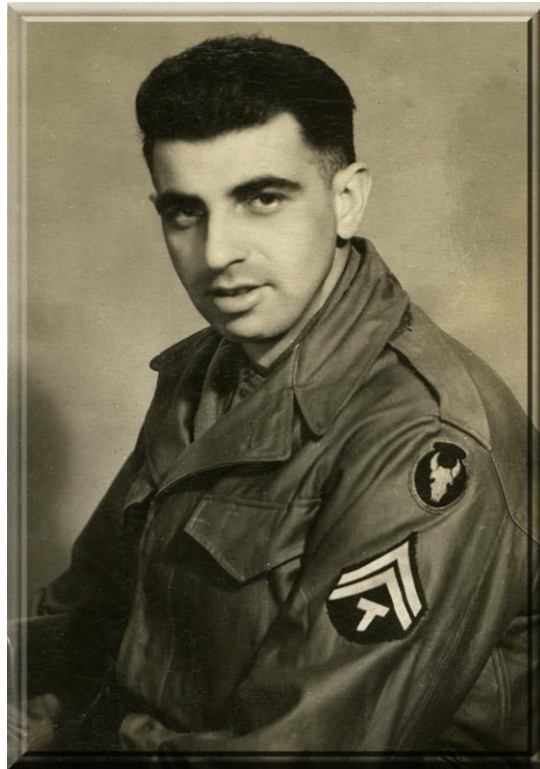
War Era: WWII

Date Entered: January 10, 1946

Date Discharged: June 4, 1947

Expert Marksman M-1

Paul attended basic training at Camp Crowder, MO. He was then transferred to the Eastern Signal Corp. School at Fort Monmouth, NJ where he attended special training. After his special training, Paul was assigned to the code room for U.S. Delegation of the Allied Control Commission operating in Sofia, Bulgaria.



VERNON BRAUN

U.S. Army

Rank: Tech 4
War Era: WWII European Theater
Date Entered: April 16, 1941
Date Discharged: July 18, 1945

American Defense Service Medal, European African Middle Eastern Theater Service Medal, 6 Overseas Service Bars, Good Conduct Medal

Vernon attended basic training at Camp Claiborne, LA. After war was declared, he was sent to Texas City, TX to guard the Causeway. After six weeks, Vernon's Company and vehicles were transported via trains to New York where they boarded ships and sailed to Belfast, Ireland for more training. Seven months later on Christmas Eve, they boarded the Queen Elizabeth and spent two weeks traveling to Africa. They fought in Tunisia and helped drive Rommel out of Africa, eating British rations and using British guns. They were then transferred to Tunis and were issued American guns as they boarded ships en route to Salerno, where they fought their way north through Italy including battles at Cassino and Anzio.

Vernon was a switchboard operator until the telephones were replaced by radios; he then became a radio operator. His job was to work as a Forward Observer to call fire missions into headquarters.



BILLY DEWAYNE BROWN

U.S. Navy Reserve

Rank: Lieutenant

Date Entered: 1955

Date Discharged: 1959

Served During Peacetime

Billy was born in Newly, OK. While a student at Oklahoma A&M University, he joined the Naval Aviation Cadet Program.

Billy received his wings in 1956 designated a Naval Aviator. In 1956 he was assigned to Patrol Squadron VP6 based in Barber's Point, Hawaii. In 1958 Billy was deployed to the island of Japan. In 1959, he was released from the Navy and began a 34 year career with Northwest Orient Airlines.



DAVID R. BRUZEK

U.S. Air Force

Rank: Staff Sergeant

War Era: Vietnam

Date Entered: 1967

Date Discharged: 1971

*Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award,
Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal,
Air Force Expeditionary Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal,
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon*

David was an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician with the Air Force. His home base was Otis, MA (June 1969-October 1971). David also served at many other air bases including Lackland, TX (October 1967-January 1968); Lowery, CO (January 1968-April 1968); Osan, Korea (May 1968-June 1969); Indianhead, MD (February 1970-July 1970); and Fort McCullan, AL (January 1970-February 1970).



RYAN R. BRUZEK

U.S. Marine Corps

Rank: Sergeant (E-5)

War Era: Iraq

Date Entered: November 12, 2002

Date Discharged: September 1, 2006

Combat Meritorious promotion to the Rank of Corporal, Certificate of Commendation, Combat Action Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with Star, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, Marksman Rifle Badge

- Mos: 1833 Assault Amphibious Vehicle Crew Chief
- 1st Marine Division – stationed on Camp Pendleton
- 3rd AABN, Alpha Company, 1st Platoon
- Completed Marine Corps Martial Arts Instructor Course and was a Marine Corps Martial Arts Instructor

Deployments:

- Kuwait 2004, Camp Udairi
- Iraq 2004, Camp Fallujah/Camp Baharia
 - Part of Operation Vigilant Resolve (Offensive attach on the City of Falujah) and several other combat operations in and around Fallujah and the Al Anbar Province
- Okinawa, Japan 2006, Camp Schwab



FRANCIS J. BUDIN

U.S. Army

Rank: SP5 E-5
War Era: Vietnam
Date Entered: March 17, 1959
Date Discharged: April 11, 1962

Good Conduct Medal, Expert – Carbine, Sharpshooter – Rifle

Francis attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO and Advanced Personal Specialist training at Fort Ord, CA. In August 1959, Francis was stationed with Headquarters Battery 2nd Msl Bn 61st Artillery at Fort Buckner, Okinawa, Japan. In January 1961 he was transferred to the Bio Warfare Lab at Fort Detrick, MD. His tour of duty was extended for 25 days for the convenience of the government. Francis was honorably discharged on 11 April, 1962.



FRANK E. BUSTA

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Rank:

War Era/Peace Time: WW II

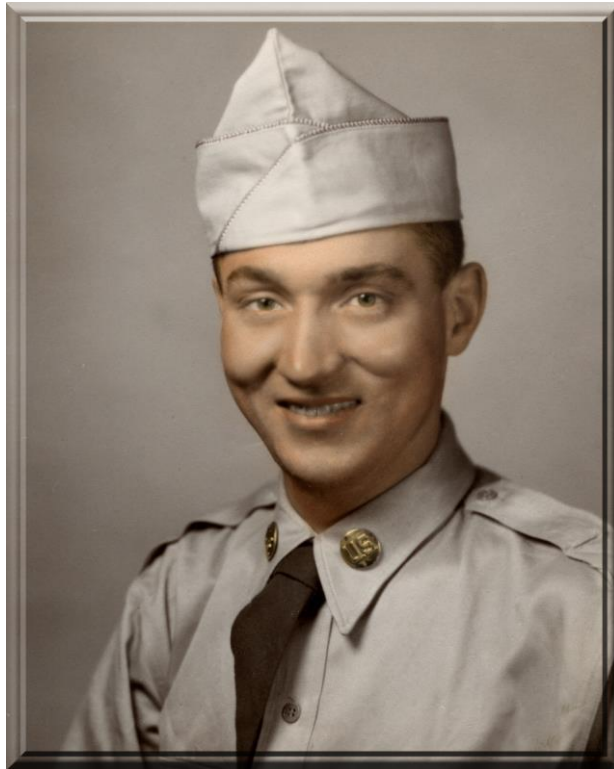
Date Entered: 04-17-1942

Date Discharged: 11-01-1945

Asiatic Pacific Medal, America Theater Ribbon, WW II Victory Medal
W/ Lapel Button.

Frank entered the U. S. Army at Fort Snelling Minnesota. He was Duty Soldier 590. He was expert Rifleman with use of the Carbine and Submachine Gun.

Frank was involved in the Aleutians Islands Campaign. This was a struggle over the Aleutians Islands which was part of the Alaskan Territory in the Pacific Campaign of WW II.



STANLEY W. BUSTA

U.S. Army

Rank: Private First Class
War Era: Korean War
Date Entered: March 6, 1953
Date Discharged: February 25, 1955

*United Nations Service Medal, Korean Service Ribbon,
National Defense Service Medal*

Stan was assigned to the 65th Engineer Combat Battalion Company A in Korea. He was a Combat Engineer Surveyor building road throughout Korea. After his tour of duty in Korea, Stan finished his military service in Honolulu, HI.