



ALBERT "JACK" JANDA

U.S. Army

Rank: SP-4T

Date Entered: August 16, 1955

Date Discharged: July 16, 1958

Served During Peacetime

Sharpshooter Medal

Jack underwent basic training at Camp Chaffee in Little Rock, AR. He attended Radio Teletype School at Camp Gordon in Augusta, GA to become a high speed radio operator using Morse Code. Jack was sent to Verdun, France for 6 months; then sent to Trois Fontaine Ord. Depot in Bar-Le-Duc, France for 18 months.



CURT S. JANOVSKY

U.S. Army

Rank: Specialist 4

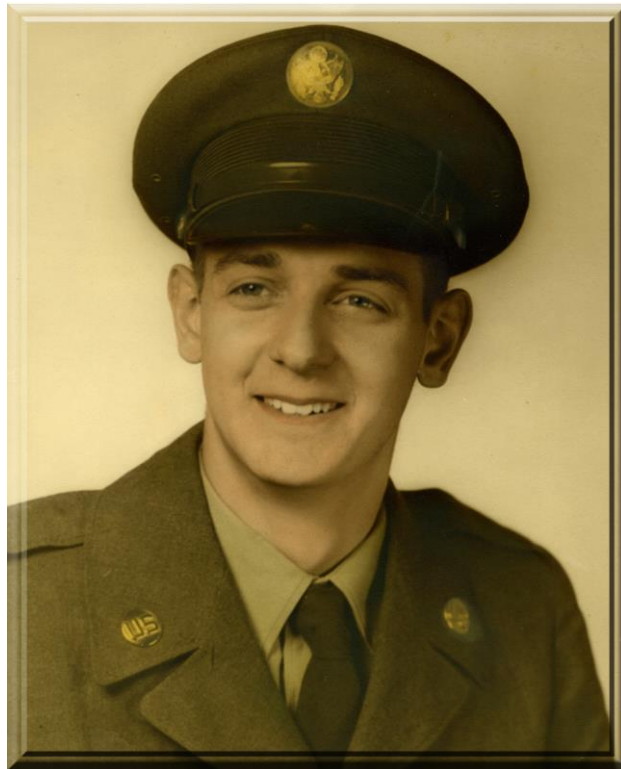
Date Entered: September 1983

Date Discharged: June 1986

Served During Peacetime

Rifleman, Good Conduct

Curt attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He took advanced training at Fort Eustis, VA for Aircraft Fire Control Repair. Curt was stationed with B Company 205 Transportation Battalion in Erlensee, Germany from 1984 through his discharge in 1986.



JOSEPH JANOVSKY

U.S. Army

Rank: Sergeant

Date Entered: January 1956

Date Discharged: November 1959

Served During Peacetime

Joseph attended basic training at Camp Chaffee, AR; and advanced training at the U.S. Army Signal School at Fort Gordon, GA. Joseph spent time with the 32nd Signal Battalion in Darmstadt, Germany. He was an instructor for the Signal Corps (radio) at the Applied Communication School in Ansbach, Germany. Joseph also served as a U.S. Army Quartermaster at the Signal School Europe in Lengries, Germany.



ALVIN J. KADERLIK

U.S. Army

Rank: Sergeant

Theater Served: Korea

Date Entered: October 8, 1952

Date Discharged: August 16, 1954

National Defense Service Medal, U.S. Service Medal, Korean Service Ribbon with Bronze Service Star, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Korean War Commemorative Pin



Victor Spaulding photographed three Americans and one North Korean soldier when they met in "no man's land" and shook hands just hours after a truce ended the war.

Final Hours of Korean Conflict

Heartbreak Ridge vet remembers war's end

I SAW THE END of the Korean conflict from one of the most noted "hills" in Korea — Heartbreak Ridge. On July 12, we had taken new positions, but nearing July 27, 1953, the last three days were hell. "Old Joe" was acting like this was a big push. The incoming rounds made the hill look like a plowed field.

Bad as it had been, it got even worse about 8 p.m. (July 27). We had no idea what to expect. About 9:30, the shelling slowed down and at 9:45 everything stopped — it was like death. I don't know what I did to deserve it, but God must have been right next to me during those days. Shortly after 10 p.m., North

Koreans began yelling from their trenches. Our interpreters answered back in Korean and told us they were saying, "No more bang-bang. Americans buddy-buddy." "Old Joe" was playing stateside music on his loud speaker, instead of the words of threat and fear we had heard in the past.

It is something I never want to go through again, but I wouldn't have missed that moment for the world. It was an unbelievable experience. Our men were standing guard, but instead of being tired with fear on their faces, there was something to look forward to.

— Victor Spaulding
Cazenovia, N.Y.

Alvin attended Boot Camp at Chaffe, AR. He spent 17 months in Korea and was the chief of artillery, forward observer; and in charge of building bunkers.

Alvin was present on this day and shook hands with the North Koreans.



MAYNARD KADERLIK

U.S. Navy

Rank: E-5 Engineman 2nd Class

War Era: Vietnam

Date Entered: June 1966

Date Discharged: March 1970

Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unity Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation, Good Conduct, National Defense, Armed Forces Expedition, Vietnam Service with 6 stars, Vietnam Gallantry Cross, Vietnam Campaign

Maynard served on the U.S.S. Gridley (DLG-21) from September 1966 to May 1968 – Gulf of Tonkin, Republic of Vietnam (RVN). He also was part of the Mobile Riverine Force TF-117 – a joint Army and Navy operation – from June 1968 to June 1969 in the Mekong Delta, RVN. From June 1969 to March 1970, Maynard served aboard the U.S.S. Henry B. Wilson (DDG-7) once again in the Gulf of Tonkin, RVN.



BRIAN KADING

U.S. Navy

Rank: Aviation Ordnance Airman

Date Entered: July 29, 1975

Date Discharged: December 10, 1979

Served During Peacetime

Brian served on the aircraft carrier USS America in the Atlantic Ocean. He was at Great Lakes, IL; Virginia Beach, VA; Palma de Mallorca off the coast of Spain; Lemoore, CA; and Whidbey Island, WA.



ROBERT H. KADING

U.S. Army

Rank: Technician Fourth Grade

War Era: WWII

Date Entered: June 14, 1942

Date Discharged: January 25, 1946

Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Service Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Theater Service Ribbon

Robert entered the Army at Fort Snelling. He played tuba in the 25th Infantry Division Band and the bass fiddle at USO shows, etc. He was also experienced with carbines.

Robert's experiences in service included seeing General Douglas MacArthur when MacArthur made his famous "I shall return" speech to reporters after escaping from Corregidor near Luzon. From the air, Robert viewed the ruins of Nagasaki, Japan after the atomic bomb blast.



MILO KADLEC

U.S. Army

Rank: Sergeant

War Era: Korea

Date Entered: December 4th, 1950

Date Discharged: September 4th, 1952

*Korean Service Medal with 4 Bz Camp Stars,
United Nations Service Medal*

Milo was part of the 10th Infantry Division out of Fort Riley, KS. He was also stationed at Camp McCoy, WI.



BENJAMIN J. KAISERSATT

U.S. Army

Rank: Private First Class

War Era: World War I, France

Date Entered: 05-02-1918

Date Discharged: 06-21-1919

As a single Farmer, in Le Sueur County, MN, Kaisersatt soon found himself enlisted in the US Army assigned to Company C, 53rd US Infantry. The Fifty-Third United States Infantry was organized at Chickamauga Park, Georgia, in May of 1917.

After short periods of training, the Fifty-Third received orders to prepare for immediate overseas service. An area which the 53rd Infantry was to operate was one of the worst in Europe. The Argonne Forest was very large, thickly wooded, and hard to check out. The trees in the forest, subjected to constant artillery fire, were piled one on top of each other and made a formidable obstacle for the infantry on the ground. From the Argonne Forest to the Meuse River (a distance of about forty miles) there were many little forests covering a succession of ridges running more or less parallel to their front, all converging on the town and position of Montfaucon, which was the Gibraltar of this part of the country. Private Kaisersatt was in this Sector during November of 1918.



MILO KAISERSATT

U.S. Army

Rank: Private First Class E-3
War Era: Korea
Date Entered: September 26, 1952
Date Discharged: July 24, 1954

Korean Service Ribbon with 2 Bronze Service Stars, National Defense Service Medal, United National Service Medal, Combat Infantry Badge

Milo served in the latter part of the Korean War. He departed for overseas duty in March 1953 landing in Tokyo, Japan for orientation. His unit was sent to Yong Dong Po, South Korea where the unit was processed and assigned to the 45th Infantry Division at Heart Break Ridge. He was a truck driver serving on the front lines. When the Korean War ended, Milo was assigned to the 8th Army Headquarters in Munsani, South Korea near the Demilitarized Zone. Milo's unit participated in the exchange of Prisoners of War receiving our troops and taking the North Korean POWs to North Korean Headquarters on the other side of the 38th Parallel. For the duration of his tour in South Korea, Milo served as an Officer's Driver.



ANTON KAISERSHOT

U.S. Army

Rank: Staff Sergeant
War Era: WWII European Theater
Date Entered: September 1942
Date Discharged: November 1945

WWII Victory Medal, American Theater Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, MN WWII Veteran Medal, Normandy Jubilee of Liberty Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Service Ribbon

Anton served with the 64th Chemical Company, 730th Field Artillery Battalion, 3rd Army. They landed on Normandy, Omaha Beach on D+5 Day. They moved on through northern France and the Netherlands and participated in the Battle of the Bulge and ended at the Elba River. Along with the infantry, they policed and guarded set areas, setup smoke screens and liberated Allies using flame throwers and 4.2 mortar shells.



CHARLES "CHUCK" KASPER

U.S. Army

Rank: Specialist 3rd Class (Corporal)
War Era: Korea
Date Entered: November 1954
Date Discharged: November 1956

Chuck entered the Army two years after high school as he had to wait for his brother to return from active military service first. After he attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO; Chuck was reassigned to Fort Devon, MA where he attended Radio Operator School. Upon completion, he flew to Fort Lewis, WA for deployment to Korea.

Chuck spent 13 or 14 days on a naval transport to Japan. Hearing Chuck tell it, it was probably a good thing he didn't enlist in the Navy as he was one seasick soldier on his trips over and back. Happy to be solid ground, Chuck was grateful for his flight to Korea where his deployment lasted about one year. He was discharged from the service at Fort Lewis after spending another 13 or 14 days at sea returning from Korea.

While attempting to take a cab to the airport to catch his flight home, the cab driver was unable to locate the airfield and Chuck missed his flight. He ended up hitching a ride with a buddy. When asked what he like best about his service, Chuck stated unequivocally that there was nothing "best" about his military service. "We marched everywhere and then it was hurry up and wait."



DENNY KEOGH

U.S. Navy

Rank: Seaman CT

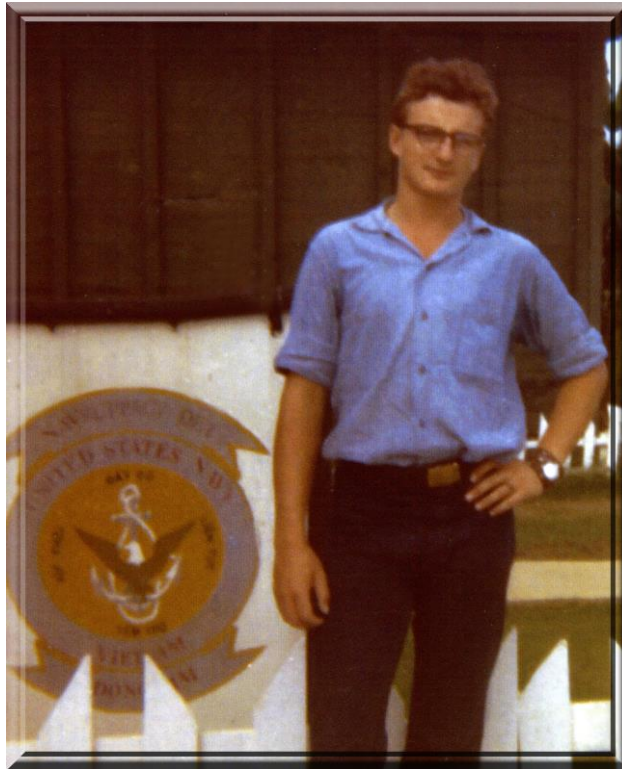
War Era: Vietnam

Date Entered: November 13, 1969

Date Discharged: November 13, 1973

*Vietnam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal,
National Defense Service Medal*

Denny attended basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Chicago, IL. He attended Naval Communications training at the U.S. Naval Base in Pensacola, FL. Denny was stationed at the U.S. Air Force Base in Homestead, FL for one year, and then transferred to San Miguel, Philippines for 26 months. During his tour of duty in the Philippines, he was stationed on numerous U.S. naval ships, which were deployed to the Gulf of Tonkin near Vietnam. Denny's duties included intercepting Morris Code from the enemy forces during the Vietnam Conflict.



EDWARD J. KEOGH

U.S. Navy

Rank: Petty Officer Third Class RM3
War Era: Vietnam
Date Entered: October 19, 1970
Date Discharged: October 18, 1974

*Nation Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross
Unit Citation, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Civil
Actions Unit Citation, Vietnamese Service Medal, and Navy Unit
Commendation Ribbon*

Edward attended Boot Camp in Orlando, FL; Communications Yeoman School in Norfolk, VA; SERE training in Coronado, CA.

He served a tour of duty in Vietnam stationed in Dong Tam and Biehn Thuey in the Mekong Delta. His duties were sending and receiving messages on teletypes in communications centers and radio operator on a river patrol boat.

After his tour in Vietnam, Edward was stationed in the Fleet Tactical Support Squadron 24 Detachment Rota, Spain. He operated the Communication/Navigation office supporting the fleet of C-130 cargo planes.



GERALD P. KEOGH

U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force

Rank: Staff Sergeant
War Era: Korea and Vietnam
Date Entered: June 28, 1946 (Korea)
October 29, 1954 (Vietnam)
Date Discharged: July 30, 1947 (Korea)
February 29, 1973 (Vietnam)

Air Force Good Conduct Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Longevity Service Award with four Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 1 BSS, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Medal with 1 BSS, AFM:900-3, NDSH with 1 BSS AFM:900-3, RSM with 1 BSS, Aviation and Marksman Badge

Jerry first enlisted with the U.S. Army in 1946. He was stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany and was Honorably Discharged in 1947. Jerry returned to the Montgomery area and worked for an area farmer until enlisting in the U.S. Air Force in 1954. Jerry made a career with the Air Force serving as an Air Supply Technician. Jerry served in many areas such as Bermuda; Vietnam; Turkey; West Palm Beach, FL; Spokane, WA; Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, NV; Castle Air Force Base, CA.



HAROLD W. KEOGH

U.S. Army

Rank: TEC 5 Corporal

War Era: WWII

Date Entered: January 18, 1945

Date Discharged: December 11, 1946

*Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal,
Army of Occupation Medal Japan, two Overseas Bar*

Harold attended basic training at Fort Hood, TX. His company was sent to Siapan of the Northern Mariana Islands. After his assignment in Siapan, Harold was shipped to Okinawa, Japan. His Company provided guard duty in Okinawa.



THOMAS LEONARD KEOGH

U.S. Navy

Rank: Coxswain

War Era: WWII Pacific

Date Entered: October 11, 1944

Date Discharged: November 21, 1946

Victory Medal USW#2

Leonard attended basic training at U.S. Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, IL. His ships included the USS LST 1089 and the USS LST 16. Leonard received his discharged at the U.S. Naval Station at Sand Point, Seattle, WA.



JEREMIAH F. KEOHEN

U.S. Army

Rank: Sergeant

War Era: WWI

Date Entered: June 13, 1917

Date Discharged: May 3, 1919

Victory Medal

Jeremiah enlisted in the Army at Minneapolis, MN. He was a medic and ambulance driver. He served at Base Hospital #26 in Étaples, France. Jeremiah was approved for the Victory Medal by Colonel R. E. Friton. He was discharged from the Army at Camp Grant, located in the southern outskirts of Rockford, IL.



THOMAS "TUFFY" KEOUGH

U.S. Navy & Air Force

Rank: TSGT
War Era: Afghanistan
Date Entered: 1985
Date Discharged: Active

Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Good Conduct Medal, Navy Battle "E" Ribbons (2), Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbons (2); AF Outstanding Unit Award, AF Reserve Unit of the Year 2010, AF Reserve Squadron of the Year 2010, Armed Forces Reserve Medal AF Training Ribbon, AF Meritorious Service Medal (3), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal

In the Navy, Tuffy was stationed aboard the USS Yorktown (CG-48) out of Norfolk, VA. His job title was Ship Service Man and his rank was Petty Officer 3rd Class. The main conflicts Tuffy participated in were the Cold War (1985-1989) and Libya (1986). He had two Mediterranean deployments and was involved in Black Sea operations, North Atlantic operation, South & Latin American operations (drug protection agency cruise) and many fleet exercises.

As a part of the Air Force since 1995, Tuffy's been a part of numerous well-known conflicts – Operation Enduring Freedom, where he was stationed at Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan (2009); and Operation New Dawn, where he was stationed at Manas Transit Center in Kyrgyzstan (2011). He served as Ramp Supervisor/Ramp Crew Chief Rank and Tech Sergeant.



KENNETH J. KIMMET

U.S. Army

Rank: Specialist 4
War Era: Vietnam
Date Entered: March 25, 1969
Date Discharged: October, 1975

Army Commendation Medal, Bronze Star Medal Viet Nam Campaign Medal, Viet Nam Service Medal.

Kenny attended Basic Training at Fort Campbell, KY. After Basic Training Kenny went to Fort Polk aka "Tiger Land", LA for Advanced Infantry Training. After training, Kenny was assigned to HHC 1st Battalion 5th Cavalry. After training Kenny went to Ben Hoa Viet Nam where he trained to repel out of Helicopters. Kenny's main duties were traveling from base to base repairing vehicles, equipment, and generators. Kenny also manned bunkers in various locations firing the "Mini Gun" at the enemy. Kenny also flew into Cambodia several times. Kenny received the Bronze Star for his actions in Viet Nam.



John O. Kimmet

U. S. Army

Rank: Sargent
War Era: WW II
Date Entered: February 10, 1942
Date Discharged: October 4, 1945

John attended Basic Training at the 661st Signal Aircraft Warning Company Camp Callan, California. John went to school for Medical Basic Training, Medical Corpsman, and Medical Technician. John was a Medical Corpsman in charge of a ward containing 34 patients. He was responsible for the cleanliness of the ward & the treatment of sick patients. He assisted medical officers by performing such duties as; keeping records of the patients, administering medicines, taking temperatures, pulse, respiration rates, treating minor injuries, taking blood counts & determining blood types. John was discharged from the Army at the Separation Center in Sioux Falls South Dakota.



DENNIS KLINE

U.S. Army

Rank: Specialist Four E-4 T
War Era: Vietnam
Date Entered: March 24, 1966
Date Discharged: March 24, 1968

Marksman – M14 and M16, Overseas Bar, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Code of Conduct, Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Medal, Milijus Medal

Dennis attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. After basic training, he trained in the field of Aviation Infantry at Fort Eustis, VA. Dennis departed for Vietnam from Fort Lewis, WA. While serving in Vietnam, Dennis was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division 4th Aviation E Company 704th Battalion at Dragon Mountain Base Camp in Plié Ku, Vietnam. While stationed there, he served in many capacities – as a helicopter door gunner, on patrol, on convoys, helped build the Base Camp and sandbagged bunkers. After his tour of duty in Vietnam, Dennis was stationed in Fort Stewart, GA where he served in the Flight Records Division.



GILBERT A. KLINE

U.S. Army

Rank: Private First Class
War Era: WWII Pacific Theater
Date Entered: October 3, 1946
Date Discharged: March 15, 1948

WWII Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Japan

Gilbert attended basic training at Fort Dix, NJ. Upon completion, he was transferred to Taegu, Korea. Gilbert was assigned to the Occupation Force, 1st Infantry Regiment in Korea. During this time, prior to the Korean War, Korea was under constant threat of the Communist Forces. Gilbert's company was in charge of guarding this base which included many hours of training and preparedness to ward off attack from the enemy.



JOSEPH KLINE

U.S. Army

Rank: Corporal

War Era: WWII European Theater

Date Entered: September 12, 1944

Date Discharged: March 2, 1946

*Military Combat Infantry Badge, MK1 Rifle Badge,
Battle Campaign Badge Rhineland – Central Europe, American
Theater Medal, European-African Middle Eastern Theater Service
Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge*

Joe attended basic training at Robinson Army Airfield Camp Joseph T. Robinson in North Little Rock, AR. After training Joe was assigned to the 334th Infantry 84th Division Army. His division fought battles in Rhineland, Germany and Central Europe during World War II.



JOSEPH A. KOLDIN

U.S. Army Reserve

Rank: Private First Class

Date Entered: July 1956

Date Discharged: December 1960

Served During Peacetime

Joe attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He took advanced infantry training at Fort Ord, CA. Joe spent the remainder of his time as a squad leader with Company B at the New Prague Reserve Armory.



JACOB F. KORBEL

U.S. Army

Rank: Staff Sergeant
War Era: WWII – Pacific Theater
Date Entered: July 7, 1942
Date Discharged: October 12, 1945

Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Star with Valor for his Meritorious Service under fire in the Pacific Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Service Medal, 5 Overseas Service Bars, No Time Lost Under AW 107

Jacob started his military career with Company C 118th Medical Battalion at Camp McCoy, WI as a Mess Sergeant.

With the 43rd Infantry Division in the Northern Solomons, Eastern Mandates, Luzon, Jacob was front line medical aid man in the liberation of the Philippines. He was a surgical technician working on battlefield casualties that landed with the assault forces when they took the first towns on Luzon on January 9, 1945. Jacob also fought in New Georgia, New Guinea, Guadalcanal and Pearl Harbor.



EMILY KORBEL-TEBERG

U.S. Army

Rank: E-2
War Era: Iraq
Date Entered: August 2002
Date Discharged: May 2003

Emily attended basic training and advanced training at Fort Benning, GA. At Fort Benning, she earned her wings as a Parachute Rigger; her father pinned them on her. Emily was attached to the 82nd Airborne Unit and was stationed in Georgia and Virginia.



ERNEST KOTEK

U.S. Army

Rank: Sergeant E5
War Era: Peacetime
Date Entered: January 8, 1959
Date Discharged: December 21, 1960

Ernest attended basic training at Fort Benning in Atlanta, GA. After that training, he stayed at Fort Benning for 12 more weeks and took advanced training for electronics/communications. Ernest was a Sergeant with the Communications Section in the Artillery 3rd Division.

Ernest served over a year in Bamberg and Kitzingen in Germany prior to the Berlin Crisis of 1961.



JOHN R. KOTEK

U.S. Marine Corps

Rank: Sergeant

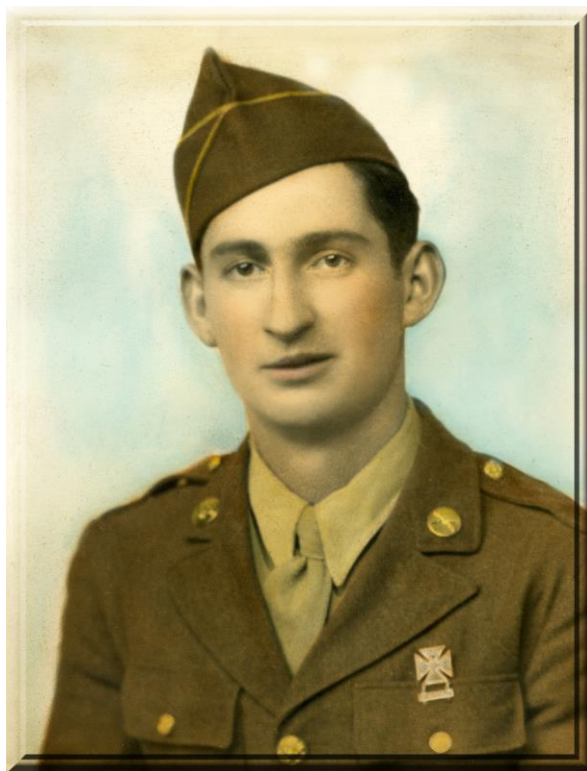
War Era: Korea

Date Entered: July 9, 1953

Date Discharged: July 9, 1956

National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal

John attended basic training at San Diego, CA. He attended the Marine Naval Air Technical Training Centers at Jacksonville, FL and Memphis, TN, where he trained as an Aviation Structural Mechanic. While attending training, John was also on special assignment traveling from base to base boxing for the Marine Boxing Team. After John completed his training, he was stationed at Cherry Point, NC where he trained Marines in the Rifleman Training Program.



ROBERT "DONNIE" KOTEK

U.S. Army

Rank: Corporal

War Era: WWII Pacific Theater

Date Entered: November 28, 1944

Date Discharged: November 25, 1946

*Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon w/ one Bronze Battle Star,
Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal,
Occupation Medal Japan Lapel Button, two Overseas Service Bars*

Donnie served in the Philippines during World War II. He served as a Private Basic in the Infantry for four months and a Rifleman 745 for four months. Donnie was Supply Clerk 835 for five months; his duties included drawing rations for various units. He also served as a Longshoreman 275 for nine months. Donnie was assigned to the 129th Infantry 37th Division.



ROBERT JOSEPH KOTEK

U.S. Navy

Rank: ETN Third Class

War Era: Vietnam

Date Entered: July 15, 1974

Date Discharged: April 21, 1980

National Defense

Robert attended boot camp at Great Lakes, IL and continued his education there at "A" School for Communications ETN. After completing training, Robert was stationed at NAVA1 Communications Station at Nea Makri, Greece through September 1976. He was part of the US Naval Reserve from 1976-1979 and was attached to Pearl Harbor Submarine Base in Hawaii.



MICHAEL D. KOZUB

U.S. Marine Corps

Rank: Lance Corporal
War Era: Gulf
Date Entered: February 2001
Date Discharged: November 2003

*Rifle Expert, National Defense, Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal,
Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal*

Michael attended basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC. He took advanced infantry training as a machine gunner at the School of Infantry in Fort Geiger, Camp LeJuene, NC. Michael was assigned to the Marine Corps Reserve, Company G, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines in Madison, WI.

Michael received a Letter of Appreciation from the Marines for all of his community outreach efforts including participating in the Color Guard for funerals, Toys for Tots campaigns, and more.

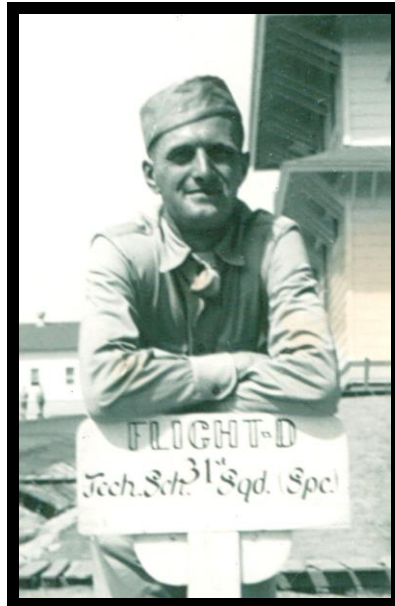


Clement W. Kral

U.S. Navy

Rank: CH Yeoman
War Era: WW I
Date Entered: December 10th 1917
Date Discharged: April 28th 1919

Clem entered the U.S. Navy in Minneapolis and was discharged in New York City. Clem served during WW I. Records of his duties are unavailable. Clem was born November 23rd 1895 to John William Kral and Rose Factor Kral. He was born, raised, and attended school in Montgomery MN. He was a telegraph operator for the Minneapolis and St. Louis (M&STL) Railroad. Clem retired in Waseca MN.



GEORGE J. KRENIK

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Rank: Staff Sergeant

War Era/Peace Time: WWII

Date Entered: 05-22-1942

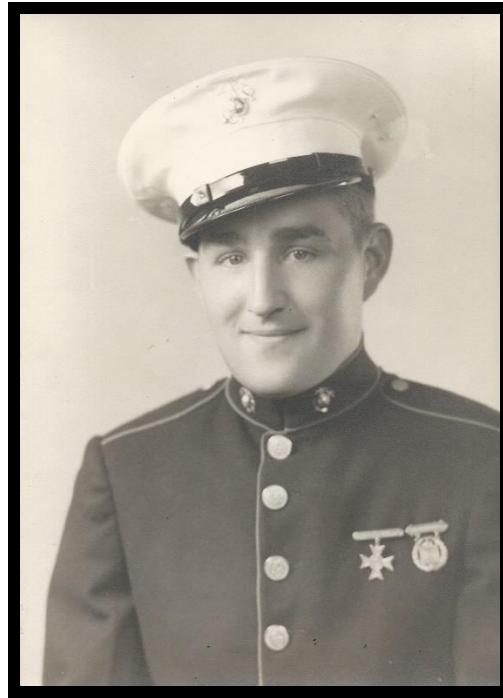
Date Discharged: 10-04-1945

Good Conduct Medal, Army Air Force Airplane Mechanic Tech Badge. George participated in the following Battles and Campaigns: Papua, New Guinea, Southern Philippines, Luzon, Ryukus.

George was inducted into the U. S. Army at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. He attended schooling for Airplane Mechanic at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He received the rating of Military Occupational Specialty Machinist.

George was assigned to the 460th Service Squadron (Prov) – 46 Service Group in Australia. After Australia, George began serving under the 5th Air Force in Port Moresby, New Guinea. He was also stationed in Dobodura, New Guinea, Biak Island, Tacloban, Leyte Philippines, serving in the 481st Service Squadron, along with Clark Field, Luzon Philippines and Le Shima Island near Okinawa.

George's duties, during WWII, included working on Air Planes that were in battle. One excerpt from when he was on the 7 Mile Island: *'If luck were with the ground crew the Zero's and Bombers were busy elsewhere for a respite. The Ground Crew could get five to six hours of sleep per night but more often they averaged three a night. Cuts and bruises along their body were common because the men used make shift tools and often slipped and fell from their precarious working mounts. Their bodies were caked with mud and grease for days.'*



JEROME LORENCE KROCAK

U.S. Marine Corps

Rank: Field Music First Class

War Era: WWII

Date Entered: 03-12-1943

Date Discharged: 11-19-1945

Top Military Awards

Krocak received the ***Purple Heart Medal*** in August of 1945. He was wounded in action on June 16th, 1945.

Battles, engagements, skirmishes

Krocak participated in action against the enemy at Roi-Namur, Marshall Islands from January 31st, 1944 through February 7th, 1944; at Saipan, Marianas Islands from June 15th, 1944 through June 16th, 1944; at Iwo Jima, Volcano Island from February 19th, 1945 through March 16th, 1945.

Krocak qualified with Rifle SS on May 13th, 1944; and Bayonet on May 19th, 1943. Krocak was Honorably Discharged from the Marine Separation Center, NavTra Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.



MILO JOSEPH KROCAK

U.S. Army

Rank: Private First Class

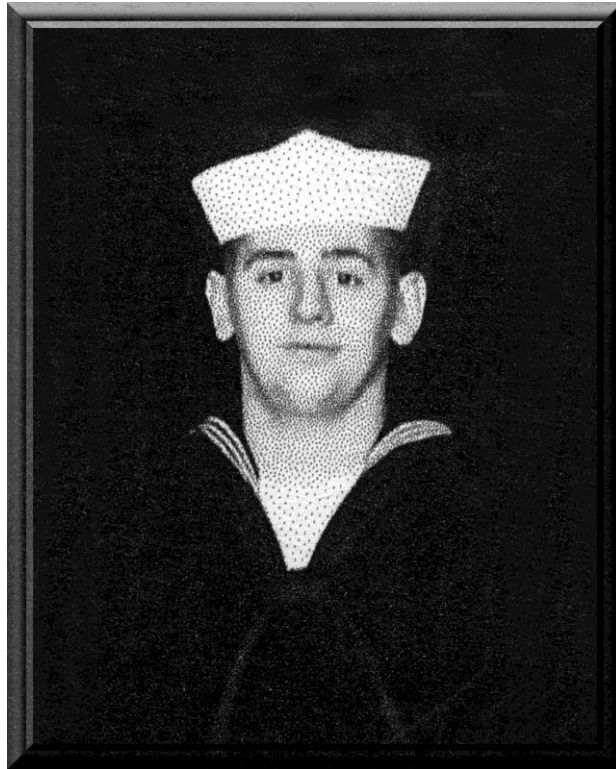
War Era: WWII European Theater

Date Entered: June 1942

Date Discharged: September 1945

2 Purple Hearts, 2 Bronze Medals, 2 Bronze Service Medals

Milo did two stints in the Army. He was wounded in North Africa and again in France. Both times he did his recovery in England.



ANDREW KUCERA

U.S. Navy

Rank: E4

Date Entered: January 9, 1957

Date Discharged: January 4, 1961

Served During Peacetime

Good Conduct Medal

Andrew was stationed at the U.S. Naval Station in San Diego, CA. He served as a Gunners Mate aboard the USS Duncan DDR874 patrolling the Pacific.

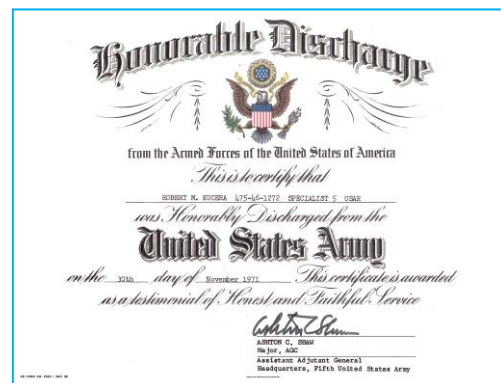
Andrew saw many ports of call including Australia, New Zealand, Philippines, Hawaii, Japan, China, Formosa Straights, Samoan Islands to name a few.

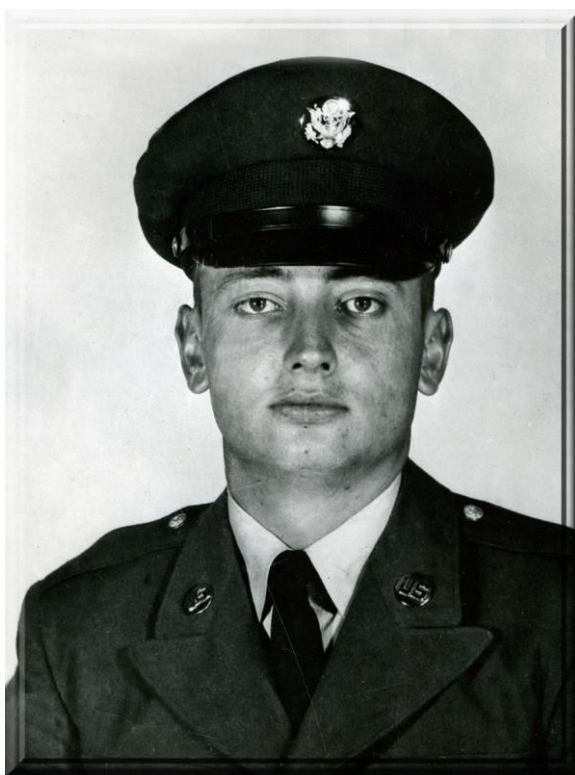


ROBERT M. KUCERA

Branch of Service: U.S. Army Reserves
Rank: Spec 5
War Era: Viet Nam
Date Entered: 12-19-1965
Date Discharged: 11-30-1971

Robert attended Basic Training at Fort Worth, Texas. After basic training, Robert attended truck driving school at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Upon completion of his schooling, Robert's Company was stationed in Huachuca for several weeks prior to returning to his Reserve Company based out of Faribault, Minnesota. Robert served six years in the Army Reserve attending monthly training sessions at Faribault, and also two weeks of training, each year, at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.





STEPHAN KUCERA

U.S. Branch of Service

Rank: E-4

War Era: Vietnam

Date Discharged: October 31, 1964

Stephan was stationed in Germany with Company C 10th Engineer Battalion APO 36. He was a Specialist Entitled Cook 941.10. Later he was transferred to #64 Le Sueur, MN.



ORVILLE KUCHINKA

U.S. Army

Rank: Sergeant

War Era: Korea

Date Entered: March 6, 1953

Date Discharged: February 12, 1955

*Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal,
Good Conduct Medal, and Korean War Service Medal*

Orville served in C-Battery 999 Field Armor Artillery APA Battalion during the Korean War.



STANLEY JOSEPH KUKACHKA

U.S. Army

Rank: Technician Fifth Grade
War Era: WWII
Date Entered: 1943
Date Discharged: 1945

*European Service Medal, Three Overseas Service Bars,
Good Conduct Medal, Honorable Discharge Lapel Button*

Stanley was stationed with the 7th Armored Division in the 23rd Armored Infantry Battalion. They were mobilized to northern France and Germany.



ELMER H. KUKACKA

U.S. Navy

Rank: 3 Class E4 Boatsmate
Date Entered: 1956
Date Discharged: 1962

Served During Peacetime



Elmer serving President
Dwight Eisenhower onboard
the USS Camberria.

Elmer attended basic training at Great Lakes, IL. He served aboard the guided missile cruiser, USS Camberria, based out of the home port of Norfolk, VA. Elmer was with the 1st Division 6th Fleet working in transportation as a helmsman and coxman. He piloted Liberty Boats, the Captain's Gig, and ship's car. Elmer participated in the Cuban Conflict; the ship was part of the blockade.



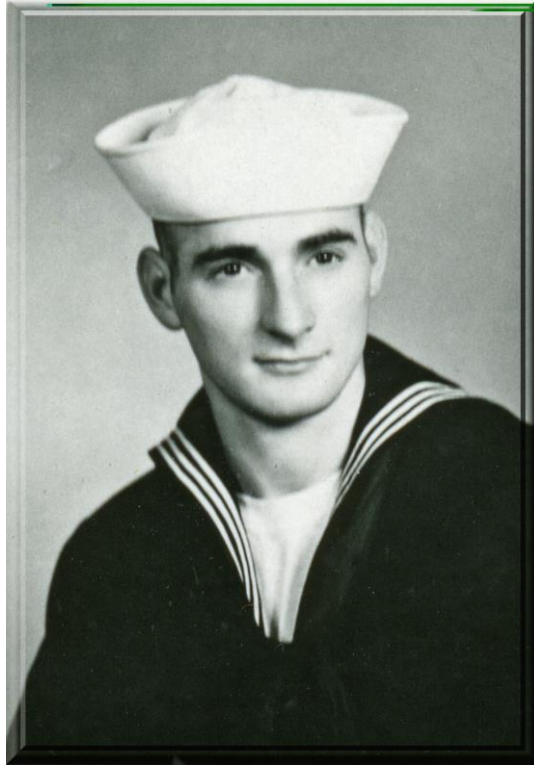
GEORGE KUKACKA

U.S. Navy

Rank: Petty Officer Third Class ME3
War Era: Korean
Date Entered: July 9, 1948
Date Discharged: June 25, 1952

Navy Occupation Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal

George attended Basic Training at the U.S. Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, IL. He served on the USS Midway where he trained to be a metal smith. The USS Midway was based out of Norfolk, VA and patrolled the waters of Europe and in the Mediterranean Sea.



JEROME GEORGE KUKACKA

U.S. Navy

Rank: E2 Petty Officer
War Era: Vietnam
Date Entered: May 31, 1962
Date Discharged: December 12, 1969

Jerome attended basic training at Memphis, TN. He also trained at Naval Air Technical Training Command (NATTC) in Memphis – AMU School and ADR School. Jerome spent NARETA at Los Alamitos, CA.

During his time in service, Jerome was able to tour around Rota, Spain while off duty.