



ROBERT FRANK LANDKAMER

U.S. Air Force

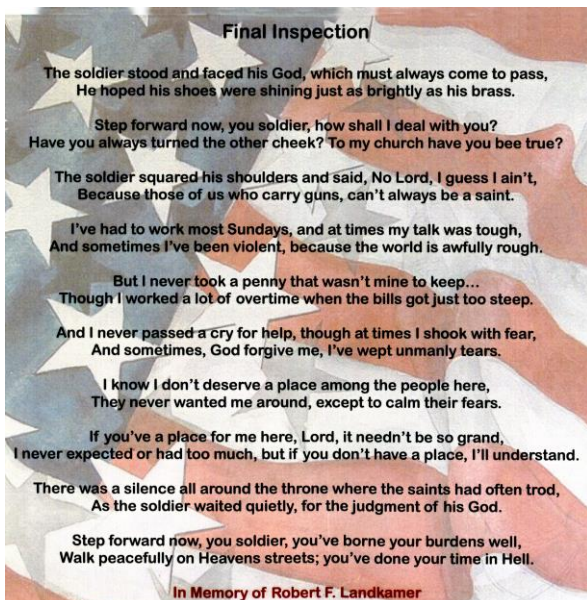
Rank: Airman Second Class

Date Entered: July 19, 1955

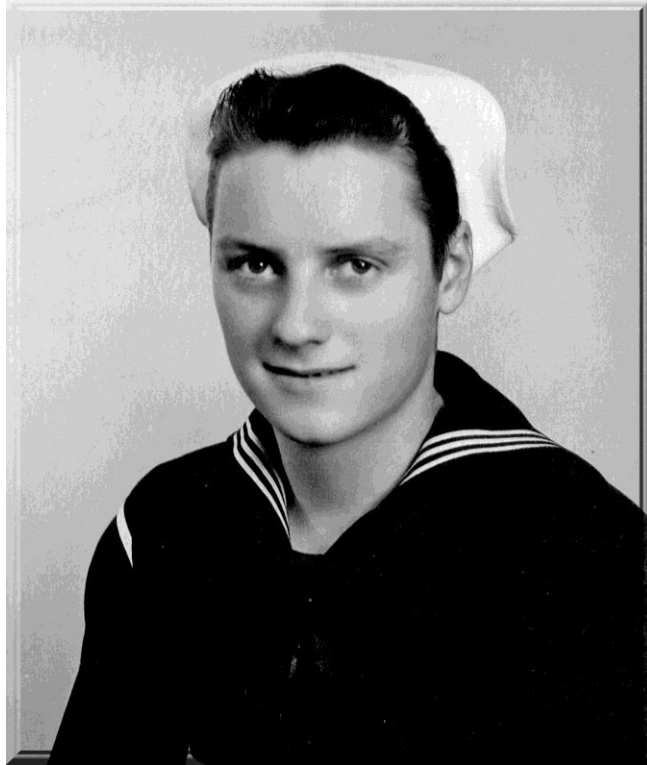
Date Discharged: June 26, 1959

Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal

Served During Peacetime



Robert entered the Air Force on July 19, 1955. He was first stationed at Homestead Air Force Base, Homestead, FL. Robert then went to weather observer training at Chanute Air Force Base, IL where he received a Certificate of Proficiency as a Weather Observer. In November 1957, Robert was shipped overseas to Itasuke Air Base in Japan. While stationed in Japan, he received the high honor of being chosen "Airman of the Month" on two separate occasions for his outstanding military characteristics. On one of these occasions, Robert received an engraved lighter and a three-day pass.



KENNETH LEROY LAWSON

U.S. Navy

Rank: Water Tender Third Class
War Era: WWII
Date Entered: March 6, 1944
Date Discharged: January 12, 1948

World War II Victory Medal



USS Pickaway



USS Whetstone

Kenneth served as a Water Tender aboard the ships:

USS Salamaua CVE-96
USS Fort Marion LSD-22
USS Pickaway APA-222
USS Whetstone LSD-27



USS Fort Marion



USS Salamaua



CARL W. LEHMAN

U.S. Army

Rank: Postal Clerk T/5
War Era: WWII European Theater
Date Entered: May 17, 1943
Date Discharged: February 9, 1946

*Good Conduct Medal, European-African Middle Eastern Theater
Service Medal, 4 Overseas Service Bars*

Carl attended Basic Training at Camp Lee, VA. He attended Army Postal School at Westchester, PA. Carl served as a Postal Clerk in Blanford, England; Salisbury, England; Utha Beach, France; St. Lo, France, Normandy, and Brussels, Belgium.



WILLIAM E. LEHMAN

U.S. Army

Rank: Private First Class

War Era: WWI

Date Entered: July 26, 1918

Date Discharged: July 7, 1919

WWI Victory Medal

William served in the 54th Pioneer Infantry, Argonne-Meuse Offensive Army of O. He also served in Rubeurnch, Germany during WWI.



Paul E. Leonard

U.S. Army

Rank: Spec 4
War Era: Operation Just Cause,
Desert Shield/ Desert Storm
Date Entered: April 25, 1989
Date Discharged: April 24, 1993

Army Service Ribbon, Army Lapel Button, National Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Sharpshooter Badge M-16 rifle

Paul attended Basic Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina for eight weeks. Upon completion of Basic Training Paul attended Combat Signalman training at Fort Gordon, Georgia for eleven weeks. After completing his training Paul was assigned to the 9th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. Paul's duties included laying telephone wires, operating the base switch board, and radio operator. After leaving Fort Lewis, Paul was transferred to Korea where his duties were similar with the addition of Relay Communications in the mountain region for when the South Korean Commander was traveling to ensure the Commander had constant communications with his staff.



JOSEPH LESTINA

U.S. Army

Rank: Private

War Era: WWI

Date Entered: June 25, 1915

Date Discharged: July 29, 1917

Awards if applicable

Joseph enlisted in the Minnesota National Guard on June 25, 1915. He served with Company "K" 2nd Infantry in the Minnesota National Guard.

From June 30, 1916 to January 24, 1917 Joseph served in the Mexican Border Service during the Pancho Villa Expedition – officially known as the Mexican Expedition.

Joseph served in WWI from July 15 to July 29, 1917.



Paul H. Liebhard

U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS

Rank: Corporal
War Era: WWII
Date Entered: Feb 28th 1941
Date Discharged: Sept 12th 1945

Awards: WW II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Theatre Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and 3 Overseas Bars

Paul received training at Fort Frances E. Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming, Scott Field/Scott Air Force Base in Illinois, and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in North Carolina. After training, Paul was assigned to the 9th Air Force, 336th Depot Repair, 94th Air Squadron in Edmunds, England. His duties included working with the ground crew for the unit's aircraft and supply distribution. Paul also assisted with unloading the wounded soldiers. The 336th Squadron flew many missions supporting the war efforts and earned three Distinguished Unit Citations. The campaigns that the 336th Squadron was involved in were Air Offensive Europe, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, Central Europe Air Combat, and EAME Theater. Paul and his wife, Frances, are buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minnesota.



ALVIN MACH

Branch of Service: U.S. Air Force

Rank: Corporal

War Era: Korea

Date Entered: 07-01-1948

Date Discharged: 07-03-1952

National Defense Service Medal.

Alvin attended Basic Training at Lockland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Upon completion of Basic Training, Alvin was assigned to Ellsworth Air Force Base, Rapid City, South Dakota.

Alvin was a dispatcher for the Base Vehicle Fleet.



ROBERT MACH

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Rank: Corporal

War Era: Korea

Date Entered: 12-10-1952

Date Discharged: 10-18-1954

United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Ribbon with One Bronze Star, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation.

Robert attended Basic Training at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. After basic training, Robert was assigned to Company B, 434th Engineer Construction Battalion, as a Heavy Equipment Operator. This Battalion was charged with the duty of building roads in Korea, to support the U. S. Troops war efforts.



DAVID MALECHA

U.S. Marine Corps

Rank: Sergeant E-5

War Era: Vietnam

Date Entered: June 1968

Date Discharged: June 1972

Good Conduct and others

Dave attended boot camp at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, CA. He took additional training at the Electronics/Radio School. He was stationed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and Pearl Harbor, HI.



GEORGE ROBERT MALECHA

U.S. Marine Corps

Rank: Corporal

War Era: WWII Pacific Theater

Date Entered: April 10, 1944

Date Discharged: June 5, 1946

WWII Victory Medal

George attended boot camp in San Diego, CA. He was stationed at the Marine Corps Air Station at Pearl Harbor, HA and the Marine Air Station in Miramar, CA.



RONALD G. MALECHA

U.S. Army

Rank: E-4

Date Entered: July 11, 1972

Date Discharged: April 14, 1974

Served During Peacetime

Ron attended basic training at Fort Knox, KY and A.I.T. Training at Fort Sill, OK. He was a Sergeant Missile Crewman until it was phased out. Ron was then involved with the 155mm Howitzer tank unit at Fort Sill until he was discharged.

From 1974-1975 Ron was an infantryman with the New Prague Army Reserve. He worked in the motor pool with the Rochester Company C Reserve from 1985-1986.

Ron is an active member of the MN Patriot Guard Riders Association.



TERRY D. MALECHA

U.S. Army

Rank: E-5 Sergeant
War Era: Gulf
Date Entered: June 1983
Date Discharged: October 1991

Terry attended basic training at Fort Benning, GA; and additional training there as well for 81mm Mortar (Infantry). He was stationed at Fort Stewart, GA and was a member of the Bravo Team 24th Infantry Division which was a Rapid Deployment Force (RDF) for the Middle East region. Terry conducted deployments to the Republics of Turkey and Egypt to do training with their units. In 1989 Terry reenlisted into the medical field attending Psychiatric Tech School at Fort Sam Houston, TX. He was stationed at the Presidio of San Francisco. Terry deployed to the Gulf region during Desert Storm in 1990. He was honorably discharged in October 1991.



GLENN P. MALONE

U.S. Navy

Rank: Apprentice Seaman
War Era: WWII
Date Entered: November 1942
Date Discharged: September 1944

Glenn was stationed at Louisville University in Louisville, KY as a member of the V-12 Navy College Training Program. This program was designed to increase the force of commissioned officers in the U.S. Navy.



GEORGE J. MAREK

U.S. Army

Rank: Private First Class

War Era: WWII

Date Entered: March 16, 1944

Date Discharged: November 1, 1945

Rifle M-1 Sharpshooter, Machine Gun Expert

George attended basic training at Camp Hood, TX where he learned radio and telegraph operation. At the end of WWII, George was a Military Policeman in charge of guarding German prisoners of war at Camp Campbell, KY.



RODNEY MAREK

U.S. Army

Rank: Corporal

War Era: WWII European

Date Entered: November 27, 1944

Date Discharged: August 12, 1946

French Foreauguire

Rodney attended basic training at Camp Fannin, TX. He left the U.S. from Fort Dix, NJ on the Italian ship Hermitage destined for La Harve, France. For his 13-day jaunt to France, Rodney was assigned the task of punching holes in tin cans so they would sink and the Germans would not see them floating in the water.

From France, Rodney traveled through Nurenberg, Germany and Pilsen, Czechoslovakia. In Pilsen he prepared to fight on the front lines and slept in a hay mound. Germany surrendered the day before Rodney was to go to the front lines. He headed Camp Swift, TX to train to fight in Japan. The atomic bomb was dropped just prior to departing for Japan.

Rodney was then transferred to Fort Leavenworth, KS to guard prisoners and work in the Post Office. His duties included reading and censoring the prisoners' mail and logging in any money orders they received. He was discharged in August 1946.



STANLEY MARISKA

U.S. Army

Rank: Technician 5th Grade

War Era: WWII

Date Entered: October 10, 1942

Date Discharged: November 9, 1945

American Theater Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal

Stanley entered the Army at Fort Snelling and attended basic training in California. He served as a medical technician performing various duties as a male nurse to assist medical officers in the care and treatment of sick, wounded soldiers. He cleaned and bandaged wounds, administered injections and sterilized instruments and equipment.



CHRISTOPHER M. MAXA

U.S. Navy

Rank: E-4 / MM3

War Era: Gulf

Date Entered: March 19, 1998

Date Discharged: March 5, 2001

*Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Navy "E" Ribbon,
Coast Guard Meritorious Unit, Commendation Medal,
Sea Service Deployment Medal*

Christopher took Fireman Engineer Core Training - supplied steam to catapults on the flight deck from the ships boilers in the 4 main spaces aboard the USS Constellation CV-64. He was assigned to P-3C Catapult Steam Shop. Chris completed the WESPAC Tour in the Persian Gulf in 1999. He was aboard during the Last Steam of the Century for the Connie.

Chris is the son of Michael J. Maxa; grandson of Emil J. Maxa.



EMIL J. MAXA

U.S. Air Force

Rank: A2C / E-3 (P)

Date Entered: March 6, 1958

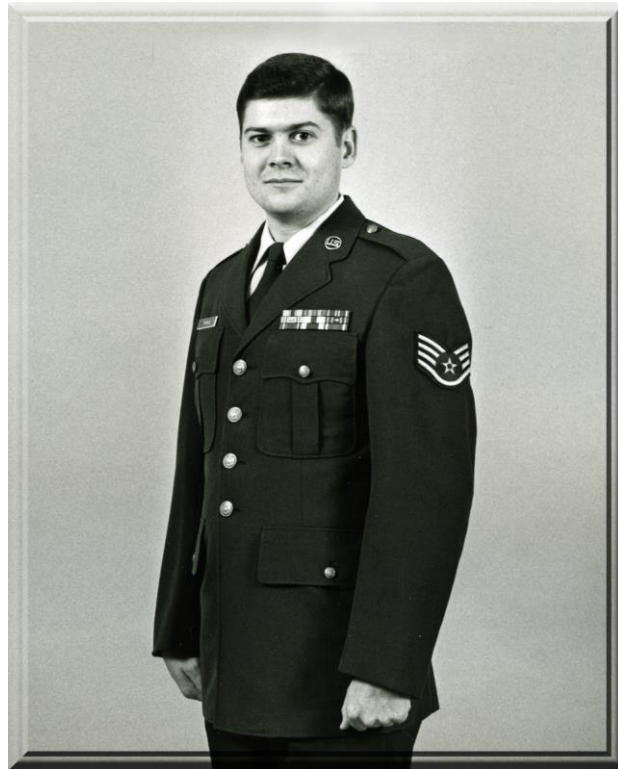
Date Discharged: March 5, 1962

Served During Peacetime

Good Conduct Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

Emil was assigned to the 92nd Field Maintenance Squadron (SAC) at Fairchild AFB, WA. His specialty was as a 58150 Parachute Rigger for the personnel of B52 and KC 135 aircrew members.

Emil is the father of Michael J. Maxa and grandfather of Christopher M. Maxa.



MICHAEL J. MAXA

U.S. Air Force

Rank: Master Sergeant / E-7
War Era: Gulf
Date Entered: May 31, 1978
Date Discharged: June 30, 1998

Meritorious Service Medal, AF Commendation Medal 3- Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC), AF Achievement Medal 2- OLC, AF Training Ribbon, AF Overseas Short Tour Ribbon, AF Overseas Long Tour Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, AF Longevity Service Award/Ribbon 4- OLC, NCO Professional Military Education Ribbon 1-OLC, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon/Rifle, AF Outstanding Unit Award 1-OLC, AF Good Conduct Medal 5-OLC

Aircrew Life Support Specialist, 4 years; maintained fighter pilot personal survival gear; electrical power production journeyman, 8 years. Backup/prime power systems for critical base operations and aircraft arresting barriers. Aircraft maintenance plans/scheduling, Documentation Craftsman – tracked maintenance and scheduled aircraft for flight. Managed Fighter Wings Flying Hour program.

Duty assignments: Lackland AFB, TX; Chanute AFB, IL; Hill AFB, UT; Fairchild AFB, WA; Pruem A.S., West Germany; Cannon AFB, NM; Sheppard AFB, TX; and numerous temporary duty assignments all over this vast world. Aircraft Supported: F4, F16, B52, KC 135, F111 and EF111. Units assigned to: 388TFW (TAC); 92nd CES (SAC); 1945th CG/Detachment 23 (AFCC); 3345 CES (ATC); 4401st CCS/Provisional (TAC); 27th FW (ACC). Retired 1998.

Son of Emil J. Maxa and father of Christopher M. Maxa.



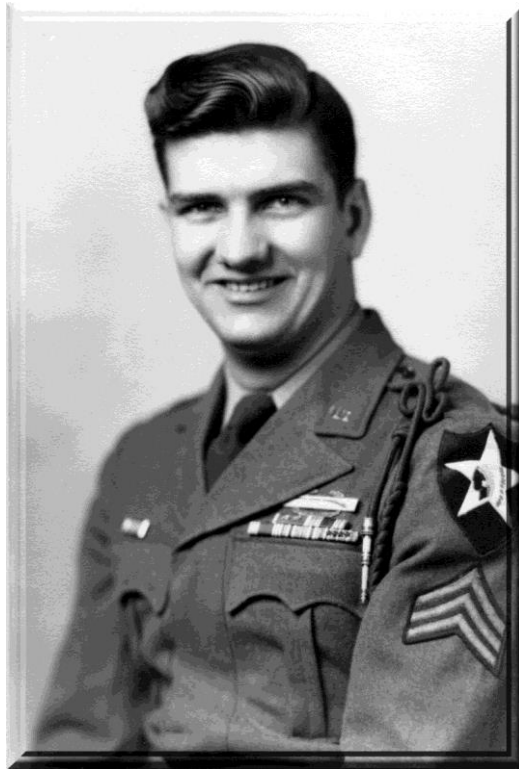
Chester F. McDonald

U.S. Army

Rank: Tec 5
War Era: WWII
Date Entered: April 17th, 1945
Date Discharged: December 4th, 1946

*Awards: Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Victory Medal,
Army Occupation of Japan w/one Overseas Bar, and MN
WWII Veteran Medallion*

Chester attended Basic Training, Rifleman Training, and Truck Driver School at Fort Maxie, Texas. After training Chester boarded the USAT "General C.G. Morton" for transportation to Okinawa, Japan. Chester's duties were driving Jeeps, 2 ½ ton and up to 4-ton Vehicles, hauling military supplies, equipment, & Personnel. Chester also assisted in minor road repairs and adjustments. While enroute back from Okinawa Chester received the Domain of the Golden Dragon Ruler of the 180th Meridian Citation for crossing the international Date Line at 4130 degrees Latitude & 180 degrees Longitude on October 11th, 1946.



MICHAEL E. MCGUIRE

U.S. Army

Rank: Sergeant
War Era: WWII Europe
Date Entered: September 10, 1943
Date Discharged: September 13, 1945

Two Purple Hearts, Bronze Star Medal

Michael served in the U.S. Army Company K 38th Infantry Indianhead Division. He was wounded twice – in the Normandy campaign and during the Battle of the Bulge. Michael was awarded two Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star for his service.



DOUGLAS JOHN MCKENZIE

U.S. Navy

Rank: ES Second Class3

War Era: Vietnam

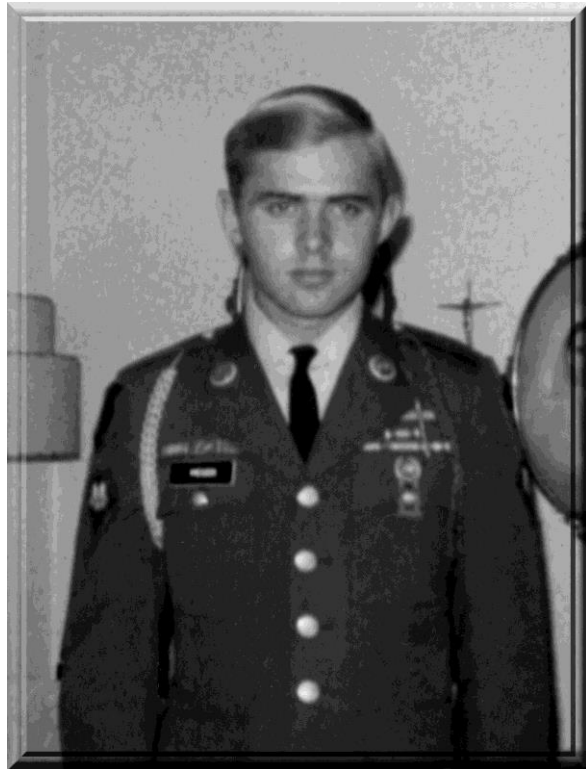
Date Entered: January 6, 1969

Date Discharged: October 19, 1972

*National Defense Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon,
Vietnam Service Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, Presidential Unit Citation,
Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnamese Unit Commendation,
Vietnamese Staff Medal 2nd Class, Army Unit Commendation*

Doug attended boot camp in San Diego, CA; then stationed in Long Beach at EDOPAC. He was transferred to Danang, Vietnam to the 32nd Naval Construction Regiment. His duties were largely administrative; as well as running a forklift; and taking staff members into the mountains for construction and bridge building.

Doug also served aboard the USS Turner Joy and USS Long Beach both of Destroyer Squadron 19.



FRANCIS LEONARD MEGER

U.S. Army

Rank: Specialist Four
War Era: Vietnam
Date Entered: August 17, 1967
Date Discharged: August 15, 1969

National Defense Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, Two Overseas Service Bars, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, Expert (Rifle), Expert (Pistol), Expert (Mortar) – Certificate of Appreciation



Basic Training – Fort Campbell, KY
Advanced Infantry Training – Fort McClellan, AL
Combat Vietnam – Gunner for 10 months;
was in the Tet Offensive 1968 – the largest
offensive in the war; served under General
Westmoreland, special operations for two
months to support an engineering group
to checker board jungle
Stateside – Fort Riley, KS





THOMAS E. MENTER

U.S. Army

Rank: Army Specialist E-4
War Era: Vietnam
Date Entered: August 26, 1965
Date Discharged: August 3, 1967

*National Defense Service Medal, Sharpshooter Rifle M14,
Expert Rifle M14*

Tommy attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He took Truck Driver Training specializing on the MAA Tank Retriever at Baltimore, MD. After completing his training, Tommy was stationed on the Island of Okinawa, Japan. He was assigned the duty of Postal Clerk at the base's Post Office. Along with his duties of Postal Clerk, Tommy was training in recovery and evacuation procedures which prepared his company for the constant thread of typhoons and hurricanes.



FREDRICK A. MEYER

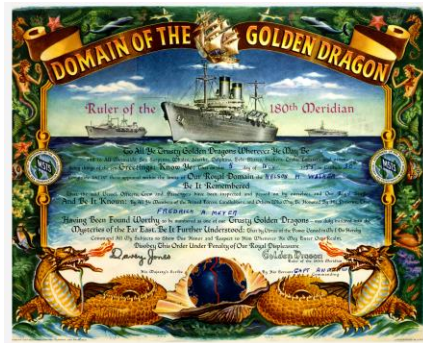
U.S. Army

Rank: Private
War Era: Korean
Date Entered: 1955
Date Discharged: 1957

Fred attended basic combat training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He went to Quartermaster School at Fort Lee, VA and studies Petroleum Product Analysis. Fred traveled on the MSTS



MSTS General Nelson M. Walker



(Military Sea Transport Service) General Nelson M. Walker to Korea. In Korea, Fred served with the 5th Quartermaster Detachment in the Petroleum Products Laboratory.



KENNETH LEROY MEYER

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Rank: Specialist 5, Combat Medic
War Era: Vietnam
Date Entered: 12-06-1967
Date Discharged: 11-16-1969

National Defense Service Medal, Sharpshooter M-14, Good Conduct Medal

Kenneth attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. After basic training, Kenneth attended Combat Medic training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for ten weeks. Upon completion of Combat Medic training Kenneth continued his medical training at Fort Sam Houston by attending four weeks of Operating Room Techniques. He then went to Fort Riley, Kansas, where he attended OJT. Kenneth was then stationed at Wurzburg, Germany, where he worked as a Combat Medic at the 37th Surgical Hospital, M.A.S.H. Unit, for fifteen months.



HAROLD G. MILLER

U.S. Army

Rank: Private First Class
War Era: WWII Pacific Theater
Date Entered: May 28, 1946
Date Discharged: January 22, 1947

World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal

Harold served with the 8th Army, 71st Signal Service Battalion. He was a Records Clerk in the Office of the General, G.H.Q., stationed in Tokyo, Japan. His duties were to keep the lines of communication open.



WILLIAM A. MILLER

U.S. Army

Rank: Corporal

War Era: Korea

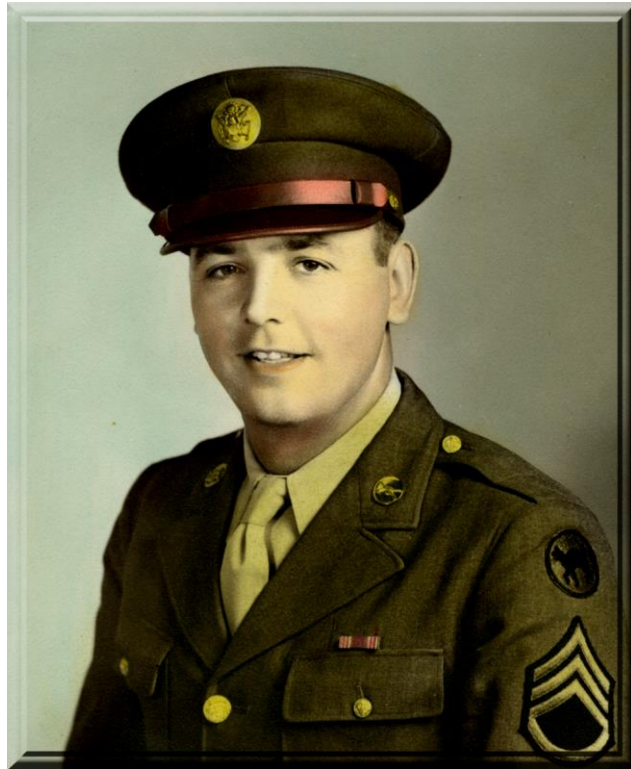
Date Entered: December 10, 1949

Date Discharged: December 10, 1953

2 Purple Hearts, 4 Battle Stars, Combat Infantry Badge

After basic training in Fort Riley, KS, William reported to Camp Carson, CO for infantry and motor pool training; which was followed by ski training at Camp Hale.

In 1950, following a short stay at Camp McCoy, WI, William was sent to Korea on the ship "John General Pope." His unit in Korea was Company F, First Cavalry. On September 15, 1950, he was wounded in battle and after recuperating, was wounded again on February 21, 1951. William spent over a year in the hospital due to his injuries. Upon discharge, William returned to Montgomery.



ELROY F. MLADEK

U.S. Army

Rank: Technical Sergeant
War Era: WWII Pacific
Date Entered: June 5, 1942
Date Discharged: December 8, 1945

Bronze Star

Elroy entered service and served at Camp Rucker, Alabama, in Company C, 321st Infantry. He also served in the 81st Infantry, Wildcat Division, and participated in the Battles on Peleliu Island.

“September 27, 1944. Several individuals were particularly outstanding on this first full day of bitter struggle along the chaotic coral formations of the central hill mass. Staff Sergeant Elroy F. Mladek personally killed five Japanese while reconnoitering for a route of approach; he then skillfully led his squad along the located route and into an assault of a position in which twenty-one more of the enemy were killed.”

- excerpt from a journal of the 81st Infantry Wildcat Division in WWII



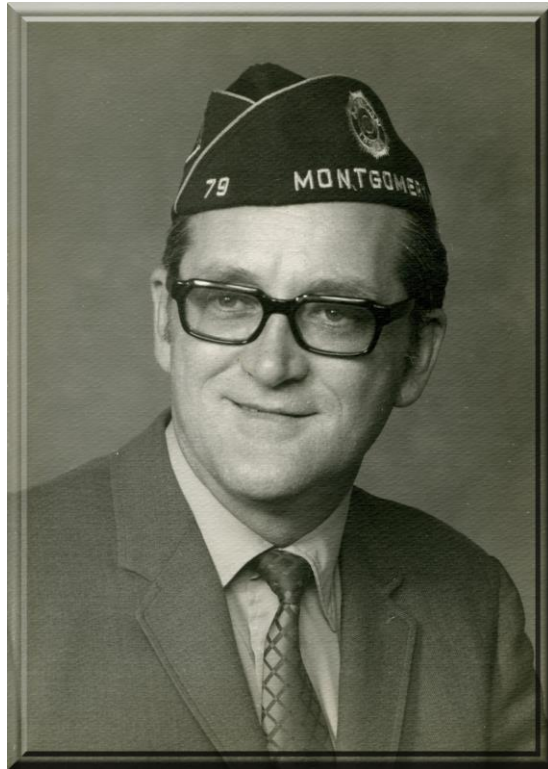
STANLEY MORAVEC

U.S. Navy

Rank: Seaman First Class
War Era: WWII Pacific Theater
Date Entered: 1944
Date Discharged: 1946

*Victory Medal, American Theater Campaign Medal,
Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Medal, Occupation Medal*

Stanley served aboard the USS Hermitage AP54. His duties took him to San Francisco, New York, Washington, Panama, Pearl Harbor, France, Japan, Guam, and Saipan.



L. V. "LARRY" MORGAN

U.S. Army

Rank: Staff Sergeant
War Era: WWII African & Asiatic Theaters
Date Entered: July 29, 1943
Date Discharged: March 14, 1946

European African Middle Eastern Service Medal, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Service Unit Plaque GO 266 HQ

Larry was drafted into the U.S. Army in Fort Crook, NE. He was "Mustered Out" in California. Larry was assigned to the 805th Company Signal Corps, where he served as a Cryptographic Technician. Larry served in the African Theater and Asiatic Theater of WWII serving most of his tour of duty in India.



ALVIN G. NASINEC

U.S. Army

Rank: Specialist Fifth Class
War Era: Vietnam
Date Entered: 1958
Date Discharged: 1964

Sharp Shooter Medal

Alvin took basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He attended mechanic school for wheel vehicle maintenance at Fort Chaffee, AR. Alvin then worked in the paint shop. He acquired a military drivers license and drove truck hauling troops to the field, equipment for engineers, etc.

Alvin served in the Army during the start of the Vietnam Conflict.



MICHAEL NESMOE

U.S. Army

Rank: Sergeant E5
War Era: Vietnam
Date Entered: December 11, 1970
Date Discharged: September 10, 1973

National Defense Service, Sharpshooter Badge, Expert Badge

Michael was inducted into the service in Sioux Falls, SD and attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MS. His advanced training as a radar repairman was at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, AL. After graduation, Mike was transferred to Fort Bliss in El Paso, TX; then sent back to school at Redstone Arsenal. After graduation Mike was scheduled to be shipped to Germany. Because his release was shorter than a scheduled tour of duty, Mike was kept at Redstone until his discharge from the Army.



JERRY NOVAK

U.S. Army Reserve

Rank: Specialist Fourth Class

War Era: Vietnam

Date Entered: March 21, 1959

Date Discharged: January 31, 1967

Rifle Marksman Medal

Jerry attended Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO 1st Battalion 2nd Regiment. He trained in Heavy Weapons, Light Weapons Infantry, 106 Recoilless Rifle at 81 MM Mortar at Fort Ord, CA in the E Company BG 1st BDE. He returned to Minneapolis and served in the USAR XIV U.S. Army Corps Reserve.



BIRYL J. "B.J." NOVOTNY

U.S. Army

Rank: TEC 5

War Era: WWII European & Pacific

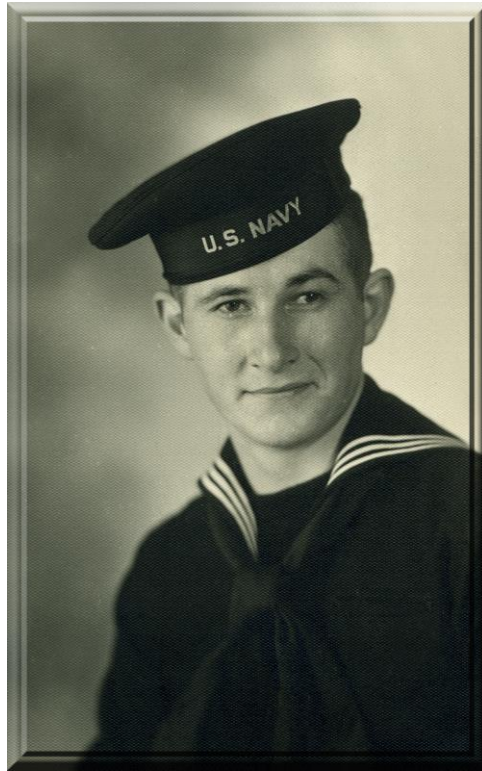
Date Entered: April 1943

Date Discharged: March 1946

*Expert Infantry Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert M-1 Rifle,
Expert 45 Pistol: 30 cal. Air-cooled Machine Gun & Water-cooled
Ardennes Rifle Trophy*

The 77th Infantry Division was activated in the Summer of 1943 - B.J. was sent to the 77th Division after its activation. He had a "grand time!" with 17 weeks of Infantry Basic Training. They trained for months until February 1945 when B.J. headed to France. The war ended June 6, 1945; they were to make the final push to Tokyo, etc. but the war was over before they embarked on that assignment but they went anyway – for the ride, B.J. thinks. They occupied Japan and went home in March of 1946.

B.J. enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves the same day he was discharged from the regular Army. He spent seven years of weekly meetings and 2-week summer camps. A great experience!



RICHARD O'CONNELL

U.S. Navy

Rank: Seaman First Class
War Era: WWII
Date Entered: March 5, 1945
Date Discharged: August 19, 1946

Richard completed boot camp on April 15, 1945 and arrived in Okinawa, Japan in December 1945. He served until August 1946 at which time he returned home.



LEONARD J. OURADNIK

U.S. Army

Rank: Private First Class

War Era: Korea

Date Entered: October 13, 1954

Date Discharged: September 18, 1956

Good Conduct Medal

Leonard attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He took medical training at the Brooke Army Base at Fort Sam Houston, TX. As a medic, Leonard was assigned to Camp Losey at Fort Buchanan in Puerto Rico. He was also assigned to Ranger School as a medic at Fort Benning, GA.