



GARY SALSMAN

U.S. Army

Rank: Specialist E-4
War Era: Vietnam
Date Entered: December 8, 1971
Date Discharged: November 28, 1973

Gary attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He took Advanced Infantry Training at Fort Ord, CA. Gary was a clerk typist at Battalion Headquarters in Frankfort, Germany.



KEITH ALLEN SALSMAN

U.S. Army

Rank: Corporal

War Era: WWII Pacific Theater

Date Entered: June 21, 1945

Date Discharged: February 21, 1947

Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal

Keith attended Ordnance School at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. He was a tank turret mechanic. Keith was part of the 3475th Medical Automotive Ordnance in Japan.



JOSEPH M. SCHATZ

Branch of Service: U.S. Navy
Rank: Pharmacist Mate 1st Class
War Era: WWII
Date Entered: 11-27-1942
Date Discharged: 02-27-1946

Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, American Area Campaign Medal, WW II Victory Medal, Amphibious Force Shoulder Patch.

Joseph attended Basic Training at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Farragut, Idaho. He also attended training at St Albans, NY, New Orleans, LA, Camp Bradford, Norfolk, VA, SCTC, Miami, FL. Joseph was assigned the Duty of Pharmacist Mate on board the U.S.S LST 636 based out of PHIBTRACOMDETLANT, Norfolk, VA.

Joseph and his crew aboard the U.S.S LST 636 were involved in many actions during WWII. They participated in the following landings: 01-13-45 landing at Lingayen Gulf, Luzon P I, 02-03-45 landing at Subic Bay, Luzon P I, 04-17-45 D – Day landing at Malabang, Mindanao P I, 04-28-45 – 05-04-45 landing at Parang, Mindanao P I, 05-07-45 landing at Talomo Beach, Davao Gulf, Mindanao P I, 09-29-45 Korean Occupation landing at Jinsen and Pusan, Korea. On 10-14-45 they participated in transport of Japanese POW's from Jinsen, Korea to Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan.



DAVID L. SCHEFFERT

U.S. Navy

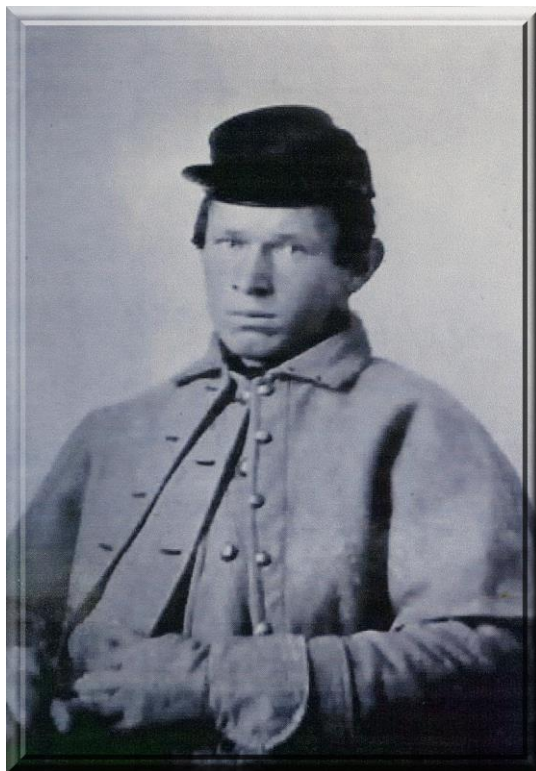
Rank: Yeoman T 3rd Class

Date Entered: June 4, 1956

Date Discharged: June 3, 1962

Served During Peacetime

David spent 2 years as part of the Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Six (HS-6) Indians out of Imperial Beach, CA, attached to the Essex Class Aircraft Carrier USS Philippine Sea (CVS-47). David also spent 4 years as a reservist at the Minneapolis Naval Air Base.



ALBERT (VOJTECH) SCHLEIS

Union Army Infantry

Rank: Private
War Era: Civil War
Date Entered: December 1, 1864
Date Discharged: July 1865

Albert came to Montgomery from Czechoslovakia in 1864 and the United States was engaged in Civil War. It was permissible for someone drafted into the Union Army to pay someone to take their place. Albert did this for \$300 and joined the Army in December 1864 as a private in Company A, Fourth Regiment Minnesota. The pay was \$10.37 a month; \$6 was for arms, uniforms and equipment. Albert was discharged in Kentucky in July 1865.



ROBERT A. SCHLEIS

U.S. Air Force

Rank: Airman First Class

War Era: Vietnam

Date Entered: February 20, 1961

Date Discharged: February 19, 1967

AFGCMDL, SOG-36/28, APR 64/22BW

Robert trained as a Motor Vehicle Operator and Dispatcher. He was assigned to the 22nd Transportation Squadron (SAC).

Robert was a part of the Secret Service. He was a guard for President John F. Kennedy.



RONALD M. SCHLEIS

U.S. Army

Rank: SP4 (T)

War Era: Vietnam

Date Entered: November 1, 1965

Date Discharged: October 31, 1971

*National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal
with Device 60, Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Service Star*

Ronald was originally stationed in Oakland, CA. He served at USARPAC in Vietnam in the Tank Brigade. His last duty was with B Troop 3/5 Armored Cavalry 9th Infantry Division – home of the Black Knights.

Ronald was a decorated Green Beret.



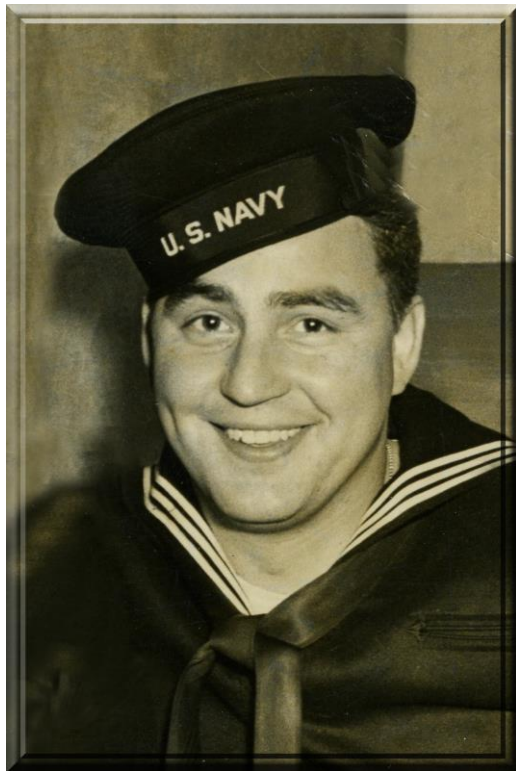
MARTY SCHOENBAUER

U.S. Navy

Rank: Commander
War Era: Gulf
Date Entered: June 1975
Date Discharged: September 1995

Defense Superior Performance Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Accommodation Medal (2), Navy Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Presidential Letters for exemplary service during various operations

Marty entered the Navy from the Naval Academy and selected Surface Warfare as his specialty. After attending surface warfare school, he joined the USS Thomaston (LSD-28) and served as the First Division Officer. Marty was deployed to the western Pacific. Following that tour, he was transferred to Washington, D.C. and served in the recruiting command headquarters. In Hawaii, Marty served as the Weapons Officer aboard the USS Richard S Edwards (DD-963). On the USS Ouellette (FF-1078), he was the Operations Officer. From there, he was assigned as the Commander Destroyer Squadron 35 Operations Officer and led destroyer squadrons in operations in the eastern and western Pacific including the Persian Gulf. Marty assumed executive officer duties on the USS Harold E Holt (FF-1074). He was transferred to the U.S. Department of Energy where Marty was responsible for overseeing the maintenance of the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile and the dismantlement of excess warheads.



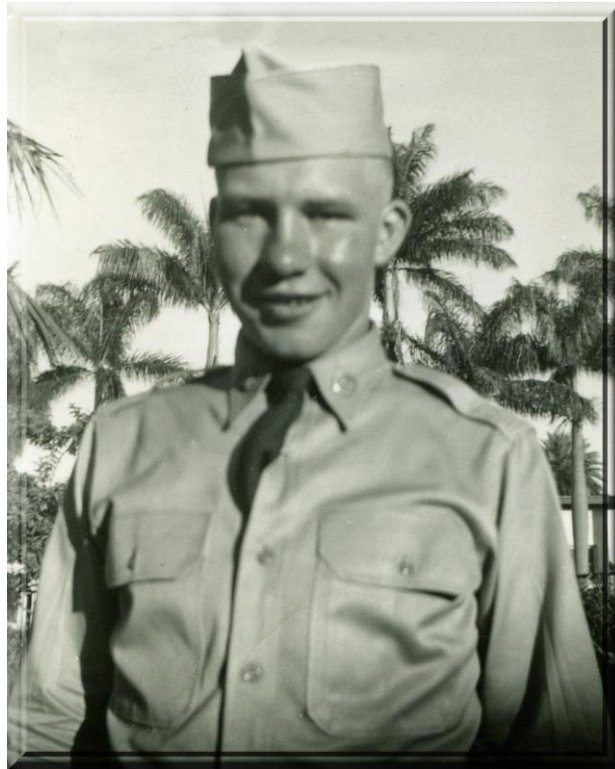
QUENTIN SCHOENBAUER

U.S. Navy

Rank: Hospitalman
War Era: WWII and Korea
Date Entered: 1945 and 1951
Date Discharged: 1947 and 1952

Quentin's first tour of duty was at the end of WWII. From 1945-1947, he was a hospital corpsman at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Parris Island, SC and the U. S. Naval Hospital in Dublin, GA.

During his second stint of duty in 1951-1952, Quentin again served as a hospital corpsman. He worked at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Great Lakes, IL.



HAROLD SEDIVY

U.S. Army

Rank: Sergeant Regular Army

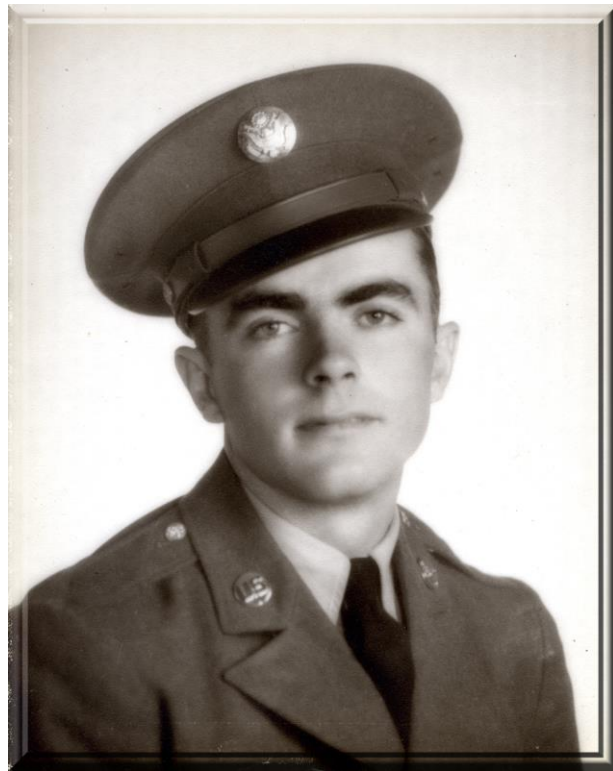
War Era: Korea

Date Entered: March 31, 1951

Date Discharged: March 4, 1954

Combat Infantry Badge, Occupational Medal, National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Korean Service Ribbon with 3 Bronze Stars

Harold entered into active duty at Minneapolis, MN and attended basic training at the Hawaiian Infantry Training Center with the 48th Company 40th Battalion. Harold was then assigned to Company G with the 6th Infantry Regiment in West Berlin, Germany designated as the Berlin Command.



LEONARD A. SEGNA

U.S. Army

Rank: Corporal

War Era: Korea

Date Entered: June 1, 1942 (recalled 1950)

Date Discharged: November 9, 1945 (1951)

Korean Service Medal, 2 Good Conduct Medals, 2D Class Gunner, Rifle Marksman, American Theater Service Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Service Medal, 5 Overseas Bars

Leonard took part in various campaigns, including Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland and Central France. He was a Warehouse Foreman, supervising receipt, storage and issuance of military supplies and equipment.



RONALD F. SHAMBOUR

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Rank: Spec 5

War Era: Vietnam

Date Entered: 02-13-1969

Date Discharged: 02-12-1971

National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Expert M-14 Rifle Medal.

Ronald attended Basic Training at the Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Training Center with Platoon 3, Company B, 9th Battalion Training Brigade. Ronald also received Accountant training at Fort Riley, Kansas. Upon completion of training, Ronald was stationed with the 67th Finance Detachment, Fort Riley, Kansas, where he was assigned the duty of Pay Distribution Specialist, for the duration of his Military Service.



JASON LEE SIMON

U.S. Marine Corps

Rank: Sergeant

War Era: Iraq

Date Entered: September 8, 1999

Date Discharged: September 3, 2003

Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Sea Service Deployment Service Medal, Meritorious Mast, Combat Action Ribbon

Jason attended basic training at San Diego, CA. He attended many schools in California training in Airborne, Sergeant Nonresident Program, Survival Evasion Resistance, Amphibious Reconnaissance, Helicopter Rope Suspension, and Infantry.

While in California, Jason served with the Kilo Company Funeral Detail. He was deployed with the Infantry Kilo Company 29 Palms 1st Division to Japan, southeast Asia, Singapore, Malaysia, and ending with a tour of duty in Iraq.

While serving in Iraq, Jason's Company was featured in the book "Generation Kill" authored by Rolling Stone writer, Evan Wright.



DALE SIMONETTE

U.S. Naval Air

Rank: Airman

War Era: Korea

Date Entered: 1953

Date Discharged: 1956

Dale attended basic training at Great Lakes, IL. He did additional training for Airarm in Norman, OK. Dale was stationed at Miramar, CA in the mail guard service. He later picked up a different squadron at Nimitz Field, Oahu, HI, where he worked at the survival shop for 8 months rigging parachutes, maintaining survival gear and oxygen etc. on aircraft. Dale along with his new squadron was then deployed to Iwakuni, Japan to replace another squadron.



DAVID SIMONETTE

U.S. Navy

Rank: Seaman Apprentice
Date Entered: 1956
Date Discharged: 1956

National Defense Medal

Served During Peacetime

Dave attended basic training at Great Lakes, IL. Early in his tenure, Dave had an operation that made an old arm injury worse. He received a medical discharge a short time later.



KEITH M. SIMONETTE

U.S. Navy

Rank: Airman

War Era: Vietnam

Date Entered: September 15, 1968

Date Discharged: June 15, 1970

National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with two clusters

Keith attended basic training at U.S. Naval Base San Diego in San Diego, CA. After basic training, he served aboard the USS Tripoli off the coast of Vietnam near Hue and Danang, which were located at the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ).

Keith was a flight deck crew member specializing in Launch and Recovery of Helicopters.



WAYNE SIMONETTE

U.S. Navy

Rank: 3rd Class Petty Officer E-3
War Era: Korea
Date Entered: 1951
Date Discharged: 1955

United Nations Service Medal, Good Conduct

Wayne attended basic training at Great Lakes, IL. After training he was transferred to his homeport of San Diego, CA. Wayne's ship was the LST 1123 where he was an engineman. Later Wayne was deployed to Yokosuka, Japan and Korea. Aboard the ship near the Korean combat zone during her second tour, the ship got hung up near the shore when the tide went out. All during the night Wayne could hear the "ping-ping" of the bullets hitting the ship.



EDWARD J. SKLUZACEK

U.S. Army

Rank: Army Specialist II E-5

War Era: Korea

Date Entered: March 11, 1953

Date Discharged: February 25, 1956

*National Defense Service Medal, Army of Occupation Medal Germany,
Good Conduct Medal*

Ed attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO; and Diesel Engine Repair at Fort Belvoir, VA. He was shipped to Kaiserslautern, Germany. Once in Germany, Ed attended training in Heavy Equipment Repair at Murnau, Germany. He was then assigned to a crew that traveled in the Kaiserslautern, Germany area repairing heavy equipment for the U.S. Army.



ALLEN SLADEK

U.S. Army

Rank: Sergeant E-5
War Era: Korea
Date Entered: April 22, 1965
Date Discharged: April 21, 1967

National Defense Service Medal, Marksman (Rifle)

Allen attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He also took his advanced training at Fort Leonard Wood. From there Allen went to San Francisco as a SP4-E-4 11B 20 Company B 2nd Battalion 32nd Infantry. Allen went to Korea to the 2nd Battalion 32nd Infantry where he was stationed for 15 months. Allen made Sergeant E-5. Next he went to Fort Hood, TX with Company B 2nd Battalion 41st Infantry 2nd Armed Division where he was in charge of the arms room for basic training. On April 21, 1967, Allen was honorable discharged.



HAROLD T. SLADEK

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Rank: E-5
Peace Time: U.S.A. & Germany
Date Entered: 01-13-1961
Date Discharged: 12-31-1966

Marksman – Rifle M-1; Marksman – Rifle M-14; Expert – Small Machine Gun; Good conduct Medal; Mechanic Badge W/Bar.

Harold attended Basic Training at Fort Riley, Kansas. After basic training, Harold attended Mechanics School at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Harold was stationed with the 2D Armored Rifle Battalion, 36th Infantry, 3rd Armored Division, Kirchgoens, Germany, for twenty-four months. He was later transferred to Hd Trp 5th Sqdn, 9th Cavalry, Fort Ord, California. Harold was released from service on January 10, 1964. He served in the reserves until discharged on December 31, 1966.

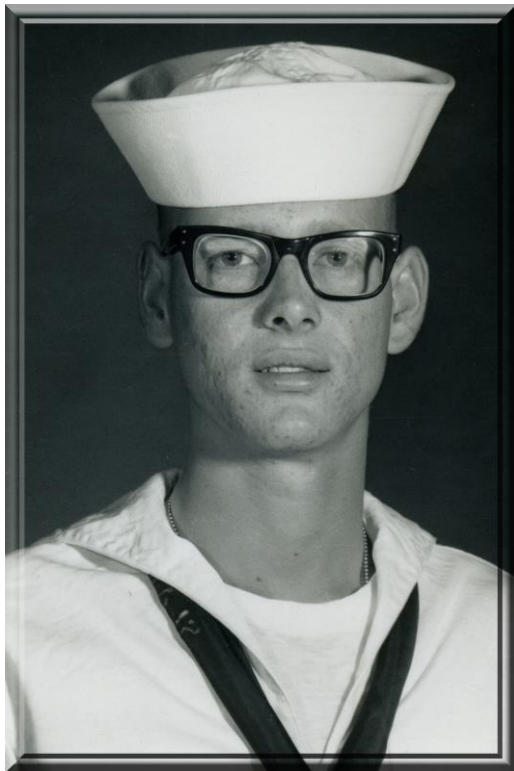


ROY L. SLADEK

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Rank: E-4
Peace Time: U.S.A. & Germany
Date Entered: 01-13-1961
Date Discharged: 12-31-1966

Marksman – Rifle M-1; Marksman – Rifle M-14; Good Conduct Medal;
Mechanics Badge W/Bar.

Roy attended Basic Training at Fort Riley, Kansas. After basic training, Roy attended Mechanics School at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Roy was stationed with Company C, 2nd Rifle Battalion, 36th Infantry, 3rd Armored Division, Kirchgoens, Germany, for thirty months. Roy was released from service on December 26, 1963. He served in the reserves until discharged on December 31, 1966.



JAMES R. SLAVIK

U.S. Navy

Rank: CT03

War Era: Vietnam

Date Entered: October 1, 1964

Date Discharged: October 27, 1967

National Defense Service Medal

After completion of basic training in San Diego, CA, James attended the U.S. Naval Communications Training Center in Pensacola, FL and studied foreign languages and communications operations. He was assigned to the U.S. Naval Communication Station, Honolulu, HI and spent the remainder of his enlistment at this station.

As a CT, James worked in a job specialty that performed a wide range of tasks in support of the national intelligence effort, with a particular emphasis on highly classified work involving cryptology and signal intelligence related information.



FRANK HENRY SOUKUP

U.S. Army

Rank: T-Sergeant

War Era: WWII – Pacific Theater

Date Entered: August 8, 1942

Date Discharged: November 5, 1945

Bronze Star, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Medal of Good Conduct

Frank served aboard a military supply ship that brought supplies to Alaska and the Aleutian Islands as far as Attu. Control of Attu was taken back from the Japanese in June of 1943. Frank finished out his service at Camp Gordon Johnston in Carrabelle, Florida.



RICHARD "SLIM" SOUKUP

U.S. Army

Rank: Technician Fourth Grade (TEC-4)
War Era: WWII Pacific Theater
Date Entered: May 7, 1943
Date Discharged: January 31, 1946

*Asiatic-Pacific Theater Service Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon
with Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Service Arrowhead*

Slim entered the service at Fort Snelling. He became a Radio Operator 776 and was stationed with the 167th Field Artillery Battalion 41st Division. He fought in the campaigns of New Guinea and the southern Philippines.



BERNARD H. SPEIKERS, SR.

U.S. Army

Rank: Private First Class
War Era: WWII Europe
Date Entered: February 28, 1941
Date Discharged: August 13, 1945

Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Two Purple Hearts, European-African Middle East Campaign, Good Conduct Medal, WWII Victory Medal, American Defense Medal, Sharp Shooter Rifle Badge, Marksman Pistol Badge, Meritorious Unit Emblem, Combat Infantry Badge, Five Overseas Service Bars

Ben attended basic training and advanced infantry training at Fort Francis, WY and Fort Lewis, WA. He served in Tunisia, North Africa; French Morocco; Casablanca; and Sicily, Italy during WWII.

Ben served under General George Patton. His company participated in two invasions – southern Italy and Anzio into Southern France. Ben was injured during the invasions. He was scheduled to return home but because of his injuries Ben spend more time in Italy.

Ben was discharged four days before VJ Day.



DANIEL SPEIKERS

U.S. Navy 1980-1984

Stationed on the nuclear aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69), Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD), IM-2 Division. He rendered services during the Iranian Hostage Crisis (1979-1980); and served with the Beirut Multinational Peacekeeping Force during the terrorist bombing of the U.S. Embassy and Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon (1983).

U.S. Air Force 1984-1988

Served with the 552nd Airborne Warning and Control Squadron (AWACS), Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma City, OK.

U.S. Air Force Reserve 1988-1995

Served with the 433rd Heavy Airlift Wing, Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX and participated in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm (1st Gulf War) 1990-1991.

Minnesota Air National Guard 1995-2002

Served with the 148th Fighter Wing, Duluth Air National Guard Base, Duluth, MN.

Navy Expeditionary Medals (2), Navy Seal Service Deployment Ribbon with 3 devices, Navy Arctic Service Ribbon, Navy Battle Efficiency Ribbon with 3 Battle "E" Devices, Navy Good Conduct Ribbon/Medal, Navy Unit Commendation with Service Star, National Defense Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Ribbon/Medal, Kuwait Liberation Ribbon/Medal, Southwest Asia Service Ribbon/Medal

Daniel served in the U.S. Military from June 3, 1980 through July 23, 2003.



JOSEPH (JOEY) T. SPEIKERS

U.S. Navy

Rank: Aviation Radioman Third Class
War Era: WWII Pacific Theater
Date Entered: September 23, 1942
Date Discharged: February 2, 1946

*Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Medal
and several others but records were lost in a fire*

Joey attended basic training at USN Training Station, San Diego, CA. He attended Aviation Radioman Training at NAS Seattle, WA along with Aerial Gunnery Training at NAGS, Purcele, OK. Joey served aboard several aircraft carriers in the South Pacific. His squadron flew several missions, where Joey served as a Radioman/Tail Gunner in a torpedo bomber. His squadron suffered fifty percent casualties, losing two-thirds of their dive bombers and one-quarter of their torpedo bombers; they were responsible for shooting down 188 Japanese planes.



LESLIE STANGLER PALMS

U.S. Navy

Rank: E-3

War Era: Afghanistan

Date Entered: August 15, 2006

Date Discharged: December 11, 2009

Battle "E" Ribbon, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Navy Overseas Ribbon, Navy Rifle M16 Marksman Medal, Navy Pistol 9mm Marksman Medal

Leslie attended basic training at the U.S. Naval Training Facility Great Lakes, Chicago, IL. She attended several schools for Naval Construction and Sea Bees.

Leslie was assigned to the Naval Mobil Construction Battalion Five in Port Hueneme, CA. She was deployed to Okinawa, Japan, where she earned combat skills at the Jungle Warfare Training Center at Camp Gonsalves. Leslie's construction activities there included concrete pads, PEB on Kadena Air Force base and MLO storage warehouse. After Japan, Leslie was deployed to Afghanistan where she was a truck driver working 12 hour nights, 6 nights per week. Her battalion also constructed three large structures building staircases, mudsills, walls, roofs, insulation installation, rafters, etc.



SALLY ANN STANGLER

U.S. Navy

Rank: Second Class Petty Officer
War Era: Afghanistan
Date Entered: September 21, 2005
Date Discharged: August 5, 2011

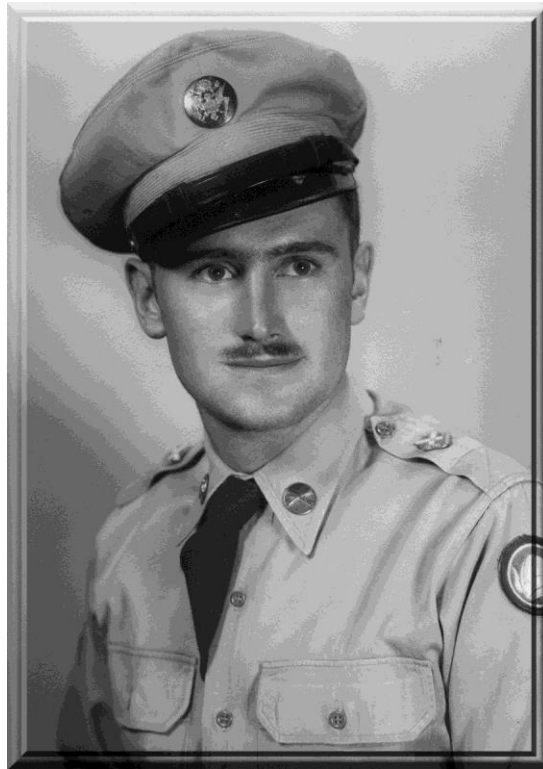
*National Defense Medal, Good Conduct, Global War On Terror Medal,
Global War On Terror Expeditionary Medal, Navy Achievement Medal,
Navy Pistol Marksmanship Ribbon, Enlisted Aviation Warfare,
Joint Service Achievement Medal; Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal*

Naval Air Station Oceana, VA: 2005-2007 FISC (Fleet & Industrial Center), Norfolk, VA Fuels Division

USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71) Operations Dept., Norfolk, VA: 2007-2009 RSO Supply

USS Mahan (DDG-72) Operations Dept., Norfolk, VA: 2009-2011

2008-2009 – Operation Enduring Freedom



WILLIAM J. STANGLER

U.S. Army

Rank: Sergeant
War Era: Korean
Date Entered: January 15, 1951
Date Discharged: May 15, 1952

William served as a cook at Fort Rucker in Alabama for the 135th Infantry, Company C.



JOHN G. STASNEY

U.S. Army

Rank: Private First Class
War Era: WWII Pacific Theater
Date Entered: March 29, 1945
Date Discharged: November 22, 1946

*Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal Japan,
EX-M-1 Rifle Ribbon, Paratrooper Badge*

John attended basic training and communications training at Camp Fannin, TX. He then went to Fort Benning, GA where he attended paratrooper training. John was assigned to the 101st Airborne and then transferred to the 11th Airborne at Camp Blackstone, CA. Later he boarded a ship at San Francisco, CA and sailed to Yonezawa, Japan. While stationed in Japan, John was assigned a Jeep and went to Tokyo where he trained to be a First Mechanic. Upon completion of his training, John went back to Yonezawa where he was assigned to the motor pool. He was discharged at Fort Lewis, WA.



EMIL E. SVOBODA

U.S. Navy

Rank: Carpenters Mate Third Class
War Era: WWII Pacific
Date Entered: June 12, 1943
Date Discharged: February 17, 1946

National Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and several others but the military records were lost in a fire.

Emil attended Basic Training and Sea Bee training at Williamsburg, VA. He was deployed to a Sea Bee Construction Battalion in the South Pacific. Although Emil trained to be a Carpenter's Mate, he operated heavy equipment building roads on the Island of Talogi to support the war efforts of WWII.