
Over the years, we've come to recognize that approximately 25% of our class spent time in military service. Some went by choice, others fell victim to that 60's "sign of the times:" the draft lottery. Nonetheless, most reported that they proudly served our country.

The Class of 1966 is represented in all five branches; we had classmates in the Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Air Force, and the Coast Guard. At least one classmate is still on active duty; many others have served until fairly recently in the National Guard or Reserves.

Many spent time fighting in the war which had begun around the time we started high school. Two classmates' names are on the Vietnam Wall in Washington; both lived less than a year after graduation and they died within five days of one another.

The civilian members of the Class of '66 salute all of you!

BARNES, Wilson

Served in the New York Air National Guard

BEGGS, Terry

Served in the Air National Guard
SP-5

BEHE, Robert

United States Air Force
1966-70
Staff Sergeant

BELSON, William

I served in the Army from Aug 66 till May 69
Basic training at Fort Dix, NJ - Advanced Training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland
Assigned to the 864th Engineer Battalion, C Company In Vietnam from Mar 67 till May 69
Discharged at the rank of Specialist 5th Class

BRADY, Willie George

United States Army 1967-69
National Guard 1984-
24 Years total

BRAZZELL, William

National Guard

COBB, Alan J.

"Won" the first Vietnam-era draft lottery in December 1969.
Discovered that the Draft Board in Albion was the most efficient Government agency I have ever encountered.
Served four years' active duty in the U.S. Navy, January 1971 - December 1974:
Boot camp at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, north of Chicago, January - April 1971
Advanced training as a part of the Naval Security Group in Pensacola Florida, April - July 1971
Stationed at Naval Security Station in Washington, DC, July 1971 - September 1973
Stationed aboard aircraft carrier USS FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT (CVA-42), homeported in Mayport (Jacksonville), Florida, September 1973 - December 1974.
Deployed on a six-month cruise to the Mediterranean, September 1973 - March 1974, during which time the Yom Kippur War/Arab Oil Embargo took place.
Released from active duty as a Petty Officer Second Class, CTA2 (Communications Technician), December 1974.

DACIER, Donna L.

Maj. Gen. Donna L. Dacier became the Commander, 311th Theater Signal, in August 2005. The 311th Theater Signal Command provides operational-level communications and network operations within the Pacific and Korean theaters, to include support to the Army Service Component Commands: specifically the Eighth U.S. Army in Korea (EUSA), and the U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC).

Before that, she was the Commander, 335th Theater Signal Command -Forward, assigned August 2004. The 335th Theater Signal Command manages the telecommunications infrastructure for Southwest Asia (Arabian Peninsula and Iraq, the Northern Red Sea, Horn of Africa, South and Central Asia) in support of USARCENT/Third Army and CENTCOM during peacetime and contingency operations.

Maj. Gen. Dacier began her military career after receiving a direct appointment to the Women's Army Corps in 1974. While on active duty, Maj. Gen. Dacier served in a variety of company-grade developmental positions including platoon leader, combat communications instructor, and company commander. Upon leaving active duty, she served in an Army National Guard signal unit, as a CE staff officer and instructor in signal and non-signal organizations, and as Headquarters, Headquarters Company (HHC) commander of a conventional ordnance (ammo) unit while assigned to United States Army Reserve units.

In 1985, Maj. Gen. Dacier returned to active duty as a full-time Army Reservist, serving as the operations officer of the 414th Civil Affairs Company, Utica, New York. She was reassigned to the Sacramento Army Depot to become the first commandant of the Hi Tech Regional Training Site, a TRADOC training facility specializing in communications-electronics operator and maintainer instruction. Following that assignment, Maj. Gen. Dacier was selected to work for the Chief Army Reserve as the USAR signal organizational integrator. She was then moved to become the chief program analyst for all Army Reserve schools and training programs, followed by an assignment on the Department of the Army staff as a force integrator where she participated in major reshaping/downsizing initiatives.

Maj. Gen. Dacier attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF) of the National Defense University as a resident student and, upon graduation, was assigned to command the 335th Theater Signal Command's forward telecommunications element in Saudi Arabia. In 1998 she was named to command the 653rd Area Support Group, March Air Reserve Base, California. Maj. Gen. Dacier then assumed the duties of deputy commander, 63rd Regional Readiness Command, Los Alamitos, CA, October 2001 until her mobilization to support Coalition Forces Land Component Command (CFLCC) for Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Soon after mobilization, Maj. Gen. Dacier was designated as CG, 311th Theater Signal Command, August 2004.

Awards: Maj. Gen. Dacier's decorations include a Legion of Merit and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Education: Her military education includes the signal and civil affairs officer advanced courses, Command and General Staff College, and was designated a distinguished graduate of ICAF, receiving an MS in National Resource Strategy. Maj. Gen. Dacier's civilian education includes a BA in English Literature and Composition, Western Maryland College, and an MS in Instructional and Performance Technology from Boise State University.

FEARBY, Thomas

United States Army

Served a year and a half in Vietnam

FELLER, (Rouse) Mary Evelyn

Barb, I went through school on military scholarship. I was sworn in in 1966 as a Pfc. I was at Walter Reed for 2 years of college, through a co-operative program between the Army and the University of Maryland. After graduation, I did basic training at Fort Sam Houston in Texas. Upon finishing that, I came back to D.C. to do my 3 years of payback time in the newborn nursery at Walter Reed. I completed my service in the spring of 1973. I was a captain at the time of my separation from the Army. My first two years of college, while I did hold the Pfc designation, was at D'Youville College in Buffalo. Had no real exposure to anything military till I went to Walter Reed in June of '68.

FRACZAK, Larry

As requested, below is a summary of my military experience:

Sept 1969 -- Enlisted in the US Navy as a Nuclear Engineer Rank: E-3

Jan 1970 - Sept 1974 Instructor at the US Navy Nuclear Power Facility in Idaho Falls Idaho
Rank: First Class Petty Officer (E-6)

Sept 1974 - Oct 1977 USS Virginia (CGN - 38) Nuclear Engineer Rank: Chief Petty Officer (E-7)

Oct 1977 - Apr 1978 Instructor at US Naval Nuclear Power School Orlando FL Rank: Chief Petty Officer (E-7)

April 1978 Received a commission as a US Navy Officer. Rank: Ensign (O-1)

April 1978 - Jan 1980 USS Frank Cable (AS-40) Radiological Control Officer Rank Lieutenant j.g. (O-2)

Jan 1980 - June 1985 Ship Superintendent at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, Pearl Harbor HI
Rank: Lieutenant (O-3)

June 1985 - June 1988 Submarine Squadron 7 Nuclear Engineer Pearl Harbor HI Rank:
Lieutenant Commander (O-4)
June 1988 - Aug 1991 Commander, Submarine Force US Pacific Fleet Logistics Officer Rank:
Lieutenant Commander (O-4)
October 1991 Retired from the US Navy as a Lieutenant Commander (O-4)

HOLIHAN, Terrance P.

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US ARMY RETIRED

December 11, 1967 to June 1, 1972

Retired for Physical Disability

IORIO, (Barrentine) Marie

I was an Army Nurse from August 1970 to December 1972; my rank was Captain on discharge.
Marie

KELLER, Leroy Henry

CPL - E4 - Marine Corps - Regular

Length of service 2 years

Casualty was on May 12, 1967

In THUA THIEN, SOUTH VIETNAM

HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY

OTHER EXPLOSIVE DEVICE

Body was recovered

Roy's name appears on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C.

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KOSIOREK, Gary Richard

Army National Guard

I was a member of the NYARNG from 1967 until 1973 with a rank of 2LT

LATTIN, William Charles Jr.

Enlisted US Navy February, 1969.

Attended boot camp at Great Lakes Naval Training Center in North Chicago, IL.

Attended Machinists' Mate Class A School.

Assigned to the USS Henley (DD-762), a WWII-vintage destroyer based in Norfolk, VA.

Attended Naval Nuclear Power School in Bainbridge, MD.

Trained as Mechanical Operator and Engineering Laboratory Technician at Nuclear Power Training Unit in Idaho Falls, ID, 1970-71.

Joined USS Enterprise (CVAN-65) in Subic Bay, Phillipines. Deployed to Vietnam for three successive cruises.

Returned to NPTU-Idaho as a staff instructor 1974-1978. Qualified Engineering Officer of the Watch.

Highest rank achieved: E-6, First Class Petty Officer.

Medals and awards: National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, President of Vietnam Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal with Bronze Star,

Sea Service Medal, Battle Efficiency "E" Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Citation, Presidential Unit Citation.

Left Navy in February 1978 after 9 years, 3 days service.

LEWIS, Kurt

United States Air Force

DOS October 1966-October 1970

Rank of Sergeant

Served in Texas, Vietnam, California and South Dakota

OVERHOLT, Rick

I Rick Overholt served in the Coast Guard

1967-1971 as a Boatswain 2nd class

Served in the 1000 Islands region

PARADA, Stephen W.

I served six years at the Medina Armory with the New York Army National Guard from June 1970 to June 1976 and was honorably discharged with a rank of Sergeant.

PEGELow, Peter

United States Army Reserve, 20 years

PESCARA, Gerald

Gerry served in the Army from 1966-1968. Upon receiving his draft notice in September of 1966, he thought it might be a better deal to join up. That decision is still up for debate. He did his basic training at Fort Dix and his armor training at Fort Knox. Immediately following his training he was sent to Vietnam, where he was stationed at the Army base in Cu Chi, South Vietnam. Cu Chi is in the area that was known as the Iron Triangle, just northwest of Saigon. He served with the 25th Infantry Division, as an infantry soldier and tank commander. Involved in many battles, the most well known was the 1968 Tet Offensive. Gerry received two purple hearts, and the Army Commendation Medal with V Device for Valor. He was recommended to receive the Bronze Star but never received it. Following his tour of duty in Vietnam, he served out his remaining time in Fort Hood, Texas where he received an Honorable discharge in 1968, with the rank of Specialist 5. Because he survived the war when many of his buddies didn't, Gerry remains to have a close connection with the disabled Veterans. Working as a Peer Support member at the Batavia PTSD unit, he helps to orient and counsel the incoming Veterans of War including the more recent Iraq War Vets, and is instrumental in serving and raising funds for a dinner for the Vets after completing their program. He also serves as President of the Batavia Veteran's Alumni.

POLER, Karl W.

United States Marine Corps

Served in Vietnam

Member American Legion and VFW

POLICK, Ronald M.

United States Army
Vietnam 1968-69

POORE, Gomer

National Guard
6 years

RYAN, Kenneth

Hi Barb, Just to update you. I spent six years in the National Guard from Jan. 67 to Jan 73. I was in the 209th artillery out of Rochester. I spent basic training in Fort Campbell, KY and then went on to Fort Sill, OK. for field artillery training. I reached the rank of staff sergeant E-6. Spent summers in Watertown at Camp Drum which is now Fort Drum.

SCHOENBERG, Jeff

United States Army 3 years
Vietnam 1968-69

SEEFELDT, Charles

PFC - E3 - Army - Regular
101st Airborne Division

Length of service less than one year:

His tour began on Jan 16, 1967

Casualty was on May 7, 1967

In SOUTH VIETNAM

HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY

OTHER EXPLOSIVE DEVICE

Body was recovered

Charlie's name appears on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C.

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SIEVERS, Jobst

18 months compulsory service in German Army (Bundeswehr) 1967-68

SZATKOWSKI, Lawrence M.

E3 US Navy-cook
1967-1971

2 years Hawaii

2 years USS Truxtun DLGN-35

7th Fleet Tour

TURNER, Michael

United States Navy
Served 4 years
GMG2

TUTTLE, David

ROTC at Clarkson 2nd Lieutenant. Then two weeks before active duty reporting date I was serving at Lancaster Raceway and crashed. After surgery the army didn't want me. Can you imagine that!

UNDERDOWN, John J.

National Guard

VANILL, Dennis

I enlisted in the Navy in March of 1966. After boot camp I served on the USS Bushnell, a sub tender out of Key West, Fl. After hearing of the deaths of Roy and Charlie, friends, in May I volunteered for Vietnam. I left the Bushnell in August for training and found myself in Vietnam on January 2, 1968. I arrived home late in September 1969 and was released from active duty just in time to see my second born come into this world. Our first born was born during my first tour. Yes, there was a leave between tours, lol.

VIZA, Robert B.

SP4 US ARMY, SERVED IN VIETNAM

Died 10/09/1997. Buried at ST MARY'S CEMETERY.

WALKER, David

US Army , March ,1968-October 1970 . Served in Viet Nam from Jan 1969-October 1970 . Did Basic Training in Fort Dix NJ , AIT in Fort Gordon ,Ga where I served as an instructor until I shipped to Nam . Received 2 Bronze Stars , 2 Army Commendation Medals , and 3 Purple Hearts . Served with the 1ST Infantry Division in Nam from Jan 69 - Feb 70 , MACV Feb 70 - Oct 70 . While with MACV I volunteered for numerous SOG Operations into Cambodia , Laos , and Thailand , discharged as a Sergeant E - 5

WEET, JACK

I don't know if you are counting Reserves, but I was in the US Army Reserves from July 1970-1976, SP5, Niagara Falls, NY; Columbus, OH; and Iowa City, IA. Not a foreign country, but close.

YOUNG, Emerson (Tinker!)

United States Navy 1964-68