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# Kentuckians leave a proud legacy

Veterans Day is always a special time to recognize and honor those men and women who have served our country, but this year's holiday is particularly noteworthy because it falls on the 100th anniversary of the event that inspired it: the armistice that effectively ended World War I.

Although the official conclusion of that conflict was still months away, all that mattered to those who had lived through it was the end of the fighting. That moment arrived on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918.

President Wilson helped to cement that date of remembrance a year later, when he said Americans should be "filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service, and with gratitude for the victory" in the war.

Veterans Day as we know it arrived in the mid-1950s, when the country understandably decided to broaden Armistice Day to honor those who had served in World War II and Korea and in the years when we were not at war.

Overall, there have been about 40 million men and women who have worn our nation's uniform since George Washington led the first troops during the Revolutionary War. Around half of them are still with us today.

They're an integral part of our communities – they're our family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors – and many still are serving, either on active duty at places like Fort Knox and Fort Campbell or in the National Guard and Reserves. Their contributions, both in uniform and in private life, have been invaluable.

Kentuckians can take pride that we've always given a little more than most. During the War of 1812, for example, our state suffered more casualties than every other state's total combined.

It was a Kentuckian who was one of the first Americans to die in World War I, and it was a Kentuckian who was our country's next-to-last survivor of that war. It was a native Kentuckian who led the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor when it was struck during World War II, and it was a Kentuckian who was among the handful of Marines to raise the flag at Iwo Jima, a moment memorialized in one of the most famous war photos ever.

Kentuckians also served with distinction in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan and numerous other posts around the world.

Around 60 have been awarded the Medal of Honor since the country's highest military honor made its debut during the Civil War. The newest was added this past summer, when First Lt. Garlin Conner was recognized posthumously for his actions during World War II.

Late last month, meanwhile, Camp Nelson in Jessamine County was designated a national monument, to honor the role it played during the Civil War. The camp was one of the country's largest Union recruitment and training centers for African Americans.

According to the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, there are little more than 300,000 veterans living here in the commonwealth. Over the years, the General Assembly has sought to help them in any way we could.

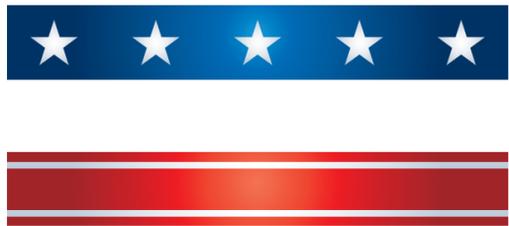


State Rep. John Sims

That includes opening four veterans-only nursing homes and establishing state-run cemeteries that complement our national ones. Veterans Day is now a state holiday, and veterans are given preference for state government jobs and paths that make it easier to use their military service training when applying for similar private-sector jobs.

There will be numerous activities this weekend and on Monday to celebrate Veterans Day, so I encourage you to attend, if possible. For those who are veterans, I want to thank you for your service and for the price you and so many others paid for our freedom and security.

This Veterans Day – and every day – we as a nation should recall the words of President Kennedy, who said that "as we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."



**Bracken County veteran Rodney Eagan makes a tracing of the name of a Bracken Countian killed in Vietnam whose name is on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C. Eagan took part in an Honor Flight recently.**



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# Still carrying the weight

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GARRISON —Living quietly in Garrison is a man who served more than two decades in the United States Army and did two tours of duty in Vietnam.

Elden Lee Riffe, born and raised in Lewis County, said he enlisted as soon as he was old enough to join. Riffe made a career for himself in the military, serving in the U.S. Army for 26 years from 1963-1989.

“Something that I always wanted to do was join the Army,” Riffe said. “So I enlisted, and I don’t regret a bit of it. It was 26 years, but it was good to me.”

Riffe’s first tour while serving in the Army was in Vietnam, where he was stationed in Saigon.

“I was just 17 years old and really didn’t know what to expect,” he said. “Around here, we hadn’t heard much about Vietnam, so I didn’t know what Vietnam was.”

During his first tour in Vietnam, he was assigned with the U.S. Army Support Group, Vietnam, and didn’t see any combat.

“That was the first part of the war in Vietnam — it really hadn’t escalated up to any big deal as of that time,” he said.

Riffe’s second tour, however, was vastly different than his first. This time Riffe was assigned with the 25th Infantry Division, Bravo Troop 3/4 CAV.

“When I first went to Vietnam I was sent to Chu Chi, and there I stayed in base camp for a week to get some orientation and then they sent me to the jungle,” he said.

After his orientation, he was sent to join his unit, which was out in the field where he said he laid eyes on something he will never forget.

“The first thing I’d seen when they sent me to my unit out in the field was they had a big battle; and there’s just a big pile of bodies, enemy bodies,” he said.

Seeing the corpses, Riffe said brought him to realize how different this second tour was going to be.

Riffe said the unit he was a part of was a regular combat unit, outfitted with tanks and personnel carriers. His first day in the field turned out to be a more verbosely rude awakening, which also earned him his Purple Heart.

“After I spent my first night in the jungle the next morning, being a staff sergeant at the time,

I was in charge of a personnel carrier with a group of four soldiers in there with me. We were moved out and was going down the road, and believe it or not, I got blown up. First day — got blown up.”

Shrapnel from the carrier came from the bottom of the vehicle, striking Riffe and his other comrades. Fortunately, there were no fatalities, however Riffe and the other injured troops were evacuated by helicopter, what Riffe called a ‘Dust Off.’

“I stayed in base camp about three weeks, and then went back to the field and spent the rest of my tour just hitting and missing — fighting,” Riffe said. “You may go for a month and not see any enemy, and then you may all at once, everything break loose and you just never know. It’s just kind of the way it was over there.”

Riffe said his tour really affected him, with his mind creating coping mechanisms to see him through the day.

“The dead bodies of the enemy, it really shook me up, the first time I’d seen them,” he said, “but the second time I seen them, they didn’t look real any more — they were mannequins to me. To me, in my mind somehow, they turned into mannequins; and they just made a difference, it didn’t bother me anymore — the enemy was the enemy and the bodies and to kill them was no big deal. That’s kind of sad to say, and I know that was probably my mind protecting me, mentally, that I wouldn’t be so upset because I faced that every day.”

Even now, all of the things he had seen and done while in Vietnam, it occasionally comes back to haunt him. One such story Riffe said he would never forget was when at one point he was in charge of supervising vehicles, one such vehicle was at the base in need of repairs, however the vehicle’s driver was reluctant to leave.

“It come time that they got the vehicle fixed and it was time for him to go back to the field — back out in the jungle, and he didn’t want to go,” Riffe said. “So I had to force him to go, by giving him an order that he does go; and the next day he got killed, and that’ll never go away.”

“I’m not saying all of this to say any of this was wrong, or that war is this or war is that. I think it’s just you will have things that’ll always be with you, when you deal with stuff like that.”

After his second and final tour in Vietnam, Riffe served three years in Frankfurt, Germany under the Third Armored Division to assist in problems in the field and to protect the country from other nations.



Riffe

From there on, Riffe served the rest of his years state-side where he then retired from the Army with the rank of sergeant major, having earned a Purple Heart and a number of Bronze Stars throughout his career.

After his retirement from the Army, Riffe returned to Lewis County, where he became the Senior Army instructor for the JROTC at Lewis County High School and held that position for 17 years before retiring.

“Even though I retired from the Army I continued to teach about the Army, only to high school kids,” he said

Coming back home after his ordeal in Vietnam, Riffe said the best way he kept his post traumatic stress disorder at bay was by staying busy.

“PTSD, it seemed like even while I retired it didn’t bother me that much until I quit teaching down at the high school,” he said, “after teaching ROTC and stuff did I start having problems or thinking so much more about what went on in Vietnam.”

Looking back on his years spent in the military, the career he made for himself in the Army and in his community and the trauma he experienced in service to his country, Riffe said he has no regrets.

“I wouldn’t change anything,” he said. “I served my country to the best of my ability and I don’t know anything that I would’ve done differently or would do differently if I’d done it over.”



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# Battlefield to books: Parrott's journey

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Mason County Public Library Director Steve Parrott did not take the typical route to becoming a librarian. His career began in the military.

Parrott was born in Texarkana, Ark. In 1968, while his father was serving in the Air force, the family was stationed in Smirna, Tenn.

"The base closed in the 1970s and we moved off base and stayed in the town," Parrott said.

While living in Smirna, Parrott decided he would go to Middle Tennessee State University where he was studying professional chemistry.

He began working as a manager at the Arby's, where he met his future wife.

"I hired this woman who was a little younger than me," he said. "I started thinking about my future and the future I wanted to have with her. I considered joining the military. My dad said if I was going to do it, go all the way, not to go reserve."

Parrott said he had taken courses in German while in college and had talked to an Air force recruiter about becoming a German linguist. In July 1981, he went to Lackland, Texas for basic training.

"They tested us constantly," he said. "Finally, I was told to choose between becoming a Russian and Chinese linguist. When I told him I was brought in to be a German linguist, he asked if I had it in my contract. The contract just said linguist, so I had to choose."

Russian was being taught in San Antonio, Texas, while Chinese was taught at a base in California. Not wanting to uproot to California, Parrott chose to study Russian.

"I had a year of Russian training there and then went to Goodfellow Base for several months," he said. "I was sent to Misawa, Japan for three years. It was the biggest entail site in the world. I did a few things — got into disaster preparedness, emergency actions kind of stuff, which I really enjoyed, but I had to go back to being a Russian linguist."

Parrott returned to Texas, where he worked in a command post for three years before returning to Japan for an extended tour of four years.

"I was able to do some really cool stuff while there," he said.

After his tour in Japan, he returned to the United States, where he served at the National Security Agency in Maryland for awhile.

"The National Security Agency is about 80 percent civilian and 20 percent military," he said. "The military folks do all the work."

During the last few years of his time in the Air force, he began looking into becoming a chaplain.

He was able to become a second lieutenant in the Air force reserve to become a chaplain candidate.

"That would allow me to go to graduate school and come back in as a chaplain," he said. "So, I moved back to Smirna, Tenn., which had become a little bit bigger in the time we had been gone. I went back to MTSU and graduated with a master's in education and other coursework I had to do to become a chaplain."

Instead of returning to the Air force, Parrott decided to look at a different branch. He considered the Navy, but decided on the Army.

"The Army had the best deal," he said. "I had a wife and four kids at the time and knew I needed a way to support my family. They offered me a higher rank than the Air Force, so I took it."

Parrott went in as a 1st Lt. and after six months was promoted to captain.

"In the Air Force, it would have taken me two years to become a captain," he said.

His first station was in Fort Campbell, where he spent two years.

"I had planned to stay there as long as possible, because it was close to family," he said. "I was called into the chaplain's office one day and he said they needed someone to go on a quick missions to Fort Lewis, Wash. Anyone who gets to go to any of the bases in Washington usually jumps on it because it's a great place to be. I took the assignment — I wasn't going to give it up."

He served there for two years before being called in to the chaplain's office to take an assignment as a chaplain recruiter at Fort Meade, Md.

"I went there and covered 14 of the northeastern states," he said. "I would talk to all of the theology students and encourage them to join the Army as a chaplain. I did that for about two years. Then, the Army, in all their infinite wisdom, thought to give me a vacation — a free vacation to South Korea, but without my family. They call it a hardship tour."

According to Parrott, at the time, he had already moved his family to South Carolina.

"The thought was that I would do my year in Korea and come back to Fort Jackson, South Carolina," he said. "I'd spend a bit more time with Army and then I'd retire. I wanted to do something else — I wanted to become a teacher."

Parrott said that was not what happened.

"Eight months into my tour, they sent my battalion to Ramadi, Iraq during OIF 2," he said. "That was a big change in my plans. We were supposed to be there for a year. by the time we made it over there, OIF 1 had already been completed and it seemed like it was going to be a safe tour."

Within a month of arriving, however, the battalion had their first fight.

"The Marines were battling it out in Fallujah and they chased the terrorists out of Fallujah and they came to Ramadi where we were," he said. "Bad things started happening. My buddy was the first one killed in our unit. Another lieutenant and I found him. I did his memorial service."

Parrott said there was one person killed per



Steve Parrott

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week for six weeks.

"We had guys getting their faces shot off, hit with RPGs, their legs blown off," he said. "We had six killed in action and a lot of wounded in action. It finally started calming down right before Thanksgiving."

During his time there, Parrott had become friendly with the psychology doctor there.

"He was a reservist out of Minnesota and worked with the VA," he said. "We developed a good relationship. He would travel all around the theater. He was gone for about six weeks and when he returned, he came to see me. The first thing he did was ask what had happened to me. He said we needed to talk. We did and he diagnosed me with post traumatic stress disorder. My commander and the commander above him was told not to acknowledge that anyone had it."

The doctor fought to have Parrott moved to Fort Carson, Colo., where his battalion was being stationed.

While there, he was sent to the hospital to see an Air Force Colonel, who refused to write the PTSD diagnosis.

"At the time, I was suicidal," he said. "I was out, way out. I look back and still don't know how I survived. When they sent me there, I had no support. I was walking around the base camp in my desert uniform in the middle of winter. We had soldiers there who had their faces blown off and were made to get up at 5:30 a.m. in a snow covered field for physical training. Some were on crutches. They were in no shape to do PT."

Parrott said he tried to fight for the soldiers on the base, resulting in negative feedback from his command.

"I was already past 20 years, so I could retire," he said. "I went to see the retirement officer, even though I had wanted to stay in the Army. She started processing me for retirement. She got a call from a two star general who said to 'make sure Parrott was out of the Army in a week.' When you're retiring, you get a year to process out and he wanted me out in a week."

The retirement officer, who was a Vietnam veteran, was able to keep Parrott in the Army for three months before his official retirement in May 2005.

During his retirement physical, it was discovered that Parrott had prostate cancer.

"I got to go home to South Carolina," he said. "I did the Troops to Teachers program. They made me a special education teacher, taking care of emotionally disabled students."

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So, here I am with PTSD and prostate cancer and I'm working as a special education teacher. Kind of ironic, but I loved teaching."

He began working as a special education teacher in Columbia, S.C., before being asked to work in a special academy in the evenings.

"It was where they sent the worst of the worst," he said. "It was a struggle. Many of the kids were in gangs, wanted to be in gangs. There wasn't a lot they were going to do academically. I'd play basketball and football with them. We bonded because of that."

He served there for a year before the VA called and offered to send him back to school to get another master's degree.

"I didn't know what to do or what to pick," he said. "The local library was hiring and I applied. They created a position for me — the assistant public services supervisor. I accepted it. She said it was going to come about in July. In July, she called me while the VA was going through the process of getting me into school. I decided to become a librarian."

He wanted to attend Clemson, but the VA officer sent him to the University of South

Carolina, where he received his MLIS.

Parrott worked at a few different libraries before settling in Maysville at the Mason County Public Library earlier this year.

He still has issues with his PTSD.

"Fort Carson had a lot of soldiers coming back with PTSD and Congress stepped in — that was where they did their investigations. They had special clinics and doctors and I went. My family knew things were different when I came home," he said. "Many people self medicate and I never did that. My faith has helped me get through."

Parrott said he was on medication for awhile.

"They did put me on some pretty serious medication. Life was just flat. I did that for six months and stopped it," he said. "I went through some withdraws from it and then I bought myself an elliptical. When I feel an episode coming on, I will get on the elliptical."

As for the prostate cancer, Parrott said he was able to have a surgery to have it removed while he was serving as a teacher.

"The sad story behind all of this is that my family has paid the price," he said. "I didn't self medicate or do some things like some of my buddies, your family doesn't always know how to handle it. I used to wrestle with my second oldest son a lot. One day, we were wrestling, he pinned me on the floor and my PTSD came back. I couldn't breathe, I couldn't move and I just broke down. I went outside, my wife called the police because she was afraid I would hurt myself. My wife contacted some support groups for PTSD, but we've stayed together. It's been an ongoing battle. I know when it's coming on — there are triggers."

He said, looking back on his time in the military, he would do everything over again.

"Sometimes, I think I would have done it right out of high school. It gives you discipline, money for school and it gets your head on straight. You realize that it's not about just you and what you want out of life. There are other things to see and other things to do. I would encourage it if someone were to ask me," he said.



# How Veterans Day began

On Nov. 11, 1919, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson issued a message to his countrymen on the first Armistice Day, in which he expressed what he felt the day meant to Americans:

The White House, November 11, 1919.

A year ago today our enemies laid down their arms in accordance with an armistice which rendered them impotent to renew hostilities, and gave to the world an assured opportunity to reconstruct its shattered order and to work out in peace a new and juster set of international relations. The soldiers and people of the European Allies had fought and endured for more than four years to uphold the barrier of civilization against the aggressions of armed force. We ourselves had been in the conflict something more than a year and a half.

With splendid forgetfulness of mere personal concerns, we remodeled our industries, concentrated our financial resources, increased our agricultural output, and assembled a great army, so that at the last our power was a decisive factor in the victory. We were able to bring the vast resources, material and moral, of a great and free people to the assistance of our associates in Europe who had suffered and sacrificed without limit in the cause for which we fought. Out of this victory there arose new possibilities of political freedom and economic concert. The war showed us the strength of great nations acting together for high purposes, and the

victory of arms foretells the enduring conquests which can be made in peace when nations act justly and in furtherance of the common interests of men. To us in America the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service, and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of nations.

## WOODROW WILSON

The United States Congress adopted a resolution on June 4, 1926, requesting that President Calvin Coolidge issue annual proclamations calling for the observance of November 11 with appropriate ceremonies. A Congressional approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday: "a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'"

In 1945, World War II veteran Raymond Weeks

from Birmingham, Alabama, had the idea to expand Armistice Day to celebrate all veterans, not just those who died in World War I. Weeks led a delegation to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, who supported the idea of National Veterans Day. Weeks led the first national celebration in 1947 in Alabama and annually until his death in 1985. President Reagan honored Weeks at the White House with the Presidential Citizenship Medal in 1982 as the driving force for the national holiday. Elizabeth Dole, who prepared the briefing for President Reagan, determined Weeks as the "Father of Veterans Day."

U.S. Representative Ed Rees from Emporia, Kansas, presented a bill establishing the holiday through Congress. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, also from Kansas, signed the bill into law on May 26, 1954. It had been eight and a half years since Weeks held his first Armistice Day celebration for all veterans.

Congress amended the bill on June 1, 1954, replacing "Armistice" with "Veterans," and it has been known as Veterans Day since.



# Thank a veteran

**Rod Baker**

I just finished voting and by the time you read this we will know who our newest elected officials are and who will forge the direction for our city, county and country over the next couple years.

I voted without anyone impeding my ability to do so, did it under my free will, and voted for a slate of candidates I felt would serve us well. Now, if the candidates I selected didn't win I have trust that everything will be OK because the will of the people will have spoken. I'm good with that. I believe most people have a similar mindset and always look for the best in most situations. In other words, the glass is half full most of the time. I have always believed that we can respectfully disagree with people, without being disagreeable. It's one of the major tenants of what our country is built upon. You and I can have differing opinions about things and still be neighbors, sit in the pew at church next to one another, attend functions without incident... agree to disagree and go on about our business without recourse.

Don't we live in a great country? I certainly think so and personally wouldn't want to live

anywhere else. I can't imagine living anywhere else. Honestly, I go along with my life and don't think too much about all of the freedom I have, especially when it comes to things like voting. And I suppose it's something that I just take for granted. Yeah, most of us probably do and never give it as much as a second thought. After all, it's our right. Right? Freedom, that's really not free. Because in actuality there is a price that's being paid. That has been paid.

What has made that possible for me, and for you, is the service of people across this great country. People who without reservation step up and say I'll do it, I'll go, take me. These people protect and have protected our freedoms for generations, many for several years and even through generations of families. They are the ones who put themselves on the front lines to protect my freedom. The very freedom that I take for granted, that allows me to go to polls and vote for whomever I'd like. They put their lives on the line so I don't have to worry about what the future will look like for my children and grandchildren. Simply put, they pay the price.

Their sacrifices are something I take for

granted...being away from their families for extended periods of time, missing birthdays, ballgames, anniversaries, special events...yes, all the things that we just take for granted. I believe it takes someone special to say goodbye not knowing what the future may hold for you. I'm really not sure that this is something I can do because I get weepy just leaving my grandchildren for a couple weeks. It takes a special person to put themselves through the preparation, that's often grueling both physically and mentally.

Let's face facts, it just takes a special person to serve our country. It takes a very special person to pay the price. In Rotary they have a motto, "Service above self" and in my humble opinion veterans are living, and lived out, this motto to its fullest.

To all veterans, thank you for putting yourself in a place that many of us have never even thought of putting ourselves. On behalf of all us that take what you do, and the freedom we enjoy because of it for granted, I want to offer a hardy THANK YOU.



Members of a local veteran's group ride on a float during a Veterans Day parade.



This float in a recent Veterans Day parade honors Missing in Action and Prisoners of War veterans.

## Salute to our Veterans

**CHARLES M. ISHMAEL**  
Uncle/Great Uncle of Employees  
Angie Montgomery & Luke Buchanan  
Army  
Korean War

**MICHAEL K. MONTGOMERY**  
Husband of Employee Angie Montgomery  
Uncle of Employee Luke Buchanan  
Air Force  
Operation Desert Shield and  
Operation Desert Storm

**KY M. COVERT**  
Nephew of Employee Angie Montgomery  
Air Force (2009-Present)

**HERMAN FRODGE**  
Father of Employee Jeff Frodge  
Army Reserve (1962-1968)

**DERRICK FRODGE**  
Cousin of Employee Jeff Frodge  
Army / KY National Guard (1989-2018)  
Operation Enduring Freedom

**JERRY MACK**  
STOBER Employee  
Navy (1988-1992)  
Operation Desert Shield and  
Operation Desert Storm

**JOHN SHANKLIN**  
Grandfather of Employee Amy McCord  
Army (1950-1952)  
Korean War

**STACY BERRY**  
Husband of Employee Stephanie Berry  
Army (1986-1994)  
Gulf War

**LARRY PITTS**  
Father of Employee Stephanie Berry  
Army (1969-1971)  
Vietnam War

**SIMON SMITH**  
Father of Employee Doris Gallenstein  
Army (1942-1945)  
WWII

**WILLIAM SMITH**  
Uncle of Employee Doris Gallenstein  
Army (1942-1945)  
WWII

**BARRY FIELDS**  
Retired STOBER Employee  
Army (1972-1974)

**JAMES BENEDICT**  
Father of Employee Kenneth Benedict  
Army  
WWII

**GREGORY BENEDICT**  
Brother of Employee Kenneth Benedict  
Marine Corps  
Vietnam War

**EDWIN BENEDICT**  
Brother of Employee Kenneth Benedict  
Army  
Korean War

**WILLIAM PURDON**  
Father of Employee Sue Purdon  
Army (1939-1943)  
WWII

**MICHAEL PURDON**  
Brother of Employee Sue Purdon  
Navy (1969-1974)  
Vietnam War

**JOHN HIGHFIELD**  
Uncle of Employee Sue Purdon  
Army (1940-1944)  
WWII

**GARY BESS**  
Father of Employee John Bess  
Marine Corps (1968-1972)  
Vietnam War

**CHARLES G. JULIAN, SENIOR**  
Grandfather of Employee John Bess  
Navy  
Korean War and Vietnam War

**NICK MOCK**  
STOBER Employee  
Marine Corps (1991-1996)  
Operation Desert Storm

**JAMES F. ISHMAEL**  
Father/Grandfather of Employees  
Angie Montgomery/Luke Buchanan  
Air Force  
Korean War

**JEFF SMITH**  
STOBER Employee  
Army (1990-1994)

**BILL MARSHALL**  
Retired STOBER Employee  
Army Reserve 8 Years

**JERRY LITTLETON**  
Grandfather of Employee Megan Fulton  
Army (1969-1970)  
Vietnam War

**JASON PRATER**  
Brother of Employee Adam Prater  
Air Force (1999-Present)  
Operation Iraqi Freedom, War on Terror

**ROBERT N. PRATER**  
Grandfather of Employee Adam Prater  
Army (1943-1945)  
WWII

**KENNETH HAMILTON**  
Grandfather of Employee Adam Prater  
Army (1953-1958)  
Navy (1958-1961)  
Korean War

**EARL BENNINGTON**  
STOBER Employee  
Air Force (1972-1992)

**EUGENE F. GRIGSON**  
Grandfather of Employee D. Clay Graves  
Army-Air Force

**JEREMIAH D. MACROBERTS**  
Brother of Employee D. Clay Graves  
Army/Army Reserve (1997 - Present)

**ADRIAN BAUER**  
Grandfather of Employee Chris Bauer  
Army (1944-1945)  
WWII

**BILL BAUER**  
Uncle of Employee Chris Bauer  
Army (1970-1976)  
Vietnam War

**ERNIE HAMM**  
STOBER Employee  
Marine Corps (1979-1987)

**PETE MCGOWAN**  
STOBER Employee  
Army (1972-1975)

**RAY WILLIAMS**  
Deceased STOBER Employee  
Army (1966-1969)

**DONALD GREENE**  
STOBER Employee  
Navy/Navy Reserve (2006-Present)  
Operation Iraqi Freedom



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