



**Welcome Home.**



The original list of Morris County Vietnam veterans was published March 29, 2022, in honor of

## **National Vietnam War Veterans Day.**

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Veterans:

if you want to honor the memories of buddies whose names you carry with you to this day, they will be mentioned in your biography if you submit them.

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<https://www.thepurpleheart.com>

To apply for a Morris County Distinguished Service Medal:

<https://www.morriscountynj.gov/Departments/Veterans-Services/Apply-for-a-Morris-County-Distinguished-Service-Medal>

If you've lost a medal, award, or decoration, please visit:

<https://www.archives.gov/veterans/replace-medals.html>

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## **The Vietnam War: November 1, 1955-April 30, 1975**

The United States sent Military Advisor Assistant Groups (MAAG) into the region beginning in 1955. These U.S. forces were sent to train the South Vietnamese Army to fight Communist forces and gather intelligence- seven years before the entry into Vietnam on February 28, 1961.

### **Combatants**

#### **Anti-Communist forces**

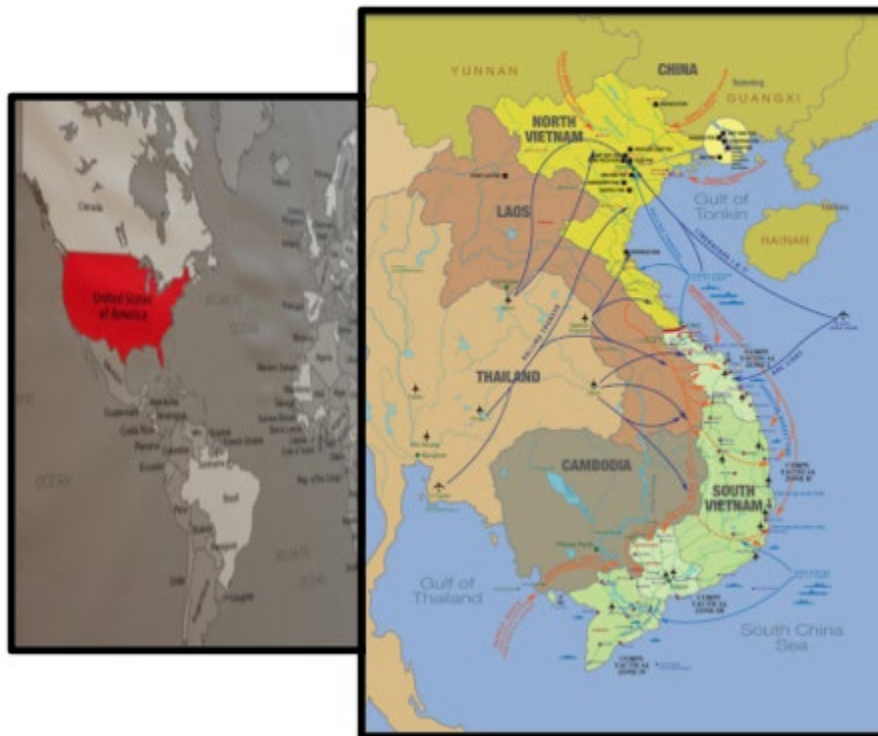
United States, France, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, South Vietnamese (Army of the Republic of Vietnam ARVN), U.N., South Korea, The Philippines.

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#### **Communist forces**

North Vietnamese Army (Peoples Army of North Vietnam PAVN; NVA), Vietcong (National Liberation Front, guerrilla campaigners in South Vietnam), China, Russia.

**Distance:** United States to Vietnam is 8,568 miles.



## Combat conditions

Vietnam is in the tropical belt lying between the equator and the Tropic of Cancer.

While there are variations in temperature depending on the season and altitude, the primary seasonal changes are marked simply by variations in rainfall. In the north, the rainy season extends from mid-April to mid-October.

The city of Hanoi has an annual rainfall of 68 inches, and in the mountains, rainfall may exceed 160 inches. During the rainy season the average temperature in Hanoi averages 86 degrees.

Daily temperatures vary considerably in the Red River Delta region, especially in the dry season when the temperature may drop as low as 41 degrees.

The south is more tropical; temperatures in Saigon vary only between 64-91 degrees throughout the year.

Temperatures in the Central Highlands are cooler, ranging from 63 degrees in winter to 68 in summer.

In the lowland regions, the rainy season extends from May to November averaging 79 inches of rain.

## The Snakes

*"There are 100 types of snakes in 'Nam, 99 are poisonous and the last one will crush you to death."*

Vietnam is home to some of the world's most deadly snakes, prominent are cobras and vipers.

These reptiles were infamous for slithering over soldiers at night while trying to get some rest.

One soldier recalled:

*"The worst part was you didn't know if they were deadly, you just had to lay there, in the dark, while he was on you. It was a looonng night"*

One of the legends arising from the Vietnam War is that cobras were especially fond of Hueys as a favorite place to sleep.

Sources vary, but between 25-50 American troops were bitten by snakes each year of the war.





## The Leeches



*The 2nd Bn, 16th Infantry crossing a tributary of the Song Be River.*

"In addition to everything else, there were always ... the leeches.

Leeches were a part of most water crossings. They're nasty and burrow in quickly. Best way to deal with them was to burn them with a lighted cigarette and watch them curl up. Cutting them out was less effective. If possible, we had to drop our trousers and do regular leech checks."

*Mr. Stephen Reynolds. United States Army, 1st Lt., Armor.*

*In country August 1969 - August 1970*



## The U.S.O.



Bob Hope continues entertaining deployed troops. The image above is from the 1967 Da Nang Christmas show at Freedom Hill. It was in this show that Bob famously translated Semper Fidelus as:

*"It's ok, Doc, just nail it back on".*

Parsippany's own Richard "Rick" Berger, an award-winning combat photographer, photographed Bob in 1968 along with other stars that came to entertain. Mr. Berger reminisced fondly about meeting burlesque queen, Gypsy Rose Lee. She and her friends had knitted booties for the troops in the hospital.



Sgt. Berger and Gypsy





"In December 1969 Bob Hope brought his Christmas Show (with singer-actress Connie Stevens and the Gold Diggers from TV's Dean Martin Show) to the Big Red One's Division HQ in Lai Khe. Prior to Hope's arrival, the 2nd Bn, 16th Infantry conducted a sweep in the Rocket Belt just outside of Lai Khe. We found large caches of rocket propelled grenades (RPGs) and mortars all within easy range of the stage in Lai Khe. The 2/16's reward ... we got to go to "The Show".

Truth is ... we were all more interested in singer-actress Connie Stevens than in Bob Hope. She sang a hit song from the 5th Dimension's catalog, "Wedding Bell Blues" with the refrain "Will you marry me, Bill?" Stevens first asked if there was any GI in the audience named Bill that could come up on stage with her so she could sing to him. Damn near the entire First Division tried to get on that stage."

"Wedding Bell Blues"

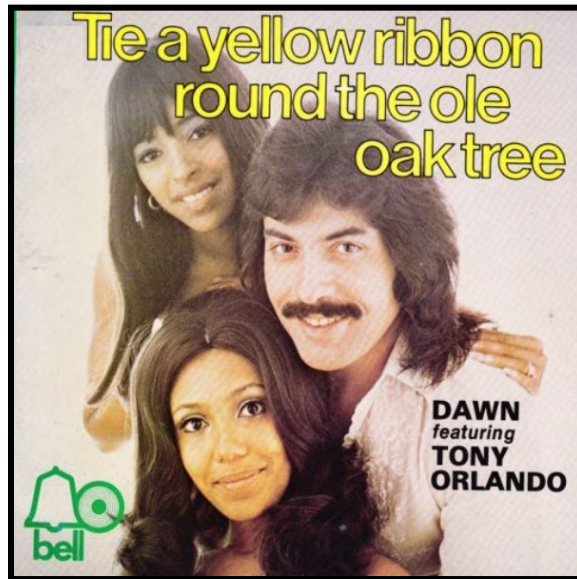
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5HWX2Bnl0Gw>

*Mr. Stephen Reynolds. United States Army, 1st Lt., Armor.*

*In country August 1969 - August 1970*



## The Vietnam War revives a tradition.



The military has traditions and symbols dating back centuries. Many know that a blue star that indicates an active service member or a gold star that indicates a family member has died in service.

Closely associated with the Vietnam War is the yellow ribbon image, indicating that Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action are not forgotten.

The tradition of wearing ribbons began in the American west, when officers' wives wore various ribbon colors, indicating what unit their husband served with.

The wives of cavalry soldiers wore yellow, symbolizing "Loyalty".

The song "Tie a yellow ribbon" sung by Tony Orlando and Dawn expanded the yellow ribbon meaning in 1973, when the trio performed at the Super Bowl to welcome home ex-POWs captured during the Vietnam War.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FjqBhZj\\_37U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FjqBhZj_37U)

The song was number one on the Billboard chart for four weeks in 1973.





## Areas:

### The DMZ



Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) is a military term that refers to a combat-free area between enemies.

The DMZ in Vietnam lay near the 17th parallel. The boundary between North Vietnam was established as the Ben Hai River.

The DMZ extended three miles on each side of the river. The established DMZ was breached by the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) when they constructed the Ho Chi Minh Trail that allowed for the transport of troops and supplies to the Vietcong, in the south.

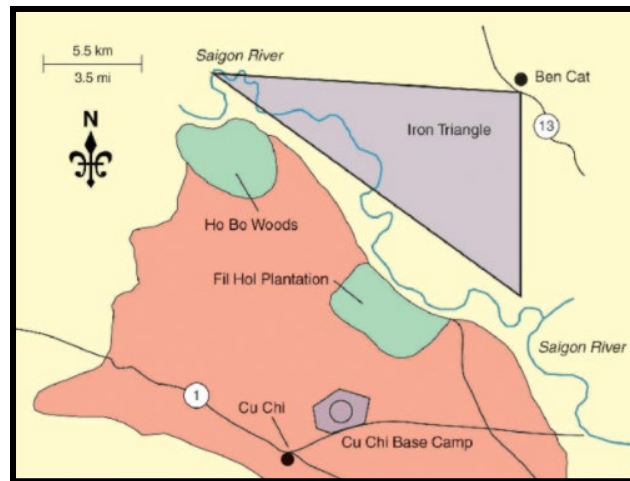
The U.S. military and the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN), in an attempt to stop the flow of soldiers and supplies, built a series of bases surrounded by barbed wire, electrified fencing, and land mines along Route 9, about six miles south of and parallel to the DMZ.

The series of bases became known as the "McNamara Line," named for Robert S. McNamara, then-U.S. Secretary of Defense.

Some of the war's fiercest fighting occurred along that line: Khe Sanh, Camp Carroll, and the "Rockpile", a hill in the middle of the Cam Lo valley.



## Iron Triangle



Iron Triangle was a 115 square mile enemy enclave, a strategically important area within striking distance of Saigon City, the capital of South Vietnam.

Covered by elephant grass, bounded by jungles and the Saigon River, Iron Triangle's terrain afforded cover for NV troops to conceal their numbers, bases, and tunnel openings\*.

*\*The infamous tunnels in Cui Chi, Vietnam were constructed in WWII to fight off Japanese invasion; the system was expanded during the Vietnam War.*

*The tunnels were quite complex, having wells supplying fresh water, arms caches, and kitchens.*

*They were booby trapped in a variety of ways.*

*The dangerous mission to clear the tunnels were carried out by soldiers, originally known as "Tunnel Runners" with the Australians calling these men "Ferrets". Soon, the common name "Tunnel Rats" came into wide use.*

*"Tunnel Rats" were typically equipped only with a pistol and a flashlight.*



*Army Major Alexander Boroff, son of Captain Joel Boroff, Chatham, accompanied his father back to Vietnam in July 2018. The Major attempted to enter a tunnel opening.*

*For reference, Maj. Boroff is 6' 4" tall.*



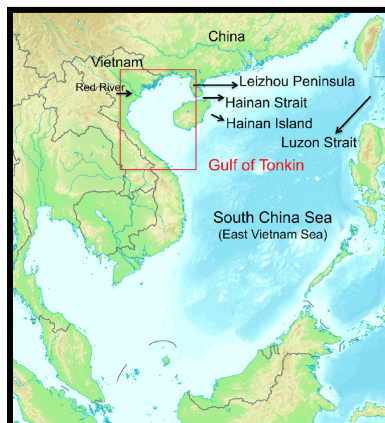
## Mekong River



The Mekong River and its numerous tributaries are essential in rice production. During the Vietnam War, poor road infrastructure made overland communications and movement difficult. The South Vietnamese Army attempted to protect the marshland, swamps, canals, and rivers from the enemy, made difficult with fragmented troops and poor communication capabilities- defense was essentially ineffective. By 1967 the American military had designed a unique organization known as the U. S. Mobile Riverine Force, termed “River Rats” or “Brown Water Sailors”.

These groups would patrol the river and its tributaries and proved invaluable in transporting supplies and personnel.

## Gulf of Tonkin



The Gulf of Tonkin is the northern arm of the South China Sea. The Gulf borders the coastlines of Vietnam and the Chinese territories of Guangxi Province, Hainan Island, and the Leizhou Peninsula.

Tonkin Gulf is 300 miles long and 150 miles wide.

The Red River is the primary source of water while the Vietnamese Port of Haiphong and the Chinese Port of Peihai are the main seaports.



## **Two Frequently asked questions:**

### **What was The Tet Offensive?**

Tet is the annual Vietnamese Lunar New Year and is the most important public holiday in Vietnam.

The word “Tet” itself, means “Festival”. “Tet” is derived from “Tết Nguyên Đán”, or

“Feast of the First Morning of the First Day”.

Relying upon a relaxed atmosphere of Tet celebrations, the North Vietnamese organized a series of surprise attacks on more than one hundred cities and outposts in South Vietnam.

The offensive was an attempt to incite rebellion among the South Vietnamese and force the United States to scale down its involvement in the Vietnam War.

The Tet Offensive lasted from January 30 to September 23, 1968.

### **What was “Operation Ranch Hand”?**

“Tactical use” herbicides were used by the U.S. military as part of its arsenal in the Vietnam War.

Of the “Rainbow” herbicides, the most familiar is “Agent Orange”, a nickname attributed to the orange containers it was stored in.

Herbicides were used in the jungles to eliminate the leaf canopy, exposing enemy positions.

The defoliant was sprayed by plane or by troops using hand-held apparatus.

The operation lasted from 1961 to 1971, code named “Operation Ranch Hand”.

Effects of Agent Orange exposure was discovered to have caused a myriad of debilitating health issues, presenting decades after initial exposure.





# The Beginning of The End of The Vietnam War and a Final Weather Report

## The Paris Peace Accords

In February 1970, then- national security advisor Henry Kissinger under President Richard Nixon began secret meetings with North Vietnamese negotiator Le Duc Tho outside the city of Paris, France.

Little progress would be made until 1972.

Finally, in January 1973, representatives of the United States, North and South Vietnam, and the Vietcong signed peace agreements in Paris, ending the direct U.S. military involvement in the Vietnam War.

Provisions included a cease-fire throughout Vietnam, the withdrawal of U.S. forces, release of prisoners of war, and the reunification of North and South Vietnam.

The South Vietnamese government was to remain in place until new elections were held, and North Vietnamese forces in the south were not to advance further.

“Accords”, plural, as two sets of documents had to be drawn up for signature, as the South Vietnamese refused to sign documents referring to the Vietcong.



## **White Christmas**

Although the United States had withdrawn most of its combat forces from Vietnam after the signing of the Paris Peace Accords, approximately 5,000 Americans remained.

Then-President Richard Nixon, convinced that the North Vietnamese would not honor the accords, had secretly promised South Vietnam that the United States would “respond with full force” if North Vietnam violated the treaty.

The Watergate scandal forced Nixon’s resignation from the presidency on August 8, 1974, and the NVA capitalized on the distraction by planning a fresh offensive for early 1975.

After winning a decisive battle at Ban Me Thuot and seizing the central highlands, the North Vietnamese invaded the south, capturing the key cities of Quang Tri and Hue.

The fall of Da Nang, South Vietnam’s second-largest city, occurred on March 29.

One month later, on April 29, Armed Forces Radio broadcast the holiday song “White Christmas”, followed by the announcement:

“The Temperature in Saigon is 105 degrees and rising.”

This was the coded signal to commence evacuating remaining Americans from Vietnam immediately as invasion was imminent.

This begins The Fall of Saigon, the capital city of South Vietnam.

The city surrendered on April 30, 1975.

Two hours before the city fell, the last American troops had evacuated off the United States Embassy roof by helicopter; MSGT Juan José Valdez, of California, was the last Marine to board the last flight out of Vietnam.

In 1976, Saigon was renamed Ho Chi Minh City after the former communist president of Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh.

In 2015, MSGT (Ret) Valdez returned to Vietnam on the anniversary of the Fall of Saigon.



## **Aftermath: The Return Home**

Prior to Afghanistan (2001-2021), the Vietnam War was the longest conflict in American military history.

Vietnam is often referred to as the “First Television War” with millions of stateside Americans watching nightly coverage as the war continued. Due to time lag, Americans viewed lost ground in Vietnam, without a follow-up report the ground was subsequently regained by American forces.

Support for the troops began to erode.

Further eroding morale were prominent actors Jane Fonda and Donald Sutherland.

The two started an “Anti-USO” show known as “FTA” (“Free the Army”).

In 1972, Fonda went to North Vietnam to tour Hanoi and appeared on NV radio programs to speak out against the U.S. military’s policy in Vietnam. She was filmed singing and laughing and was photographed wearing a NV helmet sitting on an anti-aircraft gun, earning her the derisive nickname “Hanoi Jane”.

With public sentiment inflamed by graphic televised images and the length of the war, some Americans directed their anger at returning soldiers- the very troops they demanded be returned home.

Veterans have recounted being met at airports and bus terminals with protest signs, verbal abuse, and physical assaults. They were then advised not to travel in uniform.

When in public, some veterans described being subjected to rage, indifference, simply ignored, treated with suspicion, fear and loathing by their fellow Americans.

Discrimination against the Vietnam veteran took multiple forms: denial of membership in social clubs, organizations or refused employment.

Psychiatrist Robert Jay Lifton informed a senate committee in 1970 that the (Vietnam) veteran *“returns as a tainted intruder...likely to seek continuing outlets for a pattern of violence to which they have become habituated.”*

Lifton characterized the process of readjustment to civilian life for the Vietnam vet was one of *“rehumanization.”*

Some Morris County Vietnam veterans have expressed remaining anguish and resentment of the stereotype fixed upon them as angry, violence-seeking, brutal individuals.

Some Vietnam vets have opted not to disclose publicly that they had served.

*Thank you to the Morris County Vietnam veterans who provided their experiences included in the above segment.*



## **Aftermath: Attempts to Apologize and Acknowledge**

For her part, Jane Fonda has apologized, not for the visit to Hanoi, but for allowing herself to be photographed sitting on an anti-aircraft gun.

Over the years, attempts have been made by the wider public to make amends for the unprecedented cruelty leveled at Vietnam veterans.

In 1986, New York City held a parade in honor of Vietnam vets. Chicago followed suit.

In 1987, cities across the United States held a series of “Welcome Home” parades.

In 2015, The Recognition of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Vietnam War act was signed.

In November 2015, Morris County’s Office of Planning & Preservation displayed the names of all Morris County Vietnam War casualties in the county’s library.

In 2017, The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act was signed into law, designating March 29 of each year as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

On September 28, 2021, a bill proposing a formal apology to Vietnam veterans was introduced by the United States Congress.

On October 25, 2021, the bill was referred to subcommittee.

<https://www.congress.gov/117/bills/hjres59/BILLS-117hjres59ih.pdf>

Bill summary

*“This joint resolution recognizes the sacrifice of veterans of the Vietnam War and commends them for their sacrifice to the United States. The joint resolution also urges the President to formally acknowledge the widespread mistreatment of such veterans and issue a formal apology to the veterans and their families. Additionally, the joint resolution expresses urgent support for increased education to better reflect the sacrifice and treatment of Vietnam veterans.”*

A civilian tradition has begun, stemming from the returning Vietnam veteran’s experience.

In addition to greeting active military or veterans with “Thank you for your service”, the phrase “Welcome home” may be given to all returning veterans.

This phrase is tendered in remembrance that Vietnam veterans did not receive the respect and gratitude for their service on their return.



## **Aftermath: The Vietnam Wall**

After watching the film “The Deer Hunter”, Vietnam vet Jan Scruggs decided that his fellow soldiers needed a symbol of recognition from America for their service and sacrifice.

By 1979 a memorial fund was formed, and in 1980 land in Constitution Gardens was authorized for the memorial placement.

A design competition was announced, and 21-year-old Yale architecture student Maya Lin earned the unanimous selection.

The memorial wall dedication on November 11, 1982 was accompanied by a 56-hour reading in the Washington National Cathedral of all the engraved names.

Visitors often make a rubbing of a name as a memento or leave a token of remembrance.



The Wall contains the names of 58,318 (2021) men and women who died in combat or are listed as missing in action (MIA).

The veteran-driven, swift process from design, construction and dedication of the Vietnam Memorial Wall perhaps influenced the construction of other war memorials in D.C:

Korea, dedicated in 1995, World War II dedicated in 2004 and the World War I Memorial dedicated in 2021.

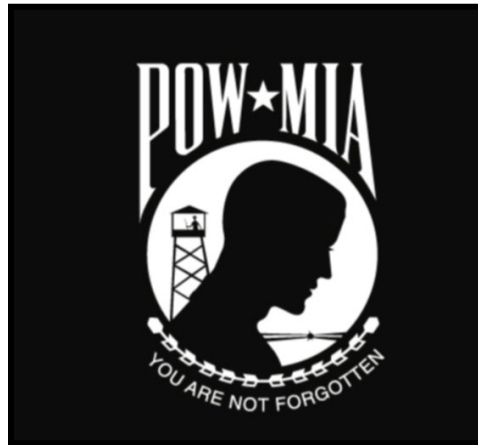


## **Aftermath: Rolling Thunder**

*(Operation "Rolling Thunder" was the codename for an American bombing campaign during the Vietnam War. U.S. military aircraft attacked targets in North Vietnam from March 1965 to October 1968.)*

For years after the Vietnam War, reports circulated of American POWs still living in captivity.

Disturbed by these reports, Vietnam veteran Ray Manzo gathered fellow veterans and organized a motorcycle demonstration to draw attention to American soldiers declared MIA/POW.



The first run on Memorial Day in 1988 had roughly 2,500 motorcycles. One of the participants quipped:

*"It will sound like rolling thunder over the memorial bridge".*

With over a million riders and spectators combined, it had become the world's largest single-day motorcycle event.

The last ride of the Rolling Thunder organization occurred in May 2019.



In 2020, a new group, "Rolling to Remember", began organizing the ride.





## **“Boots on the Ground”**



*Original watercolor by Thomas F. Miller, Hanover, New Jersey.*

*United States Marine Corps*

*In country July-December 1965.*

*Purple Heart*



## Morris County Veterans

**Charles R. Abella**

Mt. Olive

United States Air Force

**William A. Albert**



Parsippany

United States Air Force

**John D. Alexander**

Randolph

United States Army

**Russell J. Allaman**

"Russ"

Denville

United States Marine Corps

Member of the Denville American Legion Post 390.





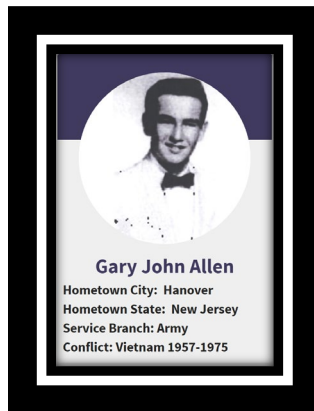
**Charles W. Alleger**

Washington Township

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**Gary John Allen**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Hanover

United States Army 3RD BN - 8TH INFANTRY - 4TH INF DIV

"Fighting Eagles"

November 9, 1968, Kontum Province

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 39W, Line 39

[Vietnam Wall](#)



**Matthew J. Allen**

Florham Park

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Sherman R. Allen**

Madison

United States Army

Member of the American Legion Post 312.

**William J. Allen**

Florham Park

United States Army

New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Edward Ailling**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Edward B. Amster**

Florham Park

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Christopher W. Anderson**

Mount Arlington

United States Navy USS Spartanburg County LST-1192



Served as a U.S. Navy firefighter.

Mr. Anderson served during the final year of the war, through the fall of Saigon, then was assigned to the USS John F. Kennedy, an aircraft carrier, during Operation Deep Express with NATO in the Mediterranean and Turkey. He later participated in the 1976 The United States Bicentennial flotilla in New York City before being honorably discharged.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Kenneth Anderson**

Butler

United States Army

*Mr. Anderson's name and information was provided Mr. George Burns, United States Army, who remembered his friends on Arch Street, Butler, all drafted into the Army.*

*The friends attended Butler High School.*

*Thank you, Mr. George Burns. Welcome home.*



**Robert Anderson**

Butler

United States Army

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**Robert L. Anderson**



Denville

United States Army

**William H. Anderson**

Dover

United States Army



**Robert T. Angiuoli**

Chester

United States Army

**Joseph Paul Andrisano, Jr.**

Rockaway Township

United States Army

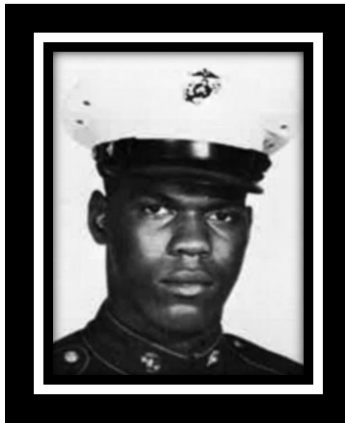
**Edward A. Aniskiewicz**

Montville

United States Army

*Anonymous Morris County Vietnam veteran wishes to remember*

**David Alan Patton**



Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

United States Marine Corps

June 7, 1969, Quang Nam Province

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 23W, Line 105



**Robert Labudde Asmuth, Jr.**



Mt. Lakes

United States Army 1ST BN 46TH INFANTRY 198TH INFANTRY BDE

July 26, 1970, Quang Tin Province

Purple Heart

Mt. Lakes Memorial

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

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[Vietnam Wall](#)

**Robert M. Aughey**

Mount Arlington

United States Marine Corps

New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal



**Ronald C. Aulisio**

Randolph

United States Army

He supported American forces, mostly the 11th Army Cavalry Division, as well as foreign troops. Army National Guard when he was federalized and sent to Vietnam.

Vietnam Service Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Good Conduct Medal

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**James Auriemma**

Morris Township

United States Army

Drafted into the Army, he was trained in the Vulcan, a 20-millimeter-high explosive Gatling gun, and the side-winder missile system. His battalion was sent to Korea, rather than Vietnam, along the DMZ to protect the valley leading to Seoul. He observed Korea as a nation of extreme poverty and realized how blessed we are in the United States.

National Defense Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**James Ayers**

Mine Hill

United States Army

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Good Conduct Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



Walter Lee Babbitt, Jr.



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry*

Boonton

United States Marine Corps 3rd BN - 4th Marines - 3rd MARDIV - III MAF

May 28, 1967, Quang Tri Province

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 21E, Line 3

[Vietnam Wall](#)





**James G. Baccaro, Sr.**

“Jim”



Mount Arlington  
United States Army 1<sup>st</sup> Bat 92<sup>nd</sup> Art Artillery Surveyor  
1965-1967

Mr. Baccaro grew up in Maplewood and Union, New Jersey. Prior to living in Mount Arlington, He was a resident of Mt. Olive in the Flanders section.

Upon his return from Vietnam in 1967, Mr. Baccaro utilized the GI Bill and received his A.A.S. from Union College; a B.S.B.A. from Seton Hall University and earned his M.B.A. from Farleigh Dickinson University. In 1971, he began a 30-year career with the Xerox Corporation where he held management positions in sales and marketing.

In tandem with his employment with Xerox, Mr. Baccaro began a career in education, teaching as an adjunct professor at Seton Hall University and The County College of Morris (CCM) where he taught for 31 years. In addition to teaching at CCM, Jim was the president of the adjunct faculty union and was responsible for awarding many scholarships to deserving students.

Mr. Baccaro was a member of various Vietnam veteran organizations in Morris County.

Mr. Baccaro passed away after a valiant battle with cancer and heart disease associated with exposure to Agent Orange.

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal  
Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

*Thank you, Mrs. Marlene Baccaro, wife of James Baccaro*



**Thomas M. Bacon**

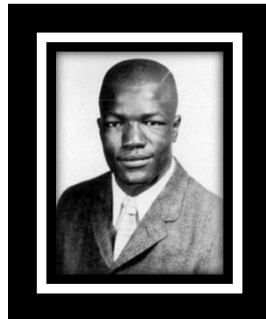


*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry*

Morristown

United States Marine Corps

Entered the Marine Corp on St. Patrick's Day in 1965 at the age of 17. A drill instructor on Parris Island, and after completing his active duty he joined the reserves and was stationed at Picatinny Arsenal. Two years after enlistment, he was deployed to Vietnam where he was assigned to Delta Company Force Recon and was stationed in Dong Ha. First Purple Heart received while assisting Bravo Company during an operation that had a 95 percent casualty rate which included his friend, Sylvester Land.



*Sgt. Sylvester Land, of Union County, New Jersey, The Vietnam Wall, Panel 16E, Line 93.*

Mr. Bacon received his second Purple Heart and a Gold Star while on a reconnaissance operation in Quang Tri Province.

Purple Heart (2)

Gold Star

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



## Dave Baker



Morristown

United States Army

Mr. Baker spent his time going back to Vietnam to assist with the education and clothing of the poor in that country, opening a daycare in 2013.

He wanted to make sure democracy continued in Vietnam for the younger generations.

Military Police officer Dave Baker, with his military dog Cornell\*, in Vietnam c. 1968.

He had a tattoo of Cornell, and later named the family shepherd Cornell.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Mr. Baker died in 2021 from effects of Agent Orange exposure.

*\*Throughout the Vietnam War, approximately 4,000 dogs served in Vietnam and Thailand.*

*It was common knowledge among the troops that the enemy had put a bounty on both the dogs and their handlers.*



**Dennis Baker**

Rockaway

United States Army 1st Air Cavalry

Two years of ROTC at Niagara University

In country 1971

Wounded in a firefight against NVA forces near Bien Hoa, July 1971.

Purple Heart

Silver Star

Bronze Star (2)

Air Medal

*Thank you, Mr. Dennis Baker. Welcome home.*

**Joseph Michael Bakos**

Rockaway Township

United States Army

**Joseph William Banghart**

Dover

United States Army

**John Douglas Barat**

Denville

United States Marine Corps

Member American Legion Post 390

**Frank S. Barna**

Butler

United States Marine Corps

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal



**Walter Radford Bashaw, Sr.**

Randolph

United States Army

Stationed in Germany.

**William P. Bashlow, Sr.**

Riverdale

United States Army 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry

Vietnam Service Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Ronald M. Basista**

Mine Hill

United States Army

Member American Legion Dover

Member VFW Mine Hill

**Stephen E. Bator**

Parsippany, Lake Hiawatha section

United States Army

**Jeffrey L. Batson**

Mount Arlington

United States Army 842nd SIG Det

**Leonard J. Batson**

Mount Arlington

United States Army



**Michael Anthony Battaglino**

Denville

United States Navy

Good Conduct Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**John J. Bauer**

Roxbury, Succasunna section.

United States Air Force



**David Alan Bausch**



Montville Township, Towaco section.

United States Army 48TH AHC - 11TH AVN GROUP - 1ST AVIATION BDE

May 24, 1972, Thua Thien Province

Purple Heart

Bronze Star

Air Medal

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 1W, Line 29

[Vietnam Wall](#)

**Donald F. Beatty**

Randolph

United States Air Force A1CUS





**Richard W. Beck**

Parsippany

United States Marine Corps

Tet Offensive

After basic training at Parris Island, he was sent to El Toro Air Station in California for additional training and from there he and 127 other Marines went to Da Nang, Vietnam. Mr. Beck was assigned to the beach called Red Beach, where the first American Marines landed in 1963, and were shelled every day for 11 months. He eventually participated in the Tet Offensive. About the war, he said:

*"You went over alone, and you came home alone."*

Mr. Beck worked as a social worker with the Veteran Administration Hospital at Lyons, New Jersey.

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Robert Beck**

Hanover

United States Marine Corps

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Member Slattery Marine Detachment, Whippany



**Kenneth Charles Bell**



Montville, Towaco section

United States Army 1st S&F Bn Transportation Unit, SP4

1967-1973

Re-enlisted as a recruiter in Morristown and Riverdale.

In civilian life, he worked for NJ Bell Telephone/ Verizon for 37 years

Married 50 Years to Gail, the couple had three daughters: Veronica, Sheila, and Heather and one granddaughter, Alexa.

Mr. Bell died December 27, 2016, from effects of Agent Orange exposure.



Gail and Kenneth Bell.

*Thank you, Mrs. Gail Bell.*



**William Henry Bergdal**

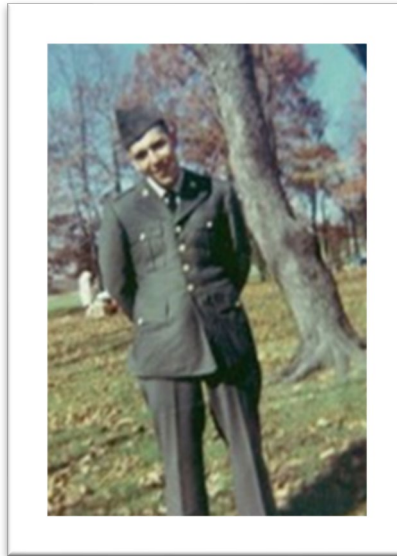
Rockaway

United States Air Force

Prior service in Korea.

[Morris County Korean War Veterans](#)

**Joseph L. Bernardi**



Mt. Olive

United States Army 141<sup>st</sup> Transportation Unit

Service Dates: 1964 – 1970

Service Dates: Active Duty May 1968 – August 1969 US Regular Army

"I joined the U.S. Army National Guard in 1964. I went away for 6 months active duty at Fort Dix, NJ. In 1968, my unit (141<sup>st</sup>. Transportation Unit) was activated for Vietnam into the U.S. Regular Army.

We were stationed in Fort McClellan, Alabama. I was in the 141<sup>st</sup> Transportation Unit whose job it was to transport troops. When I was released from active duty in August 1969, my rank was Specialist 4th class."

*Thank you, Mr. Joseph Bernardi. Welcome home.*



**Richard Berger**

“Rick”



Parsippany

United States Air Force 601<sup>st</sup> Photographic Squadron

1966-1970 as a combat photographer/photojournalist. Stationed at U-Tapao Air Base, Thailand 1968 to '69.

Broadcaster, Armed Forces Radio Thailand “Bits and Pieces” Show



U-Tapao housed B-52 bombers used to launch airstrikes in Vietnam. Mr. Berger related the following:

“I documented many war-related activities, but one which I remember quite clearly was the day that a B-52 caught fire and exploded on the runway shortly before takeoff. The aircraft was fully laden with bombs. Needless to say, the noise and the power of the explosion rocked the entire airfield. Buildings shook and anything that was not securely attached to walls went flying. A large area of the base was covered with debris. Miraculously, the crew escaped unharmed as did all of us within the vicinity of the explosion. A fellow photographer took a shot of me documenting the incident (above, right).

In another picture, I’m seen with cameras at the ready, about to photograph paratroopers jumping out during a training mission (above, left)

A really fun facet of my job was to document entertainment on the base. My most memorable occasion was photographing the Bob Hope USO Show. Meeting all the stars, posing them for publicity shots etc. was quite a thrill, especially since I had my eyes on entering the field of entertainment when my Air Force days were over.”

Air Force Commendation Medal

Good Conduct Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

601st Photographic Photo Squadron United States Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

Aerospace Audio Visual Service Award: In a world-wide competition

“I personally received the award for taking first place in a world-wide competition for photographs depicting the war.”







Sgt. Berger's award-winning photo depicts a Thai Guard watching an approaching B-52 bomber crossing the skies over his bunker.

In civilian life, Mr. Berger had a career in the FBI.

In retirement, he returned to his first love of show business, crediting Gypsy Rose Lee for giving him invaluable advice.

*Thank you, Mr. Richard Berger. Welcome home.*



**Richard Beveredge**

Butler

United States Army

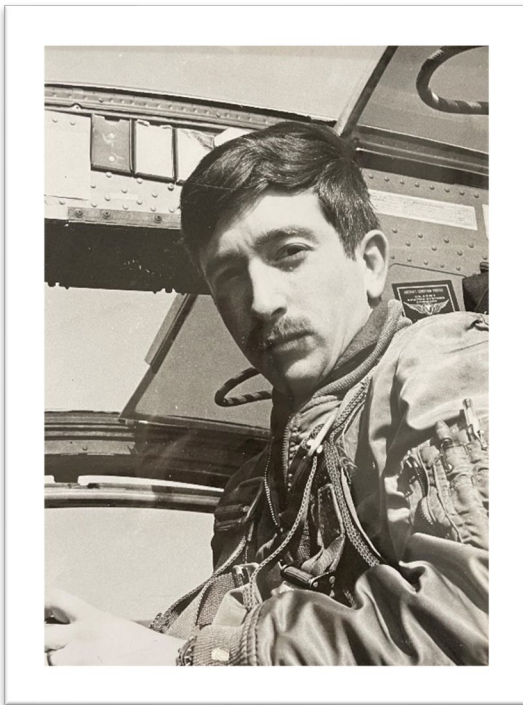
*Mr. Beveredge's name and information was provided Mr. George Burns, United States Army, who remembered his friends on Arch Street, Butler, all drafted into the Army.*

*The friends attended Butler High School.*

*Thank you, Mr. George Burns. Welcome home.*

**David Bitterman**

"Dave"



Mt. Olive

United States Army Aviator (CW2)

Bronze Star

Air Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

*Thank you, Mr. David Bitterman. Welcome home.*



**Robert Blaszak**

Wharton

United States Marine Corps

Robert Blaszak was raised in the Ironbound section of Newark and counted John Kennedy and Mickey Mantle as his role models. One day, while at the Jersey Shore, he ran into a friend who was on leave from the Marines, and he thought to himself that he'd like to look and feel like his friend. A few weeks later in September 1965 he enlisted in the Marine Corps. He did his basic training at Parris Island and was later stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He served a tour of Vietnam in 1966 in an operation at Hue Phu Bai. He spent a month traveling there on the USS Guam. During his last few months in Vietnam, he was in communications, sending and receiving encrypted messages. The training he received while in the service was an asset, because after his discharge, he got a job with Bell Telephone and had a 34-year career with Ma Bell.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Jon A. Bomengen**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Richard A. Bongo**

Mount Arlington

United States Army

Served in the AG's office.





Joel Boroff



Chatham  
United States Army Air Defense Artillery & Civil Affairs  
1966-1970

*“How tall are you?” “Six feet, Sergeant.” “We are going to make you an M.P.” and I thought to myself “This is unbelievable! I had lost my license three times before I was 19, I wasn’t such a good kid. I flunked out of the University of Massachusetts because I didn’t go to class and they’re going to make me an M.P. - I can pull people over-Everybody said the Army is like this-and sure enough....”*

Excerpt from interview with Mr. Tom Salvas, The Library of the Chatham Veterans History project:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WG23T2PXdx0>

In Civil Affairs (Vietnam), his responsibility was large-scale project management of rural development projects, the largest of which was a Tuberculous ward; T.B. was rampant in Vietnam at the time. Other infrastructure improvements included electrifying a Technical High School, providing materiel and monitoring for a variety of smaller projects such as wells, small school additions, bike sheds, road culvert, etc.

After his service, Mr. Boroff returned to the University of Massachusetts graduating with a BS in Industrial Engineering & Operations Research. He was offered a scholarship for an MBA with The University of Rochester, which he declined to accept a position with AT&T, a career that spanned 42 years.

His wife Karen is an honorary Colonel of Seton Hall University’s Pirate Battalion and served as Dean of the Business school as well as Interim Provost for several years. They have two children, Alex and Austen, both attending West Point.

Austen served in Iraq as the first female platoon leader for an Artillery unit in a combat environment. Alex served in an Armor unit in Afghanistan.

*Thank you, Mr. Joel Boroff. Welcome home.*



Mr. Boroff returned to Vietnam with his son, Maj. Alex Boroff in July 2018. Mr. Boroff took a series of photos to compare Vietnam's appearance then and in 2018.



**John T. Bowden**

Dover

United States Army

**John David Bower**

Washington Township

United States Army

Stationed at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research

**Robert K. Bowers**

Mt. Olive

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Joseph Boyle**

Mt. Olive

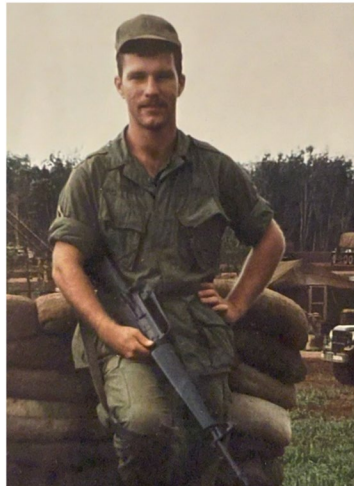
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## David Ernest Brady

“Dave”



## Morristown

### United States Army Combat Medic

Mr. Brady graduated Morristown High School in 1964. While working as a research tech for Rayonier in Whippany after high school, he enlisted in the Army July 26, 1965-enlisting in hopes of avoiding being sent to Vietnam.

His first MOS: Nike-Hercules Missile Repairman, FT. Bliss, Texas. Failing a color eye test, Mr. Brady was next shipped to Ft. Sam Houston, Texas for medical training and then shipped to Ft. Knox to join a MASH (*Mobil Army Surgical Hospital*) under a new MOS: Medical Corpsman.

Nearly a year to the day, Mr. Brady was on a troop ship with the entire 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry, destination.....The Republic of Vietnam.



Staging at Bien Hoa, Mr. Brady's camp was 30 miles north of Saigon, near the village of Xuan Loc, the role of the MASH was to be a medical facility for the 11<sup>th</sup> Cav, as well as be their medics in the field. Mr. Brady recalled a lot of convoys to Bien Hoa and the 93<sup>rd</sup> Evac hospital as well as doing field support. His assessment of this period is this is when air assault was just figuring out how this war was to be fought.

"Armor was cool, but Hueys became the real force. Hence, we flew a lot", wrote Mr. Brady.

Morris County veterans and their families are asked to provide a list of medals, commendations, and citations to include in the biographies. Mr. Brady's response to the request, and explanation-

"Medal/ Commendations: NONE

It was early in the conflict, and it took the military 30 years to grant us Combat Medic badges .... It's my opinion leadership in our company didn't really care for recognition, so nothing was recommended.

Cynical ... just a tad! Getting home safely ... now that was a real goal."

After spending eleven months and two weeks in country, Mr. Brady had one more year to serve, winding up at Ft. Dix, New Jersey. His first assignment was the 11-7 shift in a URI Ward at Walston Army Hospital. Mr. Brady was an E-2 in Vietnam (without promotion for a year), but he had won a photo contest in country. The award followed him to Ft. Dix, and he was promoted to E-3, with an assignment to the Pediatric Clinic. Mr. Brady's account of his military career follows:

Now, the NCOIC (*Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge*) there was transferring to Korea, and I had entered the Soldier of the Month contest for our company .... and won, so they elevated me to E-4 .... and ... NCOIC of that clinic. I had a nurse, 10 captain and above, doctors, and took on running the Pediatric Allergy Clinic, as well. The base Soldier of the Month contest came up and of course, I had to play! Won that one, too and was give E-5, to boot!

Naturally, good shows always have a caveat ... April of that year, they came to me and offered E-6 to me. Being more savvy now, the offer was 9 months of school ... but 2 more years! NOPE, I served, was manipulated, and engaged, their time was up!"

Mr. Brady used the G.I. Bill to further his education, at Montclair State. He became an educator, teaching Industrial Arts in Livingston and the Morris School District for 25 years.

Mr. David Brady resides in Nevada, rides a "big Harley and shows an old car." He is a member of both the local and national HOG (Harley Owners Group) and "Hot August Nights", a city-wide car show in Reno, Nevada.

He summed up by writing:

"I guess paying your dues has its privileges."





1956 Thunderbird



2014 Harley Limited Edition Ultra Classic



*Thank you, Mr. David Brady. Welcome home.*

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal, 2022.

*Accepting the Morris County Distinguished Service Medal on his behalf at the ceremony was his brother, William Brady.*

*Mr. William Brady was surprised with his own Distinguished Service Medal as a Vietnam era veteran who was sent to Korea.*

[Morris County Korean War Veterans](#)



**Robert F. Brauer**

Roxbury

United States Army

Disc jockey in the Armed Forces Radio.

**Christopher Braybrooke**



Boonton

United States Air Force 73rd TAC ALFT SQDN - 463rd TAC ALFT Wing - 7th AF

October 8, 1967, Thua Thien Province

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 27E, Line 73

[Vietnam Wall](#)



**Patrick J. Breheny**

Florham Park

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal





**William Francis Brice, Jr.**

“Bill”



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Dover

United States Army 2ND BN - 503RD INFANTRY - 173RD ABN BDE

May 27, 1967, Binh Dinh Province

Purple Heart

Bronze Star

Vietnam Service Medal

National Defense Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Combat Infantry Medal

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 65W, Line 5

[Vietnam Wall](#)



**Roger George Britten**



Montville

United States Army HHC - 1ST BN - 28TH INFANTRY - 1ST INF DIV

November 23, 1965, South Vietnam

Purple Heart

National Defense Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

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**Eugene H. Brown**

Mt. Olive

United States Marine Corps

New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal

**Jay C. Brown**

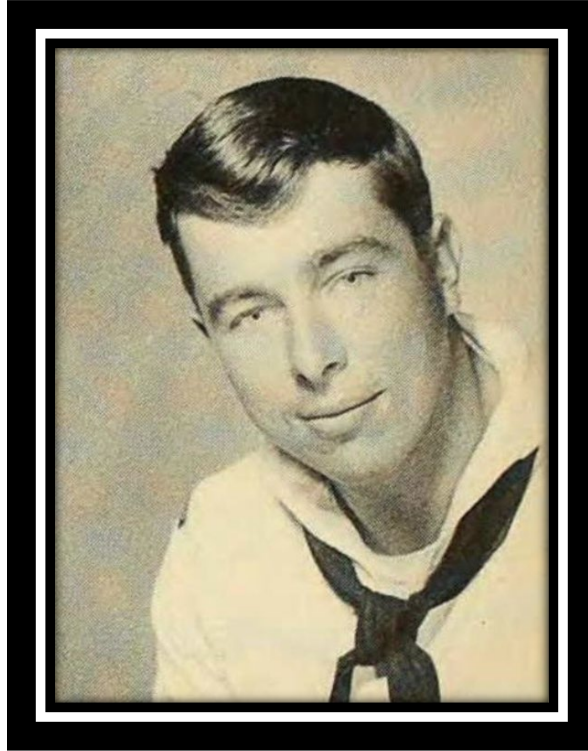
Mt. Olive

Service unknown



**Jeffrey Joseph Brown**

"Jeff"



Denville

United States Navy USS Damato DD-871

"Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club"

November 22, 1967, South Vietnam

Denville Township Roll of Honor

Brown Terrace in Denville is named in his honor.

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 30E, Line 63

[Vietnam Wall](#)



**Henry John Broxmeier**

“Hank”

Morris Township

United States Marine Corps

Defense of Khe Sanh

The 1968 Defense of Khe Sanh was the longest and deadliest battle of the Vietnam War. The Marine base was under steady attack for some two and a half months. It is estimated that battle took fifteen-thousand enemy lives and the lives of one thousand Americans.

Purple Heart

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Presidential Unit Citation

Navy Commendation

New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Joseph Leonard Brucato**

Roxbury

United States Army

**Stephan Bugar**

Mine Hill

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Bruce W. Bunn**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Dennis Burdge**

Mine Hill

United States Navy

Morris County Distinguish Military Service Medal

*Thank you, Mr. Thomas Burdge for providing information regarding Mr. Dennis Burdge. Welcome home.*

**Thomas Burdge**

Mine Hill

United States Navy U.S.S. Forrestal CVA-59\*

Pacific Missile Range, Barking Sands, Hawaii

Navy Attack Squadron VA 152 Alameda, California

ADJ 3 - Air Crew Wings

Morris County Distinguish Military Service Medal

*Thank you, Mr. Thomas Burdge. Welcome home.*

*\* Mr. Burdge was not on board the Forrestal during the infamous fire. Launched December 11, 1954, she was the first super-carrier in the world.*

*Named in honor of James Vincent Forrestal February 15, 1892 – May 22, 1949), the first Secretary of Defense, thus the Forrestal's nickname: "First in Defense"*

*On July 29, 1967, the Forrestal was in her fifth day of combat operations. At 10:52am, aircraft were fully loaded with fuel, bombs and ammunition as the crew was starting the second launch cycle of the day.*

*A Zuni rocket accidentally fired from an F-4 Phantom into a parked and armed A-4 Skyhawk.*

*The accidental launch and subsequent impact caused the belly fuel tank and a 1,000-pound bomb on the Skyhawk to fall off, the tank broke open spilling jet fuel onto the flight deck and ignited a fire.*

*The fire started a chain reaction trapping crew below.*

*The fire spread quickly, many pilots and support personnel were trapped and burned alive.*

*Fuel and bombs spilled into the holes in the flight deck igniting fires on decks further into the bowels of the ship. Berthing spaces immediately below the flight deck became death traps for fifty men, while other crewmen were blown overboard by the explosion.*

*Witnesses recalled crew picking up glowing missiles with their hands to toss them overboard.*

*It took thirteen hours to extinguish the fire.*

*Twenty-one aircraft sustained enough damage from fire, explosions, and salt water to be stricken from naval inventory.*

*The Forrestal was ultimately scrapped in 2014 after sixty years of faithful service to Her Country.*



**Forrest Louis Burgener**

“Woody”

Washington Township

United States Air Force

March 1966 - January 1970

Mr. Burgener was born November 6, 1944, in Nyack, New York.

He served as a Sergeant in the Air Force, where he was stationed at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, California. Medal for his service. He was honorably discharged in 1972.

Mr. Burgener received the National Defense Service Medal and the Air Force Good Conduct.

Mr. Burgener earned a bachelor's degree from Fairleigh Dickenson and his MBA from New York University. He taught History at Rutgers University and has also led presentations at West Point Historical Association and the Washington Township Historical Society.

In 2015, “Woody” and the members of Washington Post assisted the Morris County Office of Planning & Preservation install an exhibit in the Morris County Library, commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vietnam War and has served as a technical advisor to the county's Veteran Compendium Project.

Sergeant Burgener continues to serve as the Vice Commander of the Washington Township American Veterans Association, a position he has held since 1978.

He is a proud father of two daughters and three grandchildren. Mr. Burgener enjoys gardening and historical research.

National Defense Service Medal

Air Force Good Conduct Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal, May 27, 2023

**Edward C. Burns**

Morristown

United States Army

New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal



**George Burns**

Butler

United States Army

In country September 1966-September 1967.

Iraq February 2004 -March 2005.

Mr. Burns enlisted in the Army in December 1965.

While a member of the National Guard in Dover, Mr. Burns was activated at the state level for Desert Storm and to guard the tunnels and bridges after the September 11<sup>th</sup> attack.

*Thank you, Mr. George Burns. Welcome home.*

Mr. Burns remembers his friends from Arch Street and fellow Butler High School classmates, all drafted into the Army:

Kenneth Anderson

Robert Anderson

Richard Beveredge

Leroy DePue





## **Timothy Burns**

Wharton

United States Navy USS Fred T. Berry, DD-858



The Staten Island native joined the Navy in 1965 at age 17, went to basic training at the Great Lake Training Camp in Illinois, and received advanced training as a radio operator in Bainbridge, Maryland.

He was assigned to the U.S.S. Fred T. Berry, DD 858 Destroyer Squadron 10 in the Atlantic Fleet and later as part of the 7th Fleet in Vietnam. He served an extended tour of duty in combat areas surrounding South Vietnam, and those duties included shore bombardment fire support missions and aid to swift boat units.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

## **Jeffrey L. Bush**



Morristown

United States Army



**Leonard F. Calabrese**

“Lenny”

Morris Plains

United States Navy

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**John D. Callahan**

Montville

United States Navy

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Charles S. Calvert**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown.

**Anthony Camillieri**

Parsippany

United States Army

**James Cammarano**

Jefferson Township

United States Air Force

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Joshua Campbell, Jr.**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown.



## Joseph Caprarola

“Joe”



Chatham Township

United States Army 2nd Bat 47th 9th Inf Div SP5

In country 1967

"Came under fire as our Company was assaulted twice as we were set up for the nighttime. My MOS was to direct Mortar Fire to protect our perimeter. We were also hit with land mines and recoilless weapons. I was at the age of 19/20 years old. Our Company lost 10 Men over the 12 months in Nam."

Combat Infantry Badge

Army Commendation Badge

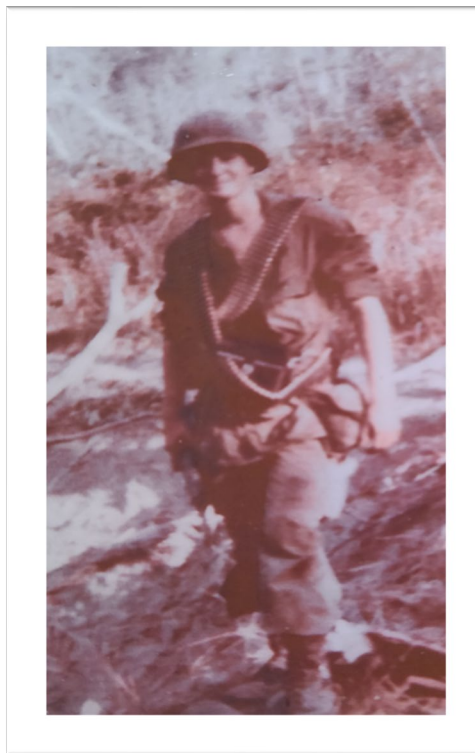


*Thank you, Mr. Joseph Caprarola. Welcome home.*





## Albert Capuano



Rockaway Township

United States Army 1<sup>st</sup> Air Cavalry DIV

Mr. Capuano was born in Hoboken, New Jersey and moved to Rockaway Township 36 years ago. He joined the Army after high school, serving as an Infantryman in a line company and recon platoon.

In the ninth month of his tour, he contracted falciparum malaria.

The remaining months of his hitch were spent in hospitals and convalescent centers.

Combat Infantry Badge

Air Medal

Army Commendation Medal for Heroism

*Thank you, Mr. Albert Capuano. Welcome home.*



**Michael C. Carbone**

Pequannock

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**Theodore D. Carman**

Randolph

United States Navy

New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**William James Carroll**

Washington Township

United States Army

June 1969- June 1973

Mr. Carroll was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on March 20, 1945.

He served in the ROTC from 1963 to 1967 while pursuing his B.S. in Economics at Rutgers University.

Mr. Carroll completed his master's degree in 1969 at the University of Massachusetts before the Army called him to active duty to serve as a lieutenant.

Mr. Carroll was honorably discharged from active duty in 1973 and continued to serve in the Army Reserves until 1995. He went on to earn his Ph.D. from Penn State, teach undergraduate Economics at Drew University, and serves as a Senior Executive for a Fortune 500 company.

While a clinical professor of marketing at Cornell University School of Hotel Administration, Mr. Carroll served as the faculty advisor for the Cornell University lacrosse team.

Bronze Star

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal w/60 device

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal, May 27, 2023



**Donald K. Caruso, Sr.**

Denville

United States Army

**Blase Cassibba**

Jefferson Township

United States Air Force 8<sup>th</sup> TAC

Stationed Ubon Thai Air Force base July, 1971 to July 1972

Good Conduct Ribbon

Vietnam Service Ribbon

Vietnam Campaign Ribbon

*Thank you, Mr. Blase Cassibba. Welcome home.*





Charles Catillo



Dover

United States Army

In country July 1971-May 1972

Having an AAS degree in Electronics Technology, Sergeant Catillo graduated from NCO school as a searchlight section chief and was sent to Vietnam.

The Sergeant would catch rides on helicopters and fly out to various artillery bases to repair the searchlights.

After a few months, his unit was deactivated, and he was sent to the artillery base Camp JJ Carroll on the DMZ. After a couple months that unit was also deactivated, and Camp Carroll was turned over to the South Vietnamese Army.

On 2 April 1972, Camp Carroll was overrun by the North Vietnamese.

Sergeant Catillo spent his remaining hitch in Cam Ron Bay.

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal W/60 Device

Vietnam Service Medal.

*Thank you, Mr. Charles Catillo. Welcome home.*

**Robert Charles Centinaro, Sr.**

Lincoln Park

United States Army

**Paul M. Chase**

Dover

United States Army

National Defense Service Medal

Good Conduct Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Louis A. Chiarolanza**



*Captain Chiarolanza with his parents.*

Madison

United States Marine Corps

Bronze Star

“Here’s a picture taken when I was awarded the Bronze star. My rank was captain at that time. It was a temporary promotion and would have been made permanent if I extended my service which I did not do. My discharge papers show a rank of 1st Lt. I was stationed outside DaNang on Monkey Mountain to a Hawk missile Battery overlooking DaNang harbor. I was later assigned and took control of an augmented Hawk missile unit on Hill 55, and later took command of a Hawk surface to air missile Battery on Hill 327 overlooking and providing surface to air support for NaNang airport. I was stationed there from September 1966 to August 1967. I was discharged in August 1967. I received the national defense service medal, the Vietnam service medal w/1 star, the Vietnam Campaign Metal w/device and was awarded the Bronze star while serving in a combat zone. I was assigned to C Battery, 1st LAAMBn, MWHG-1, 1st MAW. My military specialty number was 6704 AAWD. The related civilian occupation for that number was an electronics engineer.”

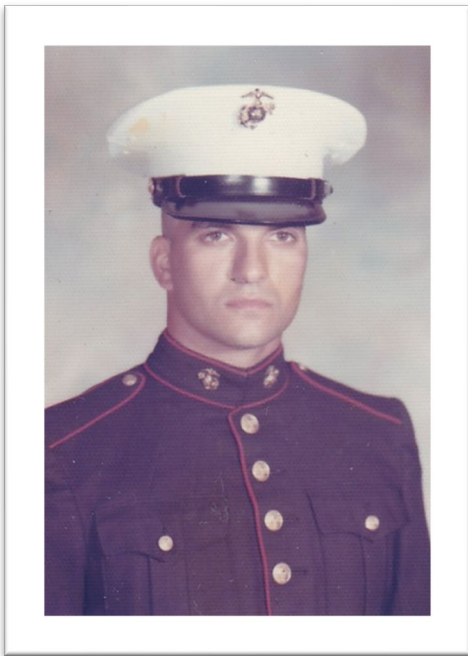
In civilian life, Mr. Chiarolanza is a founding member in the law firm of Chiarolanza, De Angelis & DiGiacomo, LLC.

*Thank you, Mr. Chiarolanza. Welcome home.*

*Thank you, Mr. Brian DiGiacomo.*



**Frank Chiaverini**



Randolph

United States Marine Corps Reserves (March 1970 through March 1976)

“Ready Reserves”

During his time in the Marine Reserves, Mr. Chiaverini served in Parris Island, South Carolina, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Virginia Beach, and various other military locations.

Deemed “Ready Reserves” as, if activated, they were basically ready to deploy to Vietnam or other locations.

Sharpshooter M14 Rifle Medal

Qualified Expert with M60 Machine gun

Expert designation with .45 caliber handgun

National Defense Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

*Thank you for your service, Mr. Frank Chiaverini.*



**David Chopko**

Parsippany

United States Army

In country September 1965 - June 1968

Born in Dickson City, Pennsylvania, he has been a resident of Parsippany since 1977.

Served in Vietnam from September 1965 to June 1968, as a helicopter mechanic.

Bronze Star

*Thank you, Mrs. Roberta Chopko, wife of Mr. David Chopko.*

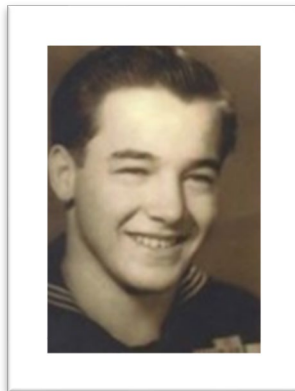
**Richard P. Ciccone**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Aniello Cillo**



Mendham

United States Navy

Prior service in WWII and Korea.

[Morris County World War II Veterans](#)

[Vietnam Wall](#)



**Bruce D. Cirelli**

Randolph

United States Army

New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal

**Alfred A. Cirinelli**

Rockaway

United States Navy

New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal

**William Arthur Clayton**

Wharton

United States Army

**Joseph A. Clementi, Jr.**

Parsippany, Lake Hiawatha section

United States Marine Corps

Two tours

**Stephen D. Clifford**

"Clifford"

Jefferson Township

United States Army

**Timothy J. Cloidt**

Florham Park

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Richard G. Coad**

Wharton

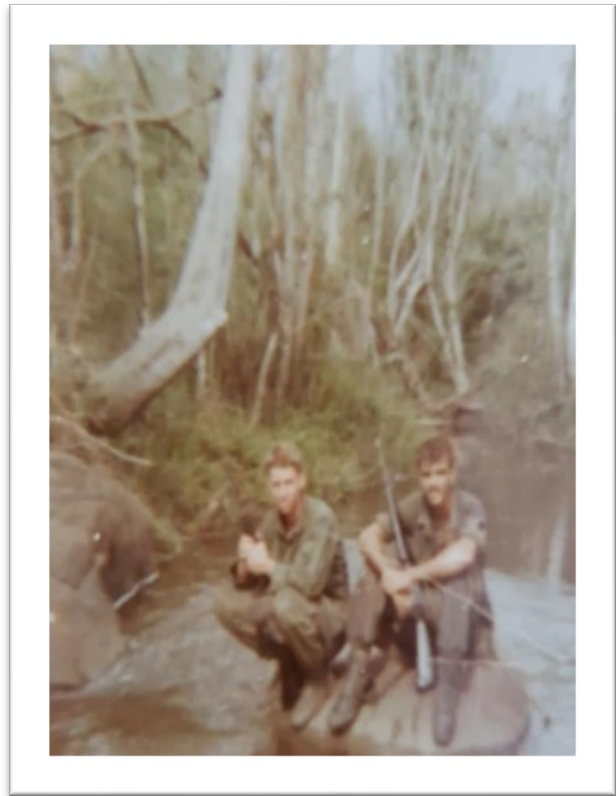
United States Navy

New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal

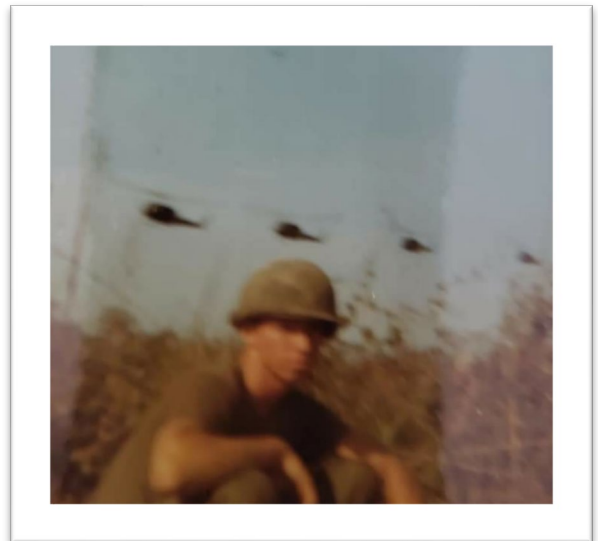




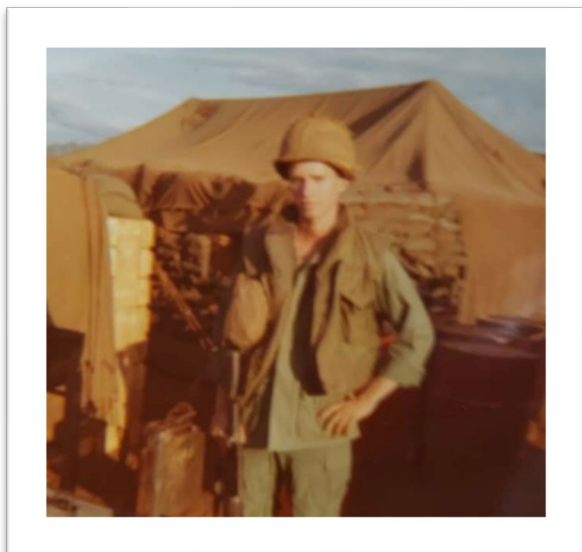
**Walter T. Coffey**



(Right photo) Walter (left) and his friend, Anthony “Tony” Wawarzonkiewicz from Jersey City. Tony and Walter took turns walking point\*. Walter credited Tony with saving his life three times in Vietnam.







Hanover, Whippany section

United States Army Co A HHC 2<sup>nd</sup> brigade 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div

November 4, 1968, to November 3, 1970.

Combat Infantryman Badge

Army Commendation Medal

Air Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal W/60 Devices

Sharpshooter Badge Rifle M16

Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/palm

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

*Thank you, Mrs. Angela Zangari Coffey, wife of Walter Coffey.*

\*Walking Point/Take Point: The Point Man is in the lead position of a patrol. Serving as the eyes and ears of the group, the Point Man is the most exposed to the enemy.



**Harold Colburn**

“Hal”

Denville

United States Army

**John Thomas Coll, Jr.**



Madison

United States Army 704TH MAINT BN - 4 INF DIV

November 17, 1967, Quang Ngai Province

Purple Heart

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Madison Roll of Honor

Honor plaque, Pomeroy Road

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 30E, Line 007

[Vietnam Wall](#)

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Coll has an honor plaque in Madison.



**Charles H. Collins, Jr.**

"Chuck"

Roxbury

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Marshall E. Collins**

Mountain Lakes

United States Air Force

Air Medal (4)

Distinguished Flying Cross

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Marshall Collins grew up in the Bronx and went to Manhattan College where he enrolled in the ROTC program. After graduation he was assigned to Laughlin Air Force Base in Texas for flight training, training that was so difficult that 30% of the trainees never made it through.

He did and flew C141 cargo planes from McGuire Air Force Base to Vietnam to carry supplies. He was also assigned to EC-47's which were World War II prop planes, which he flew doing surveillance to spot the enemy. He would call in to base for potential air strikes information about where enemy soldiers were gathered.

**William P. Condon**

"Bill"

Morristown

United States Army



**George Connolly**



Mendham

United States Army

Army Commendation Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Served as an officer in a Signal Corps Combat Support Unit from 1965 – 1967.

“I am a Vietnam Era veteran who; although I was never actually deployed to Vietnam, served as an officer in a Signal Corp combat support unit, stationed at Fort Huachuca, AZ, who experienced a year of training to deploy as a unit and then another year as a company commander (two grades above my actual rank) preparing newer troops to deploy to Viet Nam. Although I did not serve in combat, it was two tough years of training, but we got very good at accomplishing our mission. It was gratifying when officers who outranked me sought me out for training advice. I was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for my service as company commander. I served from 1965-1967, a period when deploying to Vietnam was looked upon as an adventure rather than a potential death sentence. In 1965 the only Signal Corp branch officer who had been killed in Vietnam was a victim of a jeep accident. I also got to see, firsthand, what happened to soldiers after they returned from a year in Vietnam to serve out the remainder of the term. At the time we looked upon them as misfits and troublemakers rather than PTSD victims. I enjoyed my time in the service and did consider making it a career but felt that I should try my hand at the skills I had spent four years of college studying business management. As the years of the war dragged on, I never looked back. I was initially proud of my service but as time went on and public attitudes changed, I took it off of my resume. Now, reflecting back, I can see that the leadership skills that I learned in those two years served me well in my subsequent career in business.”

*Thank you for your service, Mr. George Connolly.*



**Christopher Richard Conrad**

Roxbury

United States Navy

**John R. Coogan**

Roxbury

United States Navy USS Tripoli LPH-10



**Lloyd W. Cook**

Rockaway

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal



**Nelson R. Cook**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Denville

United States Army 82nd Airborne Division

Purple Heart

Sharpshooter M-16 Award

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Combat Infantry Badge

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**James A. Corlett**

Madison

United States Coast Guard

He trained in Cape May and volunteered for duty in Vietnam, Mekong River Delta. Spent 13 months on an 82-foot cutter off the Vietnam coast, stopping all vessels for inspection. His ship was equipped with heavy weapons, and even though it only had two officers, two chiefs and four enlisted men aboard, it was called upon to help out in many Hot Spots along the coast. Mr. Corlett also vividly remembers being onboard during some frightful typhoons off the Vietnamese coast. In addition to his duty in Vietnam, he was stationed in Texas and Sandy Hook.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Member American Legion Post 43 of Madison and Florham Park.

*Thank you, Mrs. Helene Corlett, wife of QM James Corlett*



**Alfred J. Cornetto, Jr.**

Montville

United States Army

Army Commendation Medal

Good Conduct Medal

United Nations Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**James Everett Coulson**

Morris Plains

United States Army

Bronze Star





**John Divine Crews. Jr.**

"J. D."



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Morristown

United States Army

June 2, 1968, Pleiku Province

Purple Heart

Combat Infantry Badge

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

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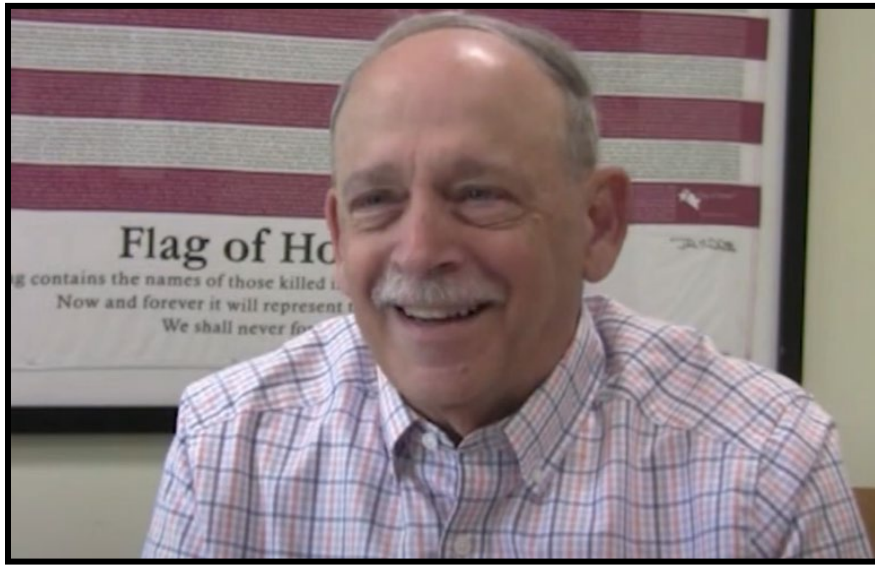


**Arthur J. Crist**

Parsippany

United States Air Force

**John Crouthamel**



Chatham

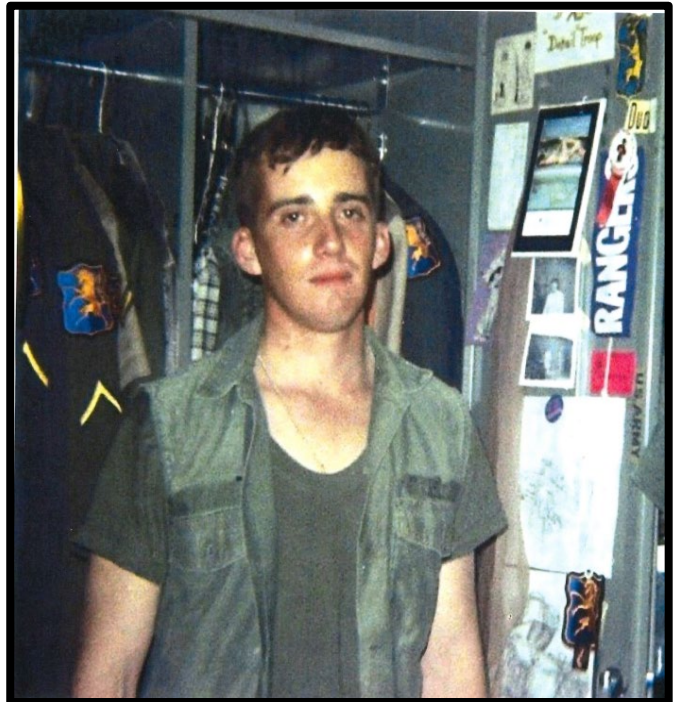
United States Army 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment "The Black Horse"

Mr. Crothamel provided an interview for the Library of the Chathams Veteran History project:

<https://chathamlibrary.org/veterans-interviews/>



Peter Cullen







Dover and Whippany

United States Army

In country 1966-67

Operation Junction City

Mr. Cullen is of Irish heritage; his parents, Thomas and Mary, immigrated from County Wexford.

Peter's father, Thomas, served with the 30<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in WW II.

Growing up in Parsippany, Hopatcong, East Hanover, Randolph, Whippany, and Dover, Peter started school at the old Bayley Grammer School or Assumption School in Morristown, eventually attending public schools in Dover.

Out of patriotism, Mr. Cullen enlisted into the Army at age 17 and sent to basic training and advanced infantry training at Fort Ord, California in 1966.

Mr. Cullen advises that after some thirty 17-year-olds were killed in Indochina in 1965, the Army restricted soldiers from deploying until age 18.

His deployment training completed, and his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday reached, left Tacoma, Washington on the troopship. Suffering a toothache all the way over to Vietnam, Cullen landed in Naha, Okinawa, then to Qhi Nhon, Cam Rhon Bay, and finally Vung Tau South Vietnam.



After some time in the Long Binh area securing a rock quarry making bunkers ,and building a camp, he was sent to A/2/12 Infantry 4<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div . in War Zone C near the Cambodian border. Cullen served as a a rifleman performing point man and flank man duties as an M-60 machine gun team leader. Here, Mr. Cullen earned the Combat Infantry Badge.

Stationed in the jungles, rice paddies ,swamps, and rubber plantations of War Zone C, with base camp at Dau Tieng, Mr. Cullen encountered two cobras. Another encounter with Vietnam's wildlife was a tiger in a pineapple field.

Participating in Operation Junction City, Mr. Cullen was in the areas of Boi Loi Woods, Hobo Woods, Michelin Rubber Plantation, and the Nui Ba Dinh Mountain area.

On August 1, 1967 his unit became part of the 25<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div. and D/2/12 Inf .25<sup>th</sup> Inf., and served in the Mekong Delta with C/3/39<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 9<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div.

Medically retired in April 1969, Mr. Cullen graduated from County College of Morris, and advises it was two of the best years of his life.

Transferring to Seton Hall University, Mr. Cullen obtained a B.A. in Social Work. From 1980 to the present he has worked as a Disabled Veterans Outreach Interviewer /Job Coach assisting veterans find work and supportive services.

He served as the Post Commander of the Dover VFW Harlan Rilk Post in the early 1980s, and as a chaplain with the VFW and Disabled American Veterans in other towns.

Mr. Cullen has helped plan Standdowns for homeless veterans and assisted homeless veterans for many years in Newark, New Jersey. He has assisted in the planning of hiring fairs and served on advisory boards for two congressmen.

Mr. Cullen attended the dedication of The Vietnam Wall in 1982.

Combat Infantry Badge

Army Commendation Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

National Defense Medal

Good Conduct Medal

Sixth Cavalry Honors for service in Washington D.C. April 1968

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal

*Thank you, Mr. Peter Cullen. Welcome home.*



**Raymond K. Cunningham**

Morristown

United States Army

Chief Warrant Officer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Served two tours in Vietnam.

**Michael N. Cutter**

Morristown

United States Army

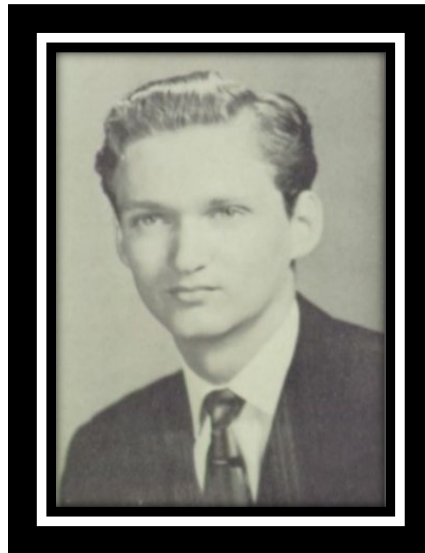
Following his military service, he pursued studies in computer technology, launching a career spanning more than four decades working with industry giants Bell Labs, Lucent Technologies, IBM, and Hewlett-Packard.

He currently serves as the president of Morristown Meals on Wheels. He assisted with upgrading the computer infrastructure for the Morris Plains School District.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Stanley John Cygon**



Boonton

United States Army

April 3, 1968, South Vietnam

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

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**George E. Dabinett**

Morris Plains

United States Army

New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal





John Dalton



Riverdale

United States Army 3RD BN - 8TH INFANTRY - 4TH INF DIV

September 30, 1968, Pleiku Province

Purple Heart

Combat Infantry Badge

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Riverdale Vietnam War Memorial

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

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**Daniel J. Daly**

Denville

United States Marine Corps

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

*Personal Narrative in the Library of Congress*

<http://memory.loc.gov/diglib/vhp/bib/loc.natlib.afc2001001.198>

**Anthony F. Damiano**

Randolph

United States Marine Corps

**Robert L. Darling**

Morristown

United States Army

**Dominick D'Andrea**

Montville

United States Army

National Defense Medal

Cross of Gallantry

Army Commendation Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Enlisted into the Army on his birthday in 1971. He was selected to be in the Special Intelligence Security Division of the Army and was at the highest level of security, working 12-hour shifts and remaining on-call 24 hours a day. He dealt with the most sensitive communication areas involving the Vietnam War. Mr. D'Andrea was deployed all over the country delivering sensitive information as it affected the battle plans. This information came from pilots, soldiers on the ground, the CIA, and other sources.



Jay Thomas Dandurand



Riverdale

United States Army 128th Assault Helicopter Co - 11th Aviation Battalion - 12th Aviation Group - 1st  
Aviation Brigade

"Gunslingers/Tomahawks"

September 30, 1968, Pleiku Province

Bronze Star

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Army Aviation Medal

Air Medal

National Defense Medal

Rifle Expert Badge

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

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[Vietnam Wall](#)



**Thomas J. Davenport**

Pequannock

United States Army 62nd Engineer Battalion

“Hammer Battalion- We Build the Battlefield”

He is a third generation Army soldier to see combat. His father served in World War II and his grandfather in World War I.

After basic training at Fort Dix and advanced training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, he and his Battalion of 900 men were sent to Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam in 1965. The Battalion’s mission was to complete a 10,000-foot air strip. Mr. Davenport became a heavy equipment operator working with explosives for land clearing demolition. His Company A, 62nd Engineer Battalion, received the Army Meritorious Unit Citation for being involved in 14 military campaigns.

Expert M14 Rifle Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Good Conduct Medal

National Defense Medal

Army Meritorious Unit Citation

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Glen Walter Davies**

Mt. Olive

United States Air Force 72nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

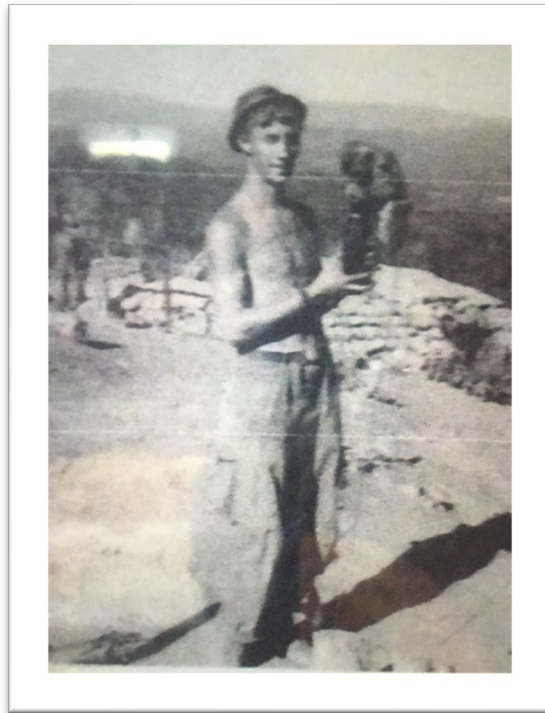
In country June 1972-March 1973

Enlisted in May 1970 in the United States Air Force, where he was trained to be a medical service specialist. He was shipped out to Vietnam where he spent June 1972 to March 1973 stationed at Tan Son Nhut Air Base as a medic with the 72nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

He was honorably discharged in February of 1974 with the rank of Sergeant.



## James Harry Deacon



*James Deacon and his monkey, Changa*

Mine Hill

United States Army 4<sup>th</sup> Inf Div

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

James Deacon was drafted by the United States Army in 1968 and was deployed to Vietnam where he served in the 4th Infantry Division for 14 months.

He returned home to the US on October 25th, 1969. James was hired by the Morris County Bridge Department in the summer of 1970, where he worked for 40 years, retiring, and moving to Lanesboro, Pennsylvania where he lives with his wife Pamela Ann of 47 years. He is currently an active member of the VA and of the American Legion.

He has two children and three granddaughters.

*Thank you, Mr. James Deacon. Welcome home.*

*Thank you, family of James Deacon.*

James Deacon's father and two uncles served in WWII

[Morris County World War II Veterans](#)



**Frederick R. De Lange**



Lincoln Park

United States Army

February 12, 1969, South Vietnam

Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

National Defense Service Medal

Purple Heart

Bronze Star

Combat Infantryman Badge

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 5E, Line 26

[Vietnam Wall](#)

**Robert A. De Maio**

Denville

United States Navy



**Joseph James De Maux**

Riverdale

United States Army 199th Light Infantry Brigade

Drafted into the Army during the Vietnam War. He was sent to Guam to be deployed to Vietnam with the 199th Light Infantry Brigade the epitome of the U.S. Army Infantry units, 700 men were killed in action in the 199th from 1966-1970 more than 4,500 were wounded and four medals of honor were earned by the unit including one by the brigade chaplain in 1967. He was just the fifth military chaplain in military history to receive the Medal of Honor.

Mr. De Maux volunteered to extend his duty in Vietnam because the unit was short of manpower.

He did this knowing full well the losses already incurred.

Combat Infantry Badge

National Defense Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal





## **Carole Kenefick De Meo**

Rockaway

United States Army 85th Evacuation Hospital

Joined the Army through the nursing program while enrolled at Mount Sinai School of Nursing in Milwaukee. She was assigned to the Fitzsimons Army Hospital in Denver, Colorado, where many of her patients were soldiers returning from Vietnam to recover here in the States. The more she spoke to nurses who had returned from Vietnam, the more she knew she had to enlist for another 13 months, but this time in Vietnam itself. She was assigned to the 85th Evacuation Hospital in South Vietnam that prepared the wounded to be sent to larger hospitals. She was an Army Captain in the Army Nurse Corps, and her hospital was close to the Tet Offensive, and though she could have requested safer quarters in another facility, she decided to stay for the troops she was caring for.

Her involvement in support of women in the military over the years has been written up in a number of publications including USA Today the Los Angeles Times and the New York Times.

She and her husband, Paul marched in the first Vietnam Veterans parade in New York City in 1985.

They celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary in March 2013.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

## **Paul E. De Meo**

Rockaway

United States Army

Grew up in Chester, Pennsylvania and was drafted into the Army in May of 1966 during the week of his final exams in his senior year in college. He graduated college in June and was inducted in the army in July. He was sent to Vietnam in 1968, the year the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong launched the Tet Offensive against South Vietnam and United States and allied forces. Mr. De Meo, who is a Rockaway resident, served a year in Vietnam, and he says when he came back to the states, it felt as if the entire country was against the returning troops, with protests and demonstrations everywhere.

He did, however, meet his wife, Carol Kenefick, in Vietnam.

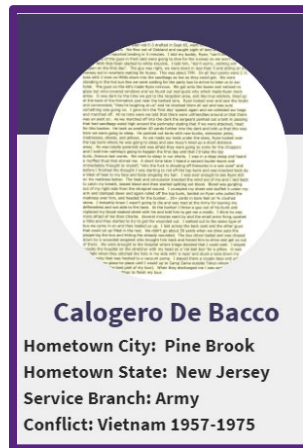
Paul and his wife and fellow Vietnam vet Carole marched in the first Vietnam Veterans parade in New York City in 1986.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Calogero De Bacco**

**"Carl"**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Montville Township, Pine Brook section

United States Army

Purple Heart

Quartermaster, VFW Post 5481

*Thank you, Mr. Carl De Bacco. Welcome home.*



**Louis A. DeCostanzo**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Thomas P. DeGroot**

Morristown

United States Army

New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal

**Rodney Samuel Della Salla**

Washington Township

United States Navy PO3

1970-1973

Mr. Della Salla was born in Newark, NJ on November 5, 1951. While stationed in Greece from 1971 through 1973, he trained with Navy Radioman "A" School and became a radio school military honor student. Mr. Della Salla was assigned to cryptography as a radio operator.

After his honorable discharge from active duty, Mr. Della Salla obtained his associate degree from Union College and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Seton Hall University. His post-military careers included working as a police officer from 1978 to 1982, as a fire captain for the fire department from 1982 to 2006 and providing commercial landscaping services for over 40 years. In addition, Mr. Della Salla has remained involved with the Washington Township Veterans Association.

Mr. Della Salla has a wife, four children, and seven grandchildren. His hobbies include fishing, landscaping, and carpentry.

National Defense Medal for his service.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal, May 27, 2023

**Joseph A. DeLois**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Peter R. Delpome**

Randolph

United States Army

New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal

**Robert A. DeMaio**

Denville

United States Navy USS Independence CV-62

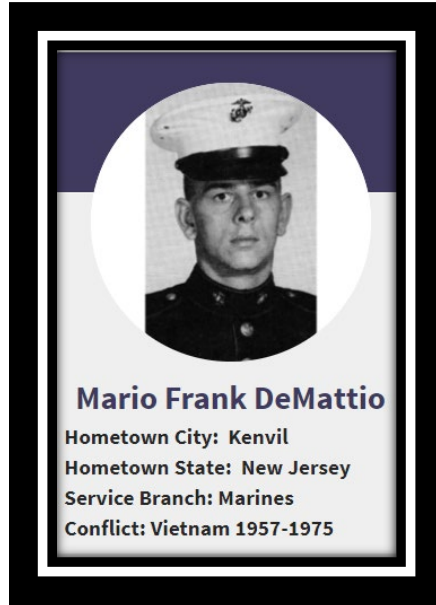


“Freedom's Flagship”



**Mario Frank DeMattio**

"Mickey"



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Roxbury

United States Marine Corps 2ND BN - 27TH MARINES - 1ST MARDIV

March 17, 1968, Quang Nam Province

Purple Heart

National Defense Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Memorial Wall

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[Vietnam Wall](#)



**Vincent R. DeMiceli**



Jefferson Township, Oak Ridge section.

United States Army First Division Combat Engineers First Engineer Battalion

In country May 1968-June 1969

Stationed in Dian.

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Army Commendation Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Member VVA Chapter 1002 Wallkill Valley

Member American Legion

Member VFW

Member Society of the First Engineer Battalion

Right photo: Mr. DeMiceli in May 2018 visiting the Northern New Jersey Veterans Memorial Cemetery on Memorial Day.

*Thank you, Mr. Vincent DeMiceli. Welcome home.*



**Michael J. de Pierro**

Parsippany

United States Air Force October 1959 to August 1962.

His service included training Army Green Berets, Navy Seals and NATO Special Forces in Single Sideband Communications before their units went into combat in Vietnam. Single Sideband was the primary communications system in Vietnam: Ground-to-Ground, Ground-to-Air, and Ground-to-Sea were all Single Sideband.

He is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10184, a life member of the American Legion Post 249.

**Leroy DePue**

Butler

United States Army

*Mr. DePue's name and information was provided Mr. George Burns, United States Army, who remembered his friends on Arch Street, Butler, all drafted into the Army.*

*The friends attended Butler High School.*

*Thank you, Mr. George Burns. Welcome home.*

**Patrick J. Deming**

Mine Hill

United States Air Force





**Anthony Desimone**

Morristown

United States Army

Assigned to Vietnam after attending Quartermaster school in Virginia and graduating as a Second Lieutenant.

While in Vietnam, he was given a piece of land, a new unit, a warehouse kit, and a civilian engineering detachment and asked to test a theory on implementing a self-service supply center in the jungles.

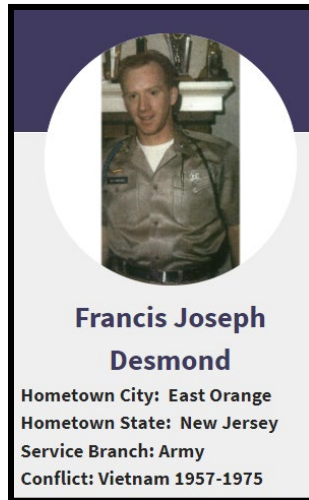
The task was completed in 60 days.

Army Commendation Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Francis Joseph Desmond**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Wharton

United States Army

Drafted into the Army in 1965 and was sent to Vietnam, where he lost many friends in battle. He himself was wounded and received the Purple Heart. Mr. Desmond served as a corrections officer in the state's Prison System. He remembers each of his friends killed in action when he visits the Vietnam Memorial, and he gets together with his unit buddies as often as possible.

Purple Heart

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Combat Infantry Badge

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Thomas E. DeVoe**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**John K. Dickenson, Jr.**

Harding

United States Army

Additional service in WWII and Korea

Bronze Star

Meritorious Service Medal

[Morris County World War II Veterans](#)

[Morris County Korean War Veterans](#)

**Richard T. Dickinson**

Morris Plains

United States Army

Served as a supply officer in Vietnam and remembers calling in a B52 strike after a unit not far from him was over-run.

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Thomas DiDomenico**

East Hanover

United States Air Force

Grew up in Little Falls and graduated from Passaic Valley High School in 1965. Just five 5-months later, in November of 1965, he enlisted in the Air Force. He attended Jet Mechanic Training through 1966 and was stationed at Luke Air Force Base in Glendale, Arizona, as an Assistant Crew Chief from 1966-67.

In 1967, he was deployed to Vietnam. He was stationed at Phan Rang Air Force Base in Vietnam from 1967-68 as a crew chief for the F-100 Super Sabre Fighter. His duty was to keep the aircraft ready to fly 24/7.

In 1968-69, he was stationed at Beale Air Force Base in California as a mechanic on the SR-71 Blackbird Reconnaissance Aircraft.

He was honorably discharged in February 1969, and post-military worked as a longshoreman at Port Elizabeth.



**Dante B. DiEdwardo**



Boonton

United States Navy

Prior service in WWII and Korea.

[Morris County World War II Veterans](#)

[Morris County Korean War Veterans](#)

**Joseph Francis DiRocco**

Parsippany

United States Army

Served from May 16, 1968, to May 16, 1972.

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Combat Infantry Badge

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Marksman Badge M14 Rifle

*Thank you, Ms. Liesl DiRocco Apgar, daughter of Joseph DiRocco.*



**Richard T. Dion**

Lincoln Park  
United States Army

**Gerald Brian Doe, Jr.**

Morris Plains  
United States Army

Drafted in 1968. After basic training at Fort Polk, he was sent to NCO School, and was then assigned to Fort Dix for one year as a trainer. Saw action in the Central Highlands, where he conducted assaults by helicopter.

Bronze Star  
Air Assault Badge (OLC)  
Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Lawrence A. Doyle, Jr.**

Florham Park  
Service unknown  
Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Robert Drexler**

Roxbury  
United States Army 1st Infantry Division  
“The Big Red One”

Drafted in 1966. Mr. Drexler received a number of medals and ribbons in recognition of his military service. He resides in Landing and remains passionate about greeting veterans who return from their tours of duty. He thinks it’s important that these men and women be personally thanked for their service to our nation.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Arnold W. Dunham**

Kinnelon

United States Army 1ST BN 61st INF

*"Roadrunners The Best Lead the Rest"*

The unit's mascot was a Great Dane named "Pvt. Zero".

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**William A. Dyer**

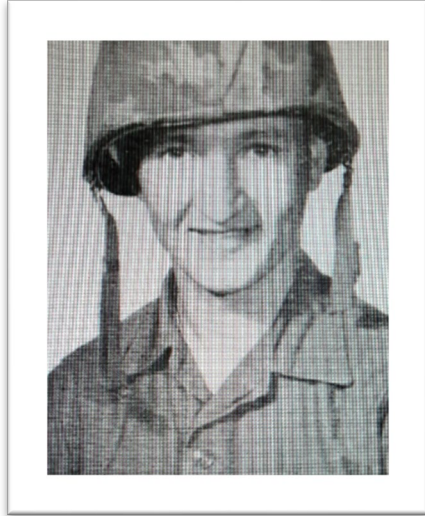
Dover

United States Army

New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal



**Francis Eglentowicz**



Randolph

United States Marine Corps

During his time in the Marines, PFC Eglentowicz was attached to a security detail protecting President Lyndon Johnson on a visit to Manila.

Mr. Eglentowicz was 100% disabled from his service in Vietnam, succumbing to his injuries in 1983.

Purple Heart

*Thank you, Mrs. Mildred Eglentowicz, wife of PFC Eglentowicz.*





**Dennis Michael Ehrlich**



Pequannock, Pompton Plains section

United States Navy Fighter Squadron 114

January 19, 1967, South Vietnam

Aboard the USS Kitty Hawk, on January 19, 1967, he was assigned a mission as Radar Intercept Officer of an F-4B Phantom aircraft. Immediately following the afterburner catapult launch, the aircraft was observed to lose the engine and approximately 30 seconds later, one mile forward of the ship, the aircraft stalled and collided with the water. No ejections were observed. The aircraft was destroyed on impact. No survivors were observed by rescue helicopters.

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Courts of the Missing at the Honolulu Memorial

Vietnam War Memorial, First Reformed Church, Pompton Plains, New Jersey

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

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[Vietnam Wall](#)



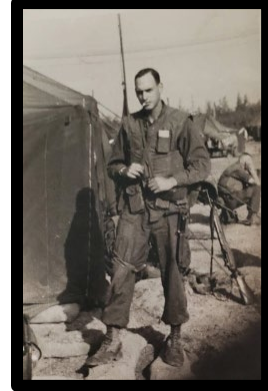
**David M. Eisenberg**

Florham Park

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Richard Alan Elfenbein**



Mt. Olive, Flanders section

United States Marine Corps

In country, 1966-1968

Born in Brooklyn, New York, he entered the Marine Corps on January 18, 1966. In service, he studied the Vietnamese language, Mine Warfare and attended Demolition School.

Purple Heart (2)

Bronze Star

Rifle Marksman Badge

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

*Thank you, Mrs. Myra Elfenbein.*



**Alfred A. Elio, Jr.**

Netcong

United States Air Force

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**David Carl Emery**

Florham Park

United States Army 199th Light Infantry Brigade

“Light, Swift, Accurate”

**Robert Walsh Emott, Jr.**

Florham Park

United States Navy

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Navy Unit Commendation

Antarctica Service Medal

National Defense Service Medal

**Salvatore Enea, Jr.**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



## Russel Warren Engle

"Rusty"



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Madison

United States Army 2ND BN - 503RD INFANTRY - 173RD ABN BDE

"The Rock"

June 22, 1967, Kontum Province

Purple Heart

Combat Infantry Badge

Madison Roll of Honor

### Vietnam Memorial Wall

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[Vietnam Wall](#)

SP4 Engle has an honor plaque in Madison.



**James P. Esposito**

Roxbury

United States Army

New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal

**Robert William Estler, Jr.**

"Bobby"

Boonton

United States Army 25th Armored Infantry Division

"Tropic Lightning"

Purple Heart

Bronze Star

**Raymond Eustice**

"Ray"

Wharton

United States Army

Served in Vietnam from February 1967.

Wounded in Action, Saigon April 17, 1967.

Purple Heart

Member Post 91, Wharton

*Thank you, Mr. Raymond Eustice. Welcome home.*



**Preston B. Fairlamb, Jr.**

“Jay”

Butler

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Member Rolling Thunder

**Gary M. Favino**

Mt. Olive

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Charles E. Fegley, III**

“Chuck”

Randolph

United States Navy

In country 1968-’69

Captain Charles (Chuck) Fegley III, served twenty-five years in the US Navy’s Civil Engineer Corps.

His tours of duty in the Security Group Activity included Kami Seya, Japan 1957-’60; the Naval Nuclear Power Unit (three times, once as OIC), Fort Belvoir, Virginia; OIC, PM-3A Nuclear Power Plant, McMurdo Station, Antarctica, Operation Deep Freeze 1964 (Fegley Glacier in Antarctica is named in his honor); The Seabees, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 62 (XO, Danang and Dong Ha, Vietnam 1968 and ’69; and CO, Okinawa, Diego Garcia and Guam 1976-’78); Director, Facilities Management, Chesapeake Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command 1972-’74; Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, US Naval Academy 1974-’76; and Officer in Charge of Construction, Mediterranean, Madrid, Spain 1978-’82.

Upon retiring from the Navy in 1982, Mr. Fegley went to work for Foster Wheeler Corporation as Project Director and Vice President. His career took him to Turkey; Paris; Kuwait; Clinton, New Jersey, and Bogatynia, Poland until he retired in January 1999.

He has a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Penn State; an MS in Civil Engineering (Construction) from Stanford University and completed the Navy’s Advanced Nuclear Power School in New London, CT.

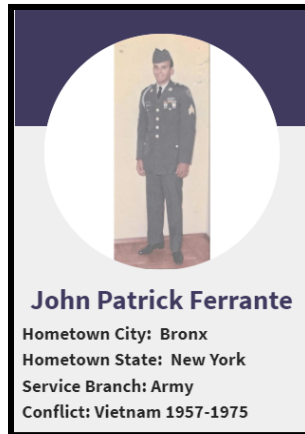
Chuck and his wife Ruth live in Randolph, New Jersey. They have three married daughters, Kimberly, Kristen, and Cynthia.

*Thank you, Mr. Charles E. Fegley, III. Welcome home.*





## John Patrick Ferrante



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Rockaway Township

United States Army

Nine Days in May Battle



*Mrs. Carol Ferrante poses with her husband, Sgt. Ferrante*

"I was a 19-year-old kid living in the Parkchester Housing Development in the East Bronx, when I was drafted into the Army on December 7, 1965. I did my basic training in Ft. Lewis, Washington with B Company, 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry, of the Fourth Infantry Division. Later, I was assigned to Headquarters Company as a radio teletype operator for the battalion headquarters. I went to Vietnam in September 1966 by boat, the USS Gordon. I disembarked in Nha Trang 22 days later. I was stationed in Tuy Hoa, a city on the coast of the South China Sea. Six months later we moved to Pleiku, in the Central Highlands, not far from the Cambodian border. Operation Francis Marion, which took place in



the Ia Tchar Valley and the remote jungle west of Pleiku, was to stop the NVA from entering into South Vietnam from Cambodia. From May 18, 1967 to the 26th, fierce battles between 3 American battalions and 2 North Vietnamese Army regiments pursued. This prolonged, deadly encounter was one of the largest, most savage actions seen by elements of the 4th Infantry Division. These battles became known as the "Nine Days in May" border battles. On May 24, 1967, I was reassigned to B Company, the same company I did basic training in, to replace soldiers killed or wounded 2 days before. I was wounded on that day but due to some SNAFU, didn't receive the Purple Heart until 54 years later after my commanding officer wrote a letter to the Department of the Army on my behalf. I was promoted to sergeant and squad leader a month later. I left Vietnam and the Army in September 1967. "

Purple Heart

Combat Infantryman Badge

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

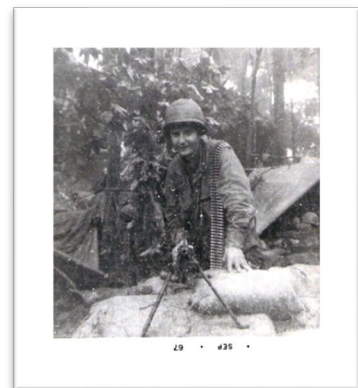
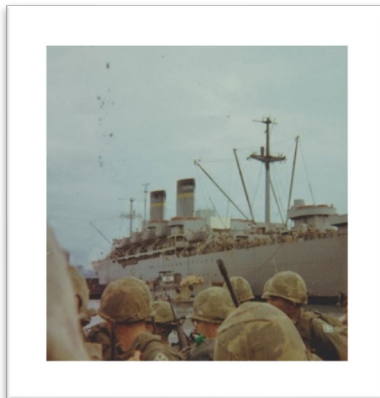
Vietnam Campaign Medal

Army Good Conduct Medal

Republic of Vietnam Cross with Palm Unit Citation

Presidential Unit Citation

Army Meritorious Unit Citation



*Thank you, Mr. John Ferrante. Welcome home.*



**Raymond Paul Ferrante**

“Comanchero 1”

Long Valley

United States Army 101 ABN DIV - B First Bat - 327th Infantry Regiment

Served first as a Kingsman of Company B, 101st Assault Helicopter Battalion (AHB), then extended his combat tour to serve in Company A, 101st AHB flew 1,500 hours in the Vietnam combat zone for the U.S. Army flying in lead ship in many operations.

in civilian life, he piloted real estate magnate Donald Trump (prior to the Trump presidency).

**Dennis Paul Ferrara**

Randolph

United States Navy

Member of the Kenilworth V.F.W. Post #2230

**Charles D. Ferry, II**

Montville

United States Air Force

He flew the C-135, which was used as a mid-air refueler for the fighting aircraft in Vietnam and the C-130, which was used for bombing the North Vietnamese. He remembers the awful destruction of the heavy bombs dropped over Vietnam one bomb fit the entire C-135 aircraft. He dropped a total of three, and they were called Daisy Cutters. Mr. Ferry was also responsible for flying the North Korean delegation to Saigon to sign the peace agreement at war's end. He received numerous medals including 187 air medals. He was discharged in 1976, but even as a major and a college graduate, he, like many Vietnam vets, was not offered work. He took a job as a janitor persevered and eventually rose to success in the medical field.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Dennis James Fett**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Pequannock, Pompton Plains section

United States Army 4TH BN - 9TH INFANTRY - 25TH INF DIV

November 27, 1968, Tay Ninh Province

*"By direction of the President, the Bronze Star medal is presented posthumously to PFC Dennis J. Fett, U.S. Army, who distinguished himself by outstandingly meritorious service in connection with military operations against the hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam.*

*"During the period 29 October to 27 November 1968, he consistently manifested exemplary professionalism and initiative in obtaining outstanding results. His rapid assessment and solution of numerous problems inherent in a combat environment greatly enhanced the allied effectiveness against a determined and aggressive enemy."*

Bronze Star

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

National Defense Medal

*Vietnam War Memorial, First Reformed Church, Pompton Plains, New Jersey*

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 38W, Line 73

[Vietnam Wall](#)



**Charles Patrick Fields**



Mt. Olive, Budd Lake section

United States Air Force

March 3, 1970

A graduate of Seton Hall Prep in South Orange, he joined the Air Force in 1954. While serving with the Air Force, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma State University.

Major Fields had served two tours in Vietnam when his reconnaissance jet was passing over his home in Sumter, South Carolina, and experienced engine trouble. The crash killed the 36-year-old major.

Distinguished Flying Cross

Air Force Medal with three oak clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

War Veterans Memorial, Budd Lake

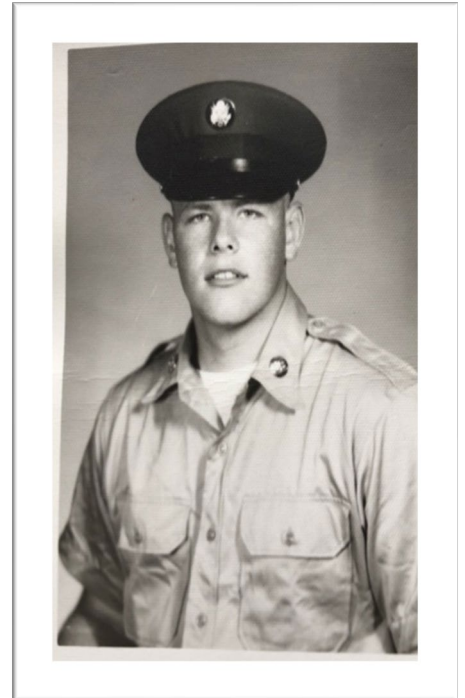
**Robert P. Filippo**

Montville Township, Towaco section

United States Army



**William John Fitze, Jr.**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Wharton

United States Army B/1/27th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division

Purple Heart

*Thank you, Mrs. Lucille Fitze, wife of William Fitze.*

**Theodore G. Fix**

Dover

United States Navy



### **Gary Flanagan**

Dover

United States Army

He was trained at Fort Knox as a Radio Repairman and was sent to Germany for possible deployment to Vietnam. He was on leave to his home when a snowstorm delayed his return to his unit and may have saved his life. When Mr. Flanagan was able finally able to return his unit had already been deployed to Vietnam. He started writing letters to members of his unit, but there was never any response. When he wrote to their families, they informed him that many of his friends had been killed.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

### **Dorothy Fleming**

“Dot”



Chester

United States Army Nurse

Maj. Fleming remained in the military after rendering service in WWII. Served as a nurse through Korea and Vietnam. She retired after thirty-one years in the military and then went on to work with children cancer patients.

[Morris County World War II Veterans](#)

[Morris County Korean War Veterans](#)





**Jay E. Fluker**

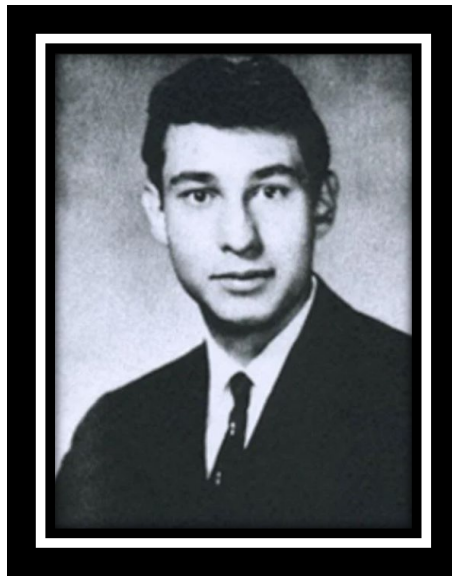
Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Manuel Louis Font**

"Manny"



Chatham

United States Army 20TH ENG BN - 937TH ENG GROUP - 18TH ENG BDE - USARV ENG CMD - USARV

August 15, 1966, South Vietnam

Summit Vietnam War Memorial

Chatham Vietnam War Memorial

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 10E, Line 7

[Vietnam Wall](#)



**Jack Ford**

Madison

United States Navy

USS Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. DD-850 "Joey P"

USS Furse DD-882 "The Sentinel of the Seas"

Studied engineering and main propulsion at 3 U.S. Navy Service Schools.

Vietnam Service Medal

Cold War Certificate of Recognition

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Joseph B. Ford**

Morristown

United States Air Force

Trained as an electrician, working on prop and jet aircraft, and graduated in the top 10% of his class.

He was sent to England to maintain the F86, which was the major jet fighter used by the Air Force in the Korean Conflict.

Once back in the states, he re-enlisted and was stationed at McGuire Air Base before being sent to Ethiopia as an advisor to the Ethiopian Air Force. When he returned to the states he was trained on the B-52 Bomber that was used in Vietnam from 1971 to 1972 and was soon on his way to Thailand rescuing downed aviators in Laos.

Mr. Ford retired from the Air Force with 20 years of service.

Bronze Star

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Richard L. Ford**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Hans L. Forssen, Jr.**

Long Hill Township, Stirling section

United States Marine Corps

**Paul E. Fournier**

Wharton

United States Army

New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal

**Joseph M. Francomacaro**

Mt. Olive

United States Army

Bronze Star

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Rodney Procter Frelinghuysen**

Mendham

United States Army

Stationed in the Mekong Delta

Vietnam Service Medal

Navy Distinguished Public Service Award

*Thank you, Congressman Rodney P. Frelinghuysen. Welcome home.*

**Anthony P. Fresso**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Thomas Frischman**

Roxbury

United States Coast Guard USCGC Pontchartrain WHEC-70

He joined the Coast Guard right after graduation from high school. He was stationed on the Coast Guard Cutter Pontchartrain in 1957, rescuing downed aircraft and ships in distress between Hawaii and California.

After a year and a half, he went to flight school, and was one of nine candidates selected to potentially participate in our Astronaut program. Mr. Frischman patrolled the air space over the Atlantic between Bermuda and United States coast.

Among his medals and citations, he is most proud of the Air Medal for serving combat support during the Vietnam War. He served 20 years.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**John P. Fritzges**

“Jack”

Washington Township

United States Army

**Jorgen Froyland**

East Hanover

United States Army

**Michael Fulton**

Dover

United States Army

**Robert C. Fund, Jr.**

Montville, Towaco section

United States Army

Founding member of the Montville VFW Post 5481.



**William Walter Furrer**

Rockaway Township

United States Coast Guard

**Gaetano Thomas Fuscaldo**

Boonton

United States Navy



**Eugene Thomas Gabay**

“Gene”

Long Valley

United States Army 25<sup>th</sup> Inf Div

Wounded in Action 26 November 1968.

Purple Heart

Combat Infantry Badge

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Palm

Bronze Star Medal

Army Commendation Medal w/ “V” device

Sharpshooter (Rifle)

The family history of military service includes Mr. Gabay’s grandfather John Richard Gabay Jr. WWI, his father John Richard Gabay III, USAF WWII, Uncle, Eugene Thomas Gabay, WWII United States Air Forces,

Killed in Action April 9, 1945, aged 19.



Mr. Gabay’s brother, Stephen J. Gabay, US Army Special Forces also served in Vietnam.

*Thank you, Mr. Eugene Gabay. Welcome home.*



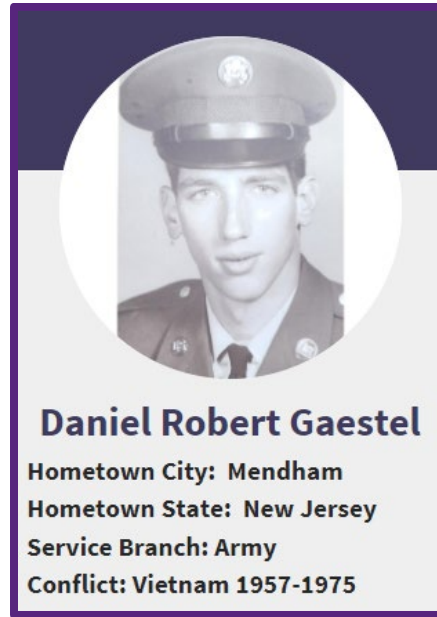
**Laurence M. Gabler**

Randolph

United States Air Force

Three tours.

**Daniel Robert Gaestel**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Mount Arlington

United States Army Co. B 1<sup>st</sup> BN 12<sup>th</sup> BDE 1st AIR CAVALRY

Purple Heart

Expert M-14

Bronze Star

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Air Medal

Mr. Gaestel serves as Quartermaster for Randolph Memorial VFW Post #7333

*Thank you, Mr. Daniel Gaestel. Welcome home.*



**Anthony Gallelo**

Rockaway Township

United States Navy





## Alfred Galluzzo

“Al”



Roxbury, Succasunna section.

United States Army 525th Military Intelligence Group

In 1969 Mr. Galluzzo was assigned to the 66th Military Intelligence Group Europe, specifically in Berlin, Germany during the height of the Cold War\*. He recalled that Berlin in those days was surrounded by the Berlin Wall and 110 miles behind the Iron Curtain\*\*.

In 1971, he was transferred Vietnam, serving in the Central Highlands and rotated home in 1972.

The above photograph features friends Mr. Alfred Galluzzo, left, on his first day in Vietnam. On the right is Mr. Paul Monacelli, of Randolph, on his last day in Vietnam. Mr. Monacelli drove hours in a jeep to catch up with “Al” and spend some time sightseeing in Saigon.

Al was hesitant to report late to his camp, but Paul settled the matter by asking:

*“What are they going to do? Send you to Vietnam?”*

Their friendship spans fifty-seven years.

Purple Heart

*Thank you, Mr. Alfred Galluzzo. Welcome home.*



\*Cold War (1945 to December 3, 1985) Combatants: United States v. The Soviet Union.

Called the “Cold” War as neither combatant officially declared war on each other-there existed a generally chilly, distrustful atmosphere. Historians have identified the causes that led to the outbreak of the Cold War: tensions between the two nations at the end of World War II, the ideological conflict between both the United States and the Soviet Union, and the emergence of nuclear weapons.

\*\*The Iron Curtain The term “Iron Curtain” had been used as a metaphor since the 19th century, but the phrase is most closely associated with former British prime minister Winston Churchill.

In a speech at Fulton, Missouri, March 5, 1946, alluding to communist states:

*“From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic, an iron curtain has descended across the Continent.”*

Churchill was referencing the political, military, and ideological barrier erected by the Soviet Union after World War II in an attempt to seal itself off and its dependent eastern and central European allies from contact with the West and other noncommunist nations.

A physical manifestation of “The Iron Curtain” arose in 1961, Berlin, Germany with the construction of the Berlin Wall. The Communist government of the German Democratic Republic (GDR, or East Germany) began to build a barbed wire and concrete “Antifascistischer Schutzwall” (“antifascist bulwark”) between East and West Berlin. The purpose of the Berlin Wall was to keep “Western fascists” from entering East Germany and undermining the socialist state, but it primarily served to curtail mass defections from East to West, many losing their life in attempt to gain freedom.

The Berlin Wall stood until November 9, 1989, when the head of the East German Communist Party announced that citizens of the GDR could cross the border unfettered. Citizens on both sides of The Berlin Wall began destroying it, but one key remnant of the Cold War remains. “Checkpoint Charlie”, the American Army border guardhouse that stood between East/West Germany.



**Richard J. Gamsby**

Montville

United States Army

He was in Washington, D.C. with many other veterans for the dedication of the Vietnam Wall Memorial.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Richard F. Gehring**

“Goldie”

Parsippany, Rainbow Lakes section.

United States Army

**Aline George**

Long Hill

United States Navy, R.N.

**Robert A. George**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Charles A. Germershausen**

Florham Park

United States Navy USS Basilone DD-824



*“Triumphus Supra Invisum Victory over the Unseen”*

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**James J. Gervasio**

Morristown

United States Marine Corps

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal



**Philip J. Gigante**

Montville

United States Navy USS Escape ARS-6



Joined the Navy after graduating college under the Officer Candidate School Program. He was stationed on the USS Escape doing rescue salvage work. He volunteered for Vietnam duty and became the youngest fleet line officer in the Navy. His assignment was protecting the rivers and harbors around Nhatrang. That meant keeping his men safe, providing security, and checking for contraband.

Like other military personnel who served in Vietnam, Mr. Gigante suffers from Agent Orange-related illnesses. He also realizes the Vietnamese people suffered as well.

He remembers coming home to no fanfare or thank you's, but says he is still proud of his service to his country.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Nicholas Gileta**

Morristown

United States Marine Corps

Meritorious Service

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Robert Bruce Gilray, Jr.**

"Bob"



Chatham

United States Army 4TH BN - 503RD INFANTRY - 173RD ABN BDE - United States ARV

September 7, 1968, Quang Duc Province

Purple Heart

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Bronze Star

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

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[Vietnam Wall](#)



**Carl F. Gladish**

Roxbury

United States Marine Corps

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal



**John Turner Glanville, Jr.**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Mendham

United States Navy USS Hancock CVA-19 "Can Do...Do Now".

A member of Heavy Photographic Squadron 61 aboard the aircraft carrier USS Hancock CVA-19. On June 13, 1966, he was the pilot of a Douglas Skywarrior Attack Aircraft (RA-3B) on a night low level reconnaissance mission over Ha Tinh Province, North Vietnam when the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and crashed. Report of a bright orange flash near the mouth of the Gia Hoi River.

His remains were not recovered.

Courts of the Missing at the Honolulu Memorial

Purple Heart

Air Medal

National Defense Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Mendham Memorial Plaque Mendham Library

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

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[Vietnam Wall](#)





**Norman Trudel Gleneck**

“Gramps”

Roxbury

United States Navy

United States Naval Academy, Class of 1957.

Nicknamed “Gramps” at the Naval Academy as one of the oldest in his company.

**Richard L. Goble, Jr.**

Dover

United States Army

**Stanley J. Godlewski, Jr.**

Madison

United States Marine Corps

Served two tours in Vietnam from 1966 to 1969.

**James Joseph Golden**

Rockaway

United States Marine Corps

**Donald C. Goll, Sr.**

Parsippany

United States Air Force



**Thomas W. Goralewicz**

Parsippany

United States Army 330th Transportation Co. "Checkmates"

Stationed with the 56th Transportation Co., arriving at Tan Son Nhut AF Base in January 1966.

Later attached to the 330th Transportation Co. in Vung Tau

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**Jan C. Gordon**

Mount Arlington

United States Army

*Thank you, Mr. Paul Wood, Orchard Street Gatehouse Historical Association.*

**Adam J. Gragnani**

Parsippany

United States Navy

He enlisted in February 1962. Mr. Gragnani was stationed at Floyd Bennet Field in southeast Brooklyn, N.Y., along the shore of Jamaica Bay, until he was honorably discharged in October 1966.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**William D. Graham, Jr.**

Jefferson Township

United States Army

Member of the Mine Hill Legion Memorial Post 392.

**Arthur J. Grant**

Morris Plains

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Former Commander VFW of Morris Plains.



**Louis J. Grassi**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**David R. Gravel**

Madison

United States Marine Corps

Joined the Marines when he was 18 and was deployed to Vietnam in 1969, just after the Tet offensive.

He flew Jets and Huey Helicopters in combat and says the motto in his air wing was

“90% boredom and 10% stark terror.”

Only one in five of his marine buddies survived the war.

Cross of Gallantry

Vietnam Campaign Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Member of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association.



Dennis C. Greco



Right image: Mr. Greco accepts the New Jersey Distinguished Medal, 2004

Cartoon: Mr. Greco recalls it came from a free publication, perhaps the Parsippany Focus.



Parsippany

United States Air Force 355th TFW

In country December 1967-January 1969

Vietnam Service Medal

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross (w/palm)

National Defense Medal

Good Conduct Medal

Outstanding Unit Citation (w/ "V" device)

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

*"In Memory of my cousins*

*Thomas Schneider (age 37) Spec 4 United States Army*

*Arthur Crist (age 65) Sgt. United States Air Force*

*Both served honorably in Vietnam."*

*Thank you, Mr. Dennis Greco. Welcome home.*



**Francis Griffith**

Randolph

United States Air Force

Morris County Distinguished Medal

**Kenneth Gromolwicz**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



Ira Gross





Parsippany

United States Army

Drafted July 15, 1968.

In country December 9, 1968-December 8, 1969

Purple Heart

Bronze Star (2)

Rifle Expert Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Army Commendation Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Mr. Gross died May 6, 2013, from complications of Agent Orange exposure.

*Thank you, Ms. Shari Gross, daughter of Ira Gross.*





**Joseph A. Grow, Jr.**

Rockaway

United States Army

**Alvin C. Guenther**

Washington Township

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**Bernard D. Guenther**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Robert John Guidi**

Mine Hill

United States Army

Military Post Office

**Edward J. Guratosky**

Butler

United States Air Force

Aircraft mechanic at Andersen Air Force Base working on B-52s from 1966 to 1968 during Operation Arc Light\*.

*Thank you, Mr. Edward Guratosky. Welcome home.*

\*Operation Arc Light- the First Arc Light mission flew from Anderson AF Base to Guam then to Vietnam on June 18, 1965. In 1967, to relieve crowding at Anderson and reduce flight time to Vietnam, Arc Light flights to U Tapao Royal AFB, Thailand, were added. The B-52s were used in saturation bombing runs and later were used in support of Marines in Operation Harvest Moon and the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division in the Ia Drang Valley.



**Armando Gutierrez**

Long Valley

United States Navy USS Washburn AKA-108



Inducted into the U.S. Navy in 1963 and went to basic training at San Diego Radio Training School.

He was deployed to Kodiak, Alaska for two years, answering radio messages for U.S. Navy fleet in the Pacific. The Radioman Second Class later served on the U.S.S. Washburn in Vietnam, assisting U.S. Marine amphibious operations.

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

National Defense Service Medal

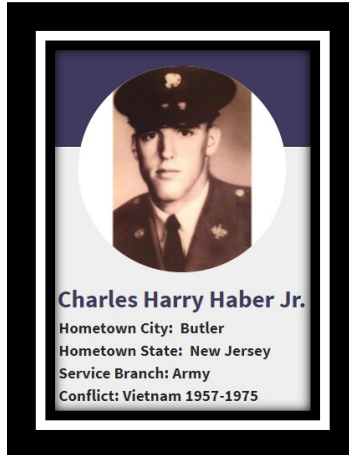
Vietnam Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Charles Haber, Jr.**

"Skip"



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*



Butler

United States Army 2nd BN 22nd Infantry - 4th INF DIV

March 22, 1967, Tay Ninh Province

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Combat Infantry First Award

National Defense Service Medal

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 17E, Line 19

*Thank you, Mr. Elmer Bott of the Butler American Legion.*

[Vietnam Wall](#)

[See Morris County Street Histories](#)



**Kenneth R. Hacker**

Kinnelon

United States Army HQ Co - 14th Armored Division

Graduated from Kinnelon High School, Class of 1968 and was drafted into the Army in 1970. He did his basic training at Fort Dix and was scheduled to go to Vietnam when his orders were changed to Germany. He served as a non-commissioned officer of Headquarters Company 14th Armored Division. The motto of the 14th is "Liberators", earned during WW II for liberating 200,000 allied POWs from prison camps.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Frank G. Hadjics**

Florham Park

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Stephen James Hadley**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Chatham

United States Army 4TH BN - 21ST INFANTRY - 11TH INF BDE

May 15, 1971, Quang Ngai Province

Purple Heart

Chatham Vietnam War Memorial

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 3W, Line 36

[Vietnam Wall](#)



**Aubrey M. Haines**

Harding

United States Army

Prior service in WWII and Korea.

It was in the European Theater in WWII where he earned a Bronze Star.

He earned his second Bronze Star in Vietnam.

[Morris County World War II Veterans](#)

[Morris County Korean War Veterans](#)

**Silas W. Haith**

Morristown

United States Army

**George Francis Hall**

Mine Hill

United States Army



**Robert Hannon**

“Bob”



Denville

United States Navy

U.S. Naval Reserve (1961-63)

Trained for two weeks in New London, Ct. aboard the USS Fulton AS-11



Active-duty service (Vietnam War): May 1963 – May 1966

NARTU (Naval Air Reserve Training Unit), NAS Lakehurst, N.J.

Rank: Second Class Petty Officer (Yeoman) E-5

Worked in NARTU's Administration Office

Job titles: Classified Material Control Yeoman (Secret clearance)

Responsibilities: daily log in secret data about foreign subs in the Atlantic.

Legal Yeoman Responsibilities: prepare documents for Captain's Mast

Assisted at two BCDs (Bad Conduct Discharges) of Navy servicemen

Honorable Discharge

*Thank you for your service, Mr. Robert Hannon.*



**John F. Haren**

"Jack"

Morris Plains

United States Army

Served from April 1970 to June 1975. He was a member of the U.S. Army Signal Corps.

Army Commendation Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Charles L. Harden**

Wharton

United States Navy USS Enterprise CVN-65 "The Big E."



Stationed aboard the USS Enterprise off the coast of Vietnam. This aircraft carrier the world's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier was responsible for most of the bombing missions in Vietnam.

She was decommissioned in 2017.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Glenn A. Hardy**

Rockaway

United States Navy

Mr. Hardy rendered prior service in Korea.

[Morris County Korean War Veterans](#)





**James E. Harget**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**James W. Hart**

Mountain Lakes

United States Army

**Robert W. Hartman**

Rockaway

United States Navy

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**John Alexander Hatch**



Long Valley

United States Marine Corps

Served in Vietnam as a forward observer.

*Thank you, Ms. Stephanie Pickard, daughter of Mr. John Alexander Hatch*



Richard Haycook



Morris Plains

United States Air Force

In country 1970-1971



Left image TanSon Nhut Airbase: "These flares were dropped all night long. The only way to MAYBE see sappers or tunnel rats attempting to breach the perimeter." (*Mr. Haycook provided the definition of "sappers" as "a person who digs tunnels to breach fences, perimeters/etc. by going under, rather than trying to go over or to knock them over." The term "Sappers" describes both friend and foe.*)

Right image TanSon Nhut Airbase: "Perimeter bunker after it was surprise attacked by infiltrators early one morning. All 6 AF Security Police manning it were killed before help could arrive. This bunker was about 1 mile from my radio site. My team was not on duty at the time. When we got to work later that day everyone was in full defensive posture (helmets, flak jackets, weapons in arms if not operating radio position and we were actually challenged by our own people before we were let in. They were very spooked so I can't blame them. We posted 24-hour lookouts for the next few weeks."





c. 1970 "EC-47 Landing on runway 25 left at Tan Son Nhut. Picture was taken by holding camera outside the "Leaflet Drop Chute". Very Lucky Shot!"



Image "EC47 AJ702 AKA "The Moon Goon" somewhere over RVN about 1971. EC47s were unarmed communications surveillance/collection 1940s-vintage (DC-3) aircraft that flew at about 5000-10000ft. This aircraft got its name from the (not celestial) "moons" displayed in the window covers, 3 of which are seen clearly here."



After graduating Morristown High School 1963, Mr. Haycook enlisted in the Air Force making it a twenty-two-year career. He was a radio communications intelligence collector/analyst and later a ground radio operator in tactical & aeronautical operations.

His service required that he live half his life overseas: mostly Europe and temporary assignments in Greenland, Sardinia, Japan, and Korea.

Mr. Haycook lent support during the Mariel Boat Lift\* in 1980 and the Invasion of Grenada 1983\*\*

Not uncommon for military members, Mr. Haycook relocated an average of every 18 months.

Retiring from the Air Force and the defense industry, Mr. Haycook now lives in New Hampshire.

2 Meritorious Service Medals

2 Air Force Commendation Medals

6 AF Outstanding Unit Award (1 with "V" (Valor) Device)

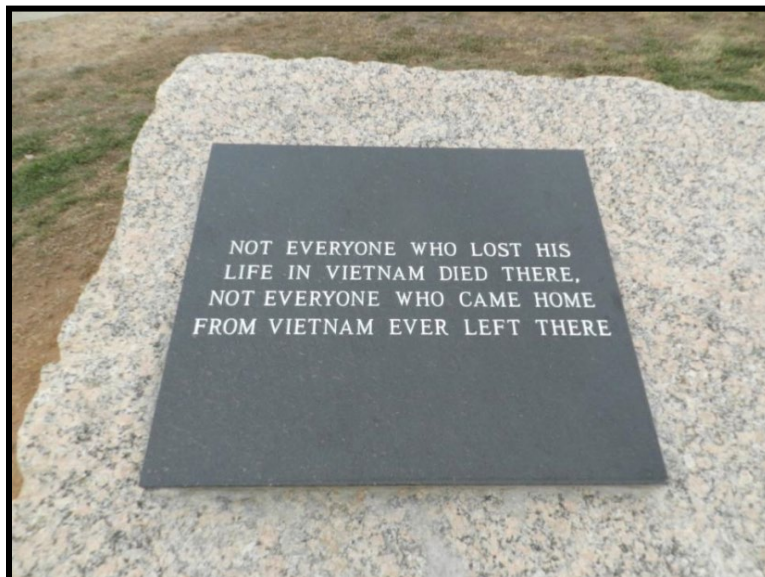
Republic of Vietnam Presidential Cross of Gallantry with Palm Device

Vietnam Service Medal (with 4 Campaign stars)

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

AF Humanitarian Service Ribbon

Command NCO Academy Distinguished Graduate Ribbon



*"A reminder for us all" Image from the Vietnam Memorial, Odessa, Texas.*

*Thank you, Mr. Richard Haycook. Welcome home.*



\*Mariel Boat Lift In 1980, Fidel Castro announced that any Cuban wishing to leave the communist country, might do so. Thousands of Cubans fled, departing from the Port of Mariel using barely seaworthy boats, including rubber rafts. Most of the refugees landed on Florida's Gulf Coast or in south Florida. Some of the vessels capsized or broke apart, requiring the occupants to be rescued at sea.

\*\*Incursion of Grenada, At the request for assistance from the Caribbean League, the United States invaded Grenada on October 25, 1983, in response to the capture and execution of former Prime Minister Maurice Bishop and several Grenada soldiers by revolutionaries.



**James Heien**

“Jimmy “

Hanover, Whippany section

United States Marine Corps

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Member of Robert Slattery Marine Detachment.

**Berthold Herman Hein, Jr.**

“Bert”

Dover

United States Army Special Forces

After Vietnam, he served with the Old Guard in Washington, D.C. on funeral detail and guard duty for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. He finished his military career in NATO Intelligence agencies.

**James A. Henderson, Jr.**

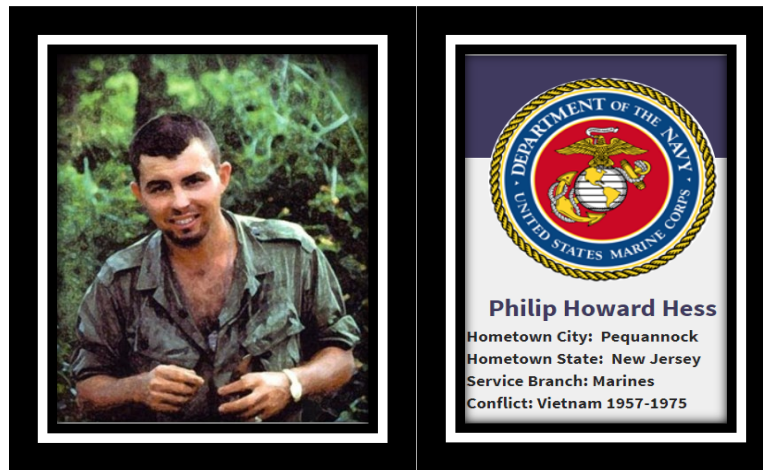
Morris Plains

United States Army

After serving two tours in Vietnam, he retired as a MSGT from the U.S. Army in 1976.



## Philip Howard Hess



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*



Pequannock

United States Marine Corps 1ST MOTOR TRANS BN - 1ST MARDIV III MAF

December 22, 1966, Quang Tin Province

Vietnam War Memorial First Reformed Church Pompton Plains New Jersey

Sign Blade added to Boulevard in Pequannock

### Vietnam Memorial Wall

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## Kenneth E. Hewitt



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry*

Chester

United States Army

Purple Heart

*"I was in the First Infantry Division A Company First Battalion Second Infantry (known as the black scarf Battalion). The Company was responsible from where the Ho Ci Mihn trail\* entered Viet Nam to Saigon on the west, north to the mountains of Le Kae Province."*

Ken Hewitt was born in Chester, NJ and graduated from Bernards High School in 1966. He served in the U.S. Army from March 21, 1968- March 21 1970 during the Vietnam War. He spent the first five months at Ft. Dix, NJ during basic training where he was trained as an Infantryman. During the first half of service, he was deployed from August 25, 1968- August 25, 1969, to Northwest Vietnam in the Iron Triangle. Upon his return home, he was stationed at Ft Knox, KY where he was retrained as a self-propelled Artilleryman specifically with armored personnel carriers. During his service at Ft. Knox, he also served on funeral duty. He folded the flag more than he could imagine. On November 13, 2017, Ken was honored as Disney's Veteran of the Day; he accepted this honor on behalf of the men and women who never made it home. For all the flags he folded and presented to families, for all the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice, for his friends and comrades who stood next to him, yet never made it home. To think on that day, he was thinking of all others before himself. He has often mentioned that he felt the responsibility to carry the memories of all the boys who never made it home by teaching others to honor and respect. Ken has lived most of his life in Chester, NJ where he was employed till retirement with UPS. He married Terri Hewitt (nee Hoernlen) in 1980, has two daughters Heather Hewitt-Hearon and Danielle Hewitt, and two amazing grandkids Johnathan and Madison Hearon.

Member National Chapter of the Military Order of The Purple Heart

Member Morris County Chapter # 246 of the Military Order of The Purple Heart

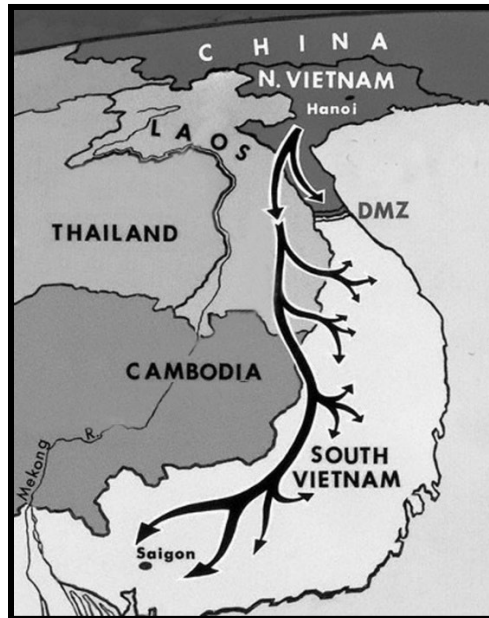
*Thank you, Mr. Kenneth Hewitt. Welcome home.*

*Thank you, Ms. Heather Hewitt Hearon, daughter of Mr. Hewitt*





## Ho Chi Mihn Trail



The trail was put into operation beginning in 1959, after the North Vietnamese employed guerilla warfare to reunify South with North Vietnam.

Work was undertaken to connect a series of older trails leading from the panhandle of North Vietnam into Laos and Cambodia and then into South Vietnam. This resulted in a complex network of trails.

Expanded significantly beginning in the 1960s, it still took more than one month to travel from North to South Vietnam.

Efforts were gradually made to improve the trail, and by the late 1960s could accommodate heavy trucks in some sections.

## Raymond E. Hill

Hanover

United States Marine Corps

Attached to a Marine Corps Air Group. Except for 200 men who were refuelers in Hawaii, his Air Group was sent to Vietnam, where most were killed.

In civilian life, he served as a trauma Chaplin at Greystone and at Morristown Memorial Hospital.

National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Walter Hill**

Roxbury, Succasunna section

United States Marine Corps

Lance Corporal

1971-1975

In country 1972-1973

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

After his service in Vietnam, Mr. Hill enlisted in the Army, with the 24<sup>th</sup> Inf Div. When his hitch was up and there was pressure to re-enlist, Mr. Hill, who advised he “hated walking”, reupped with the caveat he would be put in a tank. Two weeks later he was in Ft. Knox for Armor crewman training. He became a tank platoon sergeant, a first sergeant and the “big prize” in the armor community: a Master Gunner.

Mr. Hill served on three different series of tanks, requested an administrative reduction in rank to remain as a platoon sergeant.

He retired as a Sergeant First Class in 1996.

Mr. Hill went back to render additional service in 1998, 2003, 2008 and 2010 participating in Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

*Thank you, Mr. Walter Hill. Welcome home.*

**Karl Hipp**

Randolph

United States Air Force

Born in Switzerland and moved to the United States when he was 25. He spoke German and French, but he wanted to learn English. He had already completed mandatory military service in Switzerland and moving to the United States made him subject to our draft. Well, he was drafted, but he chose instead to join the Air Force. He was trained in communications and was stationed at Stewart Air Base in Newberg, New York, with the Strategic Air Command. He was later sent to Germany’s Lankerhoff Air Base for radio communications.

Mr. Hipp, learned to sail at the age of 70 and was considered a qualified skipper by the Coast Guard.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**George Edward Hlavin**

Florham Park

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**LeRoy David Hoffman**

Mine Hill

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Raymond J. Hoffman**

Denville

United States Army

**Steven Edward Hoh**

Mine Hill

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Paul G. Hohner**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



## **Arnold Hokins**

Randolph, Franklin section.

United States Army

He remembers arriving at Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam, and seeing all the negative television publicity about Vietnam and the casualties. Within minutes of landing and after deplaning he and the others began taking incoming fire. He thought to himself:

“Welcome to Vietnam”.

One of his jobs was to inventory the personal effects of those soldiers killed in action, wounded, or missing in action. He would also off load wounded soldiers who were hurt in fire fights to Lonh Binh Army Base for medical care.

Mr. Hokins was also within 10 miles of the Cambodian border where they were subjected to B-52 bombers dropping their pay loads on enemy soldiers. Reporting back after the destruction was another part of his job.

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Thomas J. Holden**

"Tom"

Morris Plains

United States Army 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

In country September 1966

Mr. Holden was born in All Souls Hospital (now known as Morristown Memorial), Morristown, New Jersey. He attended local schools, St. Virgil's, Morris Plains and Bayley Ellard High, Madison, New Jersey. Drafted in 1966, Mr. Holden attended basic training at Ft. Dix, becoming squad leader, hotel Company 2nd training battalion.

After basic he moved to Ft Lewis Washington, AiT with 4th Infantry Division deploying to Vietnam with division in August 1966 aboard the USS John Pope arriving at Qui Nhon in September 1966. Drove convoys from Qui Nhon to Camp Enari on many occasions as well as building the base camp, division message center duties, patrols, and guard duty duties.

Upon leaving Vietnam with time remaining, reported to Ft. Eustis, Virginia for completion of military tour and attended Fairleigh Dickenson University, Madison, NJ, obtaining a BS in marketing.

*Thank you, Mr. Thomas Holden. Welcome home.*

**David A. Hollowell, Sr.**

Morris Township

United States Army

Serving from February 1966 to February 1968, he supported the Army Geospatial Center as a Computer Programmer/Systems Analyst and received a programmer certificate in Data Processing from Army Engineering School.

Good Conduct Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Marksmanship Badge - Expert/Rifle

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Kenneth P. Holster**

Butler

United States Army 196<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry

May 1968 to May 1970

In country October 1968 - October 1969

Bronze Star

Combat Infantry Badge

*Thank you, Mr. Kenneth Holster. Welcome home.*

**Robert George Hopp**

Montville

United States Navy

Two and a half tours as a SEAL\* before receiving an abdominal injury and being honorably discharged.

Purple Heart

Member of American Legion Post 279 Lincoln Park

*\*Sea Air and Land. The SEAL program has its origins in WWII, then known as Underwater Demolition Teams (UDTs.)*

**David J. Hourigan**

Wharton

United States Army

Drafted in 1965. He served in the Military Police, doing escort duty for convoys travelling up and down Route 1 in Vietnam. He remembers the day he arrived in Vietnam and bombs were exploding not far from his air strip.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**George S. Huffert**

Mine Hill

United States Army

Mine Hill American Legion Post 391



**Lee T. Huffert**

Mine Hill

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Elizabeth Scott-Hughes**

Dover

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**James L. Hughes**

Lincoln Park

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**Allie M. Hunt, Jr.**

"Al"

Montville

United States Army

**Michael Hurley**

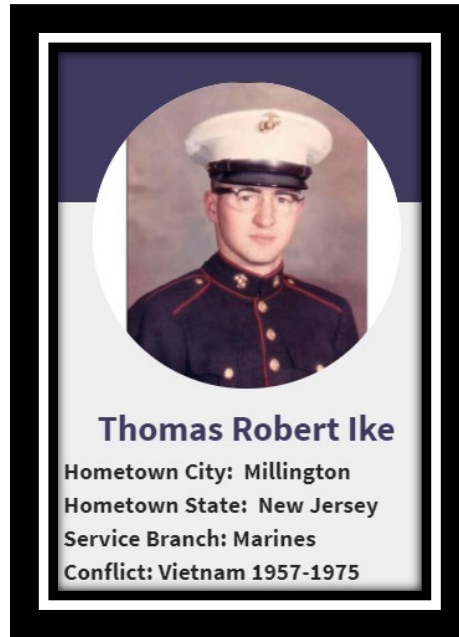
Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Thomas Robert Ike**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Long Hill, Millington section.

United States Marine Corps M CO - 3RD BN - 9TH MARINES - 3RD MARDIV - III MAF

May 25, 1967, Quang Tri Province

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross (with Palm)

Vietnam Service Medal

Purple Heart

National Defense Medal

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**Frank O. Inderwies**

Denville

United States Army

**Reinel Anthony Iturbe**

“Tony”

Mt. Olive, Flanders section

United States Army 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

In country Central Highlands

Combat Infantry Badge

Vietnam Campaign Ribbon

Vietnam Service Ribbon

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Born in Cuba, with the help of an uncle, Mr. Iturbe emigrated to the United States alone, eventually settling in Flanders. Mr. Iturbe was a volunteer with the Fire Company and First Aid Squad.

*The above information was provided by Mr. Thomas Holden (In country September 1966) who met Tony at the Flanders Valley Golf Club. Both members of the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, the two became good friends.*

*Thank you, Mr. Thomas Holden. Welcome home.*



**Robert G. Jacobs**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Vincent Lawrence Jacobs**



Kinnelon

United States Marine Corps HMM-165 - MAG-16 - 1ST MAW - III MAF

January 7, 1969, Quang Ngai Province

Air Medal

National Defense Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

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**Frank J. Jamkowski**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Charles T. Jandik, Jr.**

Mine Hill

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Steve Edward Jason, Jr.**

Mine Hill

United States Navy

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**James R. Jensen, Jr.**

Boonton

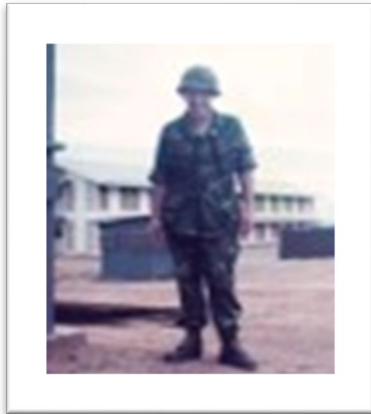
United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal



**John Jobes**

“Jack”



Kinnelon

United States Air Force

“I lived in Kinnelon all through grammar and high school, graduating from Butler HS in 1964. I entered the Air Force in August of that year. I was first assigned as an Air Policeman at Andrews AFB, Maryland.

In March of 1967 I went to Phan Rang AB Vietnam for one year. I performed duties to include tower duty, aircraft revetment duty, bomb dump tower duty and sector gun jeep response team duties. During TET 1968, I was sent as part of a Reaction Team force to Da Lat in the highlands where we had some of our unit on temporary duty guarding a radio relay site. Military “Intel” had said that small enemy forces might attack the site. In reality, a force of three NVA battalions took over the town in what was the first attack on that location. We secured our relay site and the army in that area called in aerial support in the form of an AC-47, Puff the Gunship. The town was retaken by US and Vietnamese forces. I returned to Andrews AFB in March of 1968. I was awarded an Air Force Commendation medal for my service in Vietnam.

I got out in August ‘68, joined the FL ANG in 1969. In 1971 I re-enlisted and ended up retiring from the Air Force in Aug 1988 as a MSgt (E-7).”

*Thank you, Mr. John Jobes. Welcome home.*



**Dale Monroe Johnson**

Denville

United States Army

**Guy Frederick Johnson**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Chatham

United States Army 254 Medical Detachment

March 26,1969, Khanh Hoa

Purple Heart

Distinguished Flying Cross

Chatham Vietnam War Memorial

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**Allyn Harrison Jones**

Mine Hill

United States Army

Upon receiving his Morris County Distinguished Service Medal, Mr. Jones said:

“I think it is about time the Vietnam veterans were recognized.”

Bronze Star

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Edward Jones**

Mine Hill

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Jerry W. Jones**

Denville

United States Army

Stationed at Thul Air Force Base, Greenland.

Member Denville American Legion Post 390



**John Raymond Jones**

Washington Township

United States Army

November 1971- November 1973

Mr. Jones was born in Somerville, New Jersey on March 14, 1951.

While stationed in Europe, Mr. Jones was a quartermaster ranked Specialist 4 in the Artillery battalion.

Mr. Jones was honorably discharged from active duty to the Army Reserve in Fort Dix, NJ. He remains involved in his community as a member of the American Veterans Association of Washington Township Post 1776, the Knights of Columbus, and the Ramapo Assembly.

His favorite hobbies include model cars, fishing, and hunting.

National Defense Service Medal

Good Conduct Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal, May 27, 2023

**James M. Joseph**

Wharton

United States Navy

**Joseph Walter Jurkiewicz**

Jefferson Township, Oak Ridge section

United States Army

**Albert E. Kagler**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Stanley A. Kasiski**

Hanover Township

United States Army

Enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1968, he served on active duty until 1970 when he transferred to the U.S. Army National Guard, remaining in the reserve until 1993.

Army Meritorious Service Medal

Army Commendation Medal (3)

Army Achievement Medal

National Defense Service Medal(2)

Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (6)

Armed Forces Reserve Medals (2)

New Jersey Meritorious Service Medal

New Jersey Distinguished Service Ribbon

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Charles D. Kandziolka**

Mt. Olive

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Robert L. Kane**

Parsippany

United States Army

Bronze Star

Good Conduct Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal





**William M. Kasper, Jr.**

Jefferson Township

United States Army

**Peter J. Kassteen**

Morris Plains

United States Navy

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**Robert Katalinas**

Wharton

United States Army

Member and past Commander of the American Legion Post 91 of Wharton.

**Stephen M. Katchen**

Mt. Olive

United States Army Co C, 4th Bn, 23d Inf

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Michael A. Katz**

Chatham Township

United States Army 1st Signal Brigade headquarters

Stationed in Long Binh from June 1968 to June 1969.



Bronze Star

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

*Thank you, Mr. Michael Katz. Welcome home.*



**Joseph P. Keely**

Jefferson

United States Marine Corps

In country 1965-1967

SSGT Keely was stationed in Da Nang, second tour Gia Lea (north of Phi Bai) and south of Hue City.  
In December 2020, Mr. Keely published a book about his experiences in Vietnam, entitled  
Wounds of the Heart. Below, an excerpt from his work:

“Here is a scoreboard that has come  
to be,  
The points are not numbers that  
You normally see,  
They are faces and names from  
Sea to shining Sea,  
with neighbors and friends  
and family,  
What is not seen here are the  
Wounds of all degrees,  
The Blind  
The Insane  
The Amputees,  
Or the men and women,  
Who took the Oath?  
Like Me,  
With wounds of the heart That no one can see.”

*Thank you, Mr. Joseph Keely. Welcome home.  
Thank you, family of Mr. Joseph Keely.*



**Alban C. Kellogg**

Florham Park

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Kevin J. Kelly**

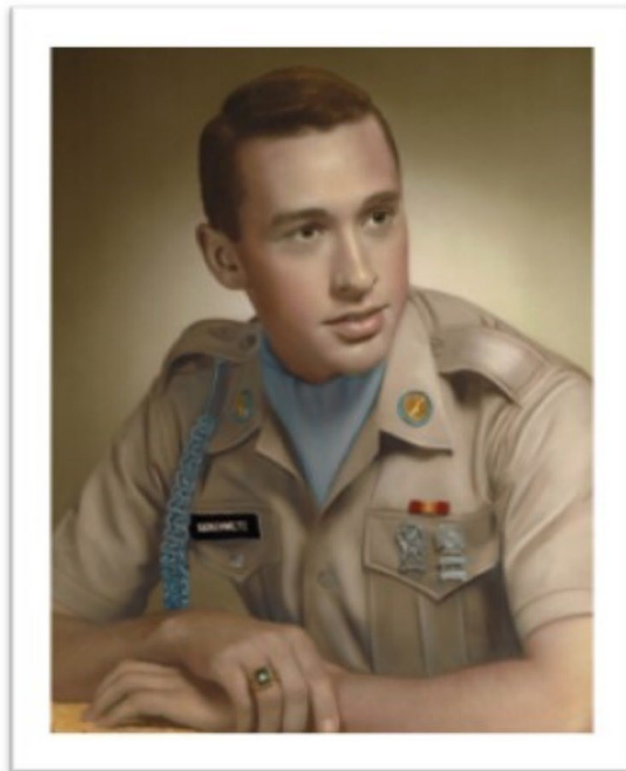
Mount Arlington

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**Robert Kickenweitz**

“Bob”



Long Hill Township, Stirling section.

United States Army 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment



Mr. Kickenweitz serves as webmaster for [www.11thcavnam.com](http://www.11thcavnam.com) and administrator for [www.facebook.com//11thACVVC](https://www.facebook.com//11thACVVC)

### **Darkest Day for Blackhorse, SUOI – CAT**

**By Robert “Bob” Kickenweitz**

“The 21st of May 1967, it was a beautiful sunny Sunday morning, the kind of a day you were happy to be alive. I got up, put on clean set of fatigues and went to breakfast at the mess hall. Leaving the mess hall, I noticed steam coming up from our tent as the dew from the night before was evaporating from the heat of the sun into little clouds. Yes, just what we needed in South Vietnam, a little more humidity! After breakfast, I walked up to our chapel about one block from my tent for Sunday mass. Our chapel was located on the southwest corner of an intersection, with the 7th Surgical Hospital on the northwest corner, and across the street diagonally from chapel on the northeast corner was the 37th Medical Group, and on the southeast corner was Regimental Headquarters.

For the longest time, Father Egan, our Chaplain, would serve mass in an open field, but now we had our own chapel. Made from a maintenance tent, it had a center aisle with benches on both sides. At the altar’s base there were two railings: one from each side of the tent but open at the center aisle, each with a white cross on it. On the base itself was the altar with a cross and some candles on it, behind the altar was a large white cross on the rear wall.

During the mass, all hell started to break loose! We had one dust-off after another coming in with dead and wounded. We were half way through the mass when the word came for Father Egan to come right over to the hospital. So he and Tony Graziano, his assistant ran across the dusty road to the hospital.

After 50 years, Tony remembers: “It probably was the worst day of my time in Vietnam. They were bringing in bodies, some so severely wounded and missing limbs that you could barely recognize the person. There was blood all over.” I stayed at the chapel for awhile and prayed for the wounded men on the dust-off coming in from the carnage that they had been through. At 0850 hrs some 19 miles from Blackhorse base camp, K Troop 1st Platoon was providing security for an element of the 595th Engineer

Company working at the Gia Ray rock quarry, near Suoi-Cat, South Vietnam. Their convoy was ambushed by a reinforced battalion of the 274th VC Regiment, some of the enemy was wearing South Vietnam Army uniforms, while others wore mixed black pajama and fatigue uniforms. Due to the loss of communication, Captain Hoffman, Commander of K Troop, after some 15 to 20 minutes, committed the balance of his two other platoons as a relief force. At about the same time, Air Cav Troop with helicopter gunships arrived on the scene, and three howitzer batteries were responding along with six USAF air strikes one hour after the ambush started. What started out as a beautiful sunny day for me was hell for my brother Blackhorse Troopers, and in some cases their last day alive. All of 1st platoon vehicles were damaged or destroyed. Of the original 41 men, only the platoon sergeant was not a casualty. 16

Blackhorse Troopers were killed that day and 26 wounded. The enemy lost 30 men.

Unfortunately, the story doesn’t end there. Back in the early 80’s on a Saturday that happened to be Memorial Day weekend, I was cutting my lawn and Suoi-Cat popped into my mind out of a clear blue sky. I couldn’t get it out, I stop the mower and sat down on the side steps to our patio



and started to cry. I couldn't stop, I just couldn't. My wife Patti saw me, came out of the house and asked, "What's wrong?" I tried to tell her the story that I had locked away many years ago.

At the time I never talked about Vietnam. She sat down beside me with her arm over my shoulder. Our daughter Kristine and son Marc came to the door and Kristine asked, "Is Daddy okay, Mommy?" "Dad is okay, he just remembered something very sad. Go back in the house and watch some TV" she said. I don't think Patti or I had any knowledge of PTSD at the time. She stayed there with me until I could compose myself and get back to the lawn.

This woman is the most understanding and compassionate person I have ever met in my life, I'm so blessed to have her for my wife! It is said that time heals all wounds, I'm not so sure if that is correct in all cases. Like Tony, Suoi-Cat affected me more than when I personally came under fire. I think in my case, I was so scared and the adrenaline was pumping so hard that afterward I just felt very cold. So cold in fact that my teeth started to chatter and I felt like I was going to freeze to death. But in the case of Suoi-Cat I was an observer of somebody else's pain, much more than any pain that I ever felt. I have been able to handle my PTSD for the most part over the years and I have found that writing these short stories has helped enormously. I will always hold a special place in my heart for those brothers I loss that day at Suoi-Cat."



*Thank you, Mr. Robert Kickenweitz. Welcome home.*



**Stephen D. Kish**

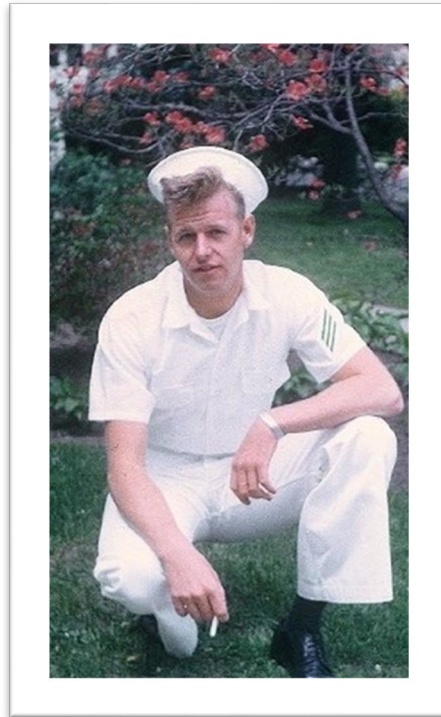
Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Edward Klingener, Sr.**

“Ed”



Dover

United States Navy USS Coral Sea CV-43, USS Ranger CV-61, USS Hancock CV-19

Born in Dover, he was later a resident of Boonton. His first duty assignment was 1961 Boca Chica naval air in Key West, Florida. Rescue man on crash crew, during The Cuban Missile Crisis\*. He was next transferred to North Island, California in 1963, attached to VAW11. The squadron did shake down cruises on USS Coral Sea, USS Ranger and finally stationed off the coast of Vietnam on the USS Hancock CV-19.

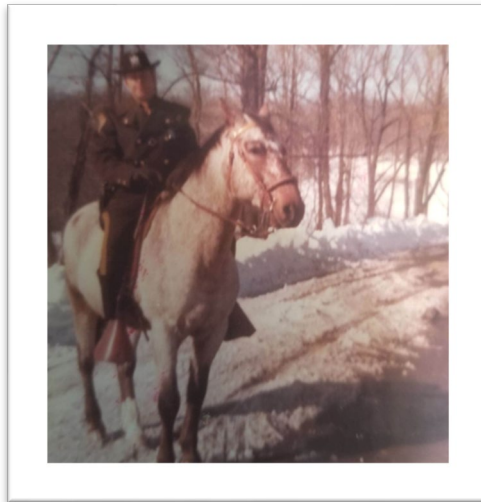






The Hancock

Upon separation, he returned to Boonton where he signed on with the Morris County Park Police; Mr. Klingener became the first mounted police officer.



Officer Klingener

After four years with the Park police, he transferred over to the Morris County prosecutor's office where he served on the narcotics task force.

Mr. Klingener retired in 1994 after a life of honorable service and today, enjoys his boat, living at the Jersey Shore.

*Thank you, Mr. Edward Klingener, Sr. Welcome home.*

Mr. Klingener died in 2022, after providing these images and a history of his service.

He was awarded the Morris County Distinguished Service Medal posthumously in 2023.





\*The Cuban Missile Crisis: On October 14, 1962, an American U2 spy plane passing over Cuba observed Soviet (Russian) medium range missiles under installation. As Cuba lies 90 miles off the coast of the United States, President John F. Kennedy was briefed on the situation, and this begins 13 days of an intense stand-off between the Soviet Union and The United States.

Addressing the nation on October 22, President Kennedy stated that the United States Navy had been ordered to blockade Cuba and that the military would be authorized to use force, if necessary.

The intense stand-off between the United States and The Soviet Union ended, with the U.S. agreeing not to invade Cuba if the Soviets removed the missiles.

**Karl R. Klinger**

Denville

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**Michael A. Klinger**

Denville

United States Army



**Thomas William Knuckey**



Wharton

United States Army A TRP - 3RD SQDN - 17TH CAVALRY - 1 AVN BDE

May 27, 1971, Cambodia

Purple Heart

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Bronze Star

Air Medal

Veterans Memorial Northeastern University, Class of 1969, College of Engineering

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**John A. Kobilarcik**

Boonton

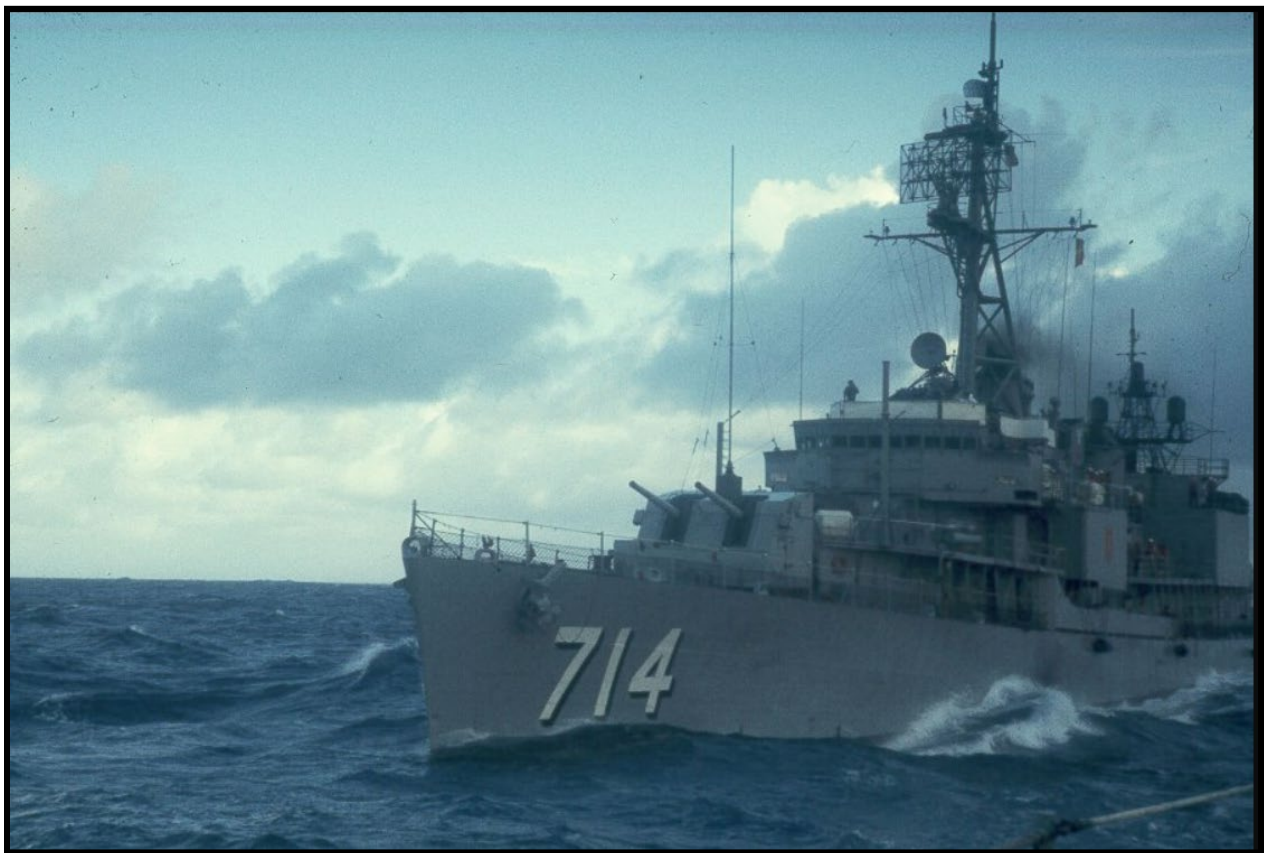
United States Army 56th ADA

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**George John Koeck, IV**

Morristown

United States Navy USS William R. Rush "Roadrunner"; "Silly Willy"



**John Peter Koob**



Parsippany, Lake Hiawatha section.

United States Army 295TH ORD CO - ARMY SPT CMD DANANG - 1ST LOG CMD - United States ARV

December 17, 1968, Quang Tin Province.

Recovered February 26, 1993.

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Dutchess County, New York Memorial Plaque

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Herbert W. Korte, Jr.



Herb & Huey Gunship



Herb & Huey Liftship



"Sidewinders" gunship platoon



Duc Hoa Camp-N.W. of Saigon

Mendham Borough

United States Army, 117th Assault Helicopter Company  
Captain U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers serving as a Helicopter Pilot in Vietnam  
from November 1967 to November 1968 in 117th AHC as a Lift Pilot and Gunship Pilot.

Capt. Korte flew over 900 combat flight missions while also performing the duties  
of an Army Engineer in constructing structures for the company to also include destroying enemy  
ground emplacements with high explosives.

"The 117th AHC worked in support of the following Army Divisions: Big Red 1, 25th Infantry, 101st



Airborne, Australian Task Force, and multiple Green Beret and Vietnamese units. We participated in combat operations almost daily. My unit suffered heavy losses of pilots, crew members, staff, and equipment. The 117th fought during the TET offensive on many fronts including the battle at the American Embassy. Our unit was attacked on the ground by suicide bombers, rocket attacks, snipers, and ambushes.

I was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Vietnamese Cross for Gallantry, 27 Air Medals, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and Flight Instructor Training Awards for excellence in training new pilots.”

Tet Offensive

Air Medal (27)

Distinguished Flying Cross

Vietnamese Gallantry Cross

Vietnam Campaign Medal (5)

Flight Instructor awards

*Thank you, Mr. Herbert Korte, Jr.. Welcome home.*



**Alexander Kosatschkow**

Boonton Township

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**Robert Kovach**

Dover

Service unknown

**Steven A. Kovacs**

Denville

United States Marine Corps

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**Mykolaj Kowzun**

“Kola”

Wharton

United States Army Combat Medic

Career Army. Additional service in Iraq

Bronze Star

Meritorious Service Medal

Kuwait Liberation Medal

Vietnam Gallantry Cross

Combat Medical Badge

National Defense Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**James J. Kruger**

Roxbury

United States Marine Corps

Member of the American Legion Post No. 245 of Lake Hopatcong.

**Carl F. Kuehner, Jr.**

Mt. Olive

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Eugene A. Kuhar**

Jefferson Township

United States Army National Guard

SSGT Kuhar has been with the Army National Guard since 1967. He performed tactical security procedures for the Iraq war.

Army Achievement Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**William E. Kula**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal





**Gary J. Kufall**

Rockaway

United States Navy

**Thomas Kyte**

Lake Hopatcong

United States Army

Bronze Star

*Thank you, Mr. Thomas Kyte. Welcome home.*

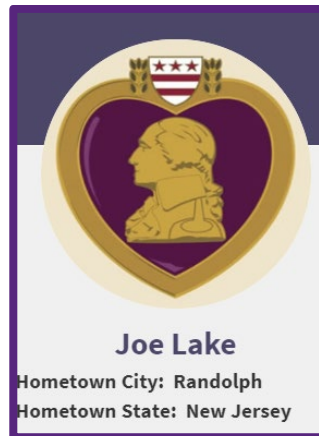


**William Carl La Course**

Rockaway

United States Navy

**Joe Lake**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Randolph

United States Army

Sent to Vietnam with the First Cavalry. He was trained as a sniper and was a "point man" the entire time he was in Vietnam. A "Point man" is the lead soldier in a unit, who cuts a path through dense vegetation if needed and who is constantly exposed to the danger of booby traps or being the first in contact with the enemy. Mr. Lake was wounded in an ambush and had to be evacuated out.

The day after that incident, his unit took heavy casualties and lost many of its men.

Purple Heart

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Robert Leonard LaLonde**

Mt. Olive

United States Air Force

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



## Leonard Albert Labriola

"Len"



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

"Len and Kids"



"Len and Gunner Gomez"



"L-Troop 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon Taking a break"





Mr. Labriola is writing his memoirs as a legacy project for his family.

He generously shared some of his unfinished work for this project regarding Operation Atlas Wedge:

“I remember a couple of other things from that operation. First, as nightfall came, we were all still very much pumped up, and on edge, so sleeping was not going to be easy. John, Doc, and I were really going on adrenalin. Besides, we knew the enemy was in the area.

We had to stay vigilant during the night.

Every track had at least one person on guard duty in shifts during the night. It was not long though before we found that we were getting extra special support from the Air Cavalry.

At least one spooky gunship was going to be in operation all evening and well into the wee hours of the morning.

I suspect this was because some of the infantry units had patrols out in the rubber plantation, and when they made contact with the enemy, they were calling for air support from the spooky gunship. It was a sight I would hold in my memory forever. At regular intervals, almost every 5 to 10-to-20-minute intervals a long waving orange yellow trail of machine-gun fire would flow from the plane to the ground. Visually it was very spectacular.

The sound was also tremendous. It is like no other sound you ever hear in civilian life. The closest I can come is the sound of a jackhammer breaking concrete. There may also have been Cobra gunships participating in the operation with the spooky gunship.

I don't know if they were shooting at a specific target all the time or just spraying the jungle and rubber trees around us just to keep the Cong or NVA from mounting any large-scale assaults on our position.

Needless to say, even if you were not on guard duty it was tough to sleep with all of the fireworks going on.

When morning came, we were really exhausted both physically and emotionally.

John, Doc and I soon found out that we would be going out on patrol again after lunch, but for now we could take the morning off.

There was a nice little shallow brook about 15 feet wide that went around one side of our defensive perimeter. So after usual C-ration breakfast, as the sun was climbing high and the tropical heat got turned on, we went for a therapeutic dip in that little brook.

It was the next best thing to a real bath which we knew we would not see in a long time.

It was quite a sight to see guys from all of these different army units splashing in that stream and trying to get in a few precious minutes of relaxation before the next mission.”



**Fred Lash**

Denville

United States Air Force

Graduated from the University of South Carolina and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the university's ROTC program. Stationed in McGuire Air Force Base and at Randolph Air Base in San Antonio, Texas, and served as Auditor General for all bases in the United States. Responsible for confirming the proper distribution of money and as well as inventory such as missiles.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Francis E. Lashway**

Mt. Olive

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Edward J. Lata**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Mt. Olive, Budd Lake section

United States Army C Company, 1st BN, 5th Cavalry, 1st Cav Division

Wounded in Action, Pleiku Province, South Vietnam, November 21, 1966

Purple Heart

Bronze Star with "V" for Valor

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

*Thank you, Mr. Edward Lata. Welcome home.*

**James Laughlin**

Long Valley

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal



**Roger M. Laurano**



Mendham

United States Marine Corps

Purple Heart

Combat Action Ribbon

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal w/Star

Vietnam Campaign Medal

*Thank you, Mrs. Margaret Laurano, wife of Pfc Roger Laurano.*

**Randolph Francis LeComte**

Randolph

United States Army





**John M. Lehnert**

Roxbury

United States Air Force

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

VFW Post 2833 Commander, Kenvil

**Robert Bruce Leith**

Denville

United States Marine Corps

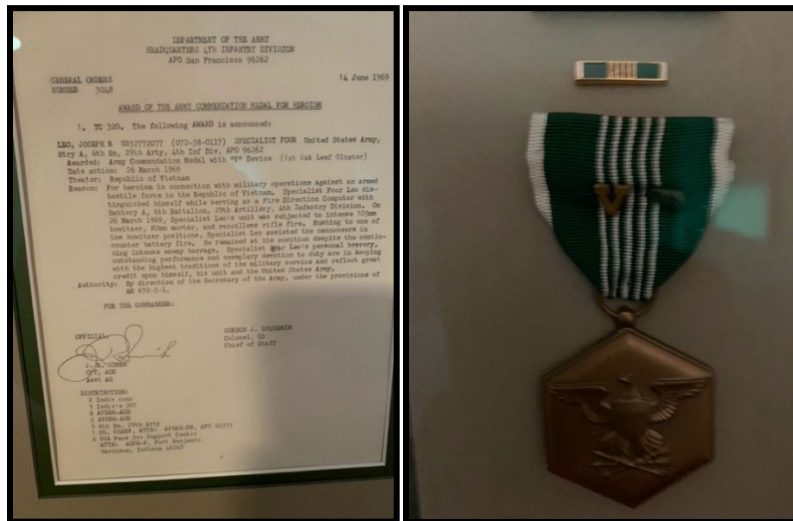
New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

In 1966, Mr. Leith saw combat in Vietnam, recalling that he, and others from his Marine Corps unit, were ordered to the Da Nang port to perform as cargo handlers during the strike by Buddhist dockworkers.



Joseph Leo

“Joe”



Morristown

United States Army

In country July 1968 – September 1969

Served as a Sergeant in the Central Highlands, assigned to the A Battery 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery, attached to the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.

Army Commendation Medal (2; 1 with “V” device)

*Thank you, Mr. Joseph Leo. Welcome home.*



**Vincent Leo, Jr.**

East Hanover

United States Army

National Defense Medal

Army Commendation Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Graduated from Seton Hall University and was commissioned a Second Lt. in the U.S. Army, Quartermaster Branch, where he was responsible for the training of troops in Vietnam. He was transferred to Okinawa where he was in charge of the storage and shipping of C-rations for troops in Vietnam. He completed his Army obligations in 1970.

**Steven J. Levine**

Pequannock

United States Navy

Serving from June 1964 to September 1967, while in military service he participated in the Naval Dental Intern Program and endodontics course. As a New Jersey National Guardsman, he served as an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Operator. Following his military service, he attended Alfred University and Fairleigh Dickenson Dental School and went on to open his own private dental practice in River Edge.

National Defense Service Medal

A humanitarian award

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Bruno Liberti**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Paul Ralph Licitra**

Mt. Olive

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**John Lance Lindaberry**



Long Valley

United States Army 2ND BN - 27TH INFANTRY - 25TH INF DIV - USARV

November 16, 1967, Hau Nghia Province

Bronze Star

Purple Heart

John L. Lindaberry Drive, Washington Township, was named in his honor on November 16, 2013

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

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[Vietnam Wall](#)

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**William E. List, Jr.**

Wharton

United States Air Force

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Prior service in Korea.

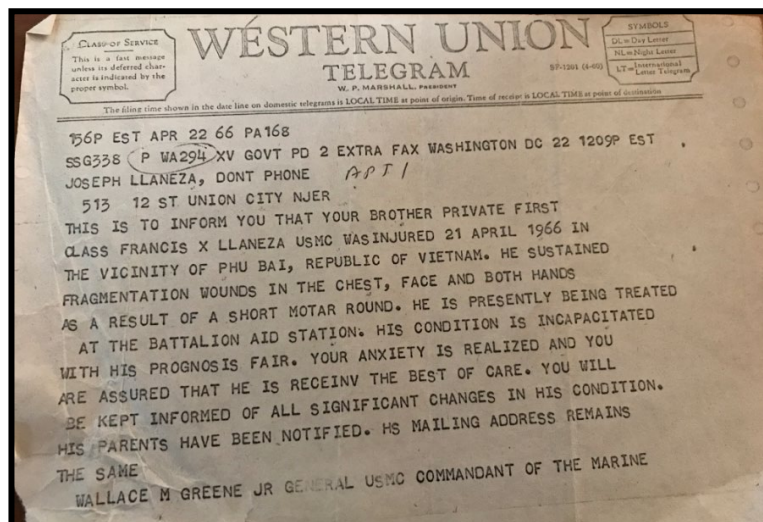
**Francis Xavier Llaneza**

“Butch”

Rockaway Township

United States Marine Corps

Raised in Jersey City, Mr. Llaneza settled in Rockaway Township in the 1970s.



*Thank you, The family of Francis Llaneza.*

**Craig R. Lober**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Anthony J. Locascio**

Roxbury, Succasunna section.

United States Marine Corps

Quarter Master of the Kenvil VFW Post 2833

**Frank Lochli**

East Hanover

United States Marine Corps

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**Richard H. Look**



Chatham

United States Air Force

Stationed in Cam Ranh Bay

Attached to a construction battalion, Mr. Look described the struggle and danger of pouring concrete in Vietnam. It was so hot that concrete could not be poured in the daytime as the heat evaporated all the water. Pouring concrete at night was the norm and rife with danger- work lights would expose the crew's location to the enemy.

After discharge, Mr. Look became a Chatham Police Officer. Retirement in 1994 from the Police Department did not last long. His next job would be as Director of Emergency Management for Morris County. His final job was working for FEMA.

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Mr. Look provided a personal narrative for the Library of the Chathams Veterans project.

<https://chathamlibrary.org/veterans-project-of-the-chathams>



**James M. Loveridge, Jr.**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Anthony T. Luzetsky**

Jefferson Township

United States Army 7<sup>th</sup> SQ 17<sup>th</sup> CAV

Grew up in Morris County and graduated from Lenape Regional High School in 1969. His plans for college were detoured when he was drafted into the Army. He had an offer to attend the Military Academy at West Point but decided to stay with the regular Army as an enlisted man. Mr. Luzetsky, of Lake Hopatcong, was deployed to Vietnam in 1972 and was stationed at Plaiku, the Central Highlands and had many encounters with the North Vietnamese Army.

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal





**Harold F. Mabee**

Mount Arlington

United States Army 191<sup>st</sup> MI 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry

Member Kenvil VFW Post 2833

**William James Maglio**

Rockaway

United States Air Force

**Gerard D. Mania**

Parsippany

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal



**Douglas Joseph Markovich**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Madison

United States Army, 3<sup>RD</sup> BN 12<sup>TH</sup> INF 4<sup>TH</sup> INF DIV

March 1, 1969, Kontum Province

Silver Star

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Combat Infantry Badge

Purple Heart

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Madison Roll of Honor

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

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[Vietnam Wall](#)

SP4 Markovich has an honor plaque in Madison.



**Paul Emmett Marsh**



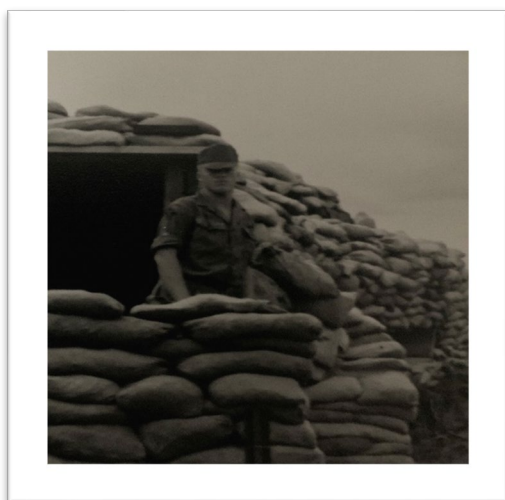
*Pfc. Marsh and his father, Mayor William Marsh*

Mt. Olive, Flanders section

United States Army A BTR 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn 77<sup>th</sup> Art 3<sup>rd</sup> BDE 4<sup>th</sup> Inf Div

November 10, 1965-November 9, 1971

Army Commendation Battle of Suoi Tre



HEADQUARTERS  
25TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO San Francisco 96225

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 2039

26 May 1967

AWARD OF THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TO 320. The following AMARD is announced.


MARSH, PAUL E. US51593656 PFC E-3  
A Stry, 2d Bn, 77th Arty, 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div  
Awarded: Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device  
Date action: 21 March 1967  
Theater: Republic of Vietnam  
Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Private First Class Marsh distinguished himself by heroic actions on 21 March 1967 while serving as a cannoner with the 2d Battalion, 77th Artillery on a combat operation in the Republic of Vietnam. During the early morning hours, a Viet Cong force of regimental size attacked the battalion area with mortars, rockets, and numerous small arms including automatic weapons. Although continuously exposed to hostile fire, Private Marsh continued to perform his duties as a cannoner without faltering until the enemy was driven back from the perimeter. Through his courage and outstanding determination, Private Marsh contributed immeasurably to the defeat of the Viet Cong force. Private Marsh's heroic actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.  
Authority: By direction of the Secretary of the Army under the provisions of AR 672-5-1, and USARV message 16695, 1 July 1966.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:

JASPER J. WILSON  
Colonel, GS  
Chief of Staff

ROBERT S. YOUNG  
LTC, AGC  
Adjutant General



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT  
THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY HAS AWARDED  
THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL


TO

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E-3 PAUL E. MARSH, US51593656, UNITED STATES ARMY

FOR

HEROISM IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ON 21 MARCH 1967

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON  
THIS TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF MAY 1967



JOHN C. F. TILLSON III  
Major General, United States Army  
Commanding

Stanley R. Rear  
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

In civilian life, Mr. Marsh-like his father and brothers-became a "Railroader", retiring after forty years of service.

[Morris County Railroaders](#)

Thank you, Mrs. Valerie Marsh, wife of PFC Paul Marsh.



**John Allen Martenis**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Wharton

United States Army

Purple Heart

*Thank you, Mr. John Martenis. Welcome home.*

**Jack A. Masklee**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Harold Joseph Mathews, Jr.**

"Joe"



Butler

United States Marine Corps 1ST BN 5TH MARINES 1ST MARDIV III MAF

September 11, 1968, Quang Nam Province

Vietnam Service Medal

Purple Heart

H. J. Mathews Jr. Court in Butler is named in his honor.

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 44W, Line 27

[Vietnam Wall](#)

[See Morris County Street Histories](#)

*Thank you, Mr. Elmer Bott of the Butler American Legion.*



**James Michael Mathews**

"Jimmy"



Butler

United States Marine Corps 3rd BN - 4th Marines - 3rd MARDIV - III MAF

June 18, 1968, Quang Tri Province

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 56W, Line 25

[Vietnam Wall](#)



**Oscar Mauterer**

"Mort" "Sandy 22"



Long Hill, Gillette section

United States Air Force 602nd Tactical Fighter Squadron

Declared Missing in Action on February 15, 1966.

Purple Heart

Air Medal

Distinguished Flying Cross

Silver Star

National Air and Space Museum Wall of Honor, Virginia

Dogwood Vietnam Memorial, McIntire Park, Virginia

Courts of the Missing, Court A, Honolulu, Hawaii

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

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[Vietnam Wall](#)





**Joseph T. May**

Dover

Service unknown

**Larry Wayne Maysey**



Chester

United States Air Force 37TH ARRS - 3RD ARRG - 7TH AF HH-3E Jolly 26

November 9, 1967, Laos

Air Force Cross

Distinguished Service Cross

Larry Wayne Maysey Memorial Park – Chester

An electric organ installed 1968 in Sgt. Maysey's memory Community Presbyterian Church in Chester.

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

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[Vietnam Wall](#)



**The Bernays Apgar American Legion Post, Chester.**



*July, 2023*

The post is named in honor of Private Bernays Apgar, killed in action October 3, 1944, Luxemburg  
The post features private drives named in honor of Private Apgar and Sergeant Larry Wayne Masey.



[Morris County World War II Veterans](#)

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**Carmine S. Mazzella**

Denville

United States Army

**Peter G. McCormack**

Roxbury, Kenvil section

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**Brian McCluskey**

Denville

United States Navy

April 1972 to September 1977.

Quartermaster in ship navigation and often shared stories of being a part of a NATO fleet in the North Atlantic.

National Defense Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Thomas McDonald**

Butler

United States Army 271 ASHC 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Brigade

Served as a helicopter door gunner in Vietnam, January 1968 to January 1969.

Mr. McDonald is an officer in the Butler VFW.

National Defense Medal

Air Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

American Campaign Medal

*Thank you, Mr. Thomas McDonald. Welcome home.*



**Robert J. McDonnell**

Lincoln Park

United States Army

Served from September 1966 to August 1968.

Having earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Norwich University, he served as a first lieutenant with 337th Signal Company, 1st Signal Brigade, and as operations officer of 37th Signal Battalion. He and a group of ten officers with degrees in electrical engineering deployed the Troposcatter Microwave Communications System and other cutting-edge communication technology throughout the U.S. Army I Corps.

National Defense Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Bronze Service Star

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**James L McElwee Sr.**



Morristown

United States Army

Served in the U.S. Army from 1968-1970 and continued to serve as a member of the U.S. Army National Guard in Morris County for more than two decades.

National Defense Service Medal

Sharpshooter Ribbon

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**John R. McGill**

Florham Park

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Edgar Alexander McKean**

Morristown

United States Marine Corps

Prior service in WWII and Korea.

[Morris County World War II Veterans](#)

[Morris County Korean War Veterans](#)

**James McLagan**

"Jim"

Randolph

United States Navy

"I graduated from Dover HS in June of 1964, enlisted in the US Navy and was off to Basic Training, Great Lakes, Illinois in July 1964. Following basic training and completing "A" schooling at Naval Air Station, Millington, Tennessee in March 1965, where I was trained as a specialist working on "Pilot Environmental/Egress Systems" of the RA5C Vigilante Aircraft, I was assigned to Reconnaissance Heavy Attack Squadron One and home based at Naval Air Station Sanford, Florida. I was immediately deployed with my squadron aboard the Aircraft Carrier USS Independence CVA-62 from Norfolk, Virginia to the Vietnam Theater where we flew combat missions over both North and South Vietnam. We completed our deployment and returned to the States in January 1966. "

USS Forrestal CVA-59\*



In the Spring of 1967, I was transferred to Reconnaissance Heavy Attack Squadron Eleven. My new squadron was then deployed on the Aircraft Carrier "USS Forrestal" CVA-59 again from Norfolk, Virginia to the Vietnam Theater, arriving there in July 1967. On July 29th "Forrestal" suffered the worst Naval casualties since WW 2. Explosions and fires started on the flight deck that morning just prior to the second launch of the day. One hundred thirty-four men were killed, and many others wounded including myself. I was on the flight deck that morning and received a minor leg wound from a piece of shrapnel.

However, I was still able to assist my shipmates in fighting on board fires that would burn for days. Despite numerous 1,000-pound bombs and other assorted explosives exploding on the flight deck and thousands of gallons of jet fuel burning, a valiant crew was credited with saving the ship from an even worse fate. Dozens of aircraft were destroyed, and the ship was out of action but still afloat. "Forrestal" left "Yankee Station" under her own power and made Her way to the Subic Bay Naval Base in the Philippines where temporary repairs were made to allow for transit back to the States.

When my Squadron arrived back at NAS Sanford in September 1967, we were ordered a "quick turn-around". We had lost all our aircraft and much of our equipment in the explosions and fires aboard "Forrestal". We were reequipped and the Squadron was flown to San Diego, California in early November and deployed aboard the Aircraft Carrier "USS Kitty Hawk" CVA 63 and departed California returning to the Vietnam Theater for my third deployment. Kitty Hawk was very active during the "Tet Offensive" of 1968. Kitty Hawk returned to the States in early July 1968. I was separated from active service on July 27, 1968. I had two more years of "Reserve" time to complete my six-year enlistment. I was subsequently Honorably Discharged in July 1970.

In 1969, I became a Police Office with the Randolph Township Police Department. I retired from Randolph in 2000 as Chief of Police after 31 years of service."

Presidential Unit Citation

Navy Unit Citation

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

National Defense Medal

Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Campaign Stars

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Good Conduct Medal

*Thank you, Mr. James McLagan. Welcome home.*





## USS Forrestal CVA-59



Launched December 11, 1954, she was the first super-carrier in the world.

Named in honor of James Vincent Forrestal (February 15, 1892 – May 22, 1949), the first Secretary of Defense, thus the Forrestal's nickname: "First in Defense"

On July 29, 1967, the Forrestal was in her fifth day of combat operations. At 10:52am, aircraft were fully loaded with fuel, bombs and ammunition as the crew was starting the second launch cycle of the day.

A Zuni rocket accidentally fired from an F-4 Phantom into a parked and armed A-4 Skyhawk.

The accidental launch and subsequent impact caused the belly fuel tank and a 1,000-pound bomb on the Skyhawk to fall off, the tank broke open spilling jet fuel onto the flight deck and ignited a fire.

The fire started a chain reaction trapping crew below.

The fire spread quickly, many pilots and support personnel were trapped and burned alive. Fuel and bombs spilled into the holes in the flight deck igniting fires on decks further into the bowels of the ship. Berthing spaces immediately below the flight deck became death traps for fifty men, while other crewmen were blown overboard by the explosion.

Witnesses recalled crew picking up glowing missiles with their hands to toss them overboard.

It took thirteen hours to extinguish the fire.

Twenty-one aircraft sustained enough damage from fire, explosions, and salt water to be stricken from naval inventory.

The Forrestal was ultimately scrapped in 2014 after sixty years of faithful service to her country.



**Edward J. McLaughlin**

Butler

United States Marine Corps

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**Lee E. McNulty**

"Mack"

Butler

United States Navy USS America CVA-66



Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Twice deployed to Vietnam, he participated in the around-the-clock bombing of North Vietnam, which helped bring the North Vietnamese to Paris to sign the cease fire agreement in January 1973.

After serving nearly 4 years, he arrived back in the states just shy of his 21st birthday.

In 2009, he still thought about his comrades who were killed, became prisoners of war, or are still listed as missing in action.

USS America was decommissioned in the 1990s and sunk by the US Navy in May 2005.

This was the largest ship exploded by the Navy, to test the effect of certain explosives.

Mr. McNulty attempted to turn the America into a museum, but his efforts failed. Fearing that the name of the ship alone would incite terror attacks, the Navy scuppered her.

The America received 5 Vietnam Battle Stars.





**James F. Megaro**

Montville

United States Marine Corps 3RD Battalion 6TH Artillery

Pleiku

In country 1966-1967

While in Vietnam, the 3rd Bat received a tape dedicating the Beach Boys song Sloop John B to the 3rd by legendary disc jockey, Cousin Brucie.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Sloop John B by The Beach Boys:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nSAoEf1Ib58>

Cousin Brucie (Bruce Morrow) in the 1960s:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xbMMqZu3aow>

**Joseph J. Meisner**

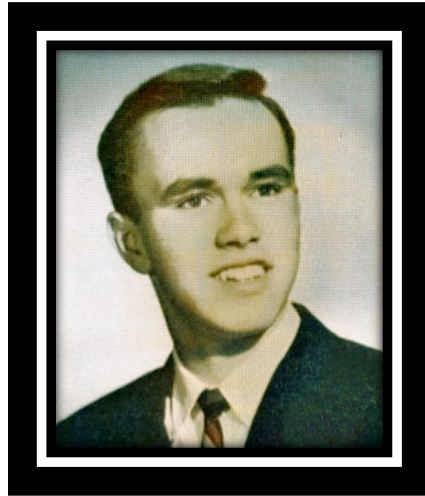
Roxbury, Ledgewood section

United States Navy



**William Alfred Meister**

“Bill”



Madison

United States Army 101ST AVN BN - 101ST AVN GROUP - 101ST ABN DIV

April 30, 1970, Thua Thien Province

Air Medal

Purple Heart

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Madison Roll of Honor

Brittin Street, Memorial plaque, Madison



**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

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**Frank Peter Melchionne**

Montville, Towaco section

United States Marine Corps



**William Reinhold Menzel**

**“Bill”**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*



**Randolph**

**United States Army C Co. 1st Battalion (Airborne) 12th Cav., 1st Cavalry Division (Air Mobile).**

**In country September 1965**



Born in Germany, Mr. Menzel along with his mother and brother, emigrated to the United States in 1955.

Just a few days before his eighteenth birthday, he enlisted in the United States Army and became a Paratrooper.

Landing in South Vietnam in September 1965 with one of the first large units to arrive, Mr. Menzel recalled that they were ill-equipped for jungle warfare but adapted quickly.

In a skirmish with NV forces that became a run up to the battle of Ia Drang, Mr. Menzel was shot a few weeks after his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mr. Menzel's recollection:

*"I was severely wounded, with the vein and ulnar nerve of my left arm shot through by a rifle bullet.*

*A heroic bubble pilot lifted me to a field hospital under fire.*

*After I was ambulatory, I was shipped to St. Alban's Naval Hospital in Queens, NYC where I received vein grafts and skin grafts and spent about a year in agonizing rehab."*

Mr. Menzel's left hand was permanently partially paralyzed.

Mr. Menzel went through college on the G. I. Bill, graduating with Honors from Pace College (BBA) and Columbia Business School (MBA).

Mr. Menzel married, had two children and two grandchildren (*pictured above*)

Although he had a career in management, holding many senior positions, he feels compelled to stay active. Mr. Menzel and his wife are involved in real estate together at Central Property Realtors in Morristown.

Joining the Randolph VFW in 2010, Mr. Menzel has participated in many veteran activities, including leading the program to bring The Moving Wall\* to Randolph in July 2022.

Mr. Menzel advises that he is working to witness that Vietnam War veterans fought honorably, deserve respect and are not to be pitied.

He works to honor his comrades that went before him.

Two things regarding the Vietnam War Mr. Menzel cannot forgive:

The use of Agent Orange

The refusal of Congress to act after the NVA broke the truce that had been won by the sacrifice of so many combatants.

On gratitude, Mr. Menzel reports that though he jumped out of airplanes and helicopters, his knees, ankles, and hips are fine at the age of 75.



Purple Heart

Combat Infantry Badge

Vietnam Service Medal

Paratrooper Wings

Good Conduct Medal

Per an email from Mr. Menzel on March 30, 2022:

“I recall meeting troops from the ROK Tiger and the White Horse Divisions.

Also, our strategy in South Vietnam was based on our success in the Korean War.”

*Thank you, Mr. William Menzel. Welcome home.*



## \* “The Moving Wall”



When Vietnam veteran John Devitt attended the 1982 dedication of The Wall in Washington, he felt the positive power of the memorial.

He vowed to share that experience with those who did not have the opportunity to go to Washington.

Along with fellow Vietnam veterans Norris Shears, Gerry Haver, and other veteran volunteers, they constructed a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall.

In October of 1984, The Moving Wall went on display for the first time in Tyler, Texas.

Presently, two structures of “The Moving Wall” now travel the United States from April through November, spending about a week at each site. The preparations to host “The Moving Wall” are extensive- finding the proper venue, safe roads for transporting the Memorial, landscaping, the set up and disassembly.

As with The Wall in Washington, visitors may use paper to trace a name, leave flowers and observe a respectful decorum when visiting “The Moving Wall”.

<http://www.themovingwall.org/>



**David J. Merritt**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Edward Francis Miglarese, Jr.**

Jefferson Township, Oak Ridge section

United States Marine Corps

Graduated from the Naval Academy and joined the Marine Corp as a pilot. His tour in Vietnam was 1966 to 1967. Flying 187 missions over North and South Vietnam in the fastest jet of its time, the F4B Phantom Jet. In South Vietnam he flew close air support, flying at tree-top level at 600 miles per hour. Every pilot knew with each mission that they may not return, and he did lose some of his close friends who were shot down.

Air Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Kenneth L. Mikelsen**

Mt. Olive

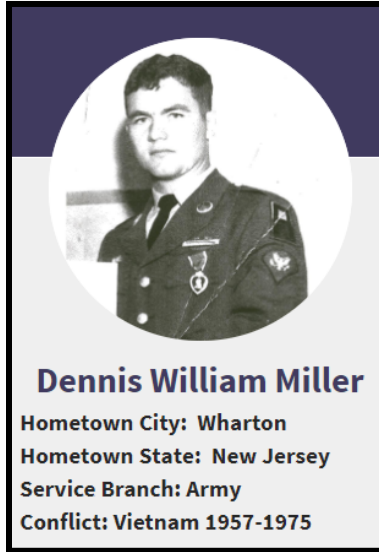
Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal





**Dennis William Miller**



Wharton

United States Army

Combat Infantry Badge

Purple Heart

*Thank you, Mr. Dennis Miller. Welcome home.*

**Donald W. Miller**

Mine Hill

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Henry James Miller**

Morristown

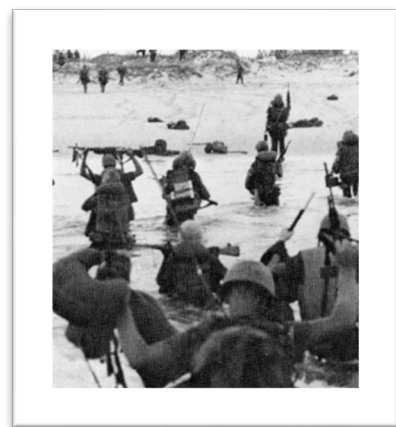
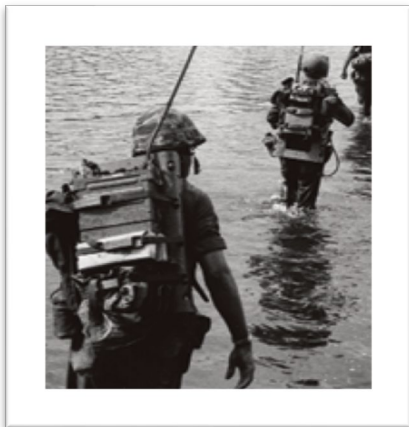
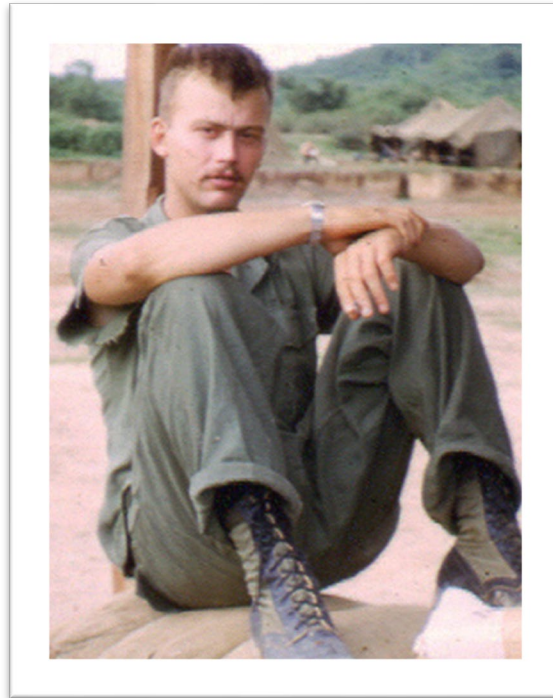
United States Marine Corps

Member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10181 and American Legion Post 249 both of Parsippany



**Thomas F. Miller**

**"Tom"**



*"Recon" by Tom Miller*



Hanover, Whippany section  
United States Marine Corps 2<sup>nd</sup> Bat 7<sup>th</sup> Marines

Operation Stomp  
Operation Harvest Moon  
Purple Heart  
Presidential Unit Citation  
Navy Unit Commendation  
National Defense Service Medal  
Vietnam Service Medal  
Vietnam Campaign Medal  
Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry  
Sharpshooter Rifle Badge

Mr. Miller attended boot camp and Electronics school in California. At Camp Pendleton, he became a radio operator with the 2/7, placed in the Tactical Air Control Party (TAC Party).

Shipped to Vietnam on July 7, 1965, he was stationed at Phu Tai, in November moving to Chu Lai, catching the tail end of Operation Stomp.

On December 18, 1965, Mr. Miller was severely wounded in Operation Harvest Moon, losing an eye.

His Radio Partner and close friend, LCPL Jack Swender was killed in the attack.



LCPL Jack Shively Swender

The Vietnam Wall Panel 4E, Line 26



Discharged from the Marines, Mr. Miller attended the University of Wisconsin, graduating in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science Education Degree, furthering his education in 1974, earning his Master of Fine Arts, concentrating on painting and sculpture in 1974.

A prolific artist, Mr. Miller's works reside in The National Museum of the Marine Corps, Morgan Stanley, past Commandants of the Marine Corps, numerous non-profit groups, local, state, and federal organizations, as well as veteran, civic and private holdings.

Never forgetting his friend, LCPL Jack Swender, in 1984, Mr. Miller became the Founder and Executive Director for "The High Ground" Veterans Memorial Park in Neillsville, Wisconsin.

<https://www.thehighground.us/about-us/>

In 2022, Mr. Miller continues living a busy life: attending Fairleigh Dickinson University (known as "The Artist in Residence"), volunteering for many causes and serving on various boards.

He is also a member and past Commander of The Slattery Detachment

Mr. Miller continues to produce art for subjects he is passionate about, including the portrayal of First Responders on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

*Thank you, Mr. Tom Miller. Welcome home.*



**Robert Knapp Minard, Jr.**

Chester

United States Navy

Prior service in WWII and Korea

Mr. Minard provided an oral history to the Library of Congress.

<http://memory.loc.gov/diglib/vhp/bib/loc.natlib.afc2001001.07561>

[Morris County World War II Veterans](#)

[Morris County Korean War Veterans](#)

**Jeffrey Allen Minno**

Mine Hill

United States Army

**Eugene R. Miranda**

Florham Park

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Richard Miscia**

Madison

United States Navy USS America CVA-66

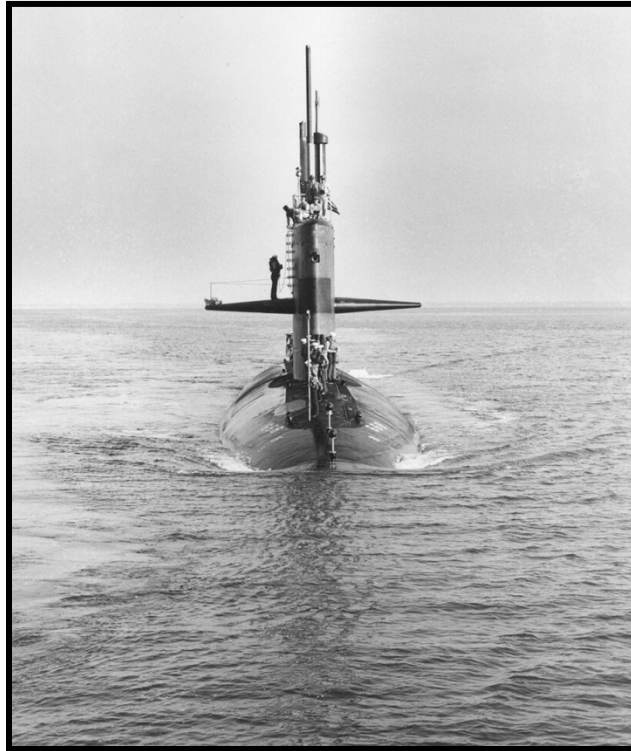
Madison Police Officer, badge no. 64.



**Domenick Missaggia**

Denville

United States Navy USS Spadefish SSN-668



He joined the Navy and volunteered for submarine duty. Assigned to the USS Spadefish, which participated in anti-submarine warfare and conducted independent exercises as a ballistic missile submarine. When they were at sea, the operation would last for three months at a time. The ship had 95 enlisted men and 15 officers, and their prime responsibility was monitoring Russian submarines in the Bering Sea. Every two years the men of the submarine have a reunion at Norfolk, Virginia. There, they honor their fallen shipmates with what is called their eternal patrol.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**George M. Misyak**

Mine Hill

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Paul Monacelli**



Randolph

United States Army 1<sup>st</sup> SQ 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cav

November 14, 1970 to November 14, 1971

The above photograph features friends Mr. Alfred Galluzzo, left, on his first day in Vietnam. On the right is Mr. Paul Monacelli on his last day in Vietnam. Mr. Monacelli drove hours in a jeep to catch up with “Al” and spend some time sightseeing in Saigon.

Mr. Monacelli finished his tour as an advisor to the Royal Thai Army Volunteer Force.

*Thank you, Mr. Paul Monacelli. Welcome home.*

**John Philip Montuori**

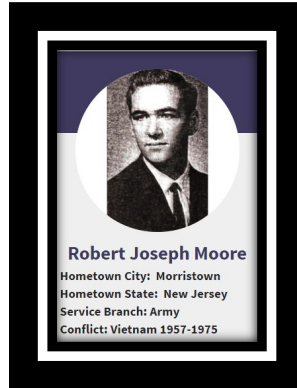
Madison

United States Army



**Robert Joseph Moore**

“Bob”



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Morristown

United States Army 1ST BN 505TH INFANTRY 82ND ABN DIV

Killed in Action Tet Offensive

April 4, 1968, Thua Thien Province

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Combat Infantry Badge

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 48E, Line 7



*Memorial plaque to PFC Robert Moore in Budd Street Park, Morristown.*

[Vietnam Wall](#)





**Richard Moss**

Rockaway Township, Mount Hope section

United States Army

In country May 1971-April 1972

Lam Son 719

Served with the Army Security Agency as a radio traffic analyst at the 8th Radio Research Field Station in Phu Bai, Vietnam from 11 May 1971 to 1 April 1972. For the last part of his tour, he served as an M60 machine gunner.

Mr. Moss followed with tours in Taipei, Taiwan and Udorn, Thailand.

In addition to the standard medals/ribbons issued, Mr. Moss was awarded:

Bronze Star

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

*Thank you, Mr. Richard Moss. Welcome home.*

**Gonzalo Manuel Muñoz**

"Manny"

Dover, Bowlbyville section.

United States Army

1966-1968

Mr. Muñoz is the son of Mercedes and Manuel Muñoz. Tragically, Mr. Muñoz lost his father in a Mt. Hope mining accident in 1949.

Mr. Muñoz spent his service stateside and in Germany for most of 1968.

*Thank you for your service, Mr. Gonzalo Muñoz.*

**John Murphy**

"Sean"

Mine Hill

United States Air Force



**Thomas E. Murray, Jr.**

Parsippany, Lake Hiawatha section

United States Navy, USS Essex CVA-9

**Peter T. Nacardo**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Gennard Napolitano**

“Nap”

Denville

United States Army Corps of Engineers

Participated in the building of Long Binh

Mr. Napolitano would like to remember his friend, Mr. Raymond L. Norton.

Meritorious Unit Citation

Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

National Defense Service Medal

*Thank you, Mr. Gennard Napolitano. Welcome home.*



**David Robertson Nash**

"Dave"



Mountain Lakes

United States Army I TRP - 3RD SQDN - 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY

May 13, 1970, Tay Ninh Province

Purple Heart

Mountain Lakes Memorial

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 10W, Line 35

[Vietnam Wall](#)



**Vincent Nasilli**

Morristown

United States Army 173rd Airborne Brigade

Dak To

Hill 875

Served three tours in Vietnam. During 21 days of fighting, the 173rd Brigade suffered 272 killed, more than 900 wounded and some 60 missing in action. It was some of the bloodiest fighting of Vietnam, with the 2nd and 4th Battalions of the 503rd Infantry also suffering major casualties while fighting for Hill 875. When he returned to Fort Bragg after each of his first two deployments, he said he felt compelled to return to the battlefield.

Bronze Star

Air Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Served three terms as Commander of the VFW Post 4301

**Stephen Natafalusy**

Mt. Olive

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

*Send a Christmas Greeting to These Area Servicemen in Asia*

Hazleten Standard-Speaker, Saturday, November 25, 1967 7

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Sgt. Stephen Natafalusy, US 5266-  
7426, SGC (PROV) 716th M.P. Bn.,  
A. P. O. San Francisco, Calif.  
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**Daniel Nelson**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



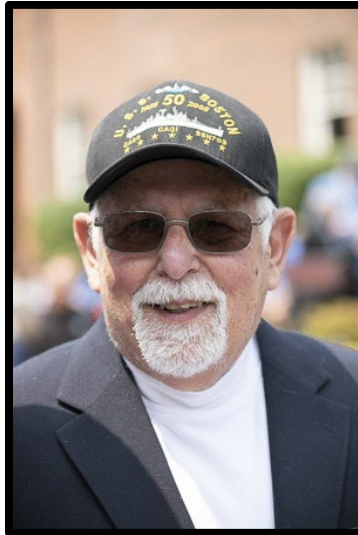
**Geoffrey Nesbitt**

Randolph

United States Marine Corps

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Robert K. Newman**



Hanover, Cedar Knolls section.

United States Navy U.S.S. Boston CAG-1

He is a Vietnam-era veteran who spent four years aboard the USS Boston CAG-1 guided missile carrier and was also on station during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He was also Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Manpower Center in Maryland.

Mr. Newman attended college after his military service and worked for United Parcel Service for 25 years before retiring.

He continued to serve his community volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, Habitat for Humanity Road Trip Crazies, Food Bank, and the American Legion Post 155.

Mr. Newman enjoys golfing and spending time with his wife, Bernadette, to whom he has been married for 57 years. He also has a daughter, Karen, who is a registered nurse in Oklahoma.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal, May 24, 2023



**Steve Nicolich, Jr.**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Lawrence E. Norman**

Mine Hill

United States Navy

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Louis L. Normand, Jr.**

Florham Park

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Joseph C. Notowicz**

Morristown

United States Army

Mr. Notowicz held the rank of Specialist 5th Class in the Army, serving with the Service Battery of the 2nd Battalion of the 3rd Artillery under the United States Army Europe.

In that capacity, he handled logistical, maintenance and supply tasks. Additional responsibilities included ensuring the timely provision of equipment, ammunition, and other vital supplies to facilitate the battalion's operations and readiness.

Army Commendation Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Expert M-14 Badge

Mechanics Badge w/Bar

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Edward R. Nunn, Sr.**

Madison

United States Navy U.S.S. Constellation CVA-64



May 24, 1967-February 26, 1971

Two tours, Tonkin Gulf

After basic training Mr. Nunn was stationed at NAS Jacksonville, Florida for aviation ordnance man schooling. Sent to San Diego to the U.S.S. Constellation CVA-64 in January 1968.

Mr. Nunn's responsibility was to assemble and handle all types of ordnance the Navy used on its aircraft during the war (bombs, rockets, missiles, etc.)

Meritorious Unit Commendation

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal with device

National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea)

*Thank you, Mr. Edward Nunn. Welcome home.*

**John Henry Nunn, III**

"Jack"

Rockaway Township

United States Navy

Prior service in Korea.



**Timothy F. X. O'Connor**

Morristown

United States Army 25th Infantry Division

Tet Offensive

Arrived in Vietnam on January 9, 1968. He was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division, and his squad patrolled the Cambodian Border and intercepted Viet Cong and North Vietnam soldiers coming down the Ho Chi Minh Trail. When the Tet Offensive began on January 30, 1968, his 25th Division was responsible for blocking the Viet Cong troops from infiltrating Saigon.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**George W. O'Dell**

Roxbury

United States Army

He trained as a mortar man but ended up as a rifleman in a rifle company fighting in the City of Ben Wah. During one battle, he ended up behind enemy lines and was badly wounded after stepping on a claymore mine. Because of the location, it took several days before he could be evacuated out. The injuries resulted in the amputation of Mr. O'Dell's leg, and he spent eight months in various hospitals in Japan and back here in the States.

Purple Heart

Vietnam Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal





**Peter J. O'Hagan, Jr.**

Morris Township

United States Marine Corps



Intelligence and security specialist and his military assignments included that of an Intelligence Officer to the South Vietnamese Marine Corps, work with the U.S. State Department in the American Embassy in South Vietnam, and service as Special Agent in the Security Service Division of the U.S. Department of Defense.

Additional service in the Gulf War.

Meritorious Service Medal

Secretary of the Navy Commendation Medals with Combat "V"

Commendations from the White House and the Secret Service

To commemorate the 238th birthday of the United States Marine Corps - the Morris County Freeholders (now known as Commissioners) declared Col. Peter J. O'Hagan Jr. Day on November 10, 2013.

In 2014, Sparrow Court was designated Col. Peter J. O'Hagan Court.

Mr. O'Hagan had served as a Morris County Freeholder.

[See the Freeholders of Yesterday](#)

[See Morris County Street Histories](#)



**Robert C. Oehley**

Morristown

United States Army

Served as a Door gunner on a Huey helicopter. The Huey was produced in 1952 and 7,000 out of the 16,000 produced worldwide were used for the first time in combat operation in the Vietnam War. The Huey held a crew of four: the pilot, co-pilot, gunner, and crew chief.

Air Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Commander of VFW Post 3401, Morris Plains

**Gregory Charles Oese**

Parsippany

United States Army



**James Ohlinger**

"Jim"



Roxbury

United States Army 1st Battalion - 14th Infantry

November 19, 1966, Pleiku Province

In 1999, Roxbury High School raised funds and placed a plaque in Ohlinger's name on the building.

PFC James Ohlinger Drive, street blade in Roxbury:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a99Jke\\_cFLO](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a99Jke_cFLO)

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

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[Vietnam Wall](#)



**David M. Okada**



Morris Township

United States Air Force

Served from 1965 to 1969 including 2 years In country.

Mr. Okada was trained as a Radar Repairman in the Air Force and served at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi, Yokota Air Force Base in Japan, & Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Michigan.

He earned a bachelor's degree in computer science from the New York Institute of Technology and his employment history includes Director of Operations at Dun & Bradstreet, Licensed Real Estate Salesperson with Douglas Elliman, and producer of Asian Culture Film in New York.

Mr. Okada's is also former co-president and board member of the Japanese American Citizens League.

He was active in New York City in supporting the establishment of Fred T. Korematsu Day, a celebration of Civil Liberties and the Constitution to commemorate the birthday of the Japanese American civil rights activist best known for resisting the internment of Japanese Americans in the 1940s.

Mr. Okada is a member of the American Legion Florham Park/Madison NJ Post 0043.

National Defense Service Medal

Air Force Medal 900-3.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal, May 24, 2023



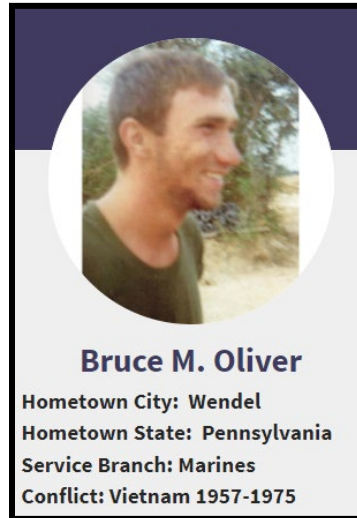
**Peter E. Olin**

Morristown

United States Navy

**Bruce M. Oliver**

"Ollie"



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Madison

United States Marine Corps 2<sup>nd</sup> Bat 1<sup>st</sup> Div

"Ghost Battalion"

Purple Heart

On May 5, 1969, the Third platoon, Golf Co. First Marines was operating out of the Ca Ha Combat Base, south of Da Nang. After patrolling, the group moved to the outskirts of a small village beside a trail leading from Cam Sa.

At 21:30 (9:30 pm) the Marines fell under attack by the NVA, a distant flare illuminating the enemy was just three feet away; so close that when a Viet Cong was killed, his AK-47 landed in the lap of LCpl Oliver.

In the ensuing fight, Oliver was severely wounded, enduring over forty shrapnel hits and his lip nearly severed from his face.

With great presence of mind, Mr. Oliver held his lip in his mouth so it wouldn't be lost.

In 2018, Mr. Oliver returned to Vietnam with ten men from his battalion.

*Thank you, Mr. Bruce Oliver. Welcome home.*



*"They had the wild, wild courage of youth....."*



<http://www.2dbn1stmarines.org/>

In 2011, Mr. Oliver decided that a monument to the battalion was needed at The National Museum of The Marine Corps, Quantico, Virginia.

The monument, in the shape of a diamond-the emblem of the 2/1- was dedicated on November 8, 2013.

To watch the dedication of the 2/1 monument: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWg3iedMU00>



*Members of Ghost Battalion watch the dedication.*

*President Ronald Reagan's Memorial Day speech, 1986, is engraved on the 2/1 monument:*

*"They learned not to rely on us; they learned to rely on each other. And they were special in another way: They chose to be faithful. They chose to reject the fashionable skepticism of their time. They chose to believe and answer the call of duty. They had the wild, wild courage of youth. They seized certainty from the heart of an ambivalent age; they stood for something. And we owe them something, those boys. We owe them first a promise: That just as they did not forget their missing comrades, neither, ever, will we"*



**Jon Olszowy**

Mt. Olive

United States Army 18th Engineer Brigade

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Lawrence E. Oppel**

Washington Township

United States Navy

Lawrence Oppel joined the Navy in 1963 and participated in several conflicts including those in Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Haiti. After his discharge he joined the Bernays Apgar American Legion Post and over the next 46 years served in numerous leadership positions with the posts including Commander. He is also a volunteer with the Long Valley Fire Department and has been secretary of the Fireman's Relief Association for the past 20 years. In May 1979 he, along with other Vietnam veterans, was awarded the Outstanding Community Achievement Award from the President Jimmy Carter.

In 2005 Mr. Oppel was part of a committee that worked to bring back the remains of local veteran Sergeant Larry Maysey, who had been killed in action in November 1967 during the Vietnam War while flying a rescue mission over Laos. His remains were recently found and his friends from high school raised funds and erected a bronze likeness of him in his hometown of Chester.

The memorial is dedicated to not only Sgt. Maysey, but to all those from Chester who died in that war.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Joseph J. Oravits**



Boonton

United States Marine Corps

4 tours in Vietnam

Purple Heart

Bronze Star

The Lt. Col. rendered prior service in Korea.

*Thank you, Ms. Fran Vanderhoof, sister of Lt. Col. Oravits.*

[Morris County Korean War Veterans](#)

**Paul E. Orrell**

Denville

United States Navy

**John Orr**

Parsippany, Lake Hiawatha

United States Army 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne





**Richard Dennis Ostrander**

Randolph

United States Army

Bronze Star (V)

**Ronald G. Ouellette**

Mine Hill

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Theodore Ozeranic**

Butler

United States Air Force

**Dennis G. Parlato**

Rockaway

United States Army

**Dennis Passenti**

Butler

United States Navy



**G. Bruce Patterson**



Denville

United States Army

In country September 1967-September 1968

Mr. Patterson began his Army service in December of 1965. After completing Officer Candidate School, he was commissioned a Lieutenant in the Military Police Corps, October 1966. Prior to his entry into the Army, Mr. Patterson was a Morris County Probation Officer. He believes this is the reason he received a commission in the Military Police Corps rather than the Infantry.

After spending nine months as Provost Marshal at Camp A.P. Hill in Virginia, he was sent to Vietnam in September 1967. Lt. Patterson's first assignment in Vietnam was as a commander of a sentry dog unit. In this capacity, responsibilities included four detachments of military police dog handlers and German Shepherds, spread throughout central Vietnam. Each month, the Lieutenant traveled between the detachments to pay the soldiers and check on their well-being.

In January 1968, he was transferred to the Army prison in Long Binh, where he served as an education and training counselor.

On the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tet Offensive, Mr. Patterson wrote the following:



### THE YELLOW DRESS

The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tet Offensive, considered by many as the turning point in the Vietnam War, was marked on January 31, 2008. At the time of the Tet Offensive, I was a military police officer serving at the Long Binh Jail or LBJ, as it was popularly known throughout Vietnam.

One afternoon early in January 1968, shortly after I transferred from a field assignment with a sentry dog unit to the stockade, I was approached by a burly, middle-aged sergeant who asked if he could have a minute of my time. I noticed as he sat down that he was carrying an envelope and a folded piece of paper which looked like a page out of a magazine or catalogue.

He explained the envelope contained a letter from his sixteen year old daughter back in Ohio, and the folded piece of paper was in fact a page from a Sears catalogue containing pictures of women's gowns. The sergeant, who I learned was serving his second tour in Vietnam, said his daughter had sent him a picture of a special yellow dress that she wanted for her upcoming prom.

The sergeant knew there were a number of tailor shops in the nearby Village of Bien Hoa and had promised his daughter that he would have a dress like the one in the catalogue made in time for her prom. Knowing that I had spent some time in Bien Hoa on my previous assignment and could get access to a Jeep easier than he could, he asked if I would accompany him to the village.

A few days later, the sergeant and I drove leisurely and unarmed into Bien Hoa and found a tailor shop in the middle of several small one-story buildings. The tailor shop, which was run by an Indian family, catered to American servicemen and advertised custom-made clothing, such as suits, slacks, shirts and dresses.

We entered the small shop together, and while the sergeant showed the tailor the picture of the yellow dress and provided his daughter's measurements, I looked over the assortment of fabrics stacked on the shelves. Before we left, the tailor showed the sergeant the fabric he would use, took a deposit and promised the dress would be ready in four weeks.

About three weeks later, on January 31, 1968, the combined forces of the North Vietnamese Army and Viet Cong staged an extensive assault on most major South Vietnam cities, including Bien Hoa. Although the enemy forces were soundly defeated and driven back, the attacks proved a great moral victory for the enemy and convinced many in the United States, including Walter Cronkite, that the war could not be won. A few weeks later, President Lyndon Johnson announced that he would not seek reelection.

Except for prolonged and highly publicized battles in Hue and Saigon, the enemy offensive was halted in a couple days, although there were some prolonged skirmishes reported in a number of small villages, including Bien Hoa.

The daily activities in the stockade had returned to normal when once again the sergeant appeared in my office. I was surprised to see him and could tell that he was nervous and upset. I asked him what was the matter and he informed me that this was the day the dress was scheduled to be ready.

I explained to him that there was still fighting reported in the village and there was no guarantee that the tailor or the dress shop would still be there. He understood this but wanted to at least make an attempt to retrieve the dress. Almost in tears, he explained that he was divorced from his wife and admittedly had not been much of a father to his only daughter. He had been trying for some time to find a way to make amends and this was first time she had ever asked him for anything and he didn't want to disappoint her once again.

As it was obvious I was not going to change his mind, I instructed him to get our rifles, flak jackets, helmets, ammunition and a truck to go into the village. Hopefully, we could make it back in less than an hour and meet no one other than the tailor on the way.

As we reached the outskirts of Bien Hoa, we could see the remnants of the battle that had been fought just a few days earlier. It appeared that all the buildings surrounding the tailor shop had been leveled, yet although battered, the tailor shop remained standing and open for business.

As soon as we reached the shop, I told the sergeant to leave the truck running. As he headed toward the shop, I climbed into the bed of the truck with an automatic rifle. No sooner had he left, than a heavily armed military police jeep pulled up next to our truck. The MP's told me in no uncertain terms that we needed to get out of the area immediately as there was still fighting going on in the area. No sooner had he said that than we heard scattered rifle fire coming from down the street.

Right after the patrol pulled away, the sergeant came running out of the shop with a package under his arm and the biggest smile I had ever seen in my life. He jumped behind the wheel of the truck as I climbed down into the cab. Without delay, we returned to Long Binh and I instructed him not to tell anyone of our adventure.

It has been forty years since the Tet Offensive and our clandestine mission to retrieve the infamous yellow dress. I realize now how foolish we were, but will never forget that smile and the pride and joy on that crusty old sergeant's face when he finally showed me the pictures of his daughter at her prom. Needless to say, she looked just like she stepped right out of the Sears catalogue, and I hope and pray that the yellow dress was just the first of many gifts they have since shared together.

G. Bruce Patterson  
Denville, New Jersey  
May 7, 2008

Bronze Star

Member Denville VFW Post 2519

Member American Legion Post 390

*Thank you, Mr. G. Bruce Patterson. Welcome home.*



## James Gordon Patterson



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*



Jefferson Township, Milton section

United States Army, 155TH AHC - 52ND AVN BN - 17TH AVN GROUP - 1ST AVIATION BDE

March 16, 1967, Pleiku Province

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

National Defense Medal

Air Medal

Distinguished Flying Cross

### Vietnam Memorial Wall

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**Dennis L. Paulison**

Morris Plains

United States Army

**Richard S. Paush**

Florham Park

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**William Pavlos**

Denville

United States Navy

**Raymond T. Perkins**

Mt. Olive

United States Marine Corps

In country 1971 - 1973.

Retired from Mt. Olive Township moving to South Carolina. Born in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, his family moved to Jersey City and then to Roselle where he graduated from high school. After high school, he enlisted in the Marines and found himself in Vietnam in 1972. His first brush with death came as a forward observer whose job was to call in artillery strikes.

A firefight broke out while Perkins was on the radio, calling in a strike. He felt what he thought was an electrical burn on finger. But when he saw the bullet from an AK47 lodged in a tree near him, he knew differently. He served two years in the Marines but only two and a half months in Vietnam as the war was winding down.

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



John B. Peterson, Jr.



Dover

United States Army

March 10, 1969, Quang Tin Province

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 29W, Line 2

[Vietnam Wall](#)



**Keith Francis Perelli**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Jefferson

United States Marine Corps

United States Marine Corps

September 25, 1967, Quang Tri Province



Perelli Lane, Jefferson, is named in his honor. [See Morris County Street Histories](#)

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 27E, Line 12

[Vietnam Wall](#)



**Stanley P. Petkavich**

Randolph

United States Army

Bronze Star

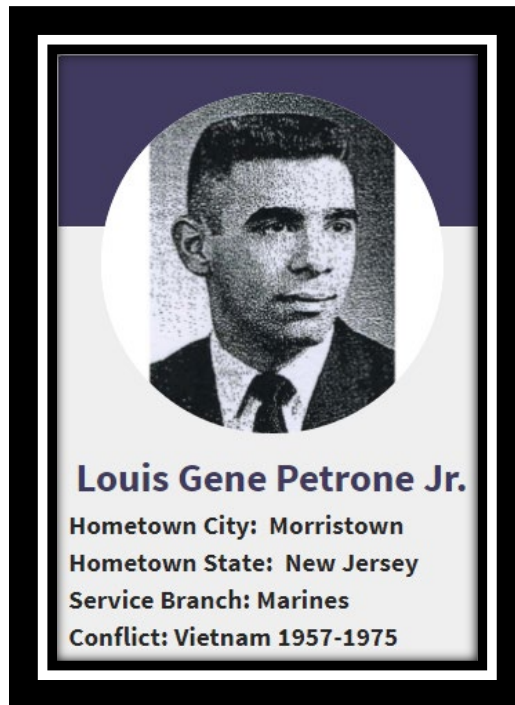
Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Member of the American Legion Post 155 of Whippany.





**Louis Gene Petrone, Jr.**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Morristown

United States Marine Corps L CO 3<sup>RD</sup> BN 4<sup>th</sup> MARINES 3<sup>RD</sup> MARDIV – III MAF

January 7, 1968, Quang Tri Province

Purple Heart

Silver Star

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Morristown High School Wall of Fame, 1998

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 33E, Line 74

[Vietnam Wall](#)



**Greg Petro**

Parsippany, Lake Hiawatha section.

United States Marine Corps 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar Div

In country April 1972 to April 1973

2/Lt and 1/Lt

*Thank you, Mr. Greg Petro. Welcome home.*



**Stanley Dennis Pfrommer**



Mt. Olive, Budd Lake section.

United States Army 2<sup>ND</sup> BN 28<sup>TH</sup> Infantry – 1<sup>ST</sup> INF DIV – United States ARV

September 6, 1966, Thua Thien Province

Combat Infantry First Award

Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation

Purple Heart

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 10E, Line 72

[Vietnam Wall](#)



Charles Albert Philhower



Denville

United States Navy USS Kitty Hawk CV-63

December 6, 1965, South Vietnam

Denville Township Roll of Honor

Philhower Court in Denville Township is named in his honor.

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

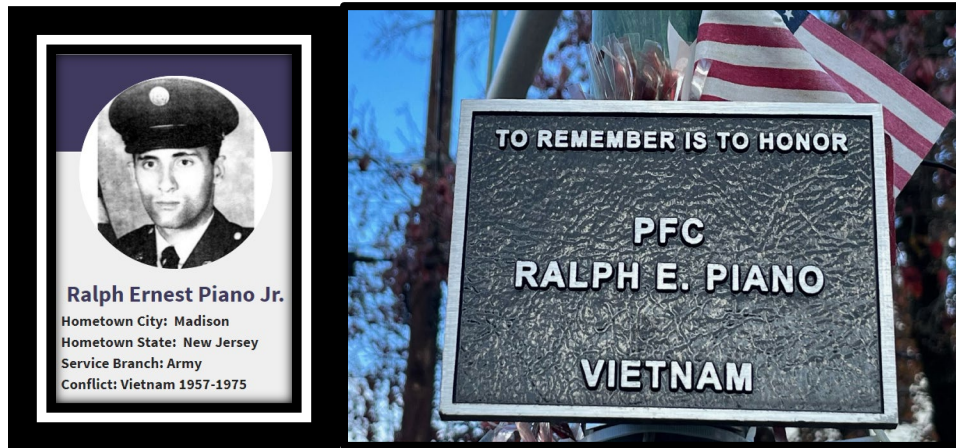
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[Vietnam Wall](#)

[See Morris County Street Histories](#)



**Ralph Ernest Piano, Jr.**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Madison

United States Army 5TH BN 46TH INFANTRY 198TH INFANTRY BDE

October 5, 1969, Quang Ngai Province

Purple Heart

Bronze Star

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Madison Roll of Honor

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 17W, Line 43

[Vietnam Wall](#)

**Robert Emmett Pierson**





Chatham

United States Army 335TH AHC - 268TH AVN BN - 17TH AVN Group - 1ST AVIATION BDE - United States  
ARV

March 21, 1969, Hau Nghia Province

Air Medal

National Defense Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Chatham Township War Memorial

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 28W, Line 1

[Vietnam Wall](#)

**Robert Pilkington**

Washington Township



### United States Army 11th Armored Cavalry

Robert Pilkington was drafted into the Army in 1966 and deployed to Vietnam. He was a Specialist 5 Commander of an Armored Personnel Flamethrower vehicle in the 11th Armored Cavalry. His mission was to destroy enemy locations and support mechanized line troops. The flamethrower vehicle had a driver, the commander and 250 gallons of pressurized napalm capable of firing up to 100 yards. Pilkington began his Army service in 1966. He began his nine months in Viet Nam in January 1967 before injuries cut short his tour of duty.

With the rank of Specialist 5, he was a commander of an armored personnel carrier with a flamethrower in the 11th Armored Cavalry. Pilkington and a driver operated a 250-gallon system capable of delivering a stream of napalm up to 100 yards away.

After suffering non-combat injuries when an armored personnel carrier rolled over his leg in the middle of the night, Pilkington was flown back to Brook Army Hospital in Texas, where he remained until his release in 1968.

Combat Infantry Badge

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

### **Joseph Henry Pilone**

Hanover Township, Cedar Knolls section

United States Marine Corps

He served as a helicopter mechanic before being honorably discharged on Nov. 21, 1966.

Rifle Marksman Badge

Vietnam National Service Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

### **Elston A. Pirro**

Mount Arlington



United States Army 198th Infantry Brigade

Hill 696 aka Monkey Mountain

Vietnam Campaign Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Gallantry Cross

Combat Infantry Badge

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Frank Poolas**

Dover

United States Marine Corps

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Two tours in Vietnam.

On a trip to the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, Sgt. Poolas remembered his friends Capt. Raul Orta and Sgt. William F. Brice, Jr., both were Killed in Action.



Raul Orta, Parlin, N.J. February 1, 1967, Quang Tri Province, Panel 14E, Line 105

William Francis Brice, Jr., Dover, N.J., Panel 65W, Line 5

**Albert N. Porphy**

Mine Hill

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Scott Porter**

Madison





United States Army

1965-1968

Stationed at Longbinh Post during Tet offensive 1968

*Thank you, Mr. Scott Porter. Welcome home.*

**Richard Porzig**

Mountain Lakes

United States Marine Corps

Richard Porzig had to sign a waiver to join the Marine Corps because he was taller than the maximum height allowed. His unit in Vietnam provided protection for various fire bases and filled in for shortages in other units from Danang to Khe Sahn. He also provided protection for a priest who traveled from unit to unit offering the Christian Eucharist to soldiers. It was because of Chaplain Huston who risked his life to offer a moment of peace to fighting marines, that Mr. Porzig says he is who he is today. The Chaplain Huston lost his life after returning to the United States. Mr. Porzig resides in Mountain Lakes and is a life member of Vietnam Veterans of America and the Disabled American Veterans. He is dedicated to the Mission of Honor, which puts to rest the remains of deceased soldiers who were previously unidentified. He is also instrumental in ceremonies for Gold Star Mothers, air shows and arranging for flyovers. He has designed memorial plaques for fallen comrades in the war and a special one in place at Lyons Hospital for his friend Chaplain Huston.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Paul F. Powell**

Mt. Olive, Flanders section

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**Stuart T. Powers**

Mine Hill



United States Air Force  
New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

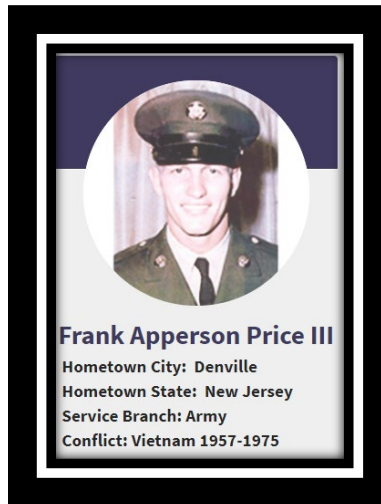
**Renato S. Prati**

Denville

United States Navy

**Frank Apperson Price, III**





*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Denville

United States Army 1ST BN 5TH INF RGT 25TH INF DIV

October 15, 1967, Hau Nghia Province

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

National Defense Medal

Combat Infantry Badge

Purple Heart

Denville Township Roll of Honor

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 28E, Line 11

[Vietnam Wall](#)

**Norman L. Provost**



Denville  
United States Army  
New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**David S. Ragucci**  
Morristown  
Service unknown  
Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Edward R. Ramirez**  
Morristown  
United States Army  
On Veterans Day, 2010, Mr. Ramirez was honored locally by both the Veterans Day and Memorial Day Associations.

**Felix Edward Ramirez**  
"Tony"  
Rockaway  
United States Navy USS Kitty Hawk CV-63; USS Constellation CV-64  
After high school he joined the Navy and completed his education at the Armed Forces Institute. His first tour of duty was on the USS Kitty Hawk off the coast of Vietnam with 7,500 sailors on board. It was stressful duty with 30 days of continuous flights off the deck known as Alfa Strikes. He was seriously injured in an intense on-board fire below deck, which lasted about 36 hours. He describes Navy career work as the most dangerous in the world. He did say that while loading bombs on an aircraft, he felt a sense of pride when he saw the label Made at Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, New Jersey. He is a member of the VFW and the Denville American Legion Post 390 and has been their Adjutant for the past 22 years.

In 2013, Mr. Ramirez blew Taps for the Morris County September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Ceremony.

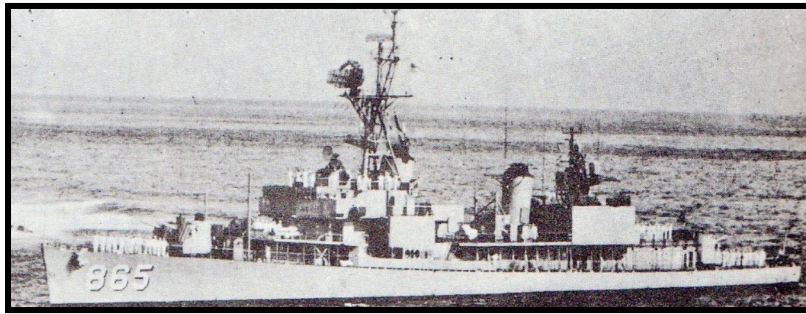
Navy Unit Commendation  
Presidential Unit Citation  
Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Arthur John Regan, Jr.**



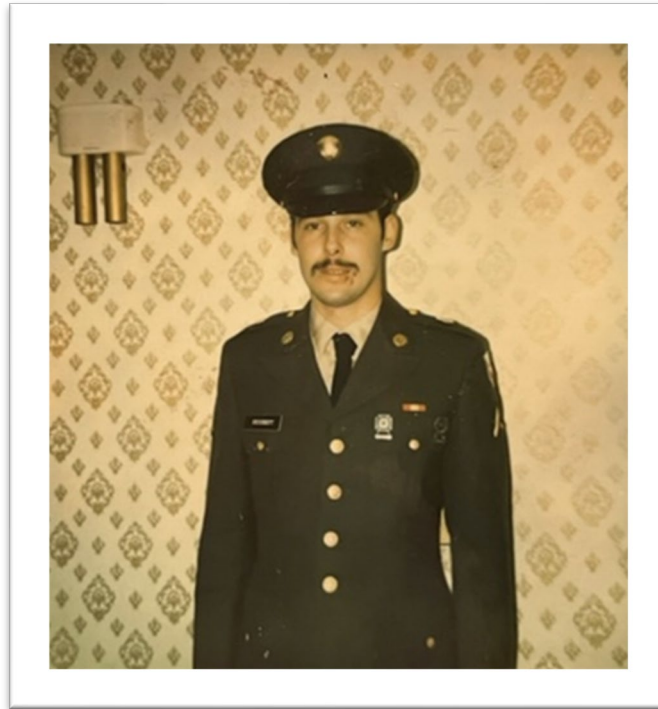
Lincoln Park

United States Navy USS Charles R Ware DD-865



Paul Reichert





Montville

United States Army

Mr. Reichert has a background in chemistry, which afforded him top secret clearance in the Army. He recalls his basic training at Ft. Dix, trying to hitchhike a ride home to Fair Lawn and being spit on by passers-by.

After his Army service spent at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Mr. Reichert obtained employment with Merck as a chemist; a career continuing to flourish and includes collaboration with NASA.

National Defense Service Medal

Sharpshooter Badge with rifle bar M16

Expert Badge with Hand grenade bar

*Thank you for your service, Mr. Paul Reichert.*

**Raymond Reisen**

Rockaway

United States Army

**Michael J. Renahan**



Florham Park

United States Air Force

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Cyril Richard Rescorla**





Morristown

United States Army

Battle of Ia Drang

Purple Heart

Silver Star

Bronze Star

Vietnam Gallantry Cross

Born in Cornwall, England, he served with the British Army as well as the United States Army.

Two years after the Battle of Ia Drang, he became a United States citizen.

Head of security for Morgan Stanley, Mr. Rescorla was killed on September 11, 2001, in the terror attack on the World Trade Center, New York City.

He was last seen on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor, heading up the stairwell.

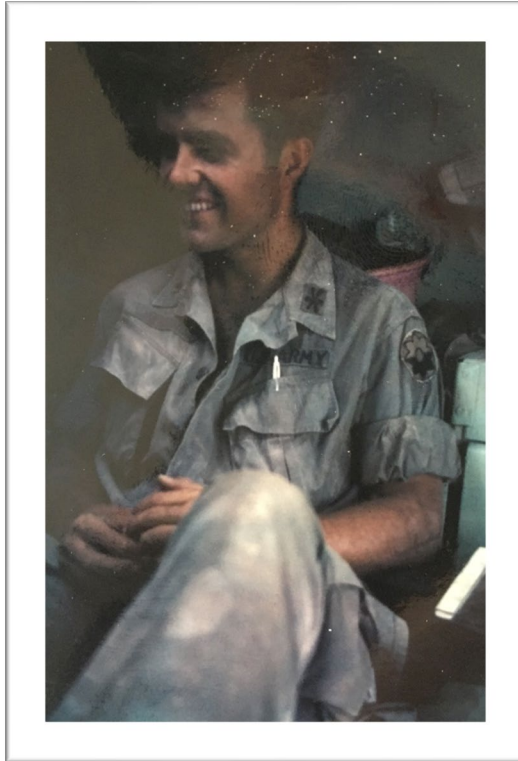
Reports are, that just as he had in Vietnam, he sang Cornish folk songs to calm people.

He had served Northern New Jersey Military Officers Associates as President and served as an advisor to the NJ Counsel of Military Officers Association of New Jersey.

**Stephen Reynolds**







*"Back of an armored personnel carrier somewhere on the DMZ"*

Mt. Olive, Flanders section

United States Army

1st Lt, Armor

In country August 1969 -August 1970

Battle of Mai Loc in Quang Tri Province (April 1970)

Attached: 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, First Infantry Division "The Big Red One"

August 1969 to February 1970 (First Infantry Division rotated back to US)

Troop B, 3rd Squadron, 5th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Ninth Infantry Division

February 1970 to August 1970

Action at Mai Loc: All night battle to rescue a Special Forces unit embedded with indigenous Montagnards close to being overrun by large NVA force.

Bronze Star Medal w/ 2 OLC

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal





*"Part of NVA weapons/equipment recovered after Battle of Mai Loc."*

*Mr. Reynolds identified these weapons as AK-47s.*



*"Photo of Bravo Troop CO (on left) and me (on right), Bravo Troop XO"*



*"Some of the remains of APC's (Armored Personnel Carrier) destroyed during all night battle in Cam Lo*



*Valley, Quang Tri Province. That was a nasty fight that I remember all too well."*



*"With the 2nd Bn, 16th Infantry in Trapezoid IV (November 1969). The M60 machine gun was an essential, and highly effective, weapon."*







2nd Bn, 16th infantry LZ pick-up in the Song Be.



"The Big Red One's 2/16 on the move in the Song Be". "The 2/16 hits another LZ in the Song Be."



"Moving into heavy jungle in the Song Be with the 2nd Bn, 16th Infantry."





“Fellow platoon leader (Standing, Far Right) from Alpha Company, 2/16, with some of his platoon and a captured communist flag in War Zone C.”



“Dustoff for one of the 2nd Bn, 16th Infantry in the Song Be Corridor. Med Evac choppers, called Dustoffs, were critical.”

*Thank you, Mr. Stephen Reynolds. Welcome home.*





On November 9, 2022, Mr. Stephen Reynolds was awarded the Morris County Distinguished Service Medal in recognition of his service in Vietnam.



*Ms. Barbara Mallon and Mr. Stephen Reynolds*



**Joseph B. Richardson**

Kinnelon

United States Army, Major, Headquarters 35th Engineer Group (construction)

In country April 1967-April 1968

Commanded an engineer company to build an airfield and to maintain roads.

*Thank you, Mrs. Irene Richardson, wife of Maj. Joseph Richardson.*

**Willie W. Richardson, Sr.**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Morris Plains

United States Army

Mission was to stop the infiltration of North Vietnamese coming through the country of Cambodia. During one particularly devastating battle, his division suffered heavy casualties out of 230 men, only 18 returned. On another occasion, they were set up on the border of Cambodia where they received an engagement of over 4,000 North Vietnamese and once again suffered heavy losses.

Bronze Star

Purple Heart

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Paul William Richartz**

Washington Township

United States Army

September 1968- June 1971

Paul Richartz was born in Newark, New Jersey on May 16, 1944 and joined the Army at 23 years old.

Mr. Richartz owned and operated an advertising agency from 1987 until 2010, served as Chair of the Washington Township Economic Development Committee from 1990 – 1994, and taught part-time at Fairleigh Dickinson University from 2000-2017. He earned his bachelor's degree from Upsala College and his master's in education from Boston University.

A resident of Long Valley, he is the father of two children, Amanda, and Matthew, and enjoys hunting and fishing in his free time.

National Defense Medal

Army Commendation Medal

Korean Expeditionary Medal

European Security and Defense Policy Medal

Good Conduct Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal, May 27, 2023

[Morris County Korean War Veterans](#)





**Rod N. Ridolfo**

Montville Township

United States Army Co. B 1st battalion airborne-airmobile 12th Cav. 1st Cav division.

Served in An khe Vietnam, 1967-68.

Drafted into the Army at age 21, PFC Ridolfo attained the rank of Staff Sergeant in 18 months-at the time, a record for promotion.

Platoon Leader of the 4th Platoon (Weapons Platoon.) M60 machine gun - 81 MM Motor.

Combat Infantry Badge

Bronze Star

Air Medal (2)

Army Commendation Medal

Good Conduct Medal

National Defense Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

*Thank you, Mr. Rod Ridolfo. Welcome home.*




United States Navy PO3

The incident forged a determination in George to help those who suffered.

For his heroic efforts, he was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal with Combat Valor device.

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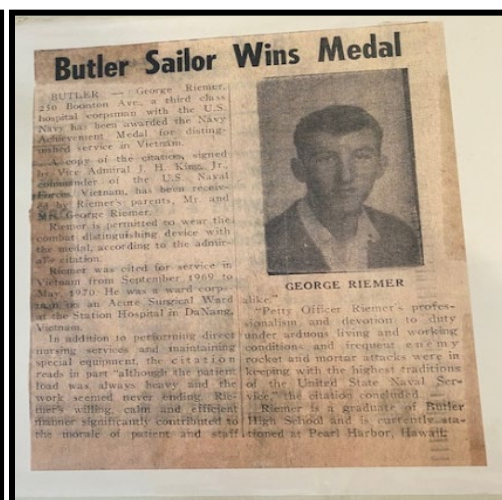
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(2) Award Citation

1. Reference (a) has been approved. Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam takes pleasure in forwarding enclosures (1) and (2) in recognition of your meritorious achievement in support of combat operations in Southeast Asia.

*Richard E. Jorg*  
RICHARD E. JORG  
Assistant Chief of Staff  
for Administration

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CO NAVSTAFFAC DNG



Vice Admiral J.H. King Jr., the Commander of Naval Forces in Vietnam, cited:



*“Petty Officer Third Class, George Riemer, in addition to handling a heavy and constant workload, was honored for his professionalism, devotion to duty under arduous living and working conditions, while under frequent rocket and mortar attacks.”*

The Vice Admiral went on to note, *“George’s calm and efficient manner contributed significantly to the morale of the wounded and staff members alike”*. He concluded his comments by stating that George’s actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of United States Naval Service.

After his service, Mr. Riemer became the Chief Burn Technician at St Barnabas Hospital, in Livingston, New Jersey, where he dedicated his life to the healing of the injured.

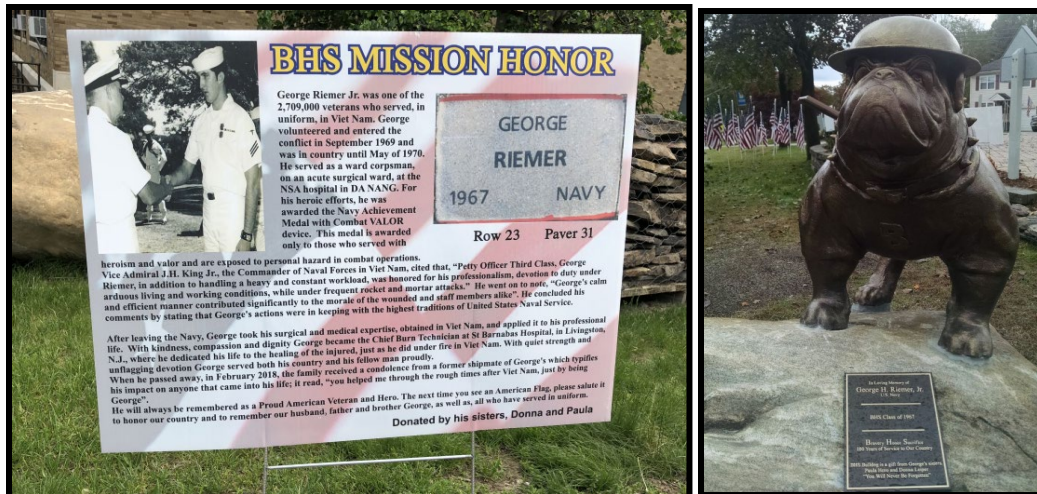
Mr. Riemer passed away in 2018. A former shipmate wrote a condolence note to the Riemer family, in part:

*“You helped me through the rough times after Viet Nam, just by being George”.*



*George Riemer’s flag and medals, including Navy Achievement Medal w/V device.*





Mr. Riemer is remembered at the Butler High School Veterans memorial, a plaque in his honor rests beneath the Butler High School bulldog mascot, given by his sisters, Paula Hero and Donna Leiper, in his memory.



He is further remembered by a memorial paver Row 23 Paver 31 on the Butler High School grounds.







*Matthew Riemer accepts his father's New Jersey Distinguished medal.*

*Thank you, Paula, Jennifer and Matthew Riemer, the family of PO3 George Riemer, for participating in this project.*



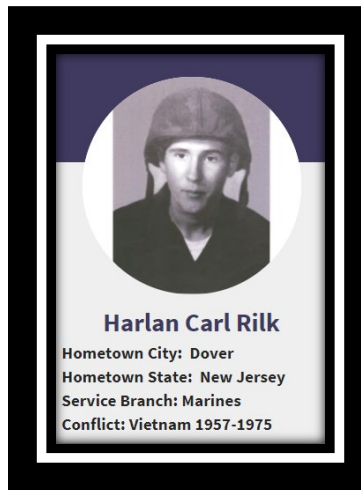
**William G. Riley**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Harlan Carl Rilk**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Dover

United States Marine Corps 3rd AMTRAC BN 1 MAR DIV

September 16, 1967, Quang Nam Province

Purple Heart

Silver Star

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 26E, Line 80

[Vietnam Wall](#)



**William J. Rio**

Florham Park

United States Navy

Participated in a Mediterranean tour on the USS Saratoga from July 1969 thru January 1970 with the Tomcatters of VF-31.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Brian Robinson**

Morris County

United States Navy

Mr. Robinson enlisted in 1966.

Three Tours, serving in the western Pacific, Gulf of Tonkin and Beach Detachment:

October 19, 1966-May 29, 1967

December 28, 1967-August 17, 1968

April 16, 1969 - October 17, 1969

*Thank you, Mr. Brian Robinson. Welcome home.*

**Charles Robinson**

Randolph

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Albert A. Rocchetti**

Morris Plains

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal



**Rudolph E. Roehrich, Jr.**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Ronald Roetman**

Riverdale

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**Robert W. Roff**

Morristown

United States Navy

**Joseph W. Rooney**

Randolph

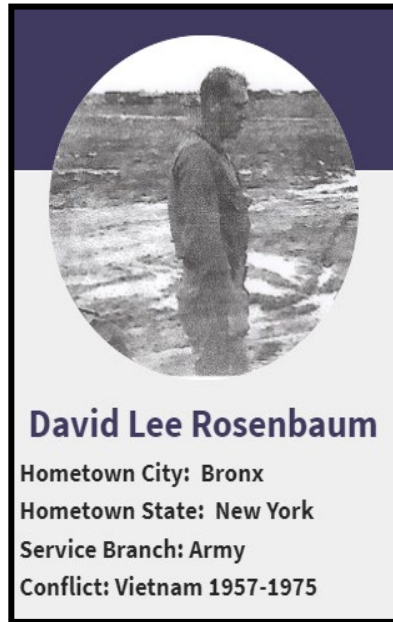
United States Army 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division





**David Rosenbaum**

"Dave"



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Rockaway Township

United States Army 3<sup>rd</sup> SQ 5<sup>th</sup> CAV 9<sup>th</sup> INF DIV

"Bastard Cav"

In country January-December 1967

Mr. Rosenbaum served as an armored crewman. Served in Vietnam January-December 1967.

Assigned to various units (1st Infantry, 25th Infantry, 11 Armored Cavalry), missions were all over Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos.

Mr. Rosenbaum participated in Second Battle of Bau Bang, March 1967, and at the time, his unit found the largest enemy arms cache.

Mr. Rosenbaum suffers various disabilities from his exposure to Agent Orange.

Purple Heart

Bronze Star (V)

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

*Thank you, Mr. David Rosenbaum. Welcome home.*



**Charles Rossi**

Madison

United States Army

**Emil D. Ruesch**

Randolph

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**Nelson G. Russell**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Peter Fransson Russell**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Wharton

United States Navy VAL-4 - USNAVFORV

May 23, 1969, Kien Giang Province

Purple Heart

Air Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 24W, Line 90

[Vietnam Wall](#)



**Donald Rutledge**

Mt. Olive

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Henry Salerno**

Florham Park

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

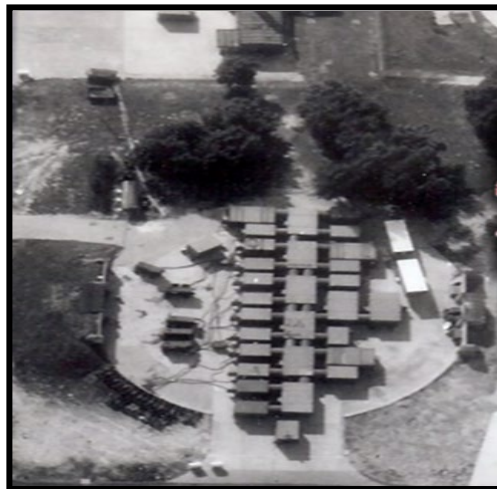
**John Michael Salitsky**

Rockaway

United States Marine Corps



Tom Salvas



*Zweibrücken Airbase, Germany, 1972*

Chatham Township

United States Air Force, Captain

Served in Intelligence Photographic Services, from 1968 to 1973.

Stationed at Westover AFB and Zweibrücken Airbase, Germany

In civilian life, Mr. Salvas is a 33-year resident of Chatham Township and has dedicated many volunteer hours on media projects, supporting Chatham Township, Chatham Borough, the School District of the Chathams and other local organizations.

His latest focus is on interviewing fellow Chatham veterans for The Library of the Chathams Veteran History Project.



<https://chathamlibrary.org/veterans-project-of-the-chathams/>

*Thank you, Mr. Tom Salvas. Welcome home.*

**Joseph C. Sanchelli, Jr.**

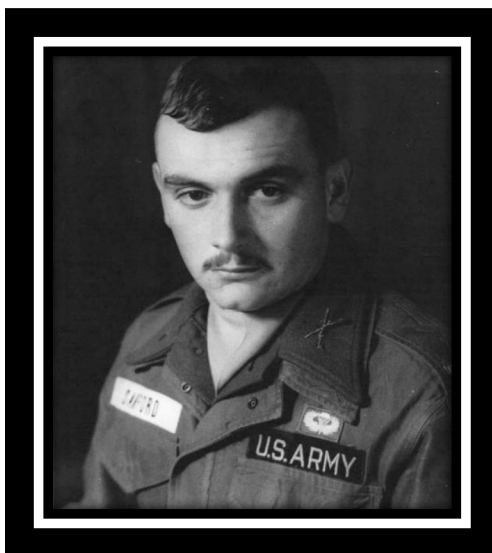
Hanover

United States Marine Corps

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal



**John Francis Sanford**



Morris Plains

United States Army 101 ABN DIV - B First Bat - 327th Infantry Regiment

February 7, 1966, Phu Yen Province

Purple Heart

Morris Plains Memorial Plaque Roberts Garden

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 5E, Line 15

[Vietnam Wall](#)

**John M. Sanker**

Mt. Olive

United States Army



**Jack Sassman**



Randolph

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

On October 9, 2021, the first veteran banners were displayed in Veterans Park, Randolph.

This project is known as "Hometown Heroes", begun by Ms. Felicia DiFabrizio Smith and VFW Post No. 7333.

**Roger S. Scaletti**

Riverdale

United States Army





**Angelo Scalo**

Morris Plains

United States Navy

Sent to Vietnam as a “River Rat” on the Mekong Delta.

Part of a River Rat’s mission was to rescue soldiers in trouble along the Mekong River.

His boat was staffed with seven men and housed two 50-caliber machine guns along with M-16’s and other weapons.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**William T. Scanlon**

Denville

United States Army

**Jerome J. Schlesinger**

Morris Plains

United States Army

**Bernard Schettino**

Washington Township

United States Army National Guard

January 1971- January 1977

Mr. Schettino was born in Brooklyn, New York on December 25, 1950. He earned his bachelor’s degree from St. Peter’s College and worked as an Airport Duty Manager for the Port Authority of NY and NJ.

Mr. Schettino is a resident of Long Valley, where he is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal, May 27, 2023



**William E. Schmidt, Jr.**

Roxbury

United States Marine Corps

Served in the Dominican Republic and a tour in Vietnam.

Bronze Star

Rifle Expert Badge

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Good Conduct Medal

**Raymond P. Schmitt**

Parsippany

United States Army Delta Company 321st 196th Light Infantry Brigade

Hill 104

Hill 406

Mr. Schmitt says one of the problems with many of the battles in Vietnam was the difficulty the troops had holding the ground they had just taken. They would repeatedly have to take the same ground over and over again, as there was no way of holding positions.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Richard C. Schoerner**

Morristown

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**Thomas W. Schuld**

Parsippany, Lake Hiawatha section

United States Air Force



**Arthur Charles Schumm**

Rockaway

United States Air Force

**John A. Scott**

Roxbury

United States Navy

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**Frank E. Scozzafava**

Boonton

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**Stanley Sebastian**

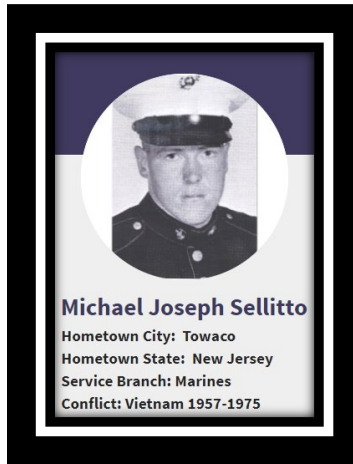
Denville

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal



**Michael Joseph Sellitto**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Montville, Towaco section

United States Marine Corps

March 26, 1969, Quang Tri Province

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

National Defense Medal

Purple Heart

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 28W, Line 52

[Vietnam Wall](#)



**Joseph A. Serino**

Morris Plains

United States Navy USS Duluth LPD-6

"6 the Hard Way"



Joined the Navy in 1966 and served aboard the USS Duluth, an amphibious transport docking ship that was the last ship to be launched from the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

It supported operations in Vietnam both off the coast and on the Vietnamese Rivers, receiving commendation medals for this support and for bringing on board Vietnamese villagers in need of protection. The ship was also used by Marines who came on board to rest in between battles.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Patrick T. Sharkey, Sr.**

Parsippany

United States Army

**John Joseph Sherwood, III**

“Jack”

East Hanover

United States Army 5th Cavalry - 1st Airborne Division

In country, 1967 - 1968.

Conducting sweep and clear operations from Cambodia to the South China Sea, looking for explosive devices and other weapons.

Army Commendation Medal (Actions taken March 11, 1967.)

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Kenneth William Short**

Washington Township

United States Army

1970-1977

Mr. Short was born in Newark, New Jersey, and was drafted into the Army while he was a college student.

He completed basic training at Fort Campbell, Tennessee, and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky as an Armor Crewman.

Mr. Short was honorably discharged in October 1970 and trained with the West Orange National Guard Armory for six years. He was a turret mechanic and rose the ranks to become a Tank Commander. He served his seventh, and final year with the National Guard Armory as a recruiter before being discharged in 1977.

Mr. Short earned a bachelor's degree from Fairleigh Dickenson University, after which he owned and operated an insurance company for 36 years. In addition, Mr. Short volunteered in Washington Township for over twenty years with the Environmental Commission, the Planning Board, and on the Township Committee.

Mr. Short has been married to his wife, Susanne, for 53 years. Together they have two adult children, Lisa and Michael. His favorite hobbies include golf and traveling.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal, May 27, 2023

**James Siciliano**

Madison

United States Navy

**Joel Sietz**

Mt. Olive

United States Army 563rd TRANS CO

Left Fort Lewis, Washington in 1966 and went to Qui Nhon.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**James R. Silance**

Madison

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**Thomas Robert Sillence**

Morristown

United States Army

**Steven C. Simko**

Chatham

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**James V. Simmons**

Parsippany

United States Air Force

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal





Joseph Louis John Simon



Wharton

United States Navy YRBM-16

November 24, 1967, Phong Dinh Province

Purple Heart

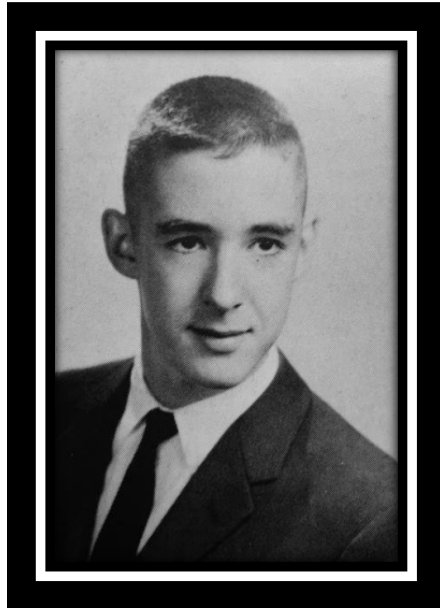
**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

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[Vietnam Wall](#)



**Robert Ernest Sipe**



Dover

United States Army, ADV TEAM 7 - HQ - MACV ADVISORS - MACV

September 23, 1967, Vinh Binh Province

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 27E, Line 3

[Vietnam Wall](#)



**Robert John Slattery**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Hanover, Whippany section

United States Marine Corps 81S PLT - H&S CO - 2ND BN - 3RD MARINES - 3RD MARDIV

July 6, 1967, Quang Tri Province

Purple Heart

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

The Marine Corps League of Whippany - Detachment No. 206 - L/CPL Robert John Slattery - is named in his honor.

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 23E, Line 23

[Vietnam Wall](#)



**Charles M. Slavin**

Lincoln Park

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

**Edward Jefferson Smith, Jr.**



Mt. Lakes

United States Navy

September 9, 1971, aircraft accident on training maneuvers

Mountain Lakes Memorial



**William Henry Sohl**

Mt. Olive

United States Navy USS Robert K. Huntington DD-781

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Richard Alan Somerville**

Lincoln Park

United States Army

**Michael B. Sonneberg**

Riverdale

United States Army

New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal



## David Sontos



Dover

United States Navy, MM3 U.S.S. Picking DD-685

In country 1966-1968

Mr. Sontos enlisted in March of 1966 and attended boot camp training at Great Lakes, Illinois. After graduation, he was sent to San Francisco, attached to the Picking.

Following training and local operations in 1966, the USS Picking departed for WestPac on December 27. She bombarded enemy military, naval, and logistical areas in North and South Vietnam, and destroyed several logistical craft in coastal waters off North Vietnam.

Training off the west coast in antisubmarine warfare and gunnery completed 1967. In February 1968 she departed for WestPac and arrived at Yankee Station April 25.

Following gunfire support duty off South Vietnam and a return to Yankee Station, she arrived Long Beach August 17.

On December 16, 1968, Mr. Sontos was promoted to Machinist Mate 3rd class where he continued working in the forward engine room.

Mr. Sontos was discharged on December 10, 1969

National Defense Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device.

*Thank you Mr. David Sontos. Welcome home.*



**George A. Sparano**

Denville

United States Navy

New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal

**Louis F. Sperry**

Dover

United States Army

Mr. Sperry was born in Dover and remained a lifelong resident.

He owned and operated G. Sperry and Sons in Dover, a monuments company.

Mr. Sperry served as the Fire Chief of the Dover Fire Department.

**Ronald Spirig**

Morris Plains

United States Army



**Stanley Marcel Staszak**



Rockaway

April 4, 1959, Gia Dinh Province

United States Army

Graduated Chatham High School and enlisted in the United States Army. In 1940 he was appointed into the United States Military Academy, Class of 1943. Experiencing combat battle at the end of WWII, he remained in Germany as an intelligence officer. Sent to Vietnam as a MAAG, he passed away in his sleep at the age of 39.

His name was added to the Vietnam Wall on May 10, 2015.

Combat Infantry Badge

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

World War II Victory Medal

Army Commendation Medal World War II

Europe-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon

Army of Occupation Medal

National Defense Service Medal

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

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[Vietnam Wall](#)





**Edward A. Stevens**

Mine Hill

United States Army

**Gabor Stibinger**

Roxbury

United States Army

**Stanford Stoller**

Montville

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Erick O. Stone**



Kinnelon

United States Marine Corps LCpl, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tank Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division

June 15, 1967-August 10, 1977

After fulfilling his obligations to the Marines, he served in the Army National Guard from March 3, 1981 until 1992.

*Thank you, Ms. Ericka Ransom, daughter of Erick Stone.*

**Stephen F. Stross**

Boonton

United States Army

New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal

**Gerald Edward Sullivan**

Morris Plains

United States Navy



**Melvin Summer**

“Frank”

Morristown

United States Army

**Benjamin Suntag**

Rockaway

United States Army

Stationed in Germany.

Discharged June 30, 1961.

*Thank you, Mr. Benjamin Suntag. Welcome home.*



**Swante August Swenson**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Denville

United States Army BDQ ADV TEAM TD 21 - ADV TEAM 1 - HQ - MACV ADVISORS – MACV

January 11, 1968, Quang Ngai Province

Purple Heart

Combat Infantry Badge

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

National Defense Medal

Denville Township Roll of Honor

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 34E, Line 32

[Vietnam Wall](#)



**George John Szabo**

Dover

United States Army

Member American Legion Post 344, Rockaway

**George Tanzola**

Montville

United States Army

Two tours in Vietnam

*Thank you, Mrs. Dara Tanzola, wife of George Tanzola.*

**James Tarsitano, Jr.**

Jefferson Township

United States Air Force August 1963 to July 1969

National Defense Service Medal

Air Force Good Conduct Medal

Air Force Medal 900-3

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Roger W. Tasnady, Sr.**

Roxbury

United States Marine Corps

Enlisted in United States Marine Corps in November of 1962.

Two tours in Vietnam.

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Presidential Unit Citation

Combat Action Ribbon

Bronze Star

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**William H. Temple, Sr.**

Randolph

United States Army

**Dominick W. Terrone**

Parsippany

United States Navy



**Frederick Garside Terry, Jr.**



Pequannock, Pompton Plains section.

United States Army D TRP - 1ST SQDN - 4TH CAVALRY - 1ST INF DIV - USARV

July 4, 1968, Binh Duong Province

Purple Heart (3)

Distinguished Flying Cross

Silver Star

Bronze Star

Vietnam War Memorial, First Reformed Church, Pompton Plains, New Jersey

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 53W, Line 14

[Vietnam Wall](#)

**Mario Testa**

Florham Park

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Gary M. Thomas**

Washington Township

United States Army 82nd. Airborne Div. 1st. Cav. Div.

1969-71

Honorably Discharged.

*Thank you, Mr. Gary Thomas. Welcome home.*

**Christopher J. Tighe**

Randolph

United States Navy

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Richard J. Tilney**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Jefferson Township, Oak Ridge section.

United States Marine Corps 7<sup>th</sup> Marines

Assigned to the 7th Marines. Within a few days of arriving in Vietnam his unit was overrun by North Vietnamese forces. He remembers his first sergeant telling him there were only three ways he could leave that country. Be killed, be wounded, or rotate out. He was wounded twice, and the second time it took four days before he was evacuated. He still suffers from his wounds after all these years. He received the Purple Heart and many battle ribbons, and every year he and the members of his unit a brotherhood, as he calls it, attend reunions around the country.

Purple Heart

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal





**Frank D. Tinari**

Florham Park

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Henry J. Titone, Jr.**

"Hank"

Mt. Olive, Flanders section

United States Air Force

June 1967 - February 1971

Stationed in England and supported the Cold War against the Soviet Union. Served overseas for eighteen months.

*Thank you for your service, Mr. Henry Titone.*

**James E. Titus, Sr.**

Kinnelon

United States Navy

Completed two tours of Vietnam. He was on a mine sweeper off the coast, and he did river duty which involved checking small crafts for contraband and escorting prisoners to and from various jails.

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Peter Mario Torrani**



Madison

United States Air Force

In country July 1965 - February 1966.

Succumbed to disease February 6, 1968.

Madison Roll of Honor

SSGT Torrani has an honor plaque in Madison.

**John R. Treiber**

Florham Park

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Louis F. Tremallo, Jr.**

Morris Township

United States Army National Guard

He served from July 1969 until July 1975 with the 112<sup>th</sup> FA at the Morristown Armory.

Member American Legion Post No. 59 in Morristown.

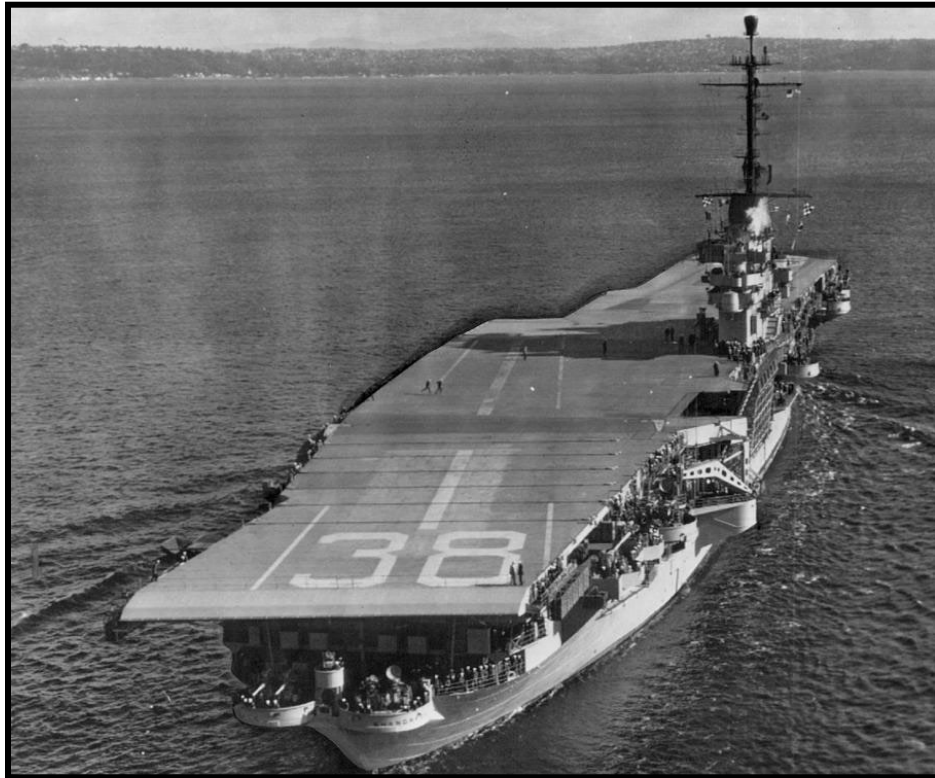
Mr. Tremallo's father, Louis, Sr. served in WWII with the 112<sup>th</sup> FA, and earned the Purple Heart.

Morris County Distinguished Medal

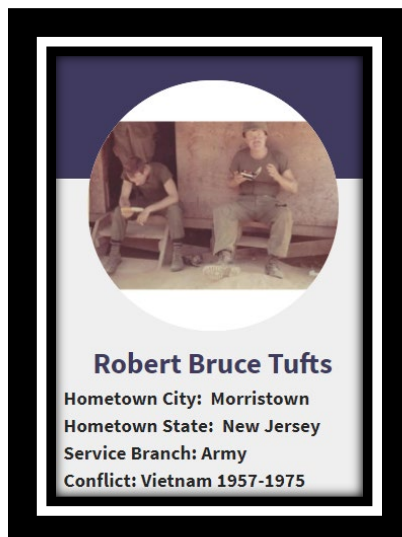
**Michael Trosky, Sr.**

Wharton

United States Navy USS Shangri-La CVA-38



**Robert Bruce Tufts**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Morristown

United States Army 3RD BN - 1ST INFANTRY - 11TH INFANTRY BDE

June 14, 1969, Quang Ngai Province

Purple Heart

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

National Defense Medal

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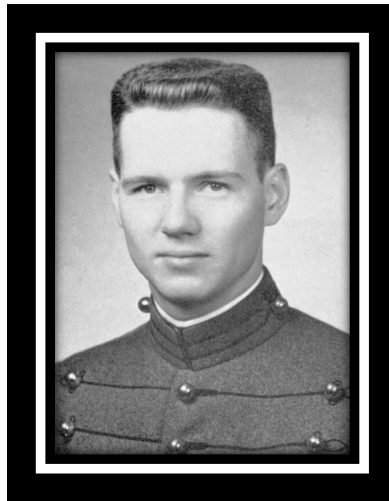


**Cornelius Patrick Tully, Sr.**

Roxbury

United States Army

**Walter Busill Tully, Jr.**



Madison

United States Army

March 2, 1969, Quang Ngai Province

Chatham Township War Memorial

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

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**Edward C. Tunis, Jr.**

Florham Park

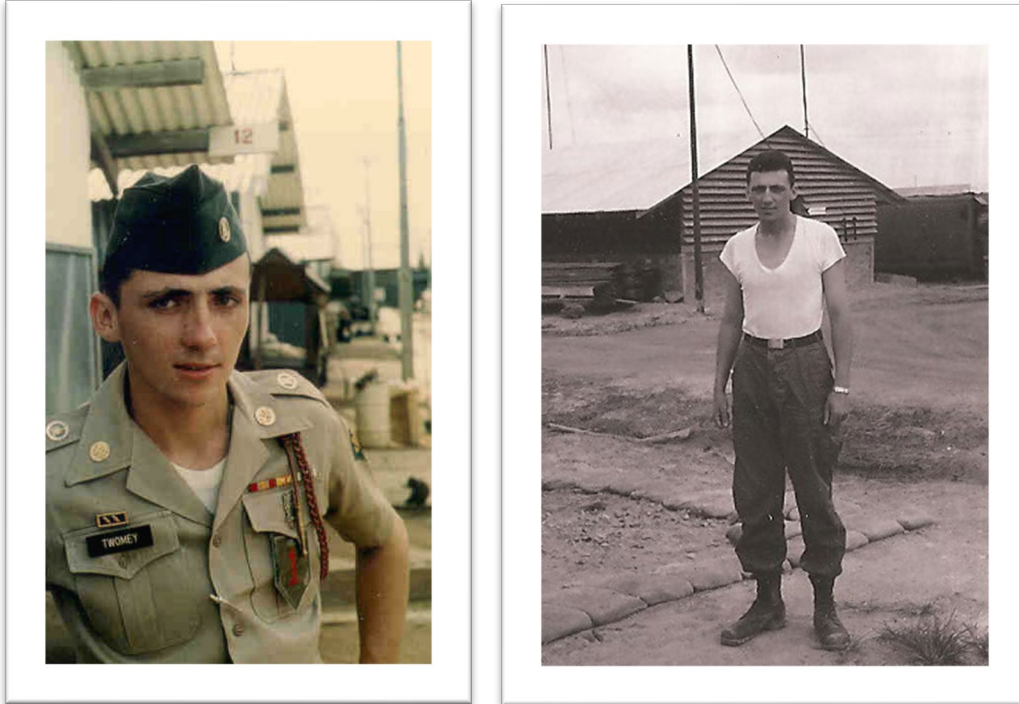
United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Edward A. Twomey**



Long Valley

United States Army 1st Infantry Division – Headquarters Base at Di An, RVN

121<sup>st</sup> Signal Battalion

Sergeant Twomey participated in Operation Attleboro, Operation Cedar Falls and

Operation Junction City

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Army Commendation Medal (Meritorious service during the period of November 1966 to July 1967)

Army Presidential Unit Citation with Double Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division

Army Meritorious Unit Citation 121<sup>st</sup> Signal Battalion (Meritorious service during the period of June 1966 to May 1967)

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

*Thank you, Mr. Edward A. Twomey. Welcome home.*



**Peter Thomas Valente**



**Peter Thomas Valente**

Hometown City: Bayonne  
Hometown State: New Jersey  
Service Branch: Marines  
Conflict: Vietnam 1957-1975



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*



*Color images ARVAN Base west of Marble Mountain.*

*Bottom image, Valente receives a visit from actor/author Hari Rhodes at EVAC Hospital.*





Butler

United States Marine Corps 2<sup>nd</sup> BN 1<sup>st</sup> Marines

Combined Action Group 1-1-1

In country July 1968-August 1969

Participated in operations in the Da Nang area from July 68 to November 68 and with III MAF Combined Action Group from December 69 to July 69 in the area of Chu Lai and Tam Ky.

Born in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Purple Heart

Combat Action Ribbon

Navy Presidential Unit Citation

Navy Unit Commendation

National Defense Ribbon

Vietnam Service Ribbon

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Ribbon

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon

Rifle Marksman

*Thank you, Mr. Peter Valente. Welcome home.*



## **Marshall Van Dyke**

Parsippany

United States Navy USS Krishna ARL-38; USS Oriskany CV-34

Mark Van Dyke joined the Navy in 1969 in St. Louis, Missouri where he grew up. He joined because his aunt was a retired World War II Lt. Commander of the Navy. He was stationed in Coronado, Colorado, and requested to serve in Vietnam. His request was granted, and he received orders to serve on the USS Krishna. He was an E4 Petty Officer 3rd class and his ship operated out of the Bassac River at Bein Thuy. Two years after his first tour ended, he re-enlisted and served on the USS Oriskany. He was trained in radio communication, firefighting, and damage control onboard ship.

Meritorious Unit Commendation

Vietnam Service Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

## **Harold Bartholomew Van Dyken**

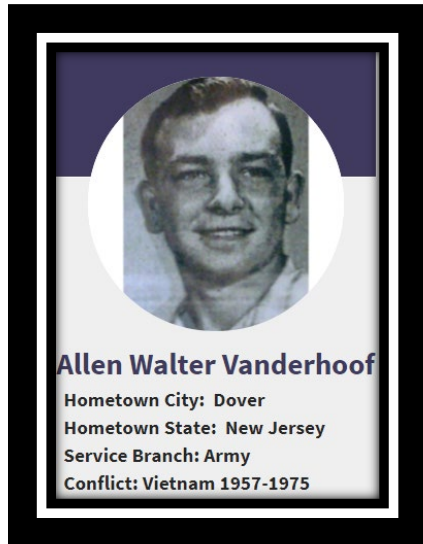
Morristown

United States Army

A military career which spanned 33 years, first serving as a pilot in the Army Air Corps during World War II and later in the Army Air Corps and as a U.S. Army as a pilot in Korea and Vietnam.



**Allen Walter Vanderhoof**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Dover

United States Army 1ST BN 27TH INFANTRY 25TH INF DIV - United States ARV

May 21, 1968, Binh Duong Province

Purple Heart

Combat Infantry Badge

National Defense Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

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**S. Mark Vandling**

Randolph

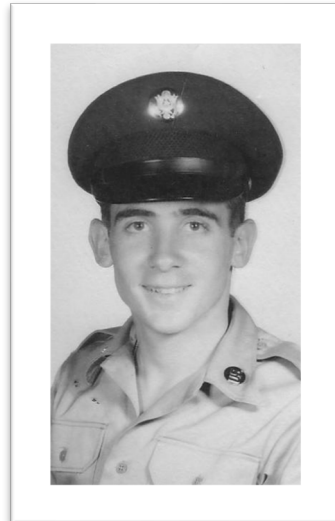
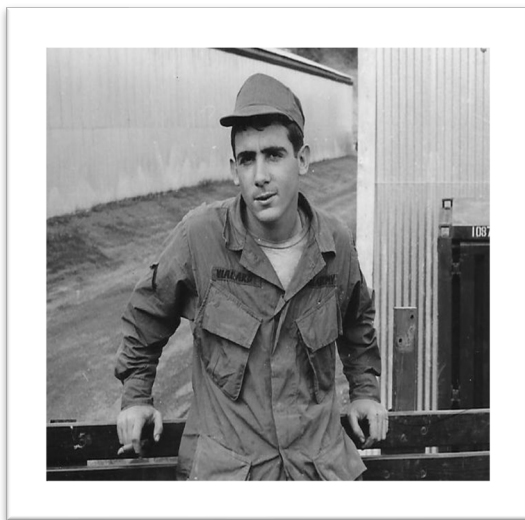
United States Navy

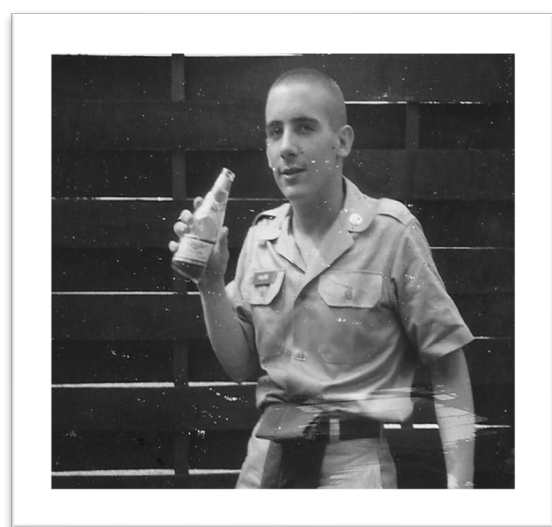
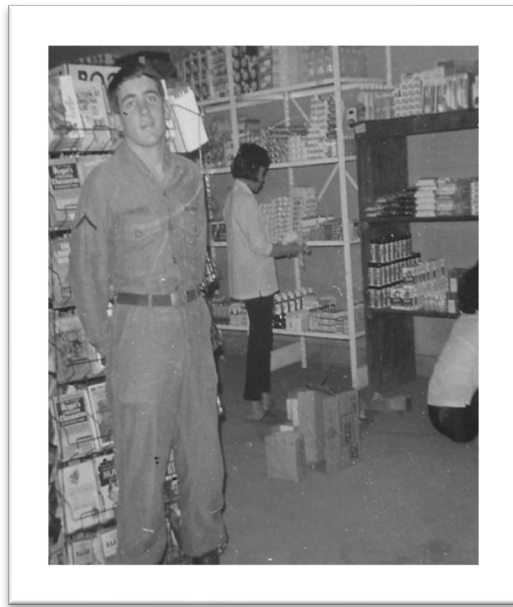
Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**James Vialard**

“Jim”





Denville

United States Army 3RD Battalion 6TH Artillery

Tet Offensive

Battle of Ben Het

Born in Dover, he lived in Denville. He enlisted in the United States Army on May 7, 1967 and served with the 3rd /6th Artillery. Jim reached the rank of Sergeant while serving 26 months in Vietnam.

He served as Post Commander for the VFW 9238, and the Post Commander for American Legion Post 175 and served as State Commander of the American Legion.

Mr. Vialard died at his home in Denville, December 13, 2021, where he lived his whole life.



Good Conduct Medal

National Defense Ribbon

Marksman for M14

Marksman for M16

Vietnam Campaign Medal

4 Overseas Bars

7 Campaign Stars

Vietnam Service Medal

New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal

New Jersey Meritorious Service Citation

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

*Thank you, Mrs. Phyllis Vialard, wife of Mr. James Vialard.*



**Alan F. Volle**

Randolph

United States Army Corps of Engineers

**Allen F. Vreeland, Jr.**

Montville

United States Army

**William W. Wagner**

Denville

United States Navy

New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal





**William S. Walter**

“Bill”

Jefferson Township, Oak Ridge section.

United States Navy Reserve, USS Joseph Hewes DE-1078



MM3 Walter participated in:

WestPac Around the world cruise June to December 1972

Vietnam Service June to October 1972

Haiphong Harbor, Tiger Island

Invasion of Quang Tri Province

*Thank you, Mr. William Walter. Welcome home.*

*Thank you, Mr. Stuart Walter.*

**Eugene L. Ward**

Rockaway

United States Army

New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal



**Robert B. Warren**

Boonton Township

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

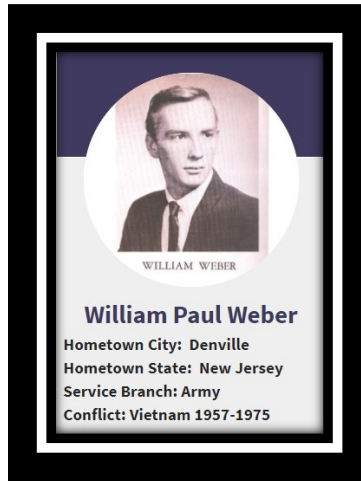
**Kenneth R. Weaver**

Randolph

United States Army



**William Paul Weber**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Denville

United States Army 5TH BN 46TH INFANTRY 198TH INFANTRY BDE - AMERICAL DIV - United States ARV

July 7, 1968, Quang Ngai Province

Purple Heart

Combat Infantry Badge

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Denville Township Roll of Honor

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

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**Marc Weinberg**

Denville

United States Army, May 1966 to February 1969

Bronze Star w/OLC

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Overseas Service Bars (2)

Marksmanship Badge M16 Sharpshooter

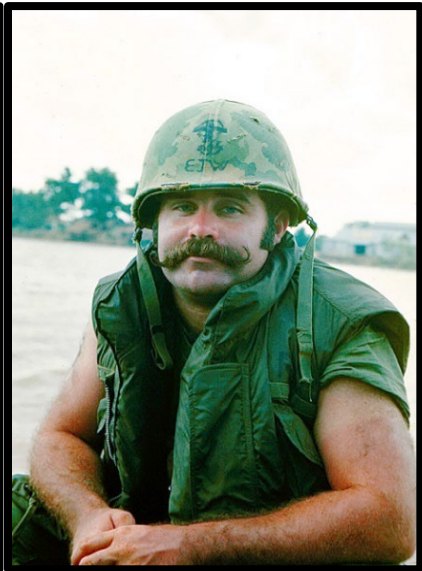
Marksmanship Badge M14 Sharpshooter

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



Edward Weinlein

"Ed"



Morris County

United States Navy

In country November 1970 - November 1971.

Mr. Weinlein was raised in Madison, having lived there from 1952 to 1961 and Convent Station from 1961-1971. After graduating from Delbarton in 1965, Mr. Weinlein attended the University of Notre Dame from 1966 to 1969 and participated in the ROTC.

Commissioned the day before graduation, he was attached to the USS Hornet where he assisted in the Apollo 12 space capsule recovery operation.

Orders to Vietnam came down in the summer of 1970, serving with the United States Navy's Inshore/Undersea Warfare Group.

Trained as a Vietnamese Advisor, he was assigned as Executive Officer to River Patrol Boat (PBRs) in the hamlet of Rach Soi.

From November of 1970 to the following November, Mr. Weinlein patrolled the small canals of Vietnam working with a Naval SEAL unit.

In 2019, Mr. Weinlein returned to Vietnam and was astounded to find his old post was a bustling seaside town, complete with a car dealership and grocery stores- virtually nothing was left of the post.

On that trip back to Vietnam, Mr. Weinlein dropped his old jungle hat into the familiar brown water of a canal and watched it slowly drift downstream, taking with it all his bad memories.

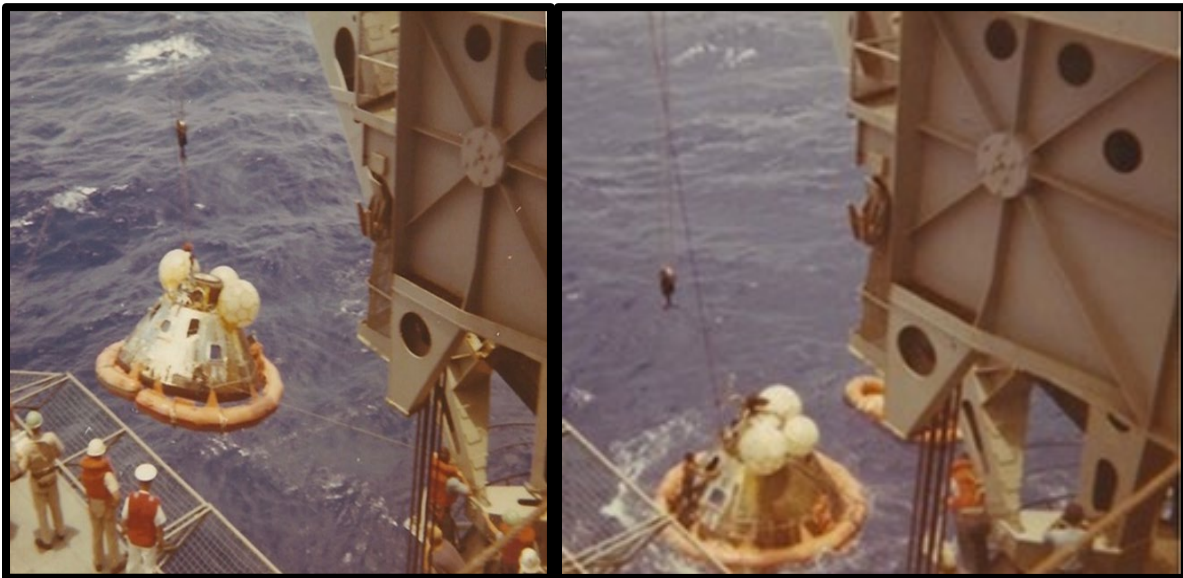
Bronze Star with Valor device

Vietnam Cross of Gallantry

*Thank you, Mr. Edward Weinlein. Welcome home.*



Mr. Weinlein shared his personal photographs of both the Apollo 12 recovery and Vietnam:









**Thomas L. Weisenbeck**

Madison

United States Army

In country October 1968-October 1969

Served with the 1st Logistical Command in Da Nang.

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Army Commendation Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Earl Scott Wemple, Jr.**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Netcong

United States Army HHC - 2ND BDE - 101ST ABN DIV

Prior service in WWII and Korea, a total of twenty-six years in the military.

April 21, 1969, Thua Thien Province

Purple Heart

Bronze Star

Combat Infantryman Badge

Air Medal

World War II Occupational Medal

World War II Victory Medal

Korean Defense Medal

Korean Service Medal

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 26W, Line 23

[Vietnam Wall](#)



**Thomas H. Westfield**

Hanover, Whippany section

United States Marine Corps

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Joined the Marine Corp's officer program while at St. Francis College in New York, but he decided he'd rather be an enlisted Marine instead so, after basic training he was sent to Marine Aviation at Pensacola, Florida.

He was deployed to Vietnam as a Port Side Gunner on helicopters and flew approximately 100 missions. His friend, Jim Childers, was killed on this type of helicopter.



James "Jim" Stanley Childers of California, United States Marine Corps, was Killed in Action February 15, 1967. He is remembered on Panel 15E, Line 32 of The Vietnam Memorial Wall.

**Robert Thomas Whaley**

Rockaway Township

United States Army



**Arthur Whelan**

Montville, Pine Brook section.

United States Navy

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

National Defense Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Gary Whipple**

“Whip”

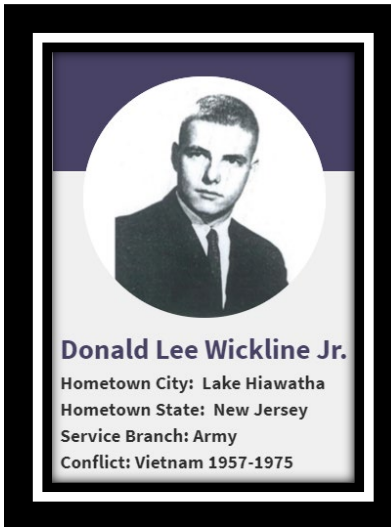
Wharton

United States Navy

Member of the American Legion Post 91 of Wharton.



**Donald Lee Wickline, Jr.**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Parsippany, Lake Hiawatha section.

United States Army 1ST BN 502ND INFANTRY 101ST ABN DIV - United States ARV

Previously WIA in the assault on Hamburger Hill.

June 15, 1969, Quang Nam Province

Bronze Star

Purple Heart

Combat Infantry Badge

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

National Defense Medal

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 22W, Line 56

[Vietnam Wall](#)



**Kenneth Eugene Wiley**

Morris Plains

United States Army

Vietnam Service Medal

Expert Marksmen Badge (Rifle M-14)

Letter of commendation

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Philip T. Wilk**

Mine Hill

United States Air Force 366 Supply Unit

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Good Conduct Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**David Ashton Williams, Jr.**

Mount Arlington

United States Marine Corps

Served as a Medivac pilot. Upon returning from overseas, served as a Presidential Helicopter Commander in Marine Helicopter Squadron One, The Presidential Helicopter Squadron in Quantico, Virginia.

Air Medal

Presidential Unit Citation

Meritorious Unit Service Commendation Award

Combat Action Ribbon

Distinguished Flying Cross



**Edward Williams**

Mine Hill

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Joseph Williams**

Mine Hill

United States Air Force

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



## Michael Wisniewski

Morristown

United States Army 511<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion.



“Ever Supportive”

Mr. Wisniewski graduated college in 1969 and enlisted in the Army. After completing basic, Mr. Wisniewski was accepted into OCS.

Graduating at the top of his class, Mr. Wisniewski requested Army Intelligence as his MOS and his first duty station was Monterey Language school.

Next was Ft. Hauchua, undertaking the study of counterintelligence.

Assigned to the 511<sup>th</sup> Army Intelligence office in Furth, he was also taught to speak German and Czech in the language school in Bavaria .

While in Germany, he took his wife, Katharine to the border between East and West Germany, known as “The Iron Curtain”, the very heart of the Cold War.

Mrs. Wisniewski vividly recalls seeing the guards, the dogs, and the sniper towers.

During the country’s Bicentennial, Mr. Wisniewski was attached to Ft. Dix. While there, he was placed in charge of security for events, and in charge of security for arsenals in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The Vietnam War over, Mr. Wisniewski resigned his commission after nine years of service.

Settling in Morristown, Mr. Wisniewski coached baseball and established the youth soccer club Morristown United.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal, May, 2023.

*Thank you, Mr. Michael Wisniewski. Welcome home.*

*Thank you, Mrs. Katharine Wisniewski.*





**Philip H. Wittnebert**

Jefferson Township, Oak Ridge section.

United States Coast Guard USCGC Jarvis WHEC 725



Trained as a Long-Range Navigation Specialist. This meant setting up radio beacons for pilots in Vietnam.

Bronze Star

Vietnam Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

In 2013, Jarvis was transferred to Bangladesh Navy, she is now BNS Somudra.

**Leon Wojna**

Mt. Olive

United States Air Force

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal



**Carl F. Wronko**

Roxbury

United States Army 1st Armored Cavalry Division

Based out of Chu Lai, about 60 miles southeast of Da Nang, on the South China Sea, and his division was involved in ground operations in Tam Ky and around Hawk Hill.

Bronze Star

Vietnam Service Medal

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Christine Wronko**

Roxbury

United States Army 91st Evacuation Hospital

A nurse in the Intensive Care Unit of the 91st Evacuation Hospital. This facility was once referred to by its commanding officer as the most active hospital in Vietnam.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

**Frank Yodice, Jr.**

Butler

United States Navy

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

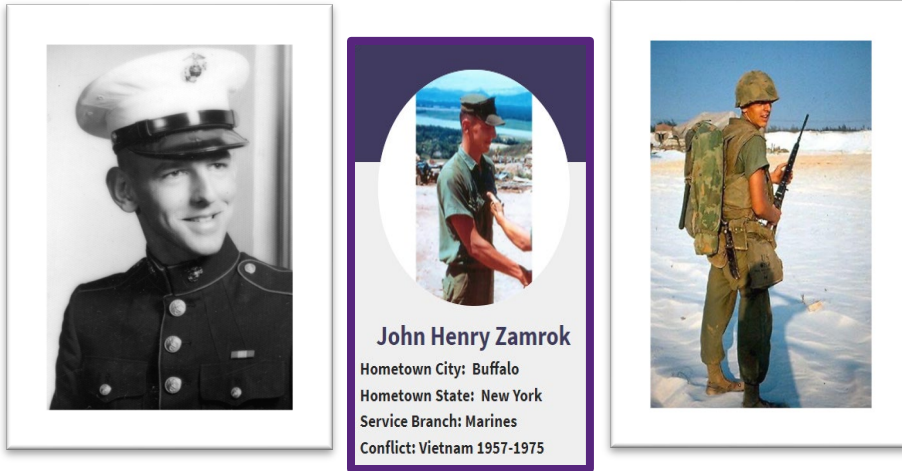


**Daniel E. Yuhas**

Dover

United States Army

**John Henry Zamrok**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry*

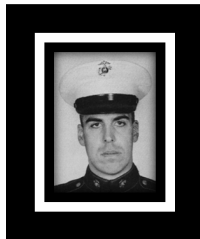
Morris Township

United States Marine Corps 4th Battalion 11th Marines 1st Division

Purple Heart

After striking a landmine, Mr. Zamrok was wounded. He survived, but his friend Charles, did not.

**Charles Edward Hawk**



Steelton, Pennsylvania, April 19, 1967, Quang Nam. The Vietnam Wall, Panel 18E Line 49

*Thank you, Mr. John Zamrok. Welcome home.*

*Thank you, Ms. Kelly Zamrok Krauss*

Mr. Zamrok has provided a meticulous record of activity during the war:



**Combat Record**  
**Kilo Battery 4th Battalion 11th Marine Regiment**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Division USMC**  
**Vietnam August 1966 – November 1, 1967**

August 26, 1966	Operation <b>JACKSON</b>	
September 4 - 11, 1966	Operation <b>NAPA</b>	Support Recon on Hill 707
October 25, 1966	Operation <b>DOVER</b>	2/11 Marines
October, 1966	Create 2 Landing Zones	3/5 Marines
November, 1966	Landing Zone White & Blue	3/5 Marines
January, 1967	All Toweds assigned to Kilo Battery	(returned from Provincial battery)
February, 1967	Operation <b>RIO GRANDE</b> (Quang Ngai)	3/11 Marines
March 25, 1967	Toweds helilifted twice	To outside our area of assignment
	Operation <b>DESOTO</b> Duc Pho	3/11 Marines
March 28, 1967	Minh Long CIDG camp	Local Operations
April 13, 1967	Moved from Chu Lai to Da Nang via LST	
April 14, 1967	Operation <b>OREGON</b>	
April 15, 1967	Hensley badly burned in internal gun fire	
April 19, 1967	Land mine Charles Hawk KIA, Zamrok WIA Di Loc Hill 65	
April, 1967	Operation <b>WEBSTER</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Marines
May 5, 1967	Purple Heart Awarded	
May 3 - 15, 1967	Relocated west (WEBSTER)	7 <sup>th</sup> Marines
June 1967	Operation <b>ARIZONA</b>	2/7, 3/7, 2/5 Marines
June 1967	Operation <b>CALHOUN</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Marines
June 18, 1967	Operation <b>BEACON TORCH</b>	
July 20 - 27, 1967	Operation <b>PECOS</b>	Moved and fired from to Hill 52 & 65
July 12 - 17, 1967	Operation <b>BINH QUANG 6</b>	3/11 & ARVN
July 12 - 15, 1967	Operation <b>GEM</b>	3/11 & ARVN
July 4 - 6, 1967	Operation <b>ELLIOT</b>	3/11 & 7 <sup>th</sup> Marines
July 27 – 29, 1967	Operation <b>STOCKTON</b>	3/ & 2/7 Marines
July 15, 1967	Operation <b>CABARET</b>	Force Recon
August 27, 1967	Operation <b>YAZOO</b>	From Hill 65 & 2 guns on hill 52 3/11 & 7 <sup>th</sup> Marines
October, 1967	Operation <b>SHELBYVILLE</b>	1 & 3/11 in support of 2/1, 1/3, 3/5
November 1, 1967	Headed for home.	

The escalation of the war:

In August 1966 our battalion fired **7702** rounds

In August 1967 we fired **18,284** rounds



**Hiran H. Zaragoza**

Rockaway

United States Army

New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal

**Edward J. Zetlin**

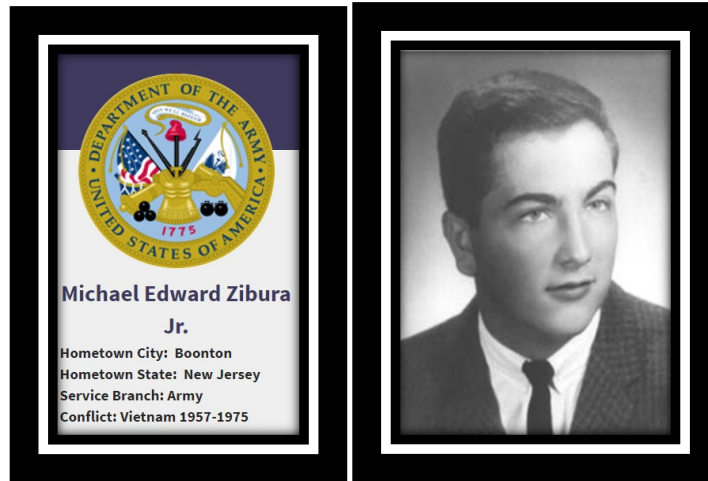
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United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal



**Michael Edward Zibura, Jr.**



*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry.*

Boonton

United States Army 3RD BN - 8TH INFANTRY - 4TH INF DIV - United States ARV

September 18, 1968, Pleiku Province

Purple Heart

Vietnam Service Medal

Scholarship / Memorial Fund in honor of: Michael Zibura Athletic Award Morris Catholic High School

**Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Panel 43W, Line 32

[Vietnam Wall](#)



## Thank you

Morris County Vietnam veterans, both for your service and your participation in this project.

## Thank you

The families and friends of veterans who participated in this project.

### **The Morris County Historical Society**

If you would like to donate your personal Vietnam items or provide original/scans of photographs and papers, please contact:

The Morris County Historical Society

68 Lafayette Avenue  
Morristown, NJ 07960

(973) 267-3465

Amy Curry [directormchs@gmail.com](mailto:directormchs@gmail.com)

**The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor.** The museum is in New Windsor, New York. It was in this area that General George Washington devised the Purple Heart device during the American Revolution. The museum houses the National database of Purple Heart recipients for any conflict; entries are available for viewing online <https://www.thepurpleheart.com/>

**Thank you, Naval History and Heritage Command.**

**Thank you, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund-Faces of the Wall.** Images used for Morris County veterans on the Vietnam Wall were provided by the "Faces of the Wall". One of the goals of the foundation is to have a photograph of every soldier that's listed on The Wall. If you have images of a fallen veteran, please contact Faces of the Wall [vvmf@vvmf.org](mailto:vvmf@vvmf.org).



**Butler High School “Mission Honor”** <https://missionhonor.us/>



**The Flagship Site For Mission Honor**

On Veterans Day 2014, the BHS Veterans Project was initiated. Over the next 6 years, the Project

- \* Installed over 2,500 BHS Veterans in the site. (for a listing, see the Paver Location link below)
- \* 23 diplomas were granted to deserving BHS veterans
- \* 73 medals were presented to 46 veterans
- \* 26 additional KIA alumni were identified, bringing the known KIA total to 106 fallen BHS heroes

**The Library of the Chathams-Veterans Project of the Chathams**



An initiative of Library of the Chathams created by the Library Trustees that seeks to collect, archive, and make available to the public – via physical display and digital acquisition – audio, video, and written personal histories and testimonials of veterans who are or were residents of Chatham Borough and Chatham Township.

<https://chathamlibrary.org/veterans-project-of-the-chathams>

Those individuals interested in participating in the Veterans Project of the Chathams may call 862-246-6108 or send an email to [veteransproject@chathamlibrary.org](mailto:veteransproject@chathamlibrary.org)





### **Randolph Hometown Heroes project**

Randolph Hometown Hero Program will honor new honorees every May (usually weekend leading up to Memorial Day Weekend) with a banner at Randolph Veterans Park. The banners on display until early January. The honorees will have served in any branch of the military and would have to currently reside or have resided in Randolph. Proof of service will be requested.

[https://www.randolphnj.org/news/randolph\\_tribute\\_hometown\\_heroes?fbclid=IwAR1AXS1trN-JRO10EWoIM\\_lzf7IIDeQpfVyJRuPqqUmyej9MtpfUL6mxERU](https://www.randolphnj.org/news/randolph_tribute_hometown_heroes?fbclid=IwAR1AXS1trN-JRO10EWoIM_lzf7IIDeQpfVyJRuPqqUmyej9MtpfUL6mxERU)

To submit an honoree, e-mail Mr. William Menzel at [menzel10@aol.com](mailto:menzel10@aol.com).

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