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MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE MILITARY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

This following list of ArkBar members who have served and continue to serve in the United States military is published to honor and remember their service. The list was compiled from members' contributions and is not inclusive. If you know of someone who should be included in future publications, please contact the editor. A listing of the names of current members will also be included in the Fall 2022 issue of *The Arkansas Lawyer* magazine.

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Thomas E. Allen (1941-2014) joined the United States Army and obtained the rank of Captain before leaving the Army to attend law school at the University of Arkansas School of Law in Fayetteville.

Overton Anderson, Officer, U.S. Naval Reserve, JAG CORPS, 1968-72; stationed in Newport, Orlando, the Philippines and Memphis.

Philip S. Anderson, Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army Adjutant General's Corps, 1959-60; Captain in the Reserves 1968.

Frank Bailey, Sergeant, U.S. Army; served in Vietnam; attached to the 23rd Infantry and 101st Airborne; Vietnamese language trained counter intelligence agent; honorable discharge, 1971.

James A. Badami served 25 years as an Army lawyer, retiring as a Colonel in 1989. Major assignments included Staff Judge Advocate at Fort Leavenworth, Staff Judge Advocate 32nd Army Air Defense Command, Deputy Judge Advocate U.S. Army Europe, Chief Trial Defense Corp. Army Europe, a judge on the Army Court of Review, tours in the Pentagon in the Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower, the Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Army, and a year in Vietnam. Decorations included the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Bronze Star.

Judge Harry Barnes (1932-2019), Colonel (Ret.), U.S. Marines Corp. Reserve, Annapolis Grad.

Zach Baumgarten
U.S. Army Infantry, 2011 -2015
Deployed to Afghanistan

Fines F. Batchelor, Jr. (1927-2018), served in the Army Air Force Reserve, 1944-45.

Daniel C. Blaney served active duty at Little Rock AFB as a JAG from 1970-1976 and remained in the USAF reserve until he retired in 1994.

Jonathan W. Beck, Sergeant, U.S. Army Reserves, 755th Postal, 1998-2006, including active duty service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

John Dudley Bridgforth,
United States Army, Artillery, 1967-1970.

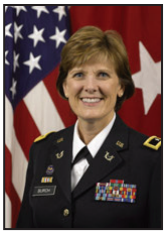
Joe Benson, First Lieutenant, U.S. Air Force, 1972-76; 21st Special Operations Squadron, Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand 1973-74; 601st Tactical Air Support Squadron, Wiesbaden and Sembach Air Bases, Germany, 1974-76.

Charles A. Brown was a part of the 1954 drafted group assigned to then Camp Chaffee. He received the Meritorious Service Medal before separation from service in 1955.

Ed Bethune, Sergeant, U.S. Marine Corps, 1954-57.

Natalie G. Brown, Lieutenant Colonel
Deputy Staff Judge Advocate
Arkansas National Guard

Allen W. Bird II, U.S. Navy; JAG CORPS; Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy Reserves, 1968-73.



LeAnne Pittman Burch, Brigadier General (Retired), U.S. Army Reserve. U.S. Army JAG CORPS, Active Duty 1986-1998; U.S. Army Reserve 1998-2016.

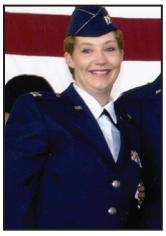
Sam N. Bird entered Air Force Officer Training School in 1962, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1963. He was promoted to Captain in 1967, and remained at Kelly AFB until his honorable discharge from active duty in 1967. He remained in the Air Force Reserve until discharge in 1968.

William Jackson Butt, II, Major, U.S. Army JAG CORPS, active duty; regular Army 1972-79, airborne ranger qualified with duty at the Pentagon, Germany, Korea, and Army Security Agency; Army Reserve 1979-92.

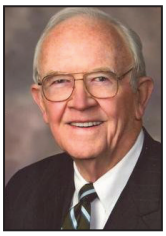
Judge Denzil Keith Blackman, Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.), U.S. Army Reserve. Commissioned on 5-26-71; retired on 5-26-98 as lieutenant colonel; Branch: air defense artillery.

James A. Buttry (1940-2013) served three years in the U.S. Army.

Worth Camp, Captain (Ret.) U.S. Navy Reserve, active duty 1957-1960 with deployment on the USS Midway, CVA 41, to the Western Pacific, during the Matsu-Quemoy Crisis of 1958.



Jennifer Carlisle, Major (Ret.), 189th Airlift Wing, Arkansas Air National Guard. She enlisted in 1990, was commissioned in 1996 and retired in 2011.



John Phillip Carroll (1925-2013) arrived at the front lines in Europe as a 19-year-old Squad Leader, Staff Sergeant. In 1945, Phil along with his unit was captured by the German Army in the battle of Hatten, which occurred just after the Battle of the Bulge. He became a German prisoner of war in Stalag IV B until the war's end. Only three months after gaining a job with the Rose Law Firm, Phil was called back to duty for the Korean War.

Charles L. Carpenter, Sr., Colonel, U.S. Army Air Force, and U.S.A.F JAG -- Retired

Charles L. Carpenter, Jr.. ("Larry"), U.S. Air Force JAG 30+ years

Jerry W. Cavaneau was a U.S. Navy JAG officer from 1966-1970.

Mark B. Chadick (1946-2019) served in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division and was awarded a Bronze Star.

John S. "Jack" Cherry, Captain, U.S. Army Reserves; served two years as a signal officer in Germany and remained in the Army Reserve in the 1970s.

Nathan Coulter graduated from Officer Candidates School in Quantico in 2014 and served in the USMC Reserves until 2018 at the rank of Captain.

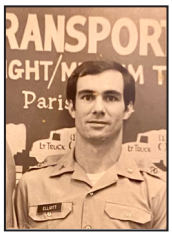
F. Thomas "Tom" Curry, Colonel (Ret.), U.S. Army JAG CORPS; commissioned 1979; law school deferment 1979-82; active duty 1982-87; U.S. Army Reserves 1987-2009.

Justice Paul Danielson served in the United States Air Force from 1969 to 1972.

Philip E. Dixon (1932-2005) graduated from Officer Candidate School in Quantico, VA, in 1956 immediately prior to attending the University of Arkansas School of Law. He served as a Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserves until 1977.

Jerry Dodd, U.S. Air Force, 1975-1986; AF JAG CORPS, 1979-1986.

Greg Downs
U.S. Army 1990-2000.



Don R. Elliott Jr.
Captain, Arkansas Army National Guard 1975-1981.

Bob Estes, U.S. Army, 1969-1972.

Peter G. Estes, Jr. (1946-2019) served as a Lieutenant JG in the U.S. Navy; two tours in Vietnam on the Salvage Ship USS Safeguard.

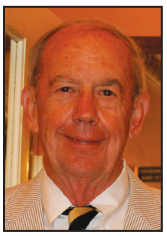
John C. Everett served in the U.S. Navy JAG CORPS, serving as Trial Counsel, Defense Counsel, and Military Judge (1968-74, Active Duty 1970-74).

Oscar Fendler (1909-2002) was an officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve. Fendler was called to active duty in 1942-1945, receiving a Bronze Star for his war service.

Judge Vic Fleming, Army 1970-1973.

Sam Gibson was commissioned into the U.S. Army Reserve through the University of Arkansas ROTC program in June 1968. He was transferred to the Retired Reserve 22 November 2002 at the rank of Brigadier General.

Martin G. Gilbert was commissioned a Second Lieutenant (Infantry) with active duty deferred in 1961 to attend law school. In 1964, he transferred to the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps as a First Lieutenant and went on active duty in September 1964. He received the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.



John P. Gill, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps, 1960-1988.

Morton Gitelman, Sergeant, U.S. Army, 1954-1956.

Paul Leo Giuffre (1933-2020) served in the U.S. Navy from 1955-57.

James C. Graves, U.S. Navy, 1967-71. Commissioned in 1967, he served as combat information center officer on USS Stribling and as Navigator on USS Nashville LPD-13 for about two years, leaving service as a full lieutenant.

Ron Griggs, U.S. Navy.

Judge Wayne Gruber, U.S. Air Force 1969; 1969-73 Supply Services Specialist at LRAFB; honorable Discharge 1973; re-enlisted Arkansas Air National Guard 1981; Supply Officer 1983; JAG CORPS 1988 and thereafter Staff Judge Advocate for the 189th Airlift Group; retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Will Gruber served in the Arkansas Air National Guard from 2006-13 and finished as a Staff Sergeant.

Judge David F. Guthrie, Lt. Col. (Ret.), U.S. Army Reserves, 1971-99; active duty in Saudi Arabia during Persian Gulf War, 1990-91.

Don F. Hamilton, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, 1955-57; U.S. Army Reserve, 1958-64, serving two years active service 1958-60.

Stuart W. Hankins, First Lieutenant, U.S. Army, 1966-69; Infantry Platoon Leader with 199th Lt. Inf. Bde. in Vietnam in 1968-69.

Judge Eugene S. "Kayo" Harris (1935-2021), NROTC scholarship to Duke University; served three years on active duty and 17 years in the Reserve, retiring with the rank of Commander.

Dick Hatfield, First Lieutenant, U.S. Army (Branch, Armor) stationed at U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. (Football Office), 1967-69.

William D. Haught, Captain, U.S. Army JAG CORPS from 1964-68; served initially in the Eighth Army Support Command at Seoul, Korea, and subsequently in the Office of the JAG CORPS.

Dr. Morriss Murphey Henry commissioned as captain in the Air Force and was chief of the Eye Clinic in Bitburg, Germany.

Robert L. "Skip" Henry, Capt., U.S. Marine Corp Reserve, Infantry and Military Police, 1967-72; Major, U.S. Army Reserve, JAG, 1973-89, serving in 431st Civil Affairs Company and then the 32d JAG Detachment until retirement in 1989.

Donald C. Hill, Captain (Ret.), U.S. Navy, 33 years of service: jet carrier pilot (Intelligence); Attorney, Adjunct Instructor at the U.S. Naval War College, Oceans Law and Policy (International Law Department); served during Vietnam conflict and flew in the combat zone of the Gulf War before being selected to serve at the U.S. Naval War College.

Randal Hobbs was an infantry instructor and drill sergeant for the Arkansas National Guard. He received a direct commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Aviation branch. Randal attended flight school at Ft. Rucker, Alabama, where he graduated as a Blackhawk helicopter pilot. Randal still serves Arkansas as an Aviation Officer where he holds the rank of Major and is a Pilot-in-Command.

Justice Jack W. Holt, U.S. Air Force, Colonel.

James W. Hyden, U.S. Naval Officer Candidate School, Newport, RI, commissioned Ensign, U.S. Naval Reserve, 1967. Served in the Pacific Fleet 1967-70 and onboard USS DENVER (LPD-9) as part of the commissioning crew. After graduating law school, he stayed in the Naval Reserve until 1986, completing 20 years of service, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Greg S. James, U.S. Air Force, 1991-1995; Arkansas Air National Guard, March 1996 to 2014.

C. Cole Jeffries, Jr. served on active duty as a JAG officer for 20 years in the U.S. Navy. He was commissioned in August 1970 and retired from the Navy in July 1990.

Glenn W. Jones, Colonel (Ret.), U.S. Army Reserves; served 30 years in the Army Reserves; former Commander of the 431st Civil Affairs Company (now Battalion); received two Army Commendation Medals and a Humanitarian Service Award.

Robert L. Jones, Jr. (1922-2004), as a Private First Class, was at Normandy in 1944 and stationed in Germany in 1945. He was then commissioned as First Lieutenant and was in the JAG Corp at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, during the Korean Conflict.

Dak Kees currently serves as a Staff Judge Advocate Officer in Arkansas Army National Guard Judge Advocate General's Corps in rank of Major.

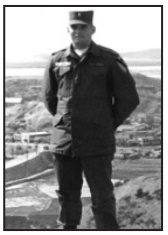
Joseph M. Kraska served on active duty in the Air Force from 2003-2013. In 2013 he joined the Arkansas Air National Guard where he continues to serve part-time as the Human Resource Advisor for the 189th Airlift Wing.

Tim Leathers, Captain, U.S. Army Reserve, JAG CORPS, nine years.

John C. Lessel, commissioned Ensign, U.S. Navy, 1970. Completed aviation training and awarded wings in 1972. Redesignated from line to staff as member of JAG CORPS during law school. Served at Naval Legal Service Office, San Diego, May 1976 - July 1979. Attained rank of LCDR, JAGC, USNR.

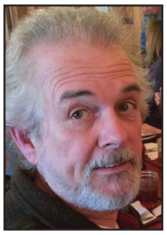
Fletcher C. Lewis, First Lieutenant, U.S. Army, 1968-1974.

Stark Ligon, Colonel (Ret.), U.S. Army JAG CORPS; served in the Arkansas Army National Guard from 1968-2003; served as State Judge Advocate.



Chester C. Lowe, Jr., Captain, U.S. Army Reserves; served two years active duty, 1962-64, as an infantry officer, including service with the 1st Cavalry Division in Korea.

William A. Martin (1931-2022), served 28 years as an Air Force lawyer, retiring as a colonel in October 1983. Major Air Force assignments included: Chief of Claims and Tort Litigation Division, U.S. Air Force; Staff Judge Advocate (General Counsel), Fifth Air Force; and Staff Judge Advocate (General Counsel), Air Training Command. His decorations include the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Joint Services Commendation Medal, and Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster.



Phillip A. McGough, USAF 1972-1976, Sergeant.

Joseph P. McKay, Captain, U.S. Army 1988-1994, Artillery Platoon Leader Persian Gulf War 1990-91, U.S. Military Academy Class of 1988.

James H. McKenzie (1941-2002) served as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Military Police and served two years active duty.

James McMenis, Major (Ret.), U.S. Army, JAG CORPS, active duty with JAG 1973-93.

Chancery Judge Andy McNeil (1931-2020) enlisted for three years in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1950 and served with the 1st Marine Division in Korea from 1951-52. By the end of his enlistment period in 1953, he had obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant.

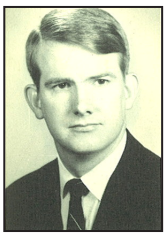
Henry N. Means, III served in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1958 after graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in Maryland. While in Vietnam, he was honored to command the 1st. 8" Howitzer Battery.

Russ Meeks is a proud veteran having served as a Captain in the United States Army.

Col. J. Conley Meredith, retired as a Colonel in October 2001, after over 27 years of service as an AF JAG. He went on to serve 11 more years as an Air Force civilian attorney, and retired from civil service in October 2015.

George B. Morton, Marine Corps, 1966-1969.

James. W. Moore (1936-2019) served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army; was an Armored Platoon Leader, 2nd Armored Division; and was a Legal Assistance Officer in the JAG CORPS.



J. R. Nash, U.S. Air Force, 1960-66. Served at Indiana University, then as Russian translator in Bering Strait, followed by tour at Command Headquarters, Security Service.

Edward Nelson, First Lieutenant, U.S. Air Force, 1974-78, stationed at Little Rock AFB with 308th Strategic Missile Wing serving as a Missile Combat Crew Commander for Titan II missiles in Arkansas.

Judge David Newbern served active duty as an army judge Advocate Corp member from 1961-1970.

Frank B. Newell (1944-2021), U.S. Army Reserve, 431st Civil Affairs, 1969-1975, enlisted.

Jim Nickels served in the U.S. Army from 1970-72.

Richard C. Ourand, Jr., Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.), U.S. Air Force; served 28 years in the Air Force (1979-2007).

Hugh Overholt, U.S. Army JAG CORPS, Major General and Judge Advocate General. General Overholt has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster), Legion of Merit, Department of Defense Meritorious Service Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster), and the Army Commendation Medal (Two Oak Leaf Clusters).

William L. Owen was commissioned in the U.S. Army Reserves in 1965. Active service and reserve duty. Transferred to the Retired Reserve as a Major, JAGC.

Eudox Patterson, 1st Lieutenant, U.S. Army, served six years as an ordnance officer, the last of which was in Vietnam. He is now a disabled American Military Veteran from slushing around in Agent Orange in 1967-68.

Leon Francis Pesek, Sr. (1928-2018) was a Korean War Army veteran and JAG officer.

Ellis Lamar Pettus, Commander, U.S. Naval Reserve. He was awarded the following medals: Navy Commendation, Navy Achievement, National Defense Service, Vietnam Service, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea). In 1988, he retired as a Commander, U.S. Navy Reserve (JAG).

David Dero Phillips, U.S. Army Military Police Corps, 1984-2005.

George E. Pike, Jr. (1937-2021), U.S. Army National Guard, 1955-61.

John M. Pittman, First lieutenant.

George Plastiras, U.S. Army, 1955-56.

David M. Powell, U.S. Army, active duty in military intelligence, 1970-71, with service in Vietnam.

Donald E. Prevallet, U.S. Air Force, Colonel, 1959-89.

Brian D. Rabal, U.S. Air Force, 1994-2000.

John "Buddy" W. Raines, U.S. Navy Aviation

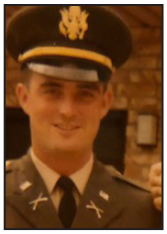
Gordon S. Rather, Jr., Lieutenant, U.S. Navy. Active duty from 1961-65 and Navy reserve from 1965-68. Served as Operations Officer on a Destroyer based in Mayport, Florida. Ship made three six-month deployments as part of the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

Herbert Lynn Ray, Lieutenant (O-3), U.S. Navy Reserve, active duty 1966-1969. As an unrestricted line officer, he served on the Staff of the Commander, Anti-submarine Warfare Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet/Commander, Oceanlant (Nato), Norfolk, VA, initially as the Assistant Administration Officer and later as the Administration Officer (1967-1969); he served also as Division Officer to enlisted personnel attached to Staff. Continued in Naval Reserve 1969-1978.

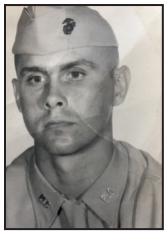
Richard A. Reid (1932-2019), Captain, U.S. Army JAG CORPS.

Chris Rittenhouse, Major, Arkansas Army National Guard, currently serves as the Brigade Judge Advocate of the 142d Field Artillery Brigade headquartered in Fayetteville, AR, and as an Attorney Advisor for the Arkansas National Guard.

George Ritter, U.S. Naval Academy, 1961.

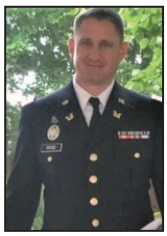


Fred Roberson, 1st Lt., U.S. Army; following Infantry Officer Basic Training at Ft. Benning, GA, served as a Basic Training Officer, and then as OIC, Courts & Boards section, Headquarters Command at Fort Polk, LA, April 1972 - April 1974.



Allen P. Roberts (1939-2021), Private (E-1), U.S. Marine Corps, 1959-60, Reserves, 1960-65.

William S. Robinson, Major (Ret.), Arkansas Army National Guard.



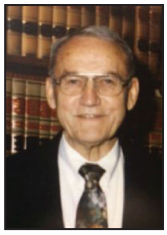
Adam M. Rose, Major, U.S. Army, currently serves as a Judge Advocate, Special Victims' Counsel with the National Guard Bureau, Office of Chief Counsel. Received an LL.M. in Military Law in 2018 and has been a member of the Arkansas Army National Guard since 2011.

James (Jim) A. Ross, Jr., Lieutenant, U.S. Navy JAG CORPS, 1962-65.

Thomas S. Russell, U.S. Army, 1969-71, the last five months in Vietnam.

Judge David L. Rush was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy in 1975. Judge Rush served as Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Units. Judge Rush retired from the Navy as a Commander in 2004.

Marissa A. Savells, Captain, U.S. Air Force JAG CORPS. A third generation AF officer, she commissioned as a Second Lieutenant from AFROTC at University of Arkansas in 2010. After law school, she served on active duty for nearly five years and entered the U.S. Air Force Reserve in 2018. She is currently serving as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for 913 Airlift Group, LRAFB.



Eugene L. Schieffler (1927-2014), U.S. Air Force, Judge Advocate, served in the Navy at the end of WW II.

Corey Seats, Lieutenant Colonel (P); served over 21 years in the active army and the Arkansas Army National Guard. He deployed to Iraq in 2006-07.

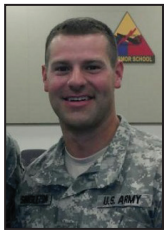
Robert Luther Shults, Jr. (1925-2018) was a decorated combat soldier in World War II.

Dennis Shackleford (1930-2014), graduate of U.S. Air Force Pilot Training School in 1953; Korean Conflict 1953-54; Helicopter Pilot.

John Cecil Shane (1887-1942) helped organize the first military unit in Paragould when the U.S. entered World War I. He had 21 months of service in the Army, including six months in France, and was a captain when he was discharged.

William F. Sherman (1937-2020), Brigadier General (Ret.), U.S. Army National Guard.

Brenda Simpson enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1986. Simpson is a combat veteran, having served a one-year tour in Iraq. After 24 years of service, she retired in 2010. Her military decorations include the Bronze Star and Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters. Simpson served as a commissioner on the Arkansas Veterans Commission from 2013-15.



Damon C. Singleton, currently serving as a Staff Judge Advocate Officer in Arkansas Army National Guard JAG CORPS in rank of Captain.

Berl S. Smith, Jr. (1917-2000) served in the U.S. Naval Reserve, achieving the rank of First Lieutenant, during World War II.

James E. Smith, Jr., First Lieutenant, U.S. Marine Corps, active duty 1968-72.

Judge Kim Smith served in the Missouri Army National Guard 203rd Engineer Battalion.

Richard H. Smith, 1st Lieutenant, Adjutant General Corps, 1964-1966; United States Army Europe (USAEUR), Adjutant, Ordnance Service Centers, Frankfurt, Germany.

Richard S. Smith (1943-2020), U.S. Army and served in Vietnam. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Scott E. Smith, Captain, United States Marine Corps. From 1985-1988 he served as Judge Advocate stationed at Camp Pendleton assigned as a Trial Counsel and as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney prosecuting civilian crimes occurring on military bases in Southern California. He was recalled to active duty 1990-1991 to serve as an infantry platoon commander in Desert Shield/Desert Storm with India Company, 3rd Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

James Franklin Snellgrove, Jr. (1921-2008) served as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force in World War II. He served over four years in the 206th Coast Artillery. He flew 52 missions from a B-25 Mitchell Bomber. During his military service he received the Distinguished Flying Cross and 8 air medals.

Thomas Streetman (1937-2019), U.S. Air Force as a JAG officer from 1961-64, as Captain.

William R. Stringfellow (1933-2014), Staff Sergeant, U.S. Air Force.

Judge John F. Stroud, Jr. (1931-2022), Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force, 1951-56, active duty, reserves 16 years.

William L. Terry (1922-2016), U.S. Air Force, WW II Veteran. Served in the European Theatre with the 8th Air Force, 388th Bomb Group as an Aerial Gunner on a B-17. Received the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters.

Marvin Dell Thaxton Sr. (1926-2020), Merchant Marines, stationed in Japan in WWII.

F. Mattison Thomas, III, E-3 (PFC) U.S. Army; active duty 1991-93; served as a military Police Officer, Seirra Army Depot, Herlong CA.

Lonnie C. Turner, First Lieutenant, U.S. Army, commissioned 1966 and 1967-68 with 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam as 1st Lt. of MP platoon.

Richard E. Ulmer, U.S. Army 1969-1971 at Firebase Bronco with 523rd Signal Battalion, American Infantry.

Fred Ursery, Spec. 5 enlisted man with the 6th Battalion 77th Artillery of the U.S. Army. Served in Vietnam from 1968-69.

Judge Rice VanAusdall, U.S. Army, three years active duty.

Magistrate Judge Joe Volpe, Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.), U.S. Army Field Artillery, 1988-1992, JAG CORPS Arkansas Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserves, 1996-2015.

George David Walker (1910-1985), U.S. Army. During World War II, Walker served as an officer in the Army Counter Intelligence Corp (CIC) in Great Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. As a member of the CIC, Walker help to capture Nazi Gestapo, SS, and other high ranking officials. By the end of the war, Walker rose to the ranks of 1st Lieutenant and received five campaign stars and a Bronze Star.

George Christopher (Chris) Walthall, Captain, served as Chief Trial Counsel and Chief of Legal Assistance for the 24th Division, and 1/75 Ranger Batallion, Fort Stewart, Georgia U.S. Army from 1974 until 1978, then served six years with 122 ARCOM, U.S. Army Reserves.

Stan L. Warrick is a 1977 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy (West Point) and served 20 years in the military before retiring in 1997. He is a Gulf War Veteran and served 9 of 20 years overseas.

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