

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO ALL WHO SERVED** 

# VETERANS A

We honor those who have served with steadfast courage and sacrifice, reflecting on their dedication and bravery. Today and every day, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our veterans for protecting our freedom.



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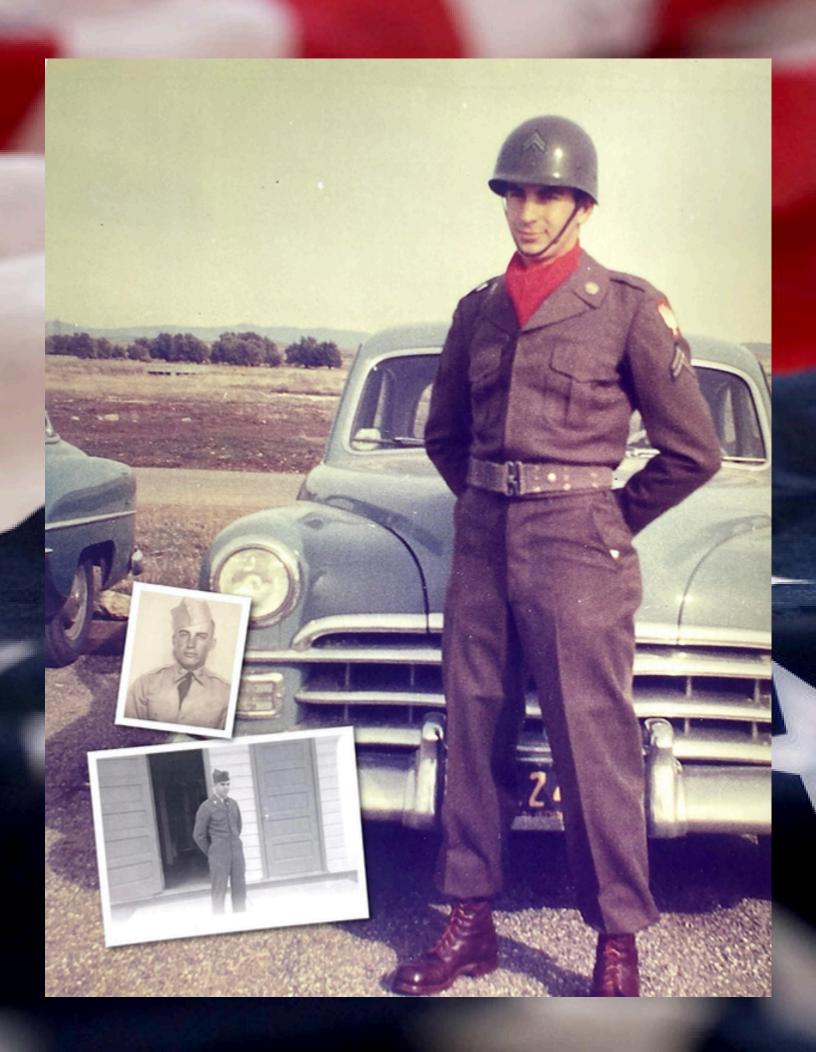
### **GENE BENSON**

DONNA BENSON'S HUSBAND

### A1C, U.S. AIR FORCE, 1964-1968

- Basic Training:
  - Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio,
     TX
- Technical Training:
  - Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, IL
  - Aircraft Instrumentation Repair
  - 3345<sup>th</sup> Air Base Group
  - Air Training Command
- Permanent Change of Station:
  - Edwards Air Force Base
  - Air Force Flight Test Center
  - Air Force Systems Command
- Permanent Change of Station:
  - Vung Tau Air Base, South Vietnam
  - 6250<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Group
- Permanent Change of Station:
  - McChord Air Force Base, Tacoma, WA
  - Air Defense Command
- 1968 Awarded Air Force Commendation Medal for service in Vietnam





### HERMAN F. BEST

GAIL GARLAND & WHITNEY TIPTON'S UNCLE

### U.S. ARMY, CORPORAL (F-4),1953-1955

Period of Military Service: Korean Wartime, Apr. 1953- Apr. 1955

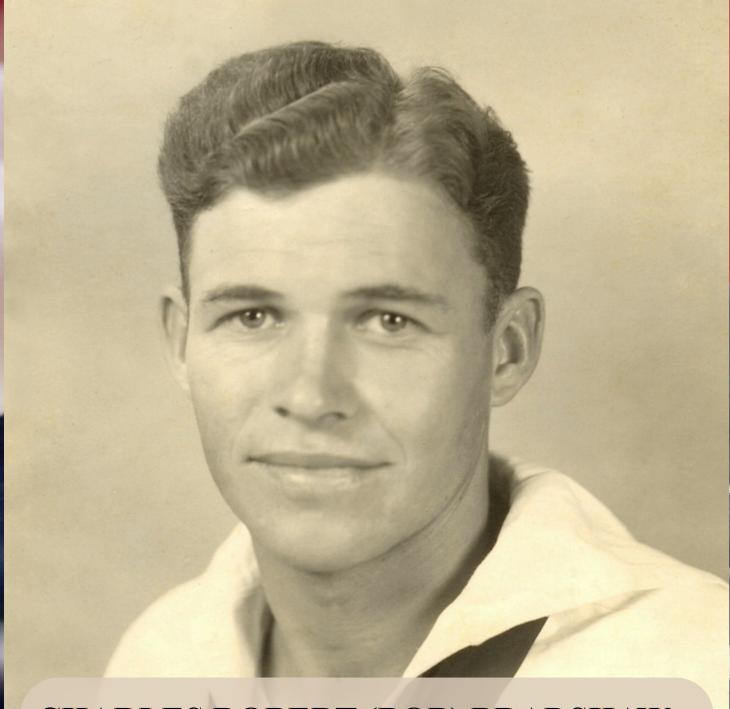
Branches of Service: U.S. Army and SCARWAF (Special Category of Army with the Air Forces)

#### Military Posts:

- 1. Fort Jackson, S.C. (for 1 ½ weeks) for mental and physical evaluations: vaccinations, clothing, and shoes issues.
- 2. Fort Bliss, Texas, (1 yr. & 1 mon.) Eight weeks of basic infantry training, after which I was selected to attend a field artillery school at Ft Bliss (It being the Anti-Aircraft & Guide Missile Base). After completing 8 weeks of classroom and hands-on guns, I was classified as a Field Artillery Mechanic. I was not needed as an FA Mechanic at that time, and as I had some qualifications, I was assigned to the Student Personnel Section, Headquarters Battery, 405<sup>th</sup> ASU, Ft. Bliss. I served as Personnel Management Specialist in the service records section of the Artillery School from October 7, 1953, to May 25, 1954. Transferred to Beale Air Force Base, California.
- 3. Beale Air Force Base, 419<sup>th</sup> Engr. Avn. Brigade- thence to Headquarters & Service Co., briefly, and then assigned to Co. B, 832<sup>nd</sup> Engr. Avn. Battalion. I served in my duty MOS, personnel management specialist, in the personnel office at the 832<sup>nd</sup> FAB Headquarters Bldg. My term of active duty ended at Beale AFB. I feel somewhat honored to have been chosen one of seventeen men from the whole 832<sup>nd</sup> Battalion to be on the Brigade's Honor Guard (for military funerals).

Commendations: Character ratings were "excellent" where noted. Efficiency ratings were "excellent" and one "superior" where noted.

Awards: National Defense Service Medal, for active military service during a time in which the U.S. is engaged in war. Good Conduct Medal, in recognition of exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity.

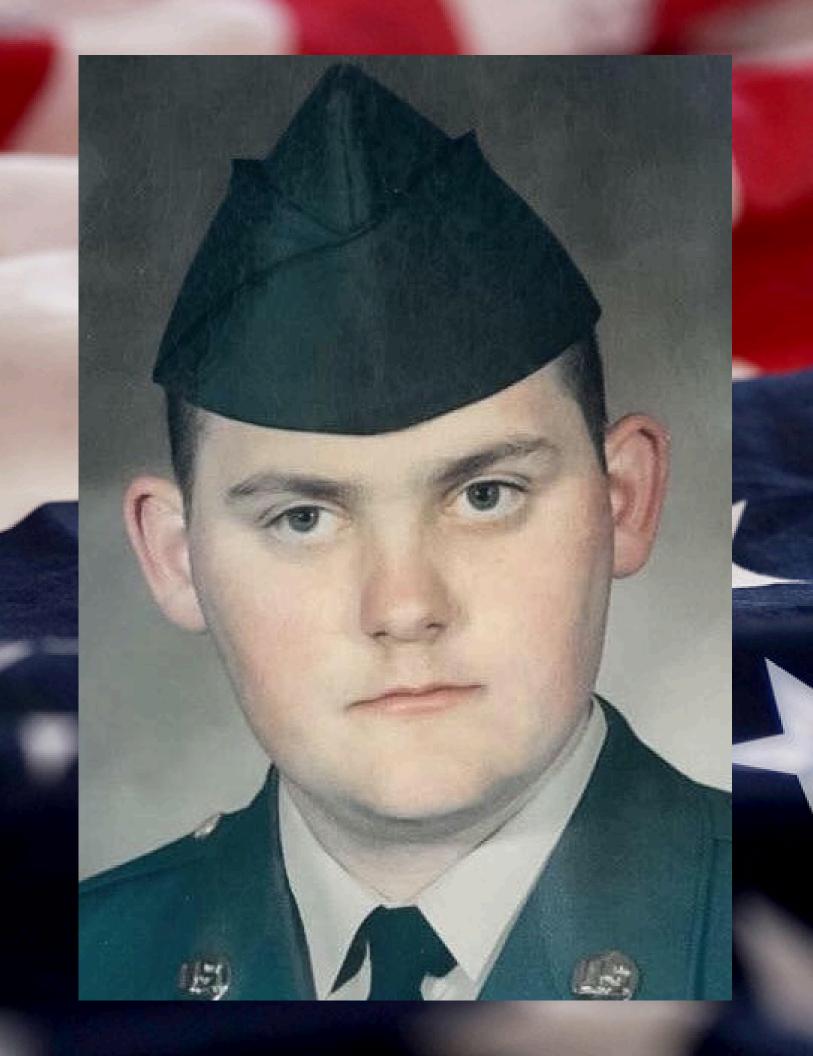


#### CHARLES ROBERT (BOB) BRADSHAW U.S. NAVY

- Seabees
- Served in World War II

**CONNIE SULLIVAN'S DAD** 





### **MONTEE CALLAHAN**

### SGT. E-5, U.S. ARMY, 1968-1970

- Anthony Montgomery Callahan (Montee) served from March 4, 1968, to February 22, 1970
- He was a gunner in Tay Ninh Province,
   Vietnam, from 1969 to 1970









### **CHARLES COX**

**BOB & CONNIE SULLIVAN'S NEPHEW** 

#### TN AIR NATIONAL GUARD, TECHNICAL SGT.

- Technical Sergeant
- 134<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Group
- Tennessee Air National Guard

#### **Deployments:**

- Iraq- January 29, 2010- August 3, 2010
- Qatar- 2016,2017,2019





### KIM COX

**BOB & CONNIE SULLIVAN'S BROTHER-IN-LAW** 

#### TN AIR NATIONAL GUARD, LT COL, 1983-2003.

- Lt Col
- Navigator
- 134th Air Refueling Wing
- Tennessee Air National Guard
- Service 1983-2003
- Desert Storm- 1991
- Iraqi Freedom- 2003





### DANIEL ANDREW DAVENPORT

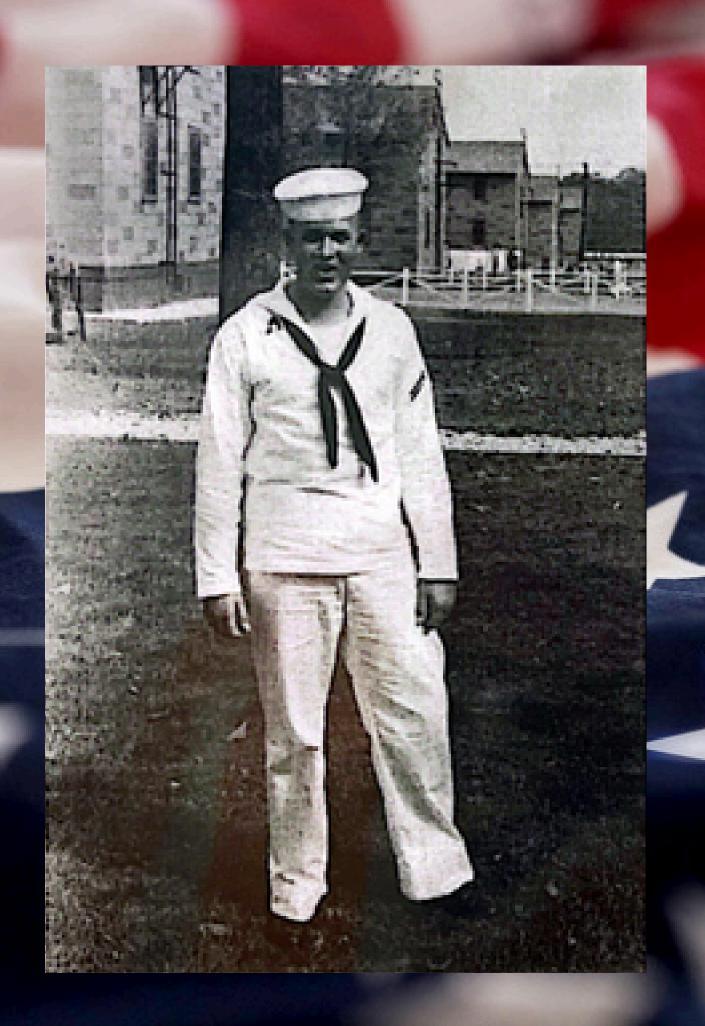
JIM & MICHELLE DELOZIER'S SON

### U.S. AIR FORCE, A1C, 2004-2006

- Served as a Loadmaster and received my wings at Little Rock AFB, Arkansas
- Trained as an Ammo supply specialist at Shepard AFB, Texas
- Honorably discharged in 2006.
- Now is a proud, devoted Veteran serving in many roles in the community.
- Participates as a volunteer with RAM and other local VA events.
- Currently attending UTK, majoring in Philosophy with minors in Anthropology and Asian Studies.
- He was the third generation to join the military

"My wish is to heal the world with art and societal awareness of itself."





## J.C. DAVIS

### U.S. NAVY, 1950-1954

- Stationed in Brunswick, GA for approximately 2.5 years.
- Transferred to U.S. Mindora CVE 120, an Aircraft carrier which was at port in Boston Harbor, MA and remained on this ship (much of the time spent in the Caribbean) until enlistment was up.
- On base, his job was record keeping and being the one to go with the captain on inspections to take notes. Continued to keep officer's records aboard ship.







# LINDA JO DEES

#### **WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS E1-E4 1969-1971**

- Stationed- William Beaumont General Hospital in El Paso, TX, and Ft. Sam Houston, where I taught Army Medics.
- Army Nurse Corps (Major 1978-1980)
- Fitzsimons Army Medical Center 1980-1996
- US Army Reserve and TN National Guard activated for Desert Storm/Desert Shield and Restore Hope.





## MICHELLE DELOZIER

#### **US AIR FORCE RESERVE 1988-2001**

- My military service began with the USAFR at Carswell AFB in Ft Worth, Texas 1988, as Christine Michelle Davenport.
- After basic training and technical training for my
  Medical Service Specialist, I transferred to the TXANG
  in Dallas, Texas, at Hensley Field from 1989-1999,
  where I served as an Active Guard Reserve in the
  Tactical Air Command unit hospital, certifying in
  Laboratory, Public Health. During the Desert Storm
  Campaign, Aug 1990-Feb 2001, our unit was
  deployed to Travis Air Force Base hospital in California
  to serve as backfill to the medical/hospital/flight
  areas.
- Upon completion of the campaign, I transferred to the 118th Air National Guard Wing in Nashville, TN, to work with the Aerospace Unit. I completed my career with the military in 2001. After the Stop Loss hold, I ended my military service with an appreciation for the opportunity to learn, serve, and a lifetime of lessons that I'll hold close to my heart.
- Second generation to join the military





### DICK DENSON

#### US ARMY, CH(LTC), USA-R, 1966-1986

- U.S. Army Chaplain's School, Ft. Hamilton, NY
- Fort Hood, TX, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> A.D., Fort Hood, TX
- Vietnam, 43<sup>rd</sup> Combat Signal Bn. Pheku, Vietnam
- Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington,
   D.C., (Director of Clinical Pastoral Education)
- U.S. Army Chaplain's School, Ft. Hamilton, NY, Advanced Chaplain's Course
- Office, U.S. Army Europe, Chief of Chaplains, Heidelberg, West Germany
- Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington,
   D.C., (Director of Clinical Pastoral Education)
- Office III Corps Chaplain's Office, Ft. Hood, TX, (Director of Clinical Pastoral Education and Marriage Family Counseling Center)
- U.S. Army Hospital, Ft. Carson, CO. (Hospital Chaplain and Director of Pastoral Counseling Service)





### TODD DENSON

**DICK DENSON'S SON** 

#### **US MARINE CORPS, 2<sup>ND</sup> LIEUTENANT, 1991-2001**

- Active Duty, April 12, 1991, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, US Marine Corps
- November 1991, Student Naval Aviator
- January 1994, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant designated as Naval Aviator
- August 1995, designated VMA (Harrier)
   Squadron Pilot
- August 1998, Student, USMC Amphibious Warfare School
- May 1999, assigned to Cherry Point, NC
- July 1999, designated Instructor Pilot
- February 3, 2001, killed in the line of duty





# WILLIAM DUNKEL

#### **US NAVY**

• Grandson of William Wheeler





# DAVID FISH

#### **US MARINE CORPS, 1998-2002**

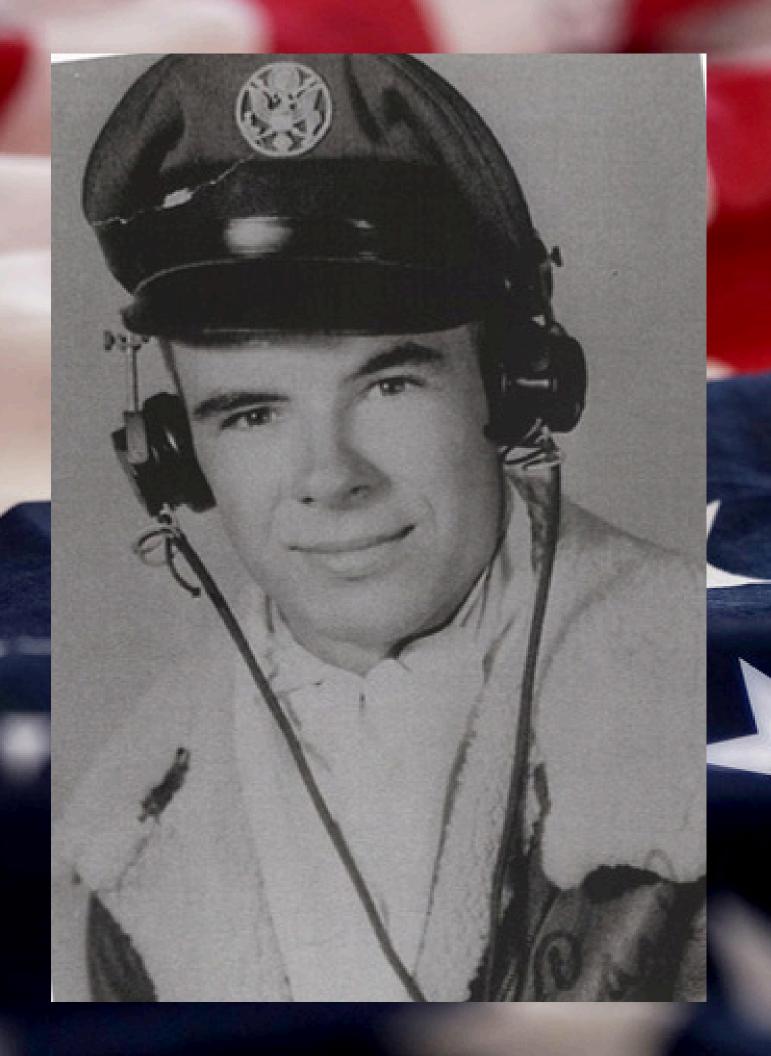
#### Served at:

- Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC
- Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Jacksonville, NC
- Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA
- Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, San Diego, CA
- Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, CA
- Marine Corps Base Camp Schwab, Okinawa, Japan
- Marine Corps Base Camp Fuji, Combined Arms Training Center, Gotemba, Japan
- Operation Cobra Gold, Thailand
- 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, Weapons Platoon, Philippines

#### Awards/Commendations:

- Rifle Expert
- Pistol Sharpshooter
- Two Good Conduct Ribbons
- Navy & Marine Corps Overseas Ribbon





# EARL FULTON

JOYCE FULTON'S HUSBAND

#### **US AIR FORCE, 1948-1953**

- Enlisted in the USAF on June 14, 1948, for 3 years.
- Took basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas.
- Went to radio school at Scott Air Force Base in East St. Louis, IL.
- He was a radio operator at Keesler Field, Biloxi, MS, and then transferred to Maxwell Field in Montgomery, AL as a radio operator.
- Due to the Korean War, his enlistment was extended by 1 year
- He extended himself for another year after that for a total time in the Air Force to be 5 years.
- Highest rank held was Staff Sft. and received a Good Conduct Medal.





# REGINALD L. GARMESON

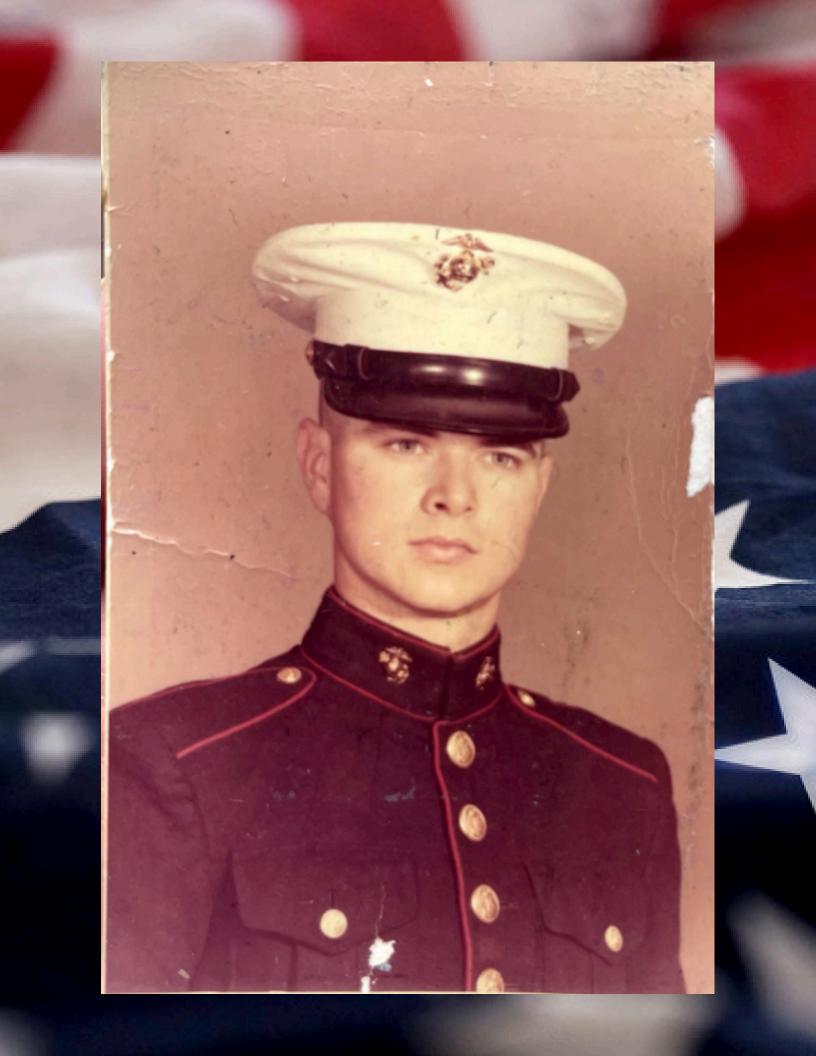
### MAJOR, USMCR RETIRED, 1971-1996

#### Active Duty, USMC

- July 29, 1971- enlisted in USMC via Delay Entry Program
- September 7, 1971- Started boot camp at MCRD, Parris Island, SC.
- November 22, 1971- Graduated from boot camp as Private.
- December 3, 1971- Reported to ITR for Infantry training at MCB Camp Lejeune, NC
- January 26, 1972- Graduated from ICT
- January 29, 1972- Reported to MATSS-902, MATSG-90, NATTC Memphis, TN for Basic Avionics training
- August 11, 1972- Transferred to Advanced Avionics training, AFTA
- April 20, 1973- Graduated AFTA as Corporal, USMC
- April 26, 1973- Transferred to SU-3, TME-21, MWHS-2 MCAS, Cherry Point, NC for training as an A/C Passive Electronics System Technician
- July 13, 1973- Transferred to VMCJ-2, MAG-14, 2D MAW, MCAS, Cherry Point, NC as ECM Technician on EA6-B
- May 19, 1974- Promoted to the rank of Sergeant, USMC (meritoriously)
- January 6, 1975- Transferred to OCS, MCDEC, Quantico, VA, for officer candidate school
- March 27, 1975- Commissioned 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, USMCR
- March 28, 1975- Transferred to TBS, MCB, Quantico, VA, for advanced officer training
- October 9, 1975- Completed TBS
- November 8, 1975- Reported to MATSG, NATC, NAS Pensacola, FL, for Naval flight officer training
- December 3, 1976- Received NFO Wings as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, USMCR
- January 12, 1977- Reported to VMFAT-101, MCCRTG-10, 2D MAW, MCAS Yuma, AZ, for advanced training as a Radar Intercept Officer (RIO) in the F-4
- August 16, 1977- Reported to VMFA-333, MAG-31, 2D MAW, MCAS, Deaufort, SC as RIO and Intelligence Officer
- June 16, 1979- Transferred to H&MS-31, MAG-31, 2D MAW, MCAS, Beaufort, SC as Base Education Officer
- December 1, 1979- Released from Active Duty as 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, USMCR

#### Active Reserve, USMCR

- February 13, 1980- Joined Mobilization Training Unit (MTU TN-1). Promoted to Captain, USMCR
- July 26, 1981- Attended Amphibious Warfare Course (Phase 1)
- December 3, 1981- Transferred to Co D (Rein), 4th CEB, 4th MAR DIV as Platoon Commander
- May 9, 1984- Assigned the duty of Co-Executive Officer
- July 1, 1987- Transferred to VMO 4, 4<sup>th</sup> MAW, NAS, Atlanta, GA, as NFO and Aerial Observer
- November 11, 1988- Assigned duty as Aquadron Administrative Officer
- June 21, 1994- Because of the decommissioning of VMO 4, transferred to MWSS-472, 4<sup>th</sup> MAW, NAS Atlanta, GA
- June 30, 1996- Retired from USMCR



## PHIL GOINS

#### **US MARINES, E-5 SGT, 1964-1967**

- Parris Island: Basic Training
- Camp Lejune: Deployment Training
- 1964- USS Lasalle LPD3, 6 months, beach landing
- 1965- Clarksville, TN, top secret guard duty, nuclear weapons storage facility
- 1966-1967- Panama Canal Zone, security
- Discharged in 1967- E5 SGT

