



BILL HANEY

BETTY WAGNER'S DAD

U.S. NAVY, MOTOR MACHINIST FIRST CLASS, 1942-1945

Bill was on the submarine SEAL. He served most of his time in the South Pacific. He went on eight war patrols, with six of his missions receiving Submarine Combat Insignia Awards. Bill was a member of the Submarine Veterans of WWII.

1941

- May: Bill graduates from Maryville High School
- December 7: Pearl Harbor is attacked by the Japanese fleet

1942

- Sept: Bill volunteered for the Navy. He was 20. Bill went to boot camp at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Illinois. He trained at Diesel Mechanic School.
- Nov. 30: On the SEAL's fifth patrol at the Palau Islands, Combat Insignia awarded.

1943

- April 14: While on war patrol off the Palau Islands, Combat Insignia was awarded.
- Nov. 7: While on patrol at the Marshall Islands, Combat Insignia was awarded.

1944

- Jan. 17: While on war patrol at the Marshall Islands, Combat Insignia was awarded.
- Aug. 8: While on war patrol in the Kurilo Island area, Combat Insignia awarded.
- Oct. 10: While on war patrol to the Kurilo Island area, Combat Insignia awarded.
- Dec. 17: SEAL retired from war patrol duties and was operated in Hawaii as a training submarine.

1945

- June 25: SEAL acted as a school boat for Submarine School
- Dec.: Bill was discharged from the Navy in New London, Connecticut.

1946

- Jan.: Bill went back to work at Alcoa.





KENNETH “JOE” HILL

U.S. NAVY, AC-1 E-6, 1961-1974

US Navy:

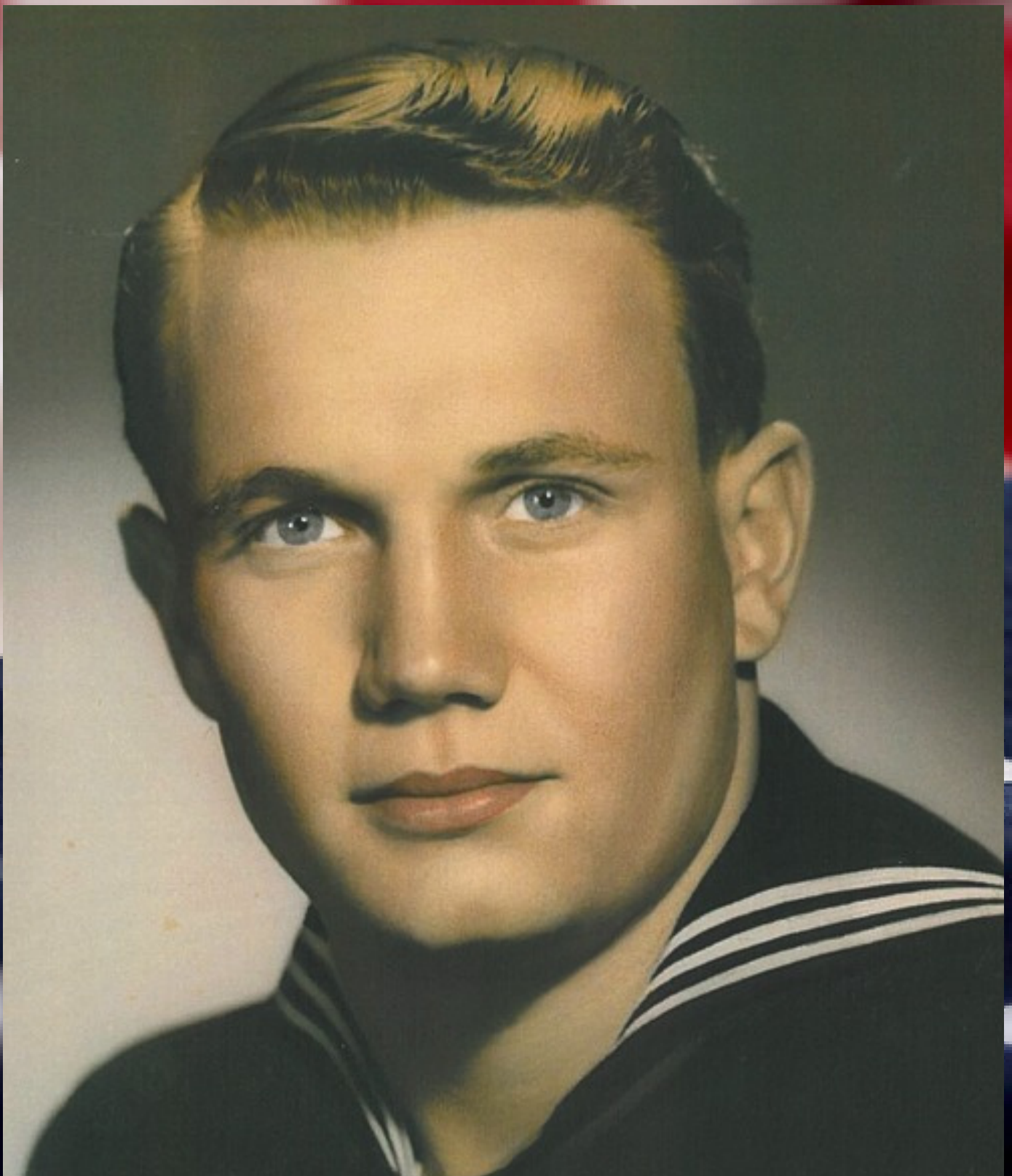
August 1961- March 1971- Regular

June 1971- June 1974- Reserve

Highest rank held: AC-1 E-6

- Served with 89th Fleet Support Squadron, Cubi Point, Republic of the Philippines during the Vietnam War, March 1963- Nov. 1964
- Stationed in Mayport Naval Air Station, Mayport, Florida, Dec. 1963-Sept. 1965
- Stationed in Naples, Italy, from Sept. 1965-Sept. 1968
- Served on USS Roosevelt CVA 42, Oct. 1968-Nov. 1969
- Stationed at Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Florida, Dec. 1969- Mar. 1971
- Stationed at Naval Air Station in Atlanta, Georgia, June 1971-June 1974





DAVE JORDAN, 1931-2009
U.S. NAVY

- Basic Training in San Diego
- Served in the Korean War as a Sonarman from 1949-1952
- Served on the USS Bradford in the Pacific

JEAN JORDAN'S HUSBAND



Buddy Kemper

BUDDY KEMPER

US ARMY, PV2, 1990-2015

Desert Shield/Storm
Persian Gulf I
1990-1991
XVIII Airborne Corps
Commander's Driver/RTO

Operation Safe Haven/Safe Passage
Central America, 1995
502nd Infantry, 3rd Btn.
Fire Team Leader

Tennessee Air National Guard
1999-2008
Active duty, Operation Noble Eagle, 2001
134th MSF, SFS & 119 CACS
Persco/Sniper/Training Manager

Operation Enduring Freedom
Patkia Province, Afghanistan
2009
Recon/Sniper
Infantry Squad Leader/Convoy Commander

Officer Candidate
117th RTI
Tennessee Army National Guard
Retired in 2015

Purple Heart Recipient



- at base in Darmstadt, Germany-1952



1953 Garmisch Germany- Alps



U.S.N.S. GENERAL MAURICE ROSE (T-AP124)

Ship on which Curtis Lowe traveled from New York to Germany

Curtis Lowe, USAF 1951-1955



William S. McFadden-Olympia, Washington
Curtis Lowe, Knoxville, TN- in Germany 1952



Outside a church in Herzogenanrath,
Germany (outside Nurnberg)

CURTIS D. LOWE

BARBARA LOWE'S HUSBAND

U.S. AIR FORCE, 1951-1955

Posts:

- Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX June-Aug. 1951 Basic Training
- Brooks AFB, San Antonio, TX, Aug. 1951. After security clearance was obtained, attended the Cryptographic and Radio Traffic Analyst School for 16 weeks.
- Darmstadt, Germany- served in 6910th Security group- May 1952- June 1953
- Landsberg, Germany- served in the 6910th Security group- June 1953- March 1955
(Overseas deployment considered Occupation troops)

Attained rank of Airman 1st Class
Served as Radio Traffic Analyst





Terry Lund

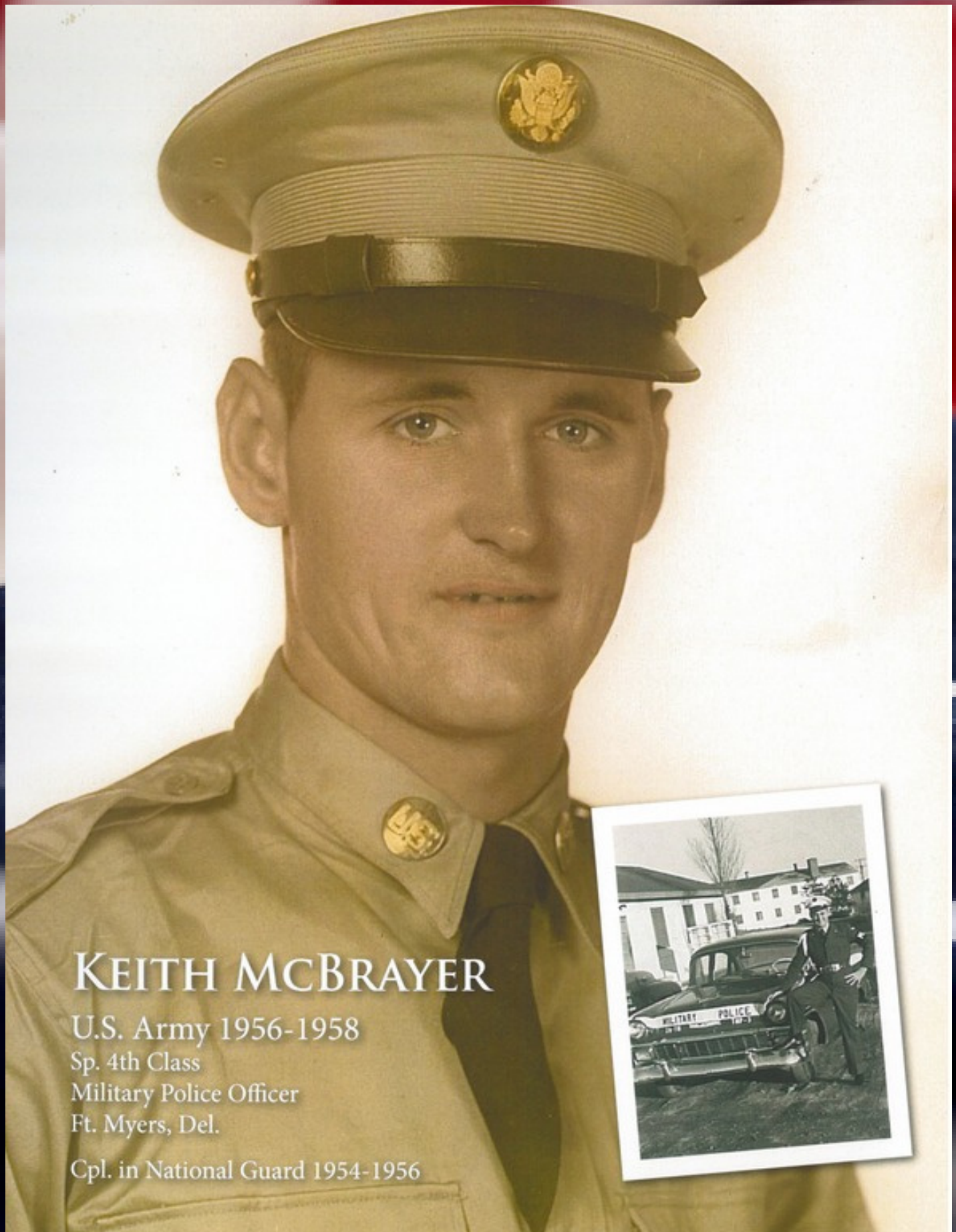
THERON C. LUND

MARTHA LUND'S HUSBAND

U.S. NAVY, 1956-1960

- Comm. Tech P.O. 2nd Class (P1)
- June 30, 1956, to September 15, 1960
- Great Lakes Training Center- June 30, 1956 to September 15, 1956
- Bainbridge, Maryland, September 16, 1956 to December 24, 1956
- Naval Security Group, DNI & CNO, Washington D.C., December 25, 1956 to September 29, 1960





KEITH MCBRAYER

U.S. Army 1956-1958

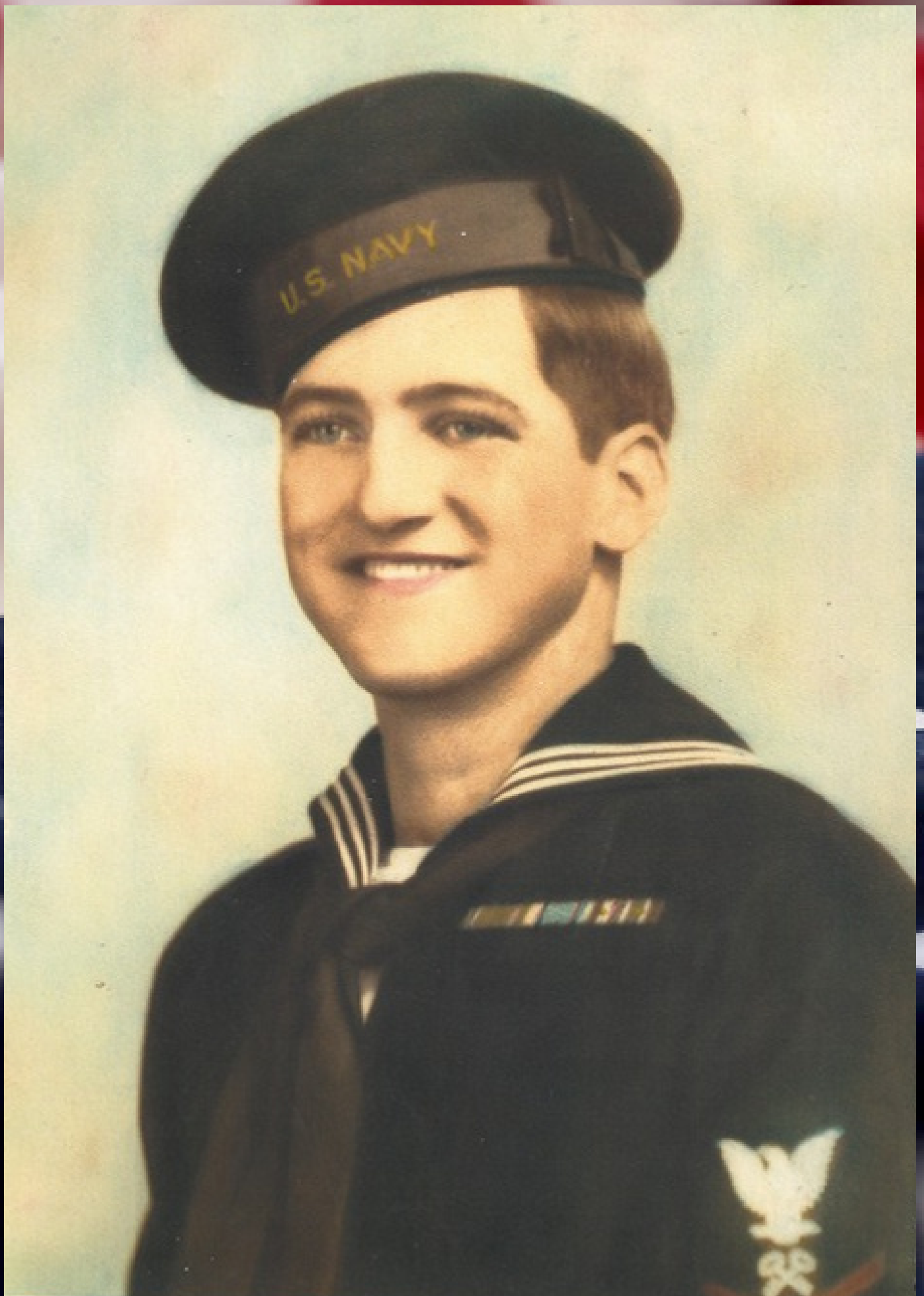
Sp. 4th Class

Military Police Officer

Ft. Myers, Del.

Cpl. in National Guard 1954-1956





MAX E. MIZE

BECKY MIZE DUNLAP'S FATHER

U.S. NAVY, 1942-1946

- November 19, 1942- Volunteered for U.S. Naval service, inducted at Nashville, Tennessee
- Received Landing Craft Training in San Diego, California
- Assigned duty aboard the U.S.S. Barnett Troop Transport, Amphibious Personnel Attack
- Involved in invasions in European, African, and Middle Eastern campaigns
- Received Bronze Stars for duty in Sicily, Salerno, Normandy, and Southern France
- Also a Bronze Star for involvement in the Asiatic Pacific Campaign, OKINAWA
- As Storekeeper SK2C, received discharge at Shumaker, California, on March 19, 1946





HOWARD OLIVE

1951-1953

- Enlisted January 1951 to July 1952. Top rank Sergeant.
- Officer July 11, 1952 to December 9, 1953. Top rank 1st Lt.

Medals and or Ribbons

- KSM- Korean Service Medal
- CIBad- Combat Infantry Badge
- BSM- Bronze Star Medal (combat award)
- UNSM- United Nations Service Medal
- NDSM- National Defense Service Medal (combat award)

Top award for marksmanship while in Basic Training

Ribbons given for various places of service

- Basic and Leadership School at Fort Smith, AK. Camp Chaffee, two training cycles as acting platoon Sgt.
- Officer training at Fort Benning, GA. Columbus, GA
- Officer EX. for giving Basic training at Fort Gordon, GA. Augusta, GA
- Platoon Leader for rifle company in Korea
- Platoon Leader for heavy weapons battalion front (Heartbreak Ridge), Korea
- Company Ex. Training for heavy weapons, and in charge of building the Officer Dining Hall (after the end of the conflict). Last day in the DMZ, the men were painting the completed building. He went to Pusan to ship home.





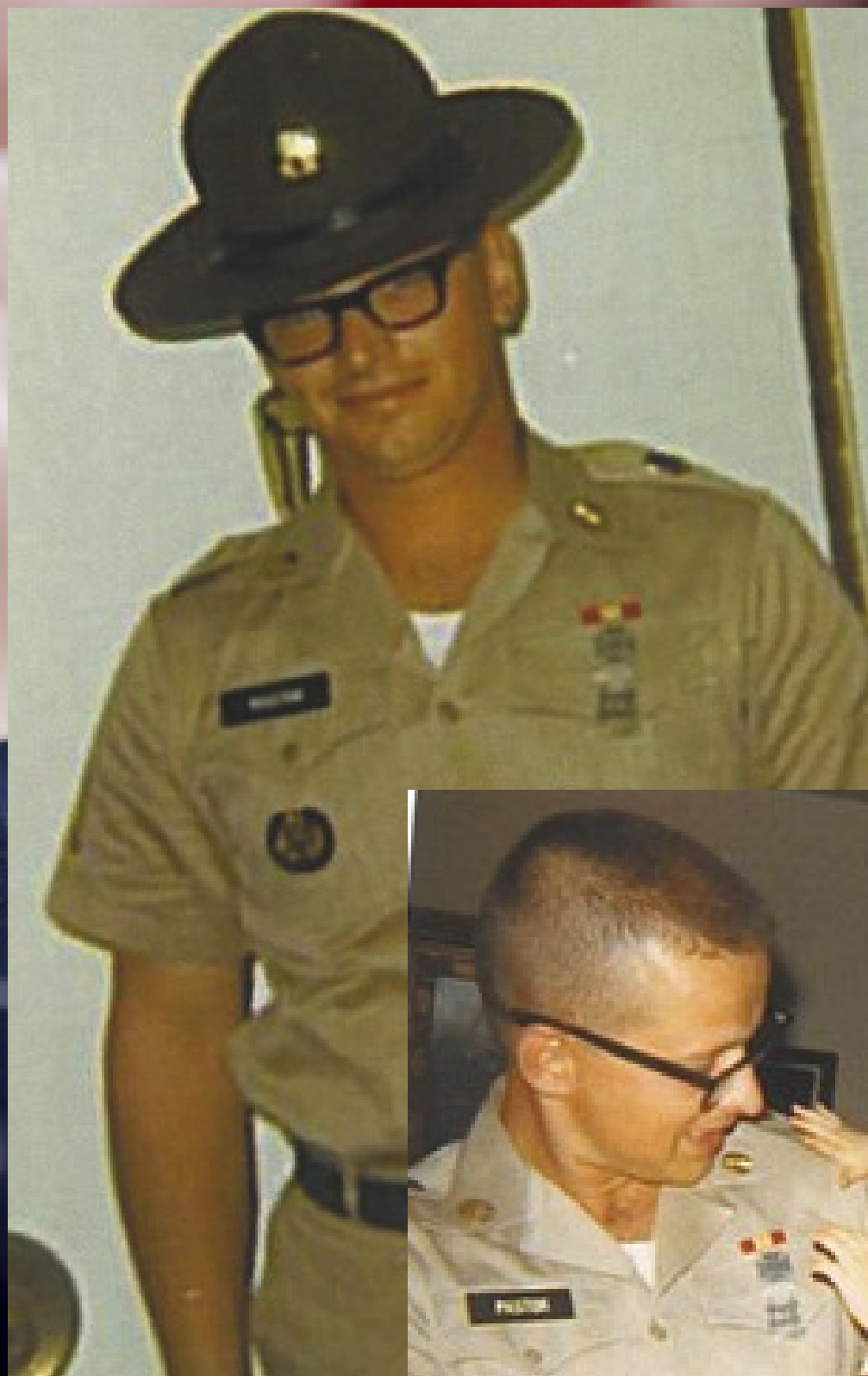
JOSEPH CLAY OWENS

LYNN OWENS' HUSBAND

U.S. NAVY, 1944-1946

- Joseph C. Owens entered active service in the United States Navy on March 1, 1944, and was discharged on March 25, 1946. All of his service time was in the United States, most of it in U.S. Naval Training Schools in Bainbridge, MD, and Norfolk, VA. On March 10, 1945, he achieved the rank of Petty Officer second class with the rating of Electrician's Mate second class.
- He was assigned to the U.S.S. Meredith (DD890), under construction in Orange, TX. He was there during final construction, the shakedown period, the launching on June 28, 1945, and the commissioning on December 31, 1945. (This was the fourth U.S.S. Meredith, the others having been sunk during action).
- Joe was one of hundreds of military personnel who lined the funeral route of Franklin D. Roosevelt in Washington, D.C. in April 1945.





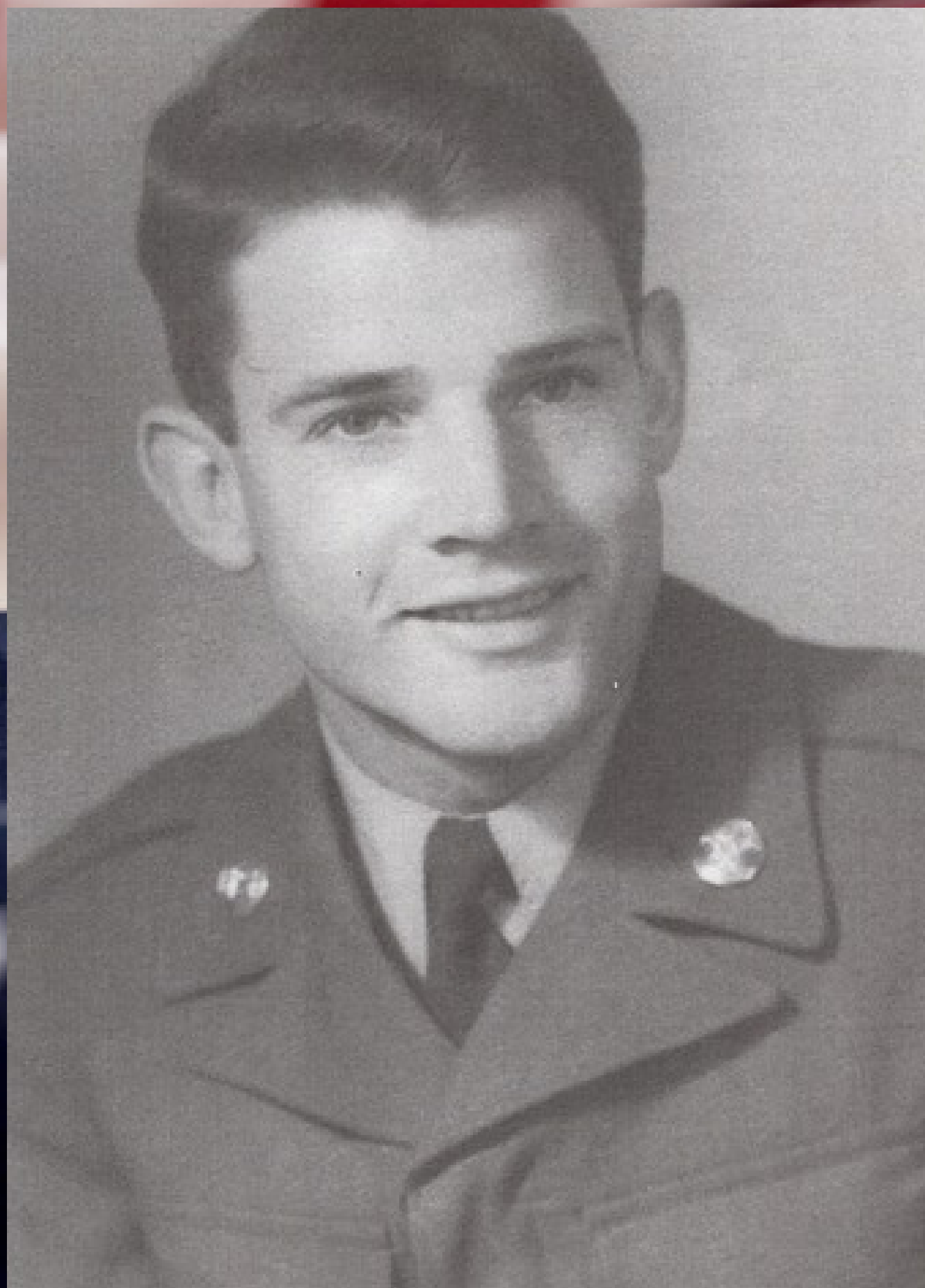
ALAN PASTOR

PAT PASTOR'S HUSBAND

STAFF SERGEANT, USAR, 1966-1972

- CO A, 1st BN, 1st BRG, 317 REGT, 80th DIV (TNG)
- Commander's Trophy
- Outstanding Trainee
- Ft. Ord, CA- May 24, 1967





A.D. PETREY

DIXIE LEA PETREY'S HUSBAND

U.S. ARMY, 1953-1955

- Served in the Army during the Korean War in the 25th Division as an Engineer Supply Specialist
- Dates of Service: September 21, 1953 to August 25, 1955
- Places of Service:
 - Ft. Jackson SC
 - Ft. Lewis, WA
 - Korea near 49th Parallel
 - Scofield Barracks in Honolulu, Hawaii
- Discharged from Ft. Chaffey, AK





LAVERNE PRINCE

SHARON PRINCE'S HUSBAND, STACY PRINCE'S DAD

U.S. MARINE CORPS, 1962-1966

- He enlisted in February 1962, and in June 1962 he went to boot camp in Parris Island, South Carolina. After graduation, he was transferred to the 1st Infantry Training Regiment in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
- He was given leave after that training, and five days after coming home, LaVerne was called back to Camp Lejeune because of the Cuban Crisis. Upon returning, he was in H&S Company Draft Infantry Training. When the Cuban Crisis was over, he was sent to Service Company 7th Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, California, and he served there for sixteen months.
- LaVerne's next station was at Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii. He was there for a little over two years.
- After leaving Hawaii, he was sent back to Camp Lejeune, H&S Company, 2nd Medical Battalion. It was there that he finished his time in the Marine Corps. He was honorably discharged on September 30, 1966, after serving four years and seven months, and he achieved the rank of Corporal.

His Honors include:

- Rifle Expert Badge
- Good Conduct Medal Award
- National Defense Medical Award



LUTHER D. REECE

CAROLYN DALTON & DAVID REECE'S FATHER

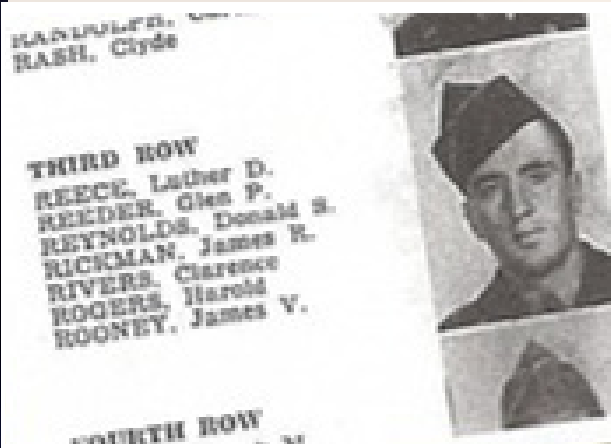
U.S. ARMY, SGT. 1ST CLASS, 1950-1952

- Enlisted November 30, 1950- Knoxville, TN
- Company I 3rd Battalion 61st Infantry
- Foreign and/or Sea Service: 11 months, 18 days
- Suffered a gunshot wound while serving in Korea
- Discharge date: August 29, 1952- Fort Knox, KY

Medals Awarded:

- Combat Infantry Badge
- Korean Service Medal w/3 Bronze Camp Stars
- United Nations Service Medal
- 1 Overseas Bar
- Purple Heart

"You are assuming a personal responsibility for the security of our country. I salute you for your recognition of this obligation. May God help you succeed."- Harry J Collins, Major General, U.S. Army, Commanding





J.B. “JACK” RICHESIN, JR.

CHARTER MEMBER

U.S. NAVY, 1942-1945

- Born August 31, 1922, in Loudon County, TN
- 1942, joined the United States Navy
- He was stationed in San Diego, California, and served on the U.S.S. Ajax in the South Pacific until 1945. His shipboard responsibilities were to distill water for the U.S. Marines on the various Pacific islands and to repair damaged ships.
- He served his country with honor and integrity





JOHN DENNIS RIDLEY

U.S. NAVY, COMMANDER, 1974-1995

- Active duty service from September 1974 to May 1995
- Attended Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, FL
- Became a designated Naval Aviator at Corpus Christi, TX, in February 1976
- Piloted and instructed in various fixed-wing, multi-engine Navy aircraft
- Specialty was Anti-Submarine Warfare aboard the Navy's Lockheed P-3 Orion aircraft
- Dennis began his military service during the ending phase of the Vietnam conflict and finished during the Middle East Gulf War
- Awards and Medals: Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal (3), and various other individual and unit citation awards
- Dennis retired from FedEx Express in 2016 after 18 years of piloting the company's widebody cargo jets





GERALD SELF

U.S. MARINE RESERVE, 1958-1963

- Cpl E4
- U S Marine Reserve
- 1958-1963
- Duty Station: VMF-124, Memphis, TN





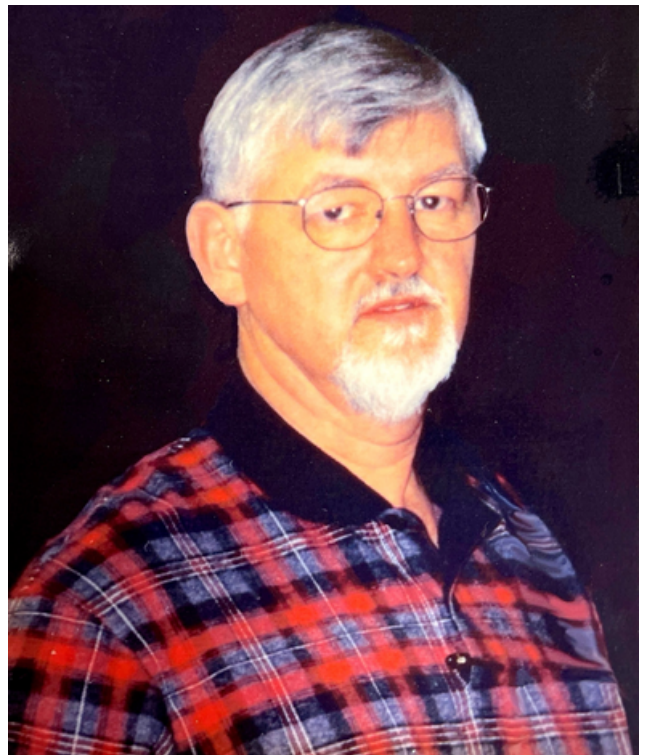
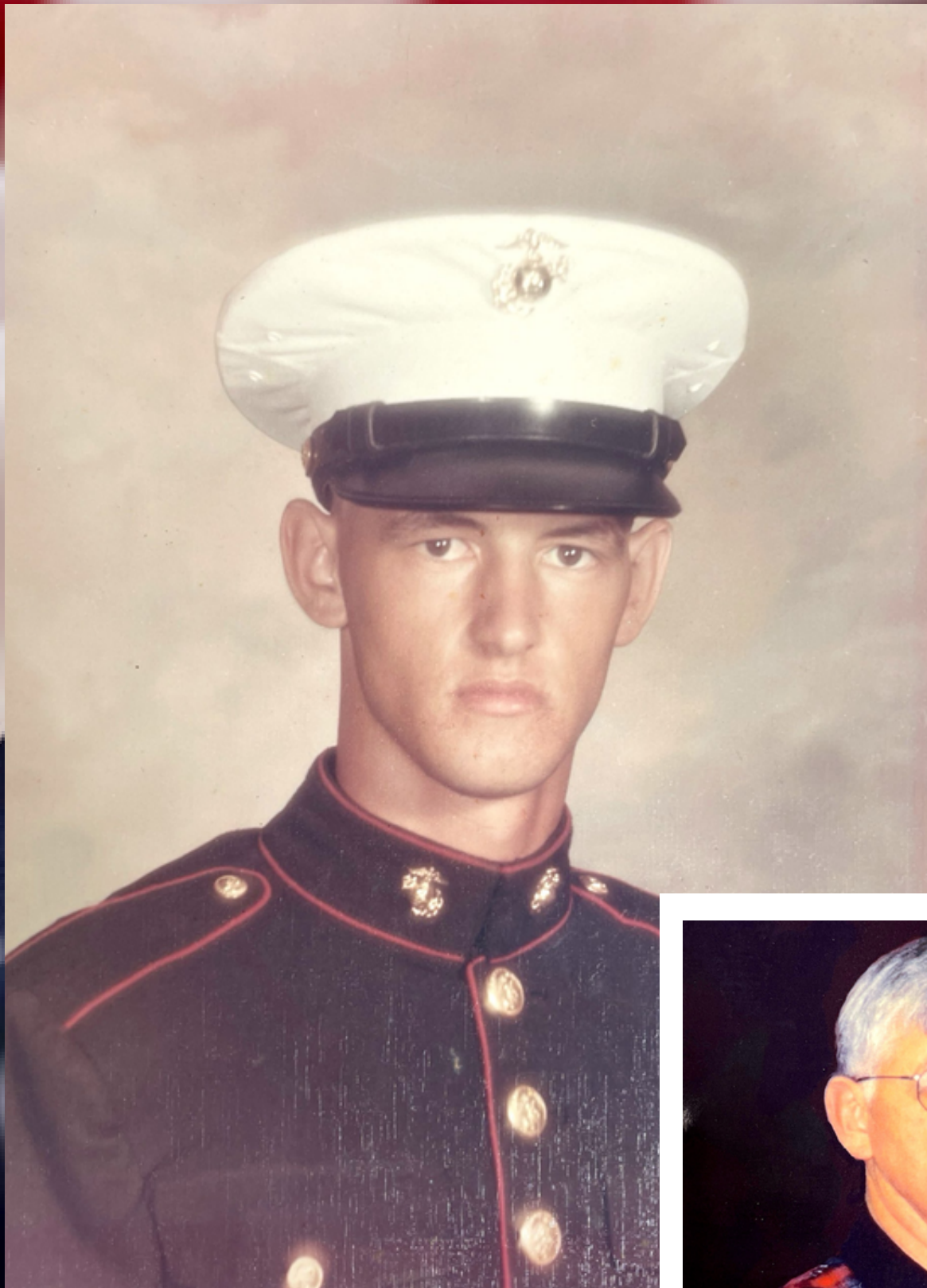
ARNOLD SHAMBLIN

CONNIE SULLIVAN'S STEPFATHER

U.S. NAVY, 1944-1946

- U.S. Navy
- Rank- Electrician's Mate 2nd Class
- Served in World War II
- 1944-1946





CHARLES EDWARD SITZLAR

ELAINE SITZLER'S HUSBAND

MARINE CORPS, SERGEANT, 1966-1970

- He enlisted with the Marine Corps right out of high school.
- He served in Vietnam for 3 ½ years.
- He achieved the rank of Sergeant (Sept. 2, 1966- Feb. 27, 1970)
- He was honored with many medals and stripes, two of which were Rifle Expert and Pistol Expert

Born: February 1, 1948

Died: April 17, 2000





RILEY SMITH

BUDDY KEMPER & ASHLEY SMITH'S SON

U.S. AIR FORCE, 2021- CURRENT

- Riley is currently serving in the Air National Guard
- Began serving in 2021
- Rank is E4





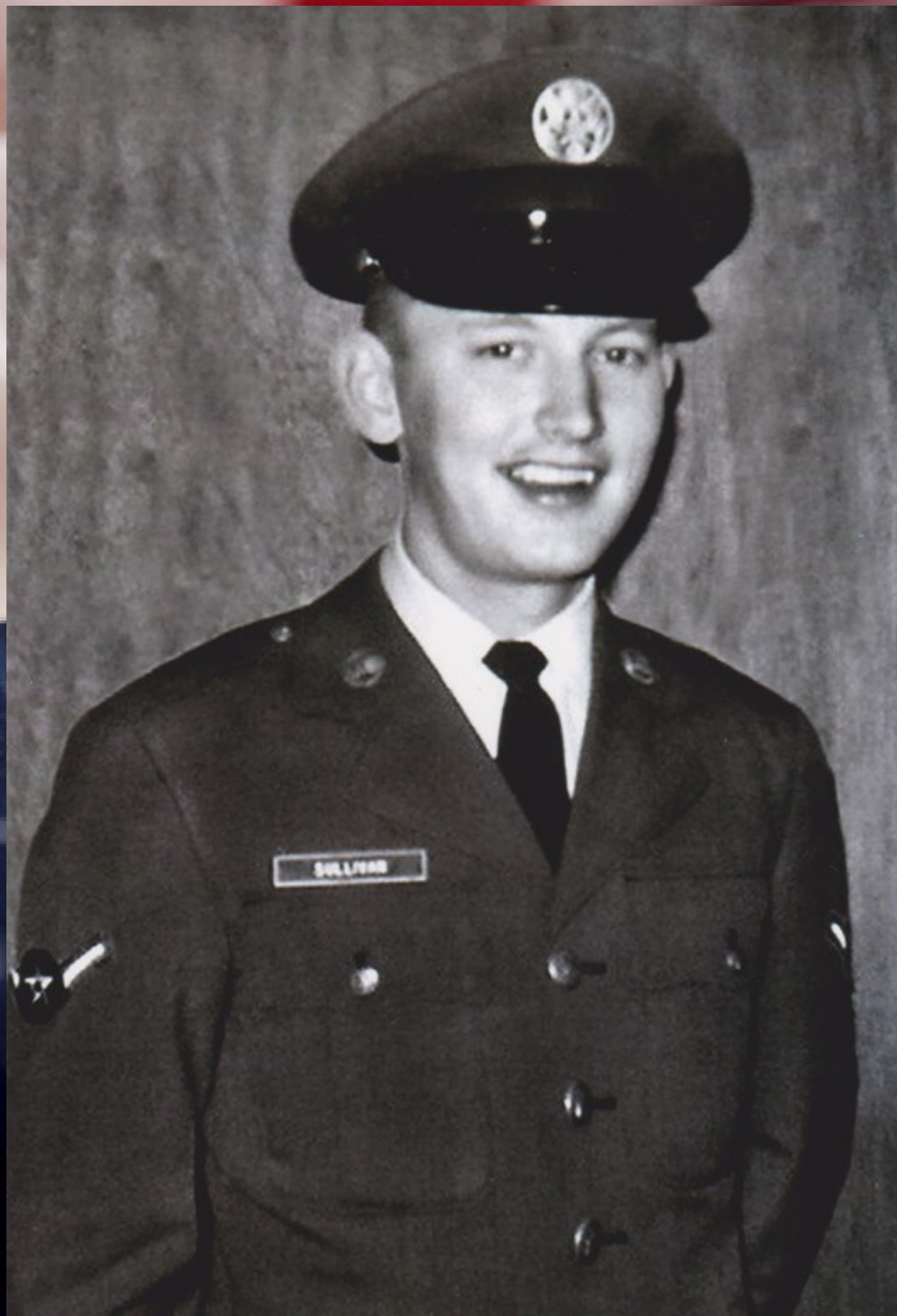
ALVIN SOUTHWOOD

JANE SOUTHWOOD'S FATHER-IN-LAW

U.S. ARMY, 1953-1955

- Born February 20, 1916, in Lamar, Indiana
- Enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard on April 7, 1942, as Apprentice Seaman ® at Chicago, Illinois.
- Military Ratings held: AS (R), S2c (R); Slc (R); F2c (R); MoMM2c (R); Mommc (R)
- Special duties for which qualified: Motor Machinist's Matelc (R)
- Vessels and stations served on: Curtis Bay, Maryland; Boston, Massachusetts; Navy 26; Navy 1503; Brooklyn, N.Y.; St. Louis, Mo.
- Reserve (Active Duty) from April 7, 1942 to September 26, 1945
- Discharged from Regular Reserve enlistment
- Rating at discharge MOMMc(R)

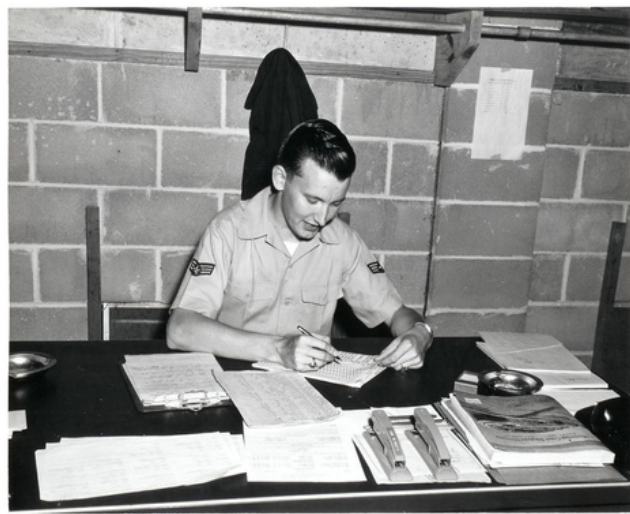




BOB SULLIVAN

TN AIR NATIONAL GUARD, 1963-1969

- 134th Air Refueling Group
- Rank- Staff Sergeant
- Honor Graduate from the Administrative Specialist Course, ABR 70230, at 3320th Technical School, USAF, Amarillo Air Force Base, Texas



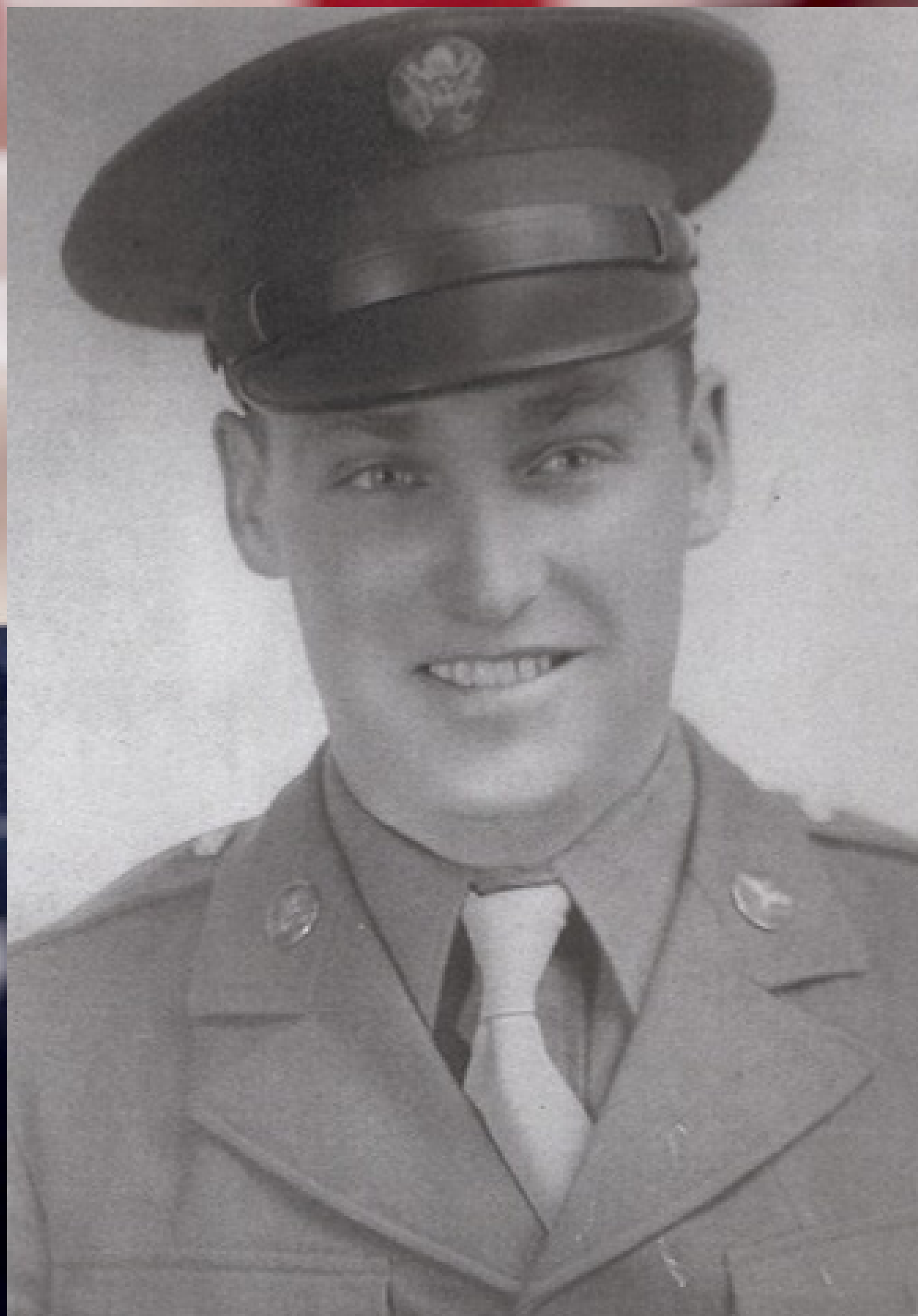


RICHARD TALLEY

U.S. ARMY, SPECIALIST 5, 1965-1968

- Entered the Army on December 5, 1965, as a Recruit E1 and traveled to Fort Benning to begin Basic Training.
- 1965, the US Government began a major military buildup to support the war in Vietnam, also the only year the President allowed a Christmas leave. After Christmas leave, Basic continued until February at Homestead Air Force Base. While training in Homestead and Key West, he was on the Third Army Golf Team and was able to play golf on some of the best golf courses in Florida. The best part of his time in Florida was that Carlene was allowed to join him.
- August 1966, he was sent to South Vietnam and entered a world impossible to understand. The reflections of the country wore scars of decades of war, and the people were crippled and orphaned. He carried information throughout the country from MACVHQ in Cholon. There was a Catholic orphanage where children would make clover necklaces to sell on the streets. These children made this time worthwhile.
- In May, he was able to meet Carlene in Hawaii for R&R, Rest and Recuperation. He returned to Vietnam, where he remained until August.
- He was assigned to Fort McPherson, Third Army HQ in Atlanta, GA, for the rest of his time in service. During that time, he traveled throughout the Southeast on many funeral details. The military was called for protection at this time when Martin Luther King was killed.
- The best part of his Army career was the arrival of Lisa, the first of our four children, on October 31, 1968. In December, the U.S. Army said he could go home.

“Each day since my time in service, I’ve looked for answers for the cause of the sacrifice and waste of that time, and I think there are no answers for it.”



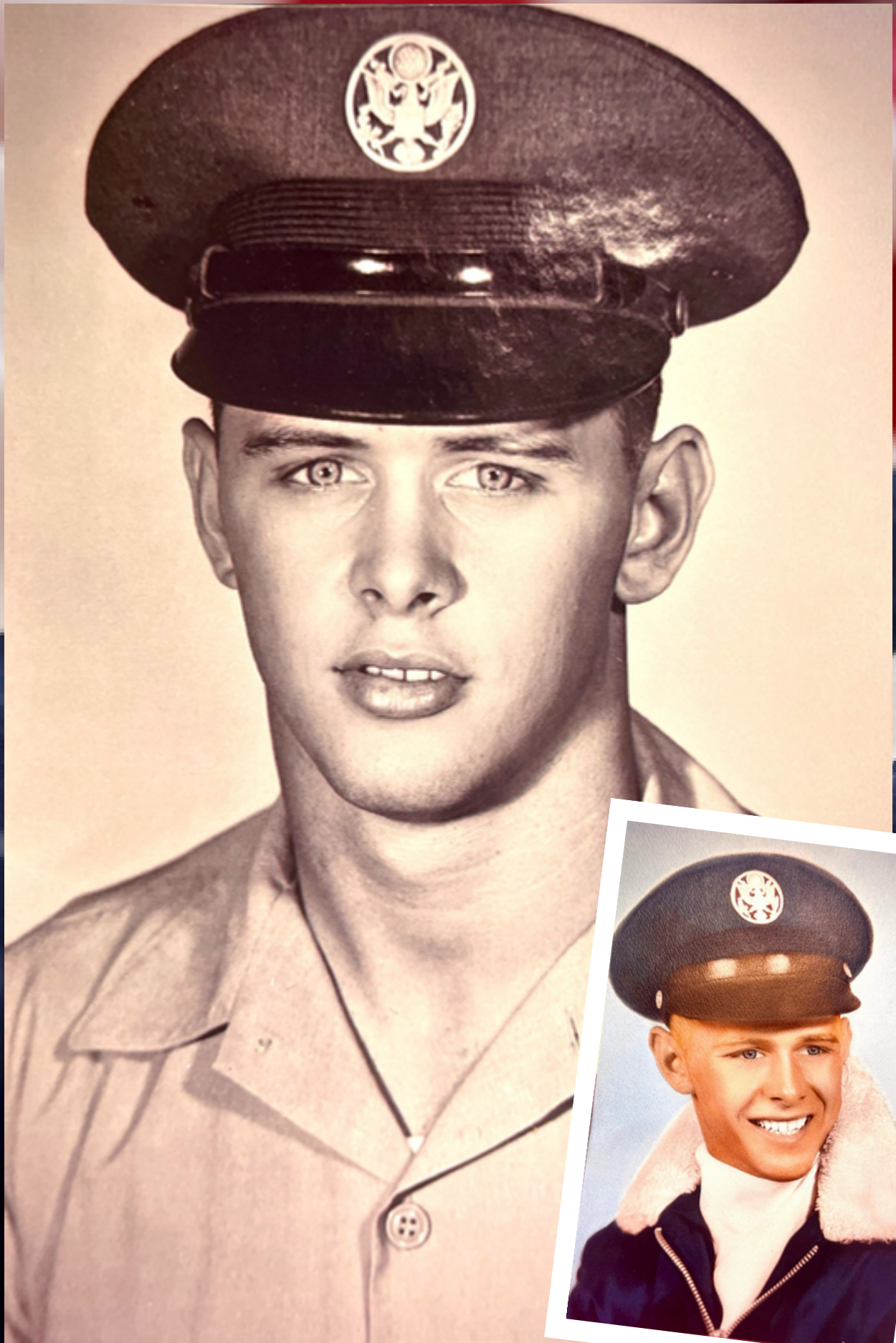
WILLIAM B. WHEELER

PATTI WHEELER'S DAD

U.S. AIR FORCE, 1942-1945

- S/SGT. U.S. Air Force
- Air Traffic Controller
- 1942-1945
- Served mainly in Central China





WILLIAM G. (BILL) WILLHITE

U.S. AIR FORCE, 1966-1969

- August 10, 1966, Enlisted in the USAF in Knoxville, TN
- August 11, 1966, Entered Basic Training at Lackland AFB, TX
- September 22, 1966, Entered Jet Engine Mechanic School, Chanute AFB, IL
- February 16, 1967, Jet Engine Mechanic, Naha AFB, Okinawa (PACAF Pacific Air Command) Primary assignment: Jet Engine Mechanic F102 Reconnaissance Support for War in Vietnam
- Temporary Duty Assignment: 1968 Pueblo Crisis with North Korea. I was at a base in South Korea near the DMZ for 2 months as our aircraft flew reconnaissance missions over North & South Korea.
- August 20, 1968- Return to the USA to Pope AFB, North Carolina, where my new assignment was Jet Engine Mechanic on C-130s as flight support for the paratroopers on Fort Bragg Army Base. Additional assignments came every 6 months when we were reassigned to airlift the European forces, and our base of operation was Mildenhall RAFB in England. These assignments were each 3 months long.
- There were 3 airlift Squadrons of C-130s at Pope AFB. I was a member of the 777th TAC Airlift Squadron.
- The assignments to Mildenhall RAFB and the privilege to serve with the European Forces were the highlights of my service career. There were many opportunities to travel across Europe repairing jet engines on aircrafts. Being a guy from East TN, I was very much amazed at the different cultures and architecture of the European nations. The mixture of work and pleasure was a major difference from the long days, weeks, and months in Okinawa.

Military Training and Technical Levels:

- February 16, 1967 Jet Engine Mechanical Training Level 43230
- October 20, 1967 Jet Engine Mechanical Training Level 43250
- June 2, 1968 Jet Engine Mechanical Training Level 43270

Rank Received:

- September 26, 1966, Airman 3rd Class E2
- May 1, 1967, Airman 2nd Class E3
- April 1, 1968, SGT E4
- April 1, 1969, SSGT E5

I also appreciated the chance to earn 12 college credit hours during this time to give me a head start at Carson-Newman University.