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# From Serving His Country to Serving His Community

BY VALERIE GRAY  
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As a young child, Hayden Gray was given a gift that shaped his future: a custom Battle Dress Uniform in the woodland camouflage pattern that was adorned with his name and unit patches for the 82nd Airborne Division. This gift was given to him by his uncle, Bryan Gray, who had served in the United States Army for 20 years. It was at this point that Gray made the decision to become a soldier.

“I saw soldiers going across the world to help people,” Gray said. “That’s what I wanted to do.”

Gray enlisted in the United States Army

during his senior year at Columbia High School, at the age of 17. As he was still a minor, Gray needed a parental signature to officially enlist. His father was less than receptive of Gray enrolling in the military. “I tried to get my dad to sign the papers, but he refused,” Gray said. “This was an issue we went back and forth on for a while. Eventually, I gave him the ultimatum: either help me and sign the papers, or I’ll wait until I’m 18 and do it myself.”

His father relented and Gray officially started basic training on November 19th, 2012.

Gray went to basic training in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, which lasted for around ten weeks. Afterwards, Gray went to Advanced Individual Training (A.I.T) for four months at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. It was there that Gray was certified as an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic and learned how to be a Medic.

The decision behind Gray becoming a Medic was to pay homage to his mother who had been a nurse.

“I saw how she helped people and I wanted to do the same,” Gray said.

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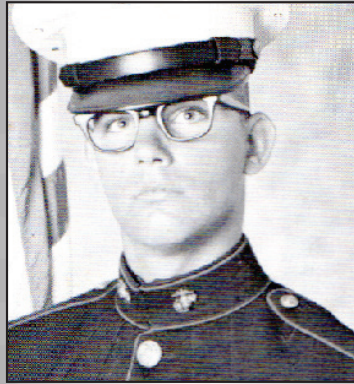
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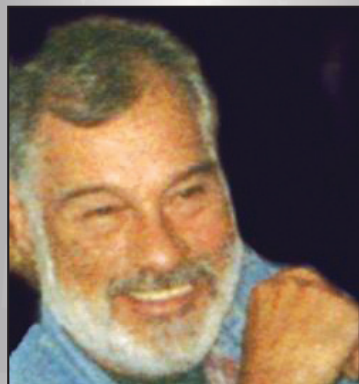
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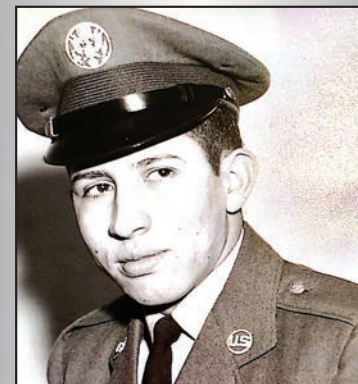
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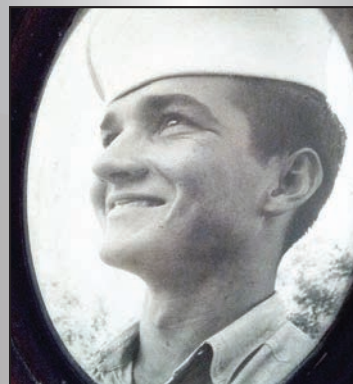
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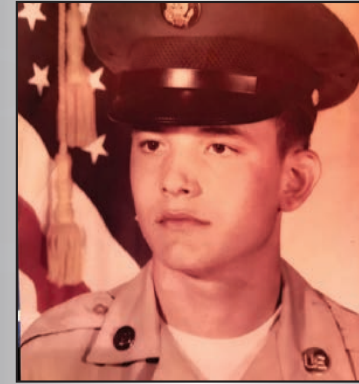
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# The Maritime Life of Craig Letz

BY VALERIE GRAY

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Thanks to the United States Navy, Craig Letz has travelled around the United States. Throughout the many places he's lived, Letz fondly calls Texas his home.

Though he was born in Midland, Letz had grown up in Abilene where he graduated from Abilene High School. For his higher education, Letz attended Texas Tech University where he majored in Mechanical Engineering. It was during his college years that the United States Naval Recruitment Office sent Letz a letter that proved to be quite an advantageous opportunity. At the time, the Naval Academy did not have enough graduating engineers to fill their positions which included Nuclear Power Officers for Submarines and ships.

"The United States Navy was looking for engineers, so I signed up for their scholarship program," Letz said. "I signed up in 1982. It was after my sophomore year so I would have been around 19 or 20 years old. For the last two years of my schooling, I was in the scholarship program for the Navy."

Once he graduated from Texas Tech University, Letz attended Officer Candidate School for four months in New Port, Rhode Island. It was during this time that Letz received his commission.

After obtaining his commission, Letz was stationed in Orlando, Florida, for six months of classroom Nuclear Power Training. From there, Letz moved to Ballston Spa, New York, where he trained on land-based nuclear reactors for six months.

When Letz finished up his training

in New York, he went to submarine school in Groton, Connecticut where he qualified on submarines. It was then that Letz was stationed to Bangor,

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**Craig  
Letz**

**U.S. Navy**  
*Served 1982 - 1989*

Washington where he was assigned the submarine that he spent the rest of his time.

The submarines that Bangor Trident Base housed were ballistic missile submarines that held 24 missiles with eight

warheads on each missile. The submarine that Letz was assigned to was the USS Alabama (SSBN-731). For ballistic submarines, there are two patrol crews, Blue Crew and Gold Crew, that alternate manning the submarine. These patrols consist of 60 to 70 days of occupying the underwater craft.

When Letz had arrived, the USS Alabama had just been brought from its sea trial. Sea trials are conducted on the East Coast of the United States. In the ship's first patrol, the Blue Crew oversaw the USS Alabama. They were in charge of bringing the underwater craft from the east coast to the west coast.

"I was on the Gold Crew and did five patrols," Letz said. "I did the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th and 10th patrols on that sub." Though Letz had enjoyed all the new locations he saw and opportunities he received during his time in the Navy, he noted the challenges he experienced. "Even though everyone enjoyed working on the sub, it was common to miss your family," Letz said. "I had a baby at that point. It was always strange during those first couple of patrols when he was so little. When I came home, he didn't remember me from the last time I returned."

Once Letz concluded his patrols in 1989, that was the end of his requirement. Letz opted to not reenlist. After finishing his time in the Navy, Letz was hired at the Philips 66 Refinery in Borger, Texas. In his time working for Philips 66, Letz met his future wife, Lysette, who also worked at the Refinery.

Letz is now retired from Philips 66. He enjoys spending time with his wife, being the father of their seven children, and being a grandfather of his six, soon to be seven, grandchildren.

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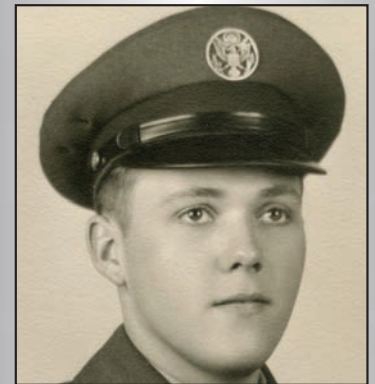
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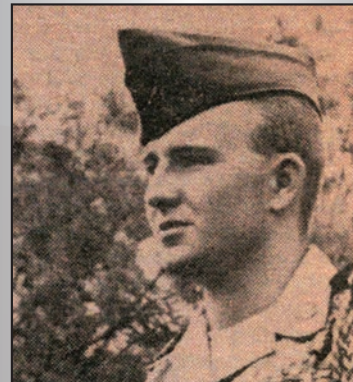
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## Gray Continued from page 3A

“I combined the two: being in the military and being in the medical field.”

Gray graduated basic training and A.I.T.

mid-2013. By that summer, Gray started a year-long tour overseas with the 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Casey in South Korea. During his tour, Gray ended up in the Headquarters Unit where he became a driver for a medical evacuation vehicle called the M113. Aside from driving the vehicle, Gray’s duties included accounting for the welfare of his fellow soldiers and supplies, as well as further learning how to be a soldier. Gray fondly reflected upon his time in South Korea.

“South Korea was fantastic,” Gray said. “It was a little unnerving because North and South Korea are in a ceasefire and the war is still technically going on. There were a lot of times I heard something going overhead and I would worry. Aside from that, South Korea was a beautiful location, and I had an enjoyable time.”

Once Gray finished his year-long tour in South Korea, he went home to West Columbia, Texas, to see his family. Gray heavily enjoyed the month he spent catching up with his family. When his vacation came to an end, Gray made his way to his new station point: Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. From 2014 to 2016, Gray worked at an outlying clinic for the William Beaumont Army Medical Center where he assisted the Doctors and attended to the patients. In addition, Gray was also the Non-commissioned Officer in Charge (N.C.O.I.C.) for a training area in Fort Bliss.

Gray acknowledged the benefits to being stationed in El Paso.

“I learned a lot of hospital-related treatments there in which I otherwise wouldn’t have learned,” Gray said. “During my time being stationed there, I ended up meeting my future wife.”

Near the end of 2016, Gray was sent to a new station: Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, Colorado. While stationed at Fort Carson, Gray was with the 2-23rd Infantry in which he was a Scout Platoon Medic and later, an Alpha Company Medic, until 2018. In this time, Gray and his spouse ended up getting married in 2017.

In 2018, Gray got out of the Army to spend time with family. He and his wife moved back to El Paso, where his wife’s family resided. It was at this time that Gray changed career paths and became a Law Enforcement Officer for the El Paso Police Department (E.P.P.D). Though Gray had gotten out of the federal service, he still wanted to serve the State of Texas.

“I joined the Texas State Guard in June 2018,” Gray said. “I wanted to continue serving and helping communities within the State of Texas.” The Texas State Guard is a state based military similar to the Texas National Guard but without the federal mission and answers exclusively to the Governor of the State of Texas.

In his time serving with the Texas State Guard, Gray has been activated to assist with hurricane relief and evacuation efforts as well as assisting at the Texas Southern Border. His other duties within the State Guard include training and preparation of new recruits as well as being a member of the Security Support Unit.

Though he enjoyed his time in El Paso, Gray wanted to move closer to his mother’s side of the family in the panhandle area. In early 2022, Gray and his wife moved to Lefors, where Gray eventually became the Lefors City Marshal.

Throughout his careers, Gray has received numerous awards that are a testament to his character and desire to help his community. These awards include the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal and numerous awards from the Texas State Guard including the Commanding General’s Individual Achievement Award. He has also received the Life Saving Award from his time working as an El Paso Patrol Officer.

Gray offers his advice for those wishing to enlist in the military.


“Take it one day at a time and put one foot in front of the other,” Gray said. “There will be days that will be challenging whether it’s physically, mentally, emotionally, or spiritually. Sometimes it’ll be hard to continue on. If you’re enlisting because you wanted to make a difference, serve your country, or provide for your family, it will give you something to hold on to.”



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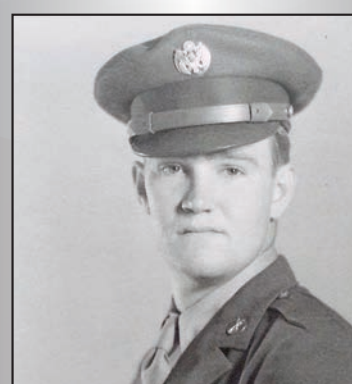
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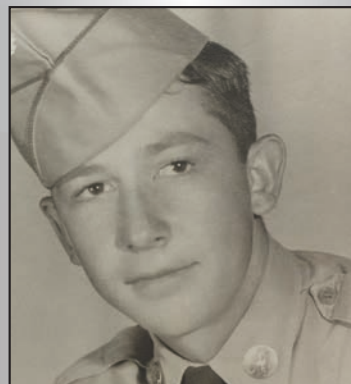
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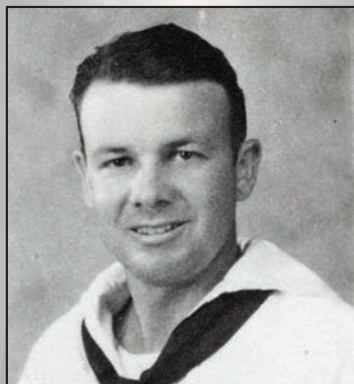
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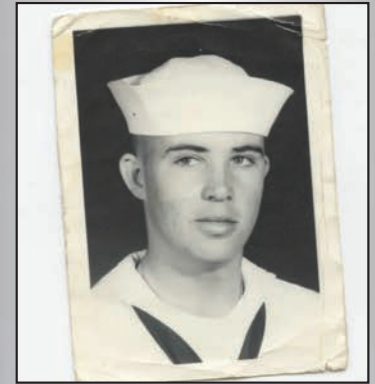
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# The roles of the various branches of the U.S. military

Each November, people across the United States and its territories honor the brave men and women who serve and have served in the various branches of the country's military. Veterans Day is observed annually every November 11 and honors the service of all U.S. military veterans. The day should not be confused with Memorial Day, which is celebrated each year in May and honors all military personnel who have died in service. Veterans Day is a great time for anyone to learn more about the various branches of the U.S. military.

## Army

The U.S. Department of Defense notes that the Army is the largest and oldest service in the country's military. The Army provides the ground forces that protect the United States. Members of the Army are trained to defeat enemy ground forces and to seize and control enemy lands and resources. Army also are trained to control and interact with the general population in countries where members are stationed.

## Marine Corps.

It might surprise some to learn that the Marine Corps. is a component of the Department of the Navy. That's one reason why maintains amphibious and ground units for contingency and combat operations. The Marine Corps. is divided into four groups: the operating forces that fight; the headquarters for leadership; the supporting establishment that provides logistical support; and the Marine Corps. Reserve.

## Navy

The Navy protects America at sea.

Despite its massive land mass, the United States is a maritime nation, which underscores how important a strong Navy is to the safety of the country and its residents. The Navy works alongside American allies and partners to keep the seas open and free.

## Air Force

The Air Force has five core missions: air superiority; global strike; rapid global mobility; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; and command and control. The Air Force defends the country and its residents in air, space and cyberspace and is capable of delivering forces anywhere in the world within hours.

## Space Force

The existence of the Space Force may come as a surprise to many Americans. Organized under the Department of the Air Force and established in 2019, this branch of the military organizes, trains and equips space forces in order to protect the interest of America and its allies in space.

## Coast Guard

During peacetime, the Coast Guard is part of the Department of Homeland Security. In times of war, it operates under the Navy. The Coast Guard provides law and maritime safety enforcement as well as environmental protection. In addition to promoting national security, border security and economic prosperity in the maritime environment, the Coast Guard saves those in peril on the sea.

## National Guard

The National Guard is comprised of the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. The National Guard has a diverse array

of responsibilities that range from supporting combat missions to responding during domestic emergencies to assisting in humanitarian efforts and more.

The U.S. military is made up various branches, each with its

own unique missions and responsibilities. Veterans Day marks the perfect occasion to celebrate the many individuals who have served and continue to serve in the U.S. military.




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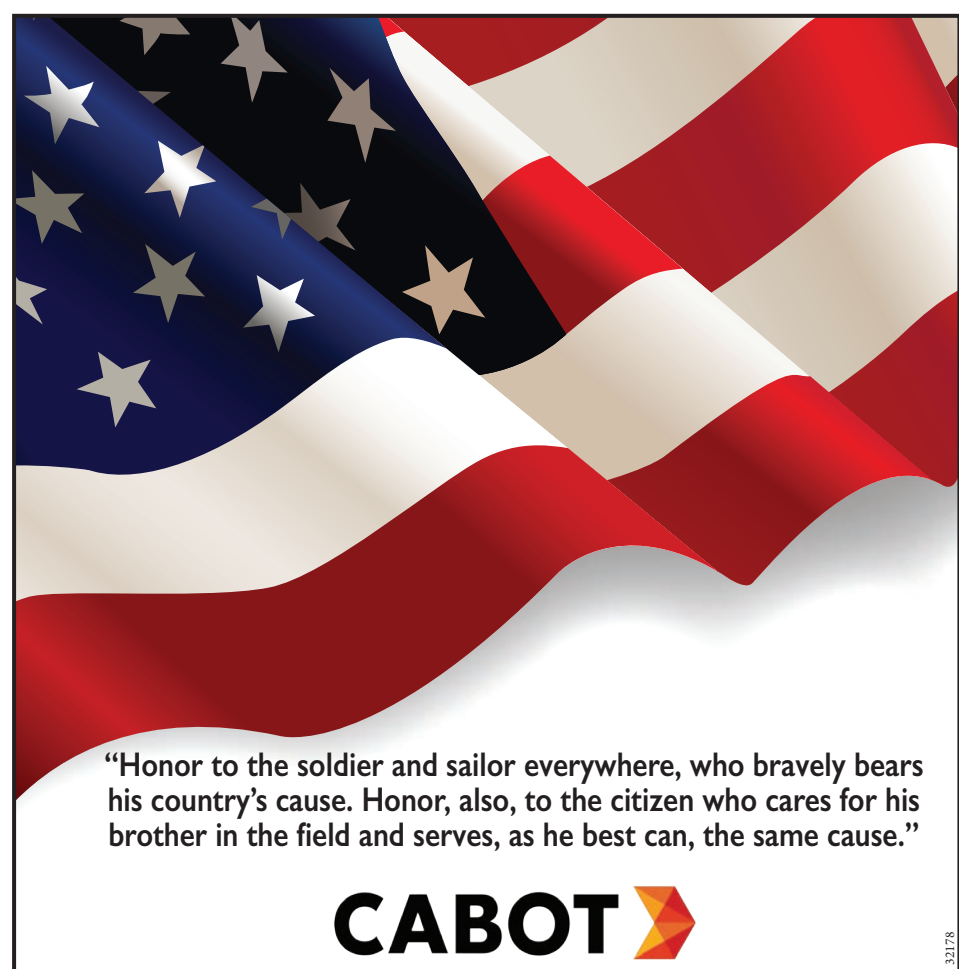
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# Did you know?


Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Canada are celebrated annually in November to honor the many individuals who have served in each country's military. That figure is a sizable one in the United States, as data from the De-

partment of Veterans Affairs indicates there were around 19 million U.S. military veterans in 2021. Population estimates indicate that Canada has a little more than one-tenth the total population of its immediate neighbor to the south, so the number of living Ca-

nadian veterans is significantly smaller than it is in the U.S. However, analysis of Veterans Affairs Canada data estimates there were just under 618,000 veterans of Canada's military in 2021.



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# Facts about the Vietnam War

The Vietnam War is among the most complex conflicts in world history. The war ended in 1975 when South Vietnam surrendered to North Vietnam, but the effects of the conflict continue to reverberate today, nearly half a century later.

In March 1965, American President Lyndon Johnson made the decision to send U.S. combat forces into battle in Vietnam. Ultimately more than 2.5 million American troops would serve in South Vietnam alone. Since President Barack Obama signed a proclamation in 2012, Americans have commemorated the sacrifices its military personnel made during the war by celebrating Vietnam Veterans Day on March 29 (the holiday would be signed into law in 2017). One way to let Vietnam veterans know those sacrifices have not been forgotten is to learn about the war. Such knowledge can

inspire a greater appreciation of the cost of the war on the service members who fought it.

- Though President Johnson ordered combat troops into Vietnam in 1965, the conflict between North and South Vietnam began much earlier than that. North Vietnamese fighters began helping South Vietnamese rebels in 1954, marking a start to the conflict.
- American involvement in combat began even before President Johnson sent troops to Vietnam in 1965. According to the U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. combat involvement is now recognized to have begun on January 12, 1962, which marks the launch of Operation Chopper. That operation required U.S. Army pilots to airlift more than 1,000 South Vietnamese soldiers to an area west of Saigon to capture a territory that was being held by communist fighters.

- More than 58,000 American military personnel lost their lives as a result of the Vietnam War.
- Data from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency indicates that, as of April 2021, 1,584 Americans lost in the Vietnam War remain unaccounted for. The vast majority of unaccounted military personnel were lost in Vietnam, though hundreds were lost while serving in Laos, Cambodia and China.
- The number of U.S. troops in Vietnam peaked in April 1969. By that point, the U.S. government had deployed 543,000 troops to Vietnam.
- The last American ground troops left Vietnam on March 29, 1973. Fighting between the North and South Vietnamese would continue for two more years, but the United States would not return to Vietnam.

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# How to show your support for veterans

Supporting veterans is a worthy endeavor at any time of year, though such efforts tend to be more prominent in November. Veterans Day is celebrated annually on November 11 in honor of the millions of individuals across the United States who are military veterans. The day coincides with holidays such as Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other countries and also honor military veterans.

There's no denying that veterans need the support of the people whose freedoms they protect. According to a 2021 study from researchers at Brown University's Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, the percentage of veterans with disabilities is significantly higher among post-9/11 veterans (40 percent) than it was with veterans from previous eras (25 percent for Gulf War I veterans and 13 percent for veterans of previous wars). Veterans can benefit from support legislated by elected officials in Washington, D.C., but there's also many things ordinary citizens can do to show how much they appreciate the sacrifices veterans and their families have made and will make in the years to come.

- Visit wounded veterans. The United States Census Bureau reports that more than one-third of the nearly 3.8 million men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces since September 2001 have a service-connected disability. Many of these individuals are fighting to overcome physical injuries sustained while on active duty. Individuals who want to show their support for veterans can contact their local VA facility to arrange a visit to wounded veterans. Such visits can lift veterans' spirits and reassure them that their sacrifices are both acknowledged and appreciated.

- Support legislation that supports veterans. Though it might seem like a no-brainer, legislation to support veterans often faces an uphill battle to get passed. By supporting legislation that ensures veterans get the support they need, individuals can send a message to veterans that

they haven't been forgotten and that the very democratic principles they fought to protect are alive and well. Citizens can write letters to their elected officials, urging them to support veteran-friendly legislation, and raise awareness of bills and laws through social media.

- Help raise awareness about homeless veterans. Data from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development estimates that approximately 40,000 veterans are homeless on any given night. But that figure doesn't tell the whole story, as the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans notes that, over the course of a year, roughly twice that many veterans experience homelessness. The NCHV believes that programs to assist homeless veterans should focus on helping them reach a point where they can obtain and sustain gainful employment. In addition, the NCHV feels that the most effective programs are community-based, nonprofit, "veterans helping veterans" groups. Individuals can offer their support to such groups through financial donations or other means so they can continue to ensure no veteran sleeps on the street.

Veterans Day is a time to show veterans that their service and sacrifices are not taken for granted. Visiting wounded veterans and sup-

porting efforts to ensure veterans get what they need to live full, healthy and happy lives is a great way to send the message that veterans are appreciated.



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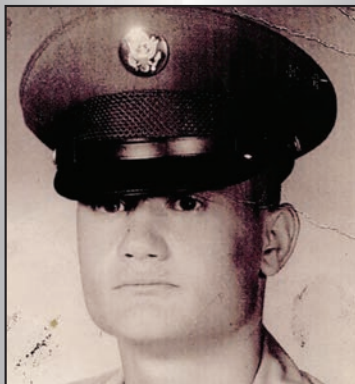
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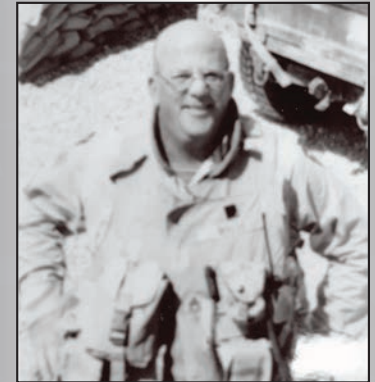
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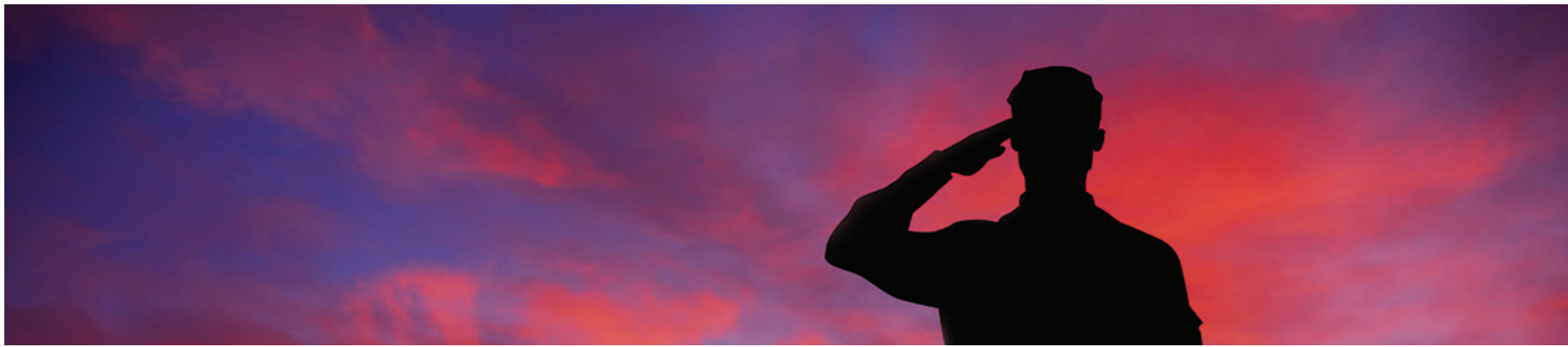
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## Interesting facts about Veterans Day

Each November, individuals across the United States gather to remember and honor the brave men and women who devoted their lives to maintaining the freedoms U.S. residents continue to enjoy. Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11 and pays tribute to all American veterans — including the living and deceased — but especially thanks the living veterans who served honorably during war or peacetime, according to History.com.

Veterans Day originally was known as Armistice Day, which was established to commemorate the end of World War I. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday to Veterans Day in an effort to recognize all veterans. That name change is just one of many interesting facts about Veterans Day.

• November 11, 1918, was largely considered the end of the “war to end all wars,” even

though the Treaty of Versailles, which officially ended World War I, was signed roughly seven months later on June 28, 1919.

• While Veterans Day is an American holiday, Canada, Great Britain, Australia, and France also honor the veterans of World War I and World War II on or near November 11th. Canada celebrates Remembrance Day, while Britain observes Remembrance Sunday each year on the second Sunday of November.

• Data from the Department of Veterans Affairs says there are around 19 million U.S. veterans as of

2021.

• Arlington National Cemetery outside of Washington, D.C., holds an annual memorial service on both Memorial Day and Veterans Day. That cemetery is home to the graves of more than 400,000 people, most of whom served in the military.

• Gulf War-era veterans now account for the largest percentage of all U.S. veterans, surpassing the number of Vietnam War-era veterans by almost two million, according to the VA.

• Memorial Day is a time to remember those who died in battle or from wounds suffered in battle. However, Veterans Day honors all of the people who served their country, including both living and deceased veterans.

• The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates women make up approximately 10 percent of the veteran population. By 2025, that number is expected to climb to 12 percent.

• In 2016, President Barack Obama signed the Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act. At 3:11 p.m. (Atlantic Standard Time) on Veterans Day, a moment of silence is observed and continues for 120 seconds.

• The last living American WWI veteran died in 2011. His name was Frank Buckles.

• In 2021, 37 percent of veterans were age 70 and older, according to Pew Research. An additional 36 percent of veterans were between the ages of 50 and 69.

• The U.S. Census Bureau indicates the percentage of the American population with military experience is on the decline. In 2018, about 7 percent of U.S. adults were veterans, down from 18 percent in 1980.

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