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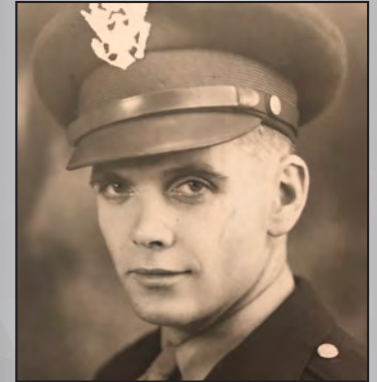


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BY GENEVA WILDCAT

Rowdy and James Elrod have dedicated their lives in the service of others, both within the military and their own communities—an unwavering devotion that deserves to be recognized and commended. Coming from a long line of military heroes—her father, Bobby Webb, being in the Special Forces in the Army during Vietnam, a grandfather, Ernest Webb who was one of the last Mounted Infantry of World War II, and another grandfather who was one of the first jet mechanics in the Air Force in Korea—Rowdy knew that the military was where she needed to be.

After graduating high school, Rowdy attended college but plans quickly changed when her mother passed away at the age of 42 from cancer. “It made me want to do what I had always wanted to do and either was afraid of or felt obligated to do other things,” she said. “So I’m the first female to ever serve in my family.”

Rowdy enlisted in the Air Force in 2000 where she went through Boot Camp at Great Lakes. In 2001 at

her first duty at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida, the news broke of the terrorist attacks in New York.

“It was just..shocking. Everyone tried to call home and all the phone lines were down. Everybody was trying to call somebody somewhere. That was probably the scariest day of my life because I’m an Air Controller, so we spent the entire day putting aircrafts on the ground and making sure no aircrafts were going through. All the bombings came from planes, so they locked down the base and we went from going out of town and having weekends off to being locked down for weeks.”

“Because we were on the Florida coast, we ran the risk of are we next? We all knew going in that we ran the potential but it had been so long that we had become comfortable. But when it happened, we all just ran into motion. I remember calling home and saying this is it.”

After being stationed in California with TACRON 11 from 2004-2006 and then with TACRON 12 from 2006-2009 as a Tactical Air Combat Control-



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serve the community in a different way, and they both agree that pushing them to join the military was unnecessary in that it's not the only way to serve.

"There's a saying by John Adams-I must study politics and war, that our sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy," Rowdy said. "They both do a lot of volunteer work and they help with the VFW. We just

want them to give back and be a good person."

"I think there's just this mindset of values of what each person wants. I think truly finding one's purpose is going to drive them into the direction of service," James said. "If it's service to their country, or community, or family, it's all valuable and commendable. There's always a way to serve the greater good."

While both have an impressive story to tell, neither of them believe one's story is bigger or better than the other. To hear them both speak highly and lovingly of one another made this editor smile.

"Rowdy is the driving force, she's always been there for me. I truly wouldn't be where I'm at if it wasn't for her. She is the tide that raises all ships."

ler providing air support for ground troops, she served in the Reserves and also worked for Homeland Security as a detection enforcement officer patrolling the borders before coming back home to Pampa to take care of her grandparents.

She married James Elrod in 2005 who was climbing in the ranks within his own military career.

James enlisted in the Marines in 2002 and saw it as an opportunity to see the world, something he never dreamed he would've been able to do otherwise coming from a small Texas town, but the events of 9/11 was the driving force.

After completing basic, he became an infantry rifleman and joined the First Battalion where he did two combat deployments and was part of the initial invasion of Iraq.

James re-enlisted to become a combat instructor and later attended college during active duty. Right now, James serves as an Officer and is currently attending the Naval War College where he is currently working on a Master's Degree.

Rowdy and James have two sons that

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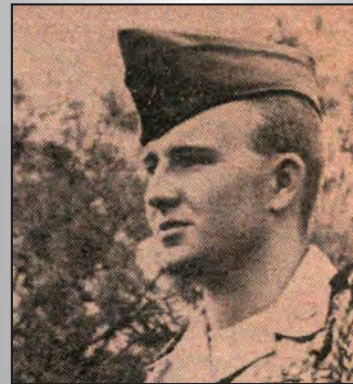
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Toribio "Pat" Montoya

US Air Force
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LOADING—A2C Toribio Montoya directs cargo into place on his truck the morning of the departure. This is where the skill of the loadmaster comes into being.



ROADSIDE STOP—during the long drive the men stop every so often to flex their muscles and take a break. During these breaks he man check their vehicles for anything which may be a for anything which may be a hazard if overlooked too long.



RIVERSIDE DRIVE—once the main road and the men of mule train take any service which will support the vehicle. On some occasions are you in the surface is strong enough—like water.



ANOTHER DIP—As the men of Mule Train go about their business over the countryside of the Republic of Korea it often becomes a giant game of follow-the-leader; also the leaders dust.

Base 'Mule Train' Drivers

OSAN—Ever since armies took to the fields more than 2000 years ago logistics has been the ever recurring problem: getting the right amount of the right item at the right place at the right time. There is a certain romance about the red ball express which supplied the front lines and from ports on the English Channel during World War II. The legend of the "Red Ball Express" is now alive only in the history books but here with the United Nations Command in Korea there is a similar group who are writing their own chapters day by day. These men are a collection of loadmasters, mechanics, pathfinders, mountain climbers, daredevils, public relations men and, of course, drivers. These are the men of "Mule Train."

Headquartered at Osan, the men and vehicles of Mule Train cover many miles of roads, trails, and marked paths from the island of Cheju-Do in the south to P-Y-Do, a U.N. held island offshore of communist controlled North Korea. They haul or carry anything from small radio tubes to truck full cargos weighing many tons. Not only are the conditions sometimes other than favorable there are occasions when these men deserve

hazardous duty pay. This is for hauling highly flammable materials and ammunition. In the past, on occasional runs to P-Y-Do, they come under fire from communist shore installations. Like any operational organization these men have their slack season but make up for it in the fall when the race with the winter begins to supply remote sites before the snow and ice set in.

Recently this reporter had the pleasure of a accompanying a Mule Train unit you know you week long trip into the field. This is how it looked: We are alerted the Friday afternoon before to take off Monday morning. The convoy is composed of three trucks: one pick up to be delivered to Taegue and the two military series filled with supplies for the radar site at at Palgone-San. It is a routine trip.

One of the first things I notice is the drivers skill at the wheel and their patience as they roll along at 20 to 22 mph. A driver and assistant driver is usually assigned to each vehicle. The assistant driver in the lead vehicle is usually the navigator as well. For the first half of the trip I was in the number two vehicle. The pick-up truck ahead of us stirs up just

enough dust to give me an idea of what it could be in a convoy of many trucks.

By the end of the first day all of the excitement of taking a trip is somewhat lessened for the ride takes it's affect. We spend the first night on the road in sleeping bags in the back of the trucks. It's not too cold yet but the worst of it is the road dust which has accumulated in the truck. Everytime someone turns over there is a small dust storm hand of course much coughing.

The following morning we are on the road just after daybreak and this is where the real trip begins. Somewhere along the way the pickup truck, driven by A2C Charles Jezerinac heads in another direction and we eventually turn off the Military Supply Route. Here the slow speed of 20 mph lessens as driving conditions become worse. What is considered a road is just a semi graded mark path. By mid afternoon we take a break and the driver, A1C Gary E. Kirby, points up the valley floor to a small speck on the profile of a distant mountain. "There" he says, "is our destination." The closer we get to our destination the



HEAD IN THE CLOUDS—Approximately three minutes before this photo was taken the sun was almost blinding. Here the passing cloud clings to the mountain-top installation giving the atmosphere of a pea-soup fog.



MOUNTAIN CLIMBING—Once across the valley floor the path becomes upward then onward at the top they are at an altitude of over 4,000 feet.

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Wayne A. "Butch" Leatherman, Sr.

US Air Force
Vietnam War
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Blaze Roads, Trails Also

lesser the road is. As we bounce along the valley floor over fields and through Creek beds I think of how rough it actually is but then consider the guys in the truck behind us. There A1C Benjamin Walangitang and A2C Toribio Montoya face everything we face but also there is our dust and mud to contend with.

For a while I tried to decide which is worse, the driving conditions or the dust which is over every part of me, the driver, and the truck. My eyes begin to burn and when I try to wipe them I find a layer of grime. Last of all there is the grit in my mouth. Nothing is free of the dust.

By the time we cross the valley floor I feel it could be no worse but the trip is an education for me in road conditions in Korea and the conditions do decrease. As the truck lumbers up the steep grades to the mountain top I find I must hold my cameras suspended in front of me to minimize the shock passing through the cab of the truck. A few times from where I sit there doesn't seem to be any road ahead for us but the driver uses his professional approach and we keep on going. The only defense to the bouncing around is two tighten the seat belt, brace my feet firmly on the floor, and arch my shoulders against the back of the seat. Hence, it's not so bad but as I am enjoying my newly found comfort I look over at Airman Kirby. He is not as fortunate as I embracing himself but instead is steering, shifting, gearing down, operating the pedals and keeping the truck on the road. For a while sound is blotted out for the noise of the engine almost makes me deaf.

As we get to the top its

mountainside; that is the hardest part of all. Four days after leaving we return. By then we are no longer sore but instead are numb. It's been a routine trip for the man of Mule Train. They have just traveled over 400 miles of some of the worst terrain in Korea. They have done their job and report to the duty the following day where they are briefed on another "drive to the country". These are the men of Mule Train.

The following morning the job is complete. We have spent a night and tired our hands had hot showers and a hot meal. As we start our return trip I find that it's the same except for the portion coming down the



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SSgt. Joseph Covolo Jr.



VIEW FROM BELOW — About midway through the valley the site appears in profile on the mountain top. (This was taken with a telephoto lense.)



DINNER TIME AND GOOD WILL—A2C Toribio Montoya breaks his fast during a meal break he finds enough to share with local children. This was their first encounter with SPAM and the results were quite favorable. The men of Mule Train are among the best representatives of U.S. Forces in this country.



ROAD MAINTENANCE—Convoy commander A1C Gary E. Kirby prepares to pitch-in with A2C Toribio Montoya as a tire change becomes necessary.



PERSONAL HYGIENE—Following road maintenance A1C Benjamin T. Walangitang right, and A2C Toribio Montoya clean-up in a mountain stream. The bridge in the background has a surface far different from the roads at either end.

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James Andrew Epps

US Air Force
Vietnam Era
Served 1958-1962

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Jimmy Craig

US Marines
Vietnam War
Served 2 years



PUBLIC RELATION MEN—Following the twenty minute tire change A2C Toribio Montoya, left and A2C Charles Jezerinac post with a group of newly found friends.



VIEW FROM ABOVE—Mountain-top sites have good and bad points from the standpoint of the personnel stationed there. Whatever the case I could not help but notice the view, when the clouds passed. Note the clouds at eye level off in the distance.

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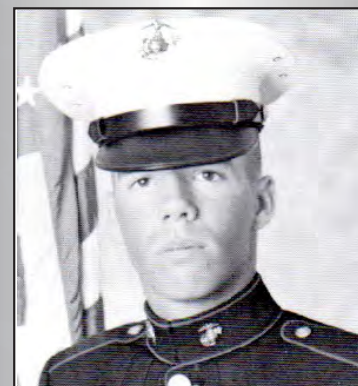
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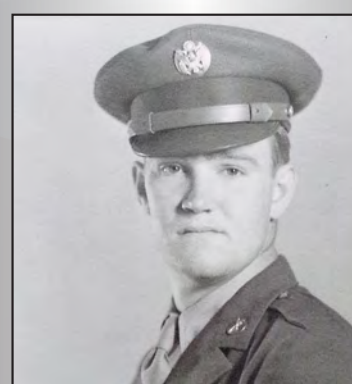
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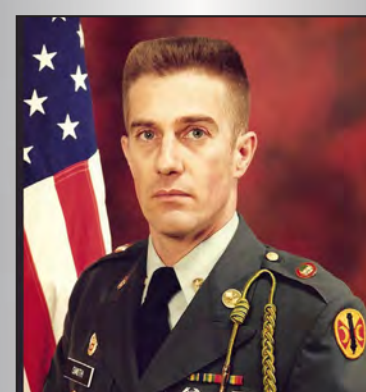
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Vietnam

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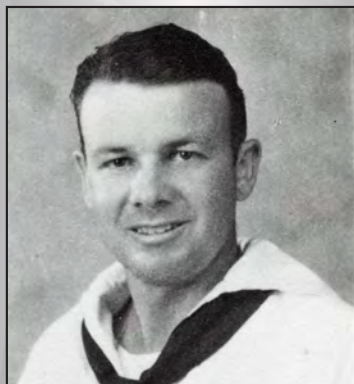
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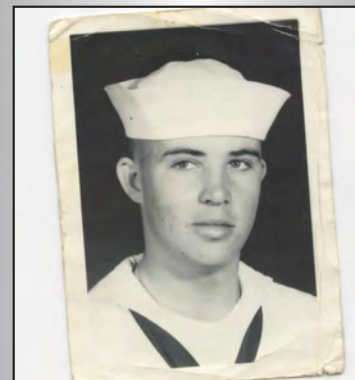
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Speech Given During the 2024 Quilt of Valor Ceremony and Banquet

BY JOAN GRAY-SORIA, COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT -
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At this time, the Fashion and Interior Design Project members have a special award to present to two outstanding men. These young people worked diligently to develop their sewing skills and create a Quilt of Valor to honor a deserving veteran for their service to our country.

Each member made at least one block, putting their time, effort, and love into these quilts as a meaningful way to show their appreciation.

The following 1st Year 4-H members constructed this Quilt of Valor: Evelyn Arrington, Nora Craig, Audri Cross, Raylee Knox, Ellie Morton, Stephanie Price, Kate Pritchett, Angelique Ritchie, and Allie Rogers.

It is a great honor to stand before you today to present a Quilt of Valor to a distinguished individual, Maurice Cross. This quilt is a symbol of our deep respect and gratitude for your service to our country. Maurice, you served in the United States Navy from 1964 to 1968, a time when our nation faced significant challenges both at home and abroad. Your com-

mitment to defending our freedoms and upholding the values we hold dear during this critical period is truly inspiring. You have shown unwavering courage in the face of adversity, and your sacrifice has not gone unnoticed.

This quilt is more than just fabric; it is a tangible expression of our collective appreciation for the sacrifices you have made. Each stitch represents the love, respect, and gratitude of a grateful nation.

As you wrap yourself in this quilt, may it bring you comfort and remind you of the warmth of our gratitude. May it serve as a reminder that your service is valued, and your bravery is cherished.

Maurice, on behalf of all of us here today, and on behalf of the entire community, we present this Quilt of Valor to you with heartfelt thanks. Thank you for your service, your sacrifice, and your unwavering dedication to our country.

The following Advanced Sewing 4-H members constructed this Quilt of Valor:

Harbor Baldrige, Sailor Baldrige, McKinley Clark, Harper Nachtigall, Brycen Epperson, and

Nicky Price.

Today, we gather to honor a man whose bravery and service to our nation exemplify the highest ideals of duty and sacrifice. It is my privilege to present this Quilt of Valor to Mike Wesbrooks.

Mike served in the United States Army as a Specialist 5th Class from 1967 to 1970. He completed his basic training at Fort Bliss and, Christmas 1967, deployed to Vietnam—a deployment that would place him at the heart of one of the most intense and critical periods of the war: the TET Offensive.

During his time in Vietnam, Mike faced unimaginable challenges, including exposure to Agent Orange, a harmful chemical that has had long-lasting effects on many who served. Despite these hardships, Mike demonstrated extraordinary courage and resilience, standing firm in the face of overwhelming adversity. His commitment to his comrades and his country during this time is a testament to his strength and character.

This Quilt of Valor is a symbol of our deep respect

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and gratitude. Each stitch in this quilt represents the honor and appreciation of a grateful nation. It is a tangible reminder of the sacrifices you made and the service you rendered in defense of our freedom.

As you wrap yourself in this quilt, Mike, may it bring you comfort and peace. May it remind you that your

bravery has not been forgotten, and that your service is deeply valued by all of us.

On behalf of everyone here today, and on behalf of a grateful nation, we present this Quilt of Valor to you with profound thanks.

Thank you, Mike, for your service, your sacrifice, and your unwavering dedication to our country.



Debbie Black explaining the Quilts of Valor program to young 4-H Members



First Year Sewers wrapping Maurice Cross

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Advanced Sewers wrapping Mike Wesbrooks



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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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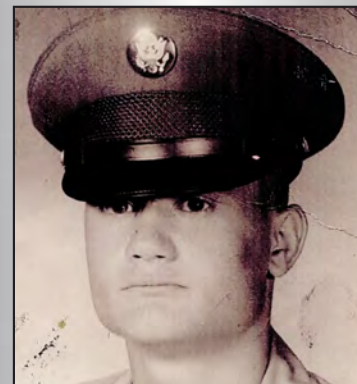
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*US Air Force
1974-1984*

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Dunn**

*US Army
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3 Purple Hearts*

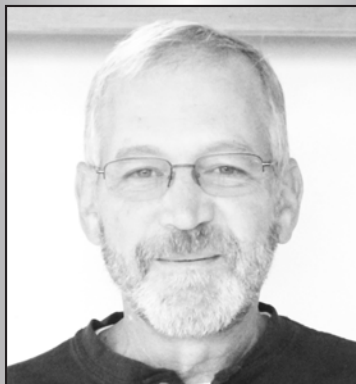
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Buck**

*US Army
1944-1947
World War II*

In honor of



Craig Letz

*US Navy
1982-1989*

In honor of



**Granville Gene
Harkrader**

*US Air Force
Lt. 1954-1960*

In honor of



**James Lyle
Gibson**

*US Navy
World War II
1943-1945*

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In honor of



**Mark
Mobbley**

US Army
Sgt
Iraq 2003-2010

In memory of



**Paul A.
Paters**

US Navy
1943-1947
Aviation

In honor of



**Dewey
Wheat Sr.**

WWII

In honor of



**Francisco J.
Solis**

US Army
Operation Iraqi
Freedom

In honor of



**Morgan
Cartwright**

WWI
Distinction of delivering Allied
Commander Marshall Foch's mes-
sage to the troops in the trenches
ordering the armistice of hostiles
on November 11, 1918.

In honor of



**John
Reeves**

Vietnam
PFC
1976-1977

In honor of



**Ernest Sanchez
Gonzales**

USAF Security
Polieman

In honor of



**Helen
Kennedy**

US Army
Staff Sgt
1995-2017

THANK YOU
for your service



In honor of



**James
Elrod**

US Marine Corps.
Served 2002 - Present
*Operation Iraqi
Freedom
Afghanistan Campaign*

In honor of



**James
Robinson**

US Army
Iraq

In honor of



**Joshua M.
Pearce**

US Army
2nd Battalion
1st Infantry
172nd Stryker Brigade
Combat Team

In honor of



**Leon
Barrow**

US Army

In honor of



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Rankin**

US Army

In honor of



**Jeremy
Light**

US Army

In honor of



**Trace
Leftwich**

USMC
2015 - present

In honor of



**William
White**

US Army
Staff Sgt
Operation Iraqi
Freedom
1986-2006

THANK YOU
for your service



In memory of



**Johnny
Doan**

Airforce
Stationed in
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1985-1988

In memory of



**W.M. (Bill)
Sims**

Army
World War II
1942-1945

In memory of



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Korea

In honor of



**Ollie Wilson
Lowe**

US Navy
Served 1999-2007

In memory of



**Ollie
Lowe**

US Navy
Served 1950-1954

In memory of



**Johnnie Wilson
Lowe**

US Navy
Served 1950-1954

In honor of



**Trey
Shay**

CPL Marines
2005-2014

**David
Milburn**

LCPL Marines
2008-2011

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.

To all who served,

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