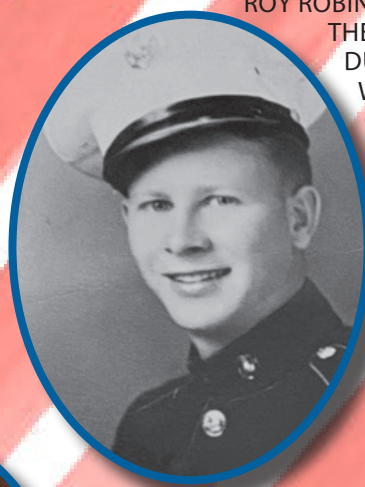




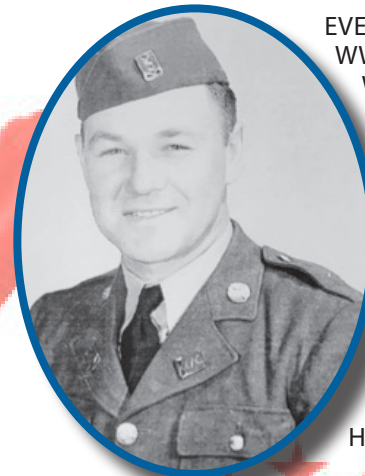
JAY MCGAUGHEY STOPS TO VISIT THE GRAVE SITE OF A FAMILY MEMBER AND FELLOW SOLDIER, ROBERT MCGAUGHEY, IN BELGIUM. JAY MCGAUGHEY SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY DURING WWII.

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ROY ROBINSON SERVED IN THE U.S. MARINES DURING WWII. HE WAS STATIONED ON WAKE ISLAND WHEN IT WAS TAKEN BY THE JAPANESE IN DECEMBER 1941. HE WAS A POW FOR FOUR YEARS.

Courtesy photo



EVERETT MEYER SERVED DURING WWII FROM 1941-1945. HE WAS WOUNDED AND RECEIVED THE PURPLE HEART. DURING HIS TIME IN THE SERVICE, HE WAS A POW IN A GERMAN PRISON CAMP. WHEN HE WAS LIBERATED FROM THAT CAMP, HE WALKED ACROSS GERMANY, POLAND AND INTO RUSSIA, WHERE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ARRANGED HIS PASSAGE HOME.

Courtesy Photo



CAPTAIN CLAUDE ALEXANDER SERVED DURING THE VIETNAM WAR AS AN ARMY RANGER. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT. HE WAS A RECIPIENT OF A PURPLE HEART AND THE BRONZE STAR. SEE MORE ABOUT HIS TIME IN THE SERVICE, PAGE 10.

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SERGEANT WARD WICKWAR SERVED DURING WWII IN THE ARMY AIR CORPS. HE WAS A TAIL-GUNNER FOR A

B-17. WICKWAR WAS SHOT DOWN OVER GERMANY APRIL 29, 1944 AND WAS A POW DURING HIS SERVICE TIME.

Courtesy photo




ROGER A. FLUMMERFELT POSES WITH SOME OF THE MEN HE SERVED WITH DURING VIETNAM. THE FOUR SOLDIERS WERE PREPARING TO JUMP AS PART OF THEIR PARA-TROOPER TRAINING IN THE 1970S. READ ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE IN THE MILITARY, PAGE 13.

Photo courtesy of Roger A. Flummerfelt


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(ABOVE) FRED BORTHWICK (RIGHT SIDE) AND SOME OF HIS FELLOW SOLDIERS POSE FOR A PHOTO ON ENGIBE ISLAND DURING WWII. (ABOVE RIGHT) PAUL WALTERS WITH HIS SQUADRON IN INDIA DURING WWII. (PHOTO RIGHT) RAYMOND FORT, U.S. NAVY IN MARCH 1946 WITH SOME OF HIS FELLOW SAILORS.



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Ensign  
William H. Cantrell  
U.S. Navy, WWII

**William H. Cantrell** enlisted in the United States Navy and attained the rank of Ensign. He served during WWII.

Cantrell was declared missing and ultimately declared dead on April 29, 1945. Circumstances attributed to missing in action or lost at sea. He was buried or memorialized at Normandy American Cemetery, Collevillesur-Mer, France.

Some awards he may have received or qualified for include the Purple Heart, the American Campaign Medal, the WWII Victory Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon.



Private 1st Class  
Eloy Gutierrez  
U.S. Army, WWII

Grant County resident **Eloy Gutierrez** enlisted in the United States Army and served during WWII. He attained the

rank of Private First Class. Gutierrez served with the 37th Infantry Division, 145th Infantry Regiment.

He experienced a traumatic event which resulted in the loss of his life on April 21, 1945. He was buried or memorialized in Manila Philippines.

Some awards he may have received or qualified for include Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal



Flight Officer  
HUBERT HAMPTON  
U.S. Army, WWII

Grant County resident, **Hubert P. Hampton** enlisted in the Army Air Forces and served during World War II, with the Ferry Command. He attained the ranks of Commissioned Flight Officer and then 2nd Lieutenant in May 1943. Hampton experienced a critical situation on June 5, 1943, which resulted in the loss of his life. Hampton was killed when his A-20 Douglas attack

Bomber crash landed in Idaho's Teton Mountains. Recorded circumstances about his death were attributed to DNB – Died non-battle.

Some awards Hampton may have received or qualified for include American Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

Hubert's military suitcase he had while in serving was returned to his family upon his death. His wife is said to have sent it to his sister, telling her she herself had not had the heart to open the suitcase; however, the sister could if she wanted to. The suitcase is now part of a military display at the Historic Adobe Museum in Ulysses.

Hubert was one of two sons of Willie and Vallie Hampton lost in WWII.



THIS SUITCASE BELONGED TO HUBERT P. HAMPTON, A FLIGHT OFFICER WHO SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING WWII. HAMPTON WAS KILLED WHILE SERVING AND THE SUITCASE WAS SENT TO HIS WIFE. IT IS NOW ON DISPLAY AT THE HISTORIC ADOBE MUSEUM.

Photo by Nancy Kletecka



Private 1st Class  
Eugene Allen  
U.S. Army, WWII

Grant County resident **Eugene Allen** enlisted in the United States Army. He served during WWII and attained the rank of Private First Class. He served with the 5307th Composite Unit.

He was declared missing and ultimately declared dead on March 29, 1944. His recorded circumstances are missing in action or

lost at sea. He was buried or memorialized at Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery, Manila Philippines.

Some awards he may have received or qualified for include the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, the American Campaign Medal, the WWII Victory Medal.

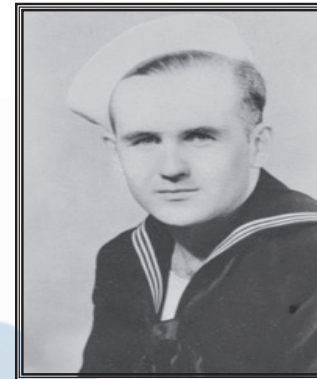


Seaman 1st Class  
Raymond L. Tarbet  
U.S. Navy, WWII

Kansas resident **Raymond L. Tarbet** enlisted in the United States Navy and served during WWII. He attained the rank of Enlisted and his occupation or specialty was Seaman First Class.

Tarbet was declared missing in action and ultimately declared dead July 11, 1944. He was buried or memorialized at Tablets of the missing at Sicily-Rome American Cemetery, Nettuno, Italy.

Some awards he may have received or qualified for include the Purple Heart, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal and Combat Action Ribbon.



Fireman 1st Class  
J.D. HAMPTON  
U.S. Navy, WWII

Meade County resident and brother of Grant County resident Hubert Hampton, **J.D. Hampton** enlisted in the United States Navy. He served during WWII and attained the rank of Enlisted. His occupation or specialty was Fireman First Class. He served with the USS Arizona.

J.D. Hampton lost his life after Japanese Planes attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, at 7:55 a.m., December 7, 1941. A second assault wave hit an hour later. A total of 2,323 service men lost their lives that day. Hampton was declared missing and ultimately declared dead, when the battleship Arizona sank. Recorded circumstances list him as Missing in Action or lost at sea. He was buried or memorialized at Tablets of the Missing at Honolulu Memorial, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Some awards he may have received or may have been qualified for include the Purple Heart, the American Campaign Medal, the WWII Victory Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

J.D. was one of two sons of Willie and Vallie Hampton lost in WWII.

See KIA, Page 6





Private 1st Class  
Alva L. Dunsworth  
U.S. Army, WWII

**Alva L. Dunsworth** enlisted in the United States Army, serving during the Korean War. He attained the rank of Private First Class and his occupation or specialty was Light Weapons Infantryman. He served with the 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division.

Dunsworth experienced a traumatic event resulting in the loss of his life September 27, 1950, in or around South Korea.

Some awards he may have received or qualified for include Combat Infantryman Badge, Korean Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Korea War Service Medal, and the United Nations Service Medal.



U.S. Merchant Marine  
W. Verl Howard

W. Verl Howard served as a U.S. Merchant Marine. He was born August 14, 1914, and died November 25, 1943, at sea.

Private 1st Class

# All Gave Some, Some Gave All

KIA *Continued from page 5*



Darrell R. Bowling  
U.S. Army, Korea

**Darrell Bowling** enlisted in the United States Army and served during the Korean War, attaining the rank of Private First Class. His occupation or specialty was Fire Fighter. Bowling served with

Headquarters, Division Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division. He experienced a traumatic event which resulted in the loss of his life on October 13, 1950, in or around South Korea.

Some awards he may have received or qualified for include Combat Infantryman Badge, Korean Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Korea War Service Medal, and United Nations Service Medal.

Private 1st Class



Herschel D. Basler  
U.S. Army, WWII

Grant County resident **Herschel D. Basler** enlisted in the United States Army. He served during WWII. He attained the rank of Private First Class. He served with the 5th Infantry Division, 11th

Infantry Regiment.

Basler experienced a traumatic event which resulted in the loss of his life on February 9, 1945. His circumstances attributed to Killed in Action. He was buried or memorialized at Luxembourg American Cemetery, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg.

Some awards he may have received or qualified for include the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman Badge, American Campaign Medal, the WWII Victory

Medal.

Private 1st Class

WO Brewer



U.S. Army, WWII

**WO Brewer** enlisted in the United States Army. He attained the rank of Private First Class. Brewer experienced a traumatic event which resulted in the loss of his life. Circumstances attributed to KIA. Some of the awards he may have received or may have been qualified for include the American Campaign Medal, the WWII Victory Medal, and the Purple Heart.

## America's Wars ~ Department Of Veteran Affairs

### American Revolution (1775-1783)

U.S. Servicemembers: 217,000

Battle Deaths 4,435; Wounded, 6,188

### War of 1812 (1812-1815)

U.S. Servicemembers: 286,730

Battle Deaths 2,260; Wounded, 4,505

### Indian Wars (approx. 1817-1898)

U.S. Servicemembers (VA estimate) 106,000

Battle Deaths (VA estimate) 1,000

### Mexican War (1846-1848)

U.S. Servicemembers 78,718

Deaths: Battle, 1,733; (In Theater) 11,550; Wounded, 4,152

### Civil War (1861-1865)

U.S. Servicemembers (Union) 2,213,363

Battle Deaths (Union) 140,414

Deaths (In Theater) (Union) 224,097

Wounded (Union) 281,881

Servicemembers (Confederate), 1,050,000

Battle Deaths (Confederate), 74,524

Deaths (In Theater) (Confederate), 59,297

Wounded (Confederate) Unknown

### Spanish-American War (1898-1902)

U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide) 306,760

Deaths: Battle, 385; In Service (Non-Theater) 2,061;

Wounded, 1,662

### World War I (1917-1918)

U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide) 4,734,991

Deaths: Battle, 53,402; In Service (Non-Theater) 63,114;

Wounded 204,002

### World War II (1941-1945)

U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide) 16,112,566

Deaths: Battle, 291,557; In Service (Non-Theater) 113,842;

Wounded, 670,846

### Korean War (1950-1953)

U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide) 5,720,000

Total Serving (In Theater) 1,789,000

Deaths: Battle, 33,739; (In Theater) 2,835; In Service (Non-

Theater) 17,672; Wounded, 103,284

### Vietnam War (1964-1975)

U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide), 8,744,000

Deployed to Southeast Asia 7 3,403,000

Deaths: Battle, 47,434; (In Theater), 10,786; In Service (Non-

Theater), 32,000; Wounded, 153,303

### Desert Shield/Desert Storm (1990-1991)

U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide) 2,225,000

Deployed to Gulf 694,550

Deaths: Battle, 148; (In Theater) 235; In Service (Non-

Theater) 1,565; Wounded 467



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A VERY SPECIAL  
HUG BEFORE BEING  
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IN THIS PHOTO  
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TERRY STUART SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY AS A BLACK BERET RANGER DURING VIETNAM. HE WAS AWARDED THREE PURPLE HEARTS, THREE BRONZE STARS, A V DEVICE, A VIETNAM COMMENDATION MEDAL AND A SILVER STAR.

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Philippines



Gunner Ken Scofield  
U.S. Army Air Corps



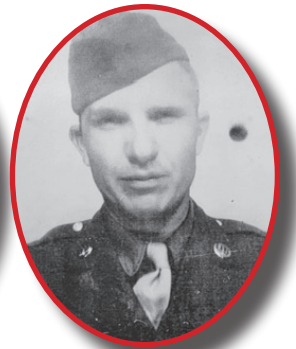
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Normandy Invasion



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U.S. Navy



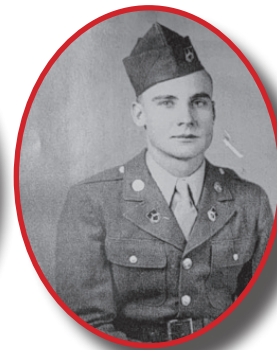
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James Windol Wise  
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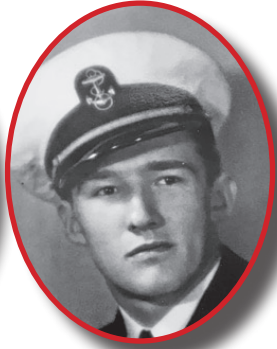
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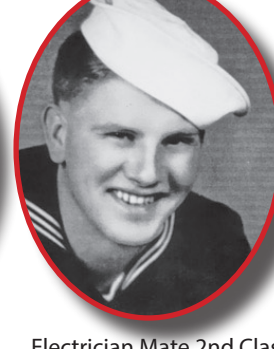
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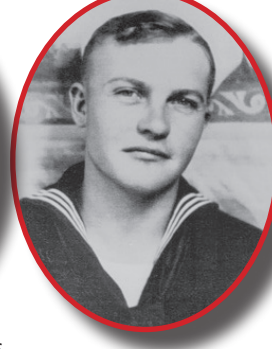
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U.S. Navy/Coast Guard  
Guantanamo Bay, Africa  
Stateside Queen Mary



2nd Lt. Cecil Lee Pucket  
U.S. Army, 137th Infantry,  
35th Division, Germany,  
France, 4 Campaigns Europe  
Purple Heart, Bronze Star



Electrician Mate 2nd Class  
Charles L. McGlohon  
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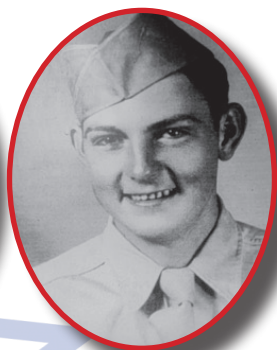
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Sgt. Harold Holt  
302 Airdrome Sqdn  
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Paul (Rink) Binney  
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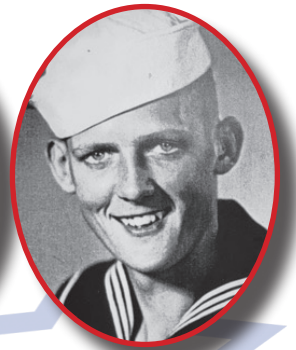
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Eugene Ratlaff  
Served In South Pacific



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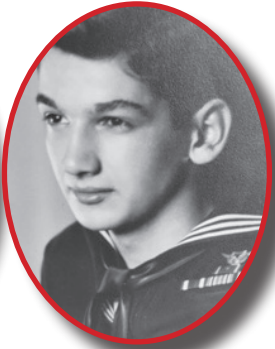
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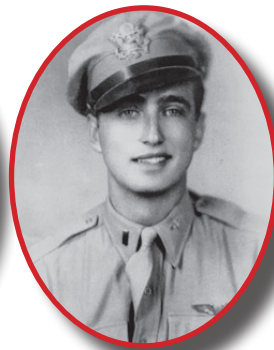
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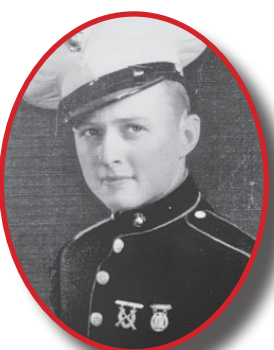
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U.S. Army  
Stationed in India



Virgil Ward  
U.S. Marine, Pacific Theatre



Dick Haefele  
U.S. Navy



Ensign William H. Cantrell  
U.S. Navy  
France



Dale Smith  
U.S. Navy  
USS Roamer, Pacific Ocean



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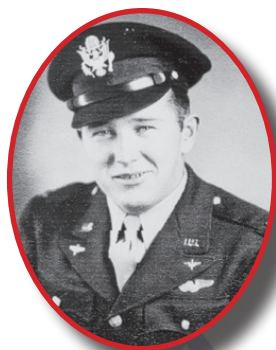
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U.S. Army  
Pacific Theatre



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Hubert Hampton  
U.S. Army Air Forces  
Ferry Command, Idaho



1st Lt. Charles Hickok  
U.S. Army Air Force  
Navigator, B24  
Pacific Theatre



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Philippines



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U.S. Navy, USS Arizona  
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii



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Alva L. Dunsworth  
U.S. Army, Korean War  
Light Weapons Infantry  
Korea



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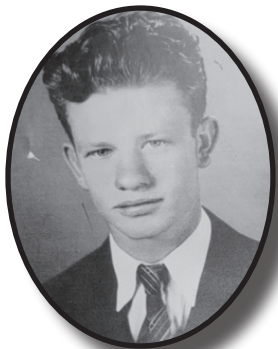
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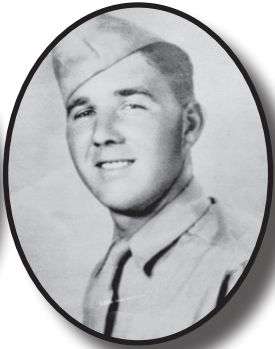




Howard (Brick) Tarbet  
U.S. Marine  
Pacific Theatre



Cecil Meyer  
U.S. Navy



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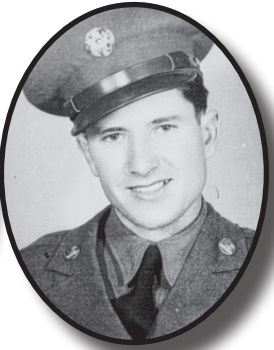
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of the Bulge, MP Guarding  
POWs



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Italy



Lloyd Hampton  
U.S. Army



Arlo Hampton  
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Italy

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Cecil D. (Kep) Kepley  
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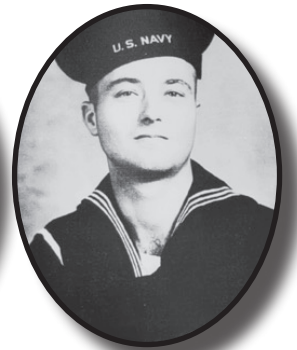
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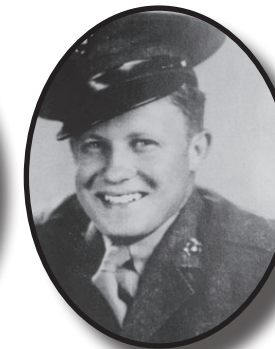
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J.L. (Leland) Allen  
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Frank Eugene Basler  
U.S. Navy



John Wolf  
U.S. Army



PVT Paul Waters  
U.S. Army Air Corp  
India



Buck Flummerfelt  
WWII





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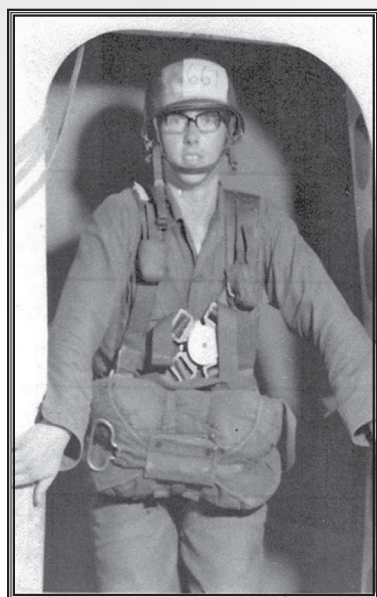
## Flummerfelt Proud To Do What His Country Asked

By Nancy Kletecka, Managing Editor

**R**oger Flummerfelt says he has always felt “a little bit guilty” but, he is also proud.

“I had it so easy and my brother and many of my friends had to go to Vietnam,” he explained. “I did what my country and the United States Army wanted me to do, and for that - I am extremely proud, but I give a lot more respect to those who actually went to Vietnam versus those who just served. I am very proud that I served. I have always been a believer in the military and serving our country.”

Flummerfelt was drafted into the United States Army October 22, 1970. He attended



ROGER FLUMMERFELT PREPARES TO JUMP DURING TRAINING AT JUMP SCHOOL WHILE SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

eight weeks of basic training at Ford Ord, California.

“After basic, I was sent to Fort Gordon Georgia to train as a 05C2P radio teletype operator. I was there for eight weeks and spent many hours wearing a headset and learning Morse code,” he said, adding, “After learning the code, I spent time training on a jeep mounted radio teletype machine.”

During that time frame when he was doing his training, the Vietnam war was winding down.

“It wasn’t over yet.... they were still drafting people, because I got drafted, but they did not send everybody to Vietnam like they did a few years prior,” Flummerfelt said. “They were sending about every third group to Vietnam and a group to Germany and/or to Japan or Korea.”

Flummerfelt’s orders came in and he would be headed to his destination following training.

“I had orders to go to Korea,” he said. “And about two or three weeks later, my brother, Andy, was going to be coming home from his second tour in Vietnam and I wanted to see him before I spent my year in Korea.”

Flummerfelt’s determination to see his brother resulted in a decision that shocked even him.

“I volunteered to go airborne,” he said. “(And) I really shocked myself for deciding to do this, because I was afraid of heights. But, I would get my 30-day leave before going to Korea and shortly after that Andy would be honorably discharged and back home. I

went to Fort Benning Georgia for Army Airborne Training, where I would undergo six weeks of training to become a paratrooper. That training was hard, but fun. I ended up making a total of five training jumps. Becoming a paratrooper was unique and something I have always been proud of.”

Once his jump school training was complete, Flummerfelt’s orders changed again.

“After I went Airborne, they changed my orders. Instead of going to Korea, I was assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina for my entire year duty station, to serve

with the 82nd Airborne Division,” he said. While there we did communication drills in the field and I made seven more jumps. Some (of the jumps) were from C130 cargo

planes that I had trained on and some were from the rear loading doors from a C141 jet. I also made one jump from a helicopter. All were low altitude jumps, so I didn’t get to stay in the air very long, but it was still fun.”

Flummerfelt was honorably discharged on April 25, 1972.

“Because I had been drafted and because the war in Vietnam was winding down, I was allowed an early out after spending one year at my duty station at Fort Bragg,” he said. “Therefore, I only spent one year, six months and three days in the Army. I have always felt a bit guilty because I had it so easy and my brother and many of my friends had to go to Vietnam. However, I did what my country and the U.S. Army

wanted me to do, and for that I am extremely proud.”

Flummerfelt’s father also served the military during WWII.

“He was in the China/Burma/India theatre and he was in the Army Airforce. They basically flew over and dropped supplies to the troops,” Flummerfelt said. “He was in the war, but my dad didn’t really see a lot

of action. But, he did have to go through the jungles, cutting down brush and fighting off snakes and everything else trying to get in to some places in order to do their job. He was usually in the skies, dropping supplies.”



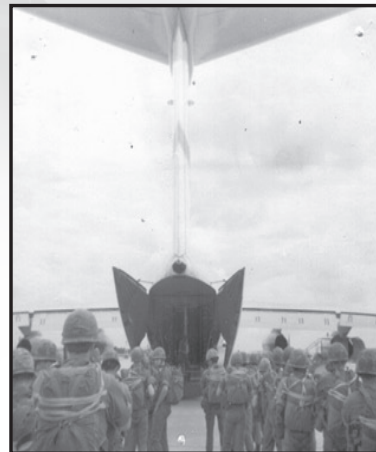
Roger Flummerfelt

Along with himself, his brother, Lyle Andrew “Andy”; and his father, Buck; Flummerfelt has had several uncles and cousins who have also served in the military.

### Coming Home

Vietnam veterans did not get the “welcome home” other war veterans before them received.

“I know some who said they got spit on and called baby killers and stuff as they came in to the airports,” Flummerfelt said. “That was a very sad thing. World War II (veterans) definitely got a warm welcome home. They were fighting for our nation to preserve our nation. This (Vietnam) was fighting in a foreign battle that most people thought was political, but we still served because our country asked us to. It was a rough war for those right in the middle of it, and for them to come home to people not thanking them... But, once they got to Ulysses - that changed. As they would go through the big city airports to get to Ulysses some got spit on, yelled at, obnoxious remarks were made



ROGER FLUMMERFELT AND FELLOW TROOPS PREPARE TO BOARD FOR FLIGHT TRAINING WHILE SERVING DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.

Courtesy photo





Buck Flummerfelt

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Once they got to Ulysses all that was over. I know one friend of mine who was parked behind a lady at a stop sign. She saw him in her rear view mirror, stopped right there, got out of her vehicle and came back and gave him a hug. There were a lot of people who served in Vietnam from little tiny



BUCK FLUMMERFELT TAKES A LITTLE TIME OUT FOR SOME FUN AND RIDES A TURTLE WHILE STATIONED IN INDIA. BUCK SERVED WITH THE ARMY AIRFORCE DURING WWII.

Courtesy Photo

Ulysses.... I never felt, and my friends have never said they had felt bad feelings - it was all good when they got to Ulysses. We were all welcomed home to Ulysses as far as I know."

Flummerfelt understands that some people don't have the same view.

"Some chose to go to the Peace Corps and I never knocked them for that. It was an opportunity given to them and it is something they chose," he said. "I respect them a lot more than those who headed to Canada to totally get away from it. (Vietnam) was a political war. It was an ugly war. A lot of people just flat didn't believe in it. Then you have the religious, conscientious objectors - that's what their belief was and I'm fine with that."

He and his fellow soldiers did what they had to do, but it was done at a cost.

"I respect those who stood up and did what our country wanted," he said. "I think we could have learned a lot more from Vietnam, it should never have happened. It was a war about money and 58,000 Americans lost their lives, including a good friend of mine from Ulysses, Dexter Harbour. He was a medic in Vietnam. (And) the ones who came back from Vietnam changed. The wars since then like the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan - they came back changed, and I don't see any real reason why we were over there either. We fought the war in Vietnam beginning in 1969 - almost nine years and then walked away. We did the same thing in Afghanistan - what's the point? The different places our troops went to and then we just pulled out - it doesn't make sense to me."

The tension in America was not just over politics at that time.

"There was a lot of stuff going on in America back then - civil rights stuff," Flummerfelt explained. "People of color were fighting side by side with different races and we learned to get along. We didn't think a thing about race when we were in the Army - didn't ever notice it, but in the outside world it (racism) was still going on. In the Army we came together and I never saw any issues with racism whatsoever. We did what we had to do. It was interesting, because I met a lot of

people from all over - New York City, Los Angeles, various rural areas like myself. (We were from) totally different lifestyles going in and working together. I became good friends with people from all over - from different areas.

We were people serving our country - young men who did our jobs."

Flummerfelt said he tries to show his respect to other veterans whenever he can.

"I try to be appreciative of other veterans and I know a lot of friends that do the same thing," he said. "Regardless of whether or not you went to war or didn't go to a war zone you served your country everybody has the same experience of basic training and the drill sergeants and how they yell at you and try to intimidate you. We all have those fun times... and then you have those real times that we don't talk about. I can talk about mine because it wasn't anything scary, but some can't."

#### *A Class Of Its Own*

"A veteran is a veteran," Flummerfelt said. "I'm considered a Vietnam veteran because I was drafted during the Vietnam war. I'm proud I'm a Vietnam veteran. There are times I wish I had gone to Vietnam and there are times I'm glad I didn't. The fact we all served is like you're in a class of your own - those who didn't can't tell the stories. We have the camaraderie of that we all served. Someone who didn't go in doesn't understand what you're talking about. It's a club I'm proud to be in. It's a class of your own."

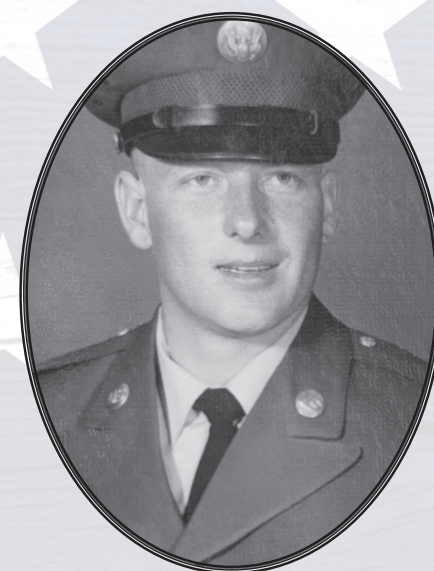
#### *Taking Care Of Our Own*

He is disappointed how veterans are treated by a nation they served to protect.

"I don't think our nation treats our veterans anywhere near the way they should," he said. "There are way too many homeless out there. It's an issue I would like to see resolved. They served their country."

Flummerfelt says some can't function once they get home.

"I wear this T-shirt that says 'Veterans' lives matter'. The 22 on it - there are 22 veterans every day who commit suicide. They can't function. They are left alone. It's sad that our country won't take care of them."



Lyle "Andy" Flummerfelt

took a long time to recognize the need to take care of veterans exposed to agent orange.... and that has killed and is still killing people in my opinion they should get their name on the wall because they died in Vietnam that's where it came from.... it should be a top priority of our nation that veterans are taken care of. It's something our country needs to get right....

#### *Lyle Andrew (Andy) Flummerfelt*

Andy Flummerfelt went into the Army in October of 1968. He went to Fort Bliss, Texas, for basic training and then to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, for AIT 12B40 Combat Engineer training. When he finished AIT, he was sent to NCO school at Fort Leonard Wood until September of 1969.

Andy was assigned to C Company, 326th Engineers, 101st Airborne Division at LZ Sally, just north of Hue when he first got in country. He moved from LZ Sally to Phu Bai and then to Camp Eagle. Andy did mine sweeps of roads, cleared old French mine fields, helped build roads, rappelled out of helicopters to clear landing zones and build firebases for the artillery and infantry. He worked with C4 explosives blowing trees down for approaches and exits from landing zones. He extended his service for nine months so he could get an early out. He was stationed his last six months doing reports for the CO. He returned to the states and was discharged in June of 1971.

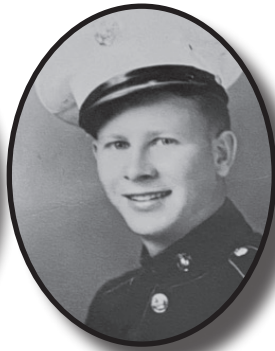




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PVT Larry Callahan  
U.S. Army  
Germany and France



Roy Robinson  
U.S. Marines  
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Warren Dale Allen  
WWII



Fred Hauser  
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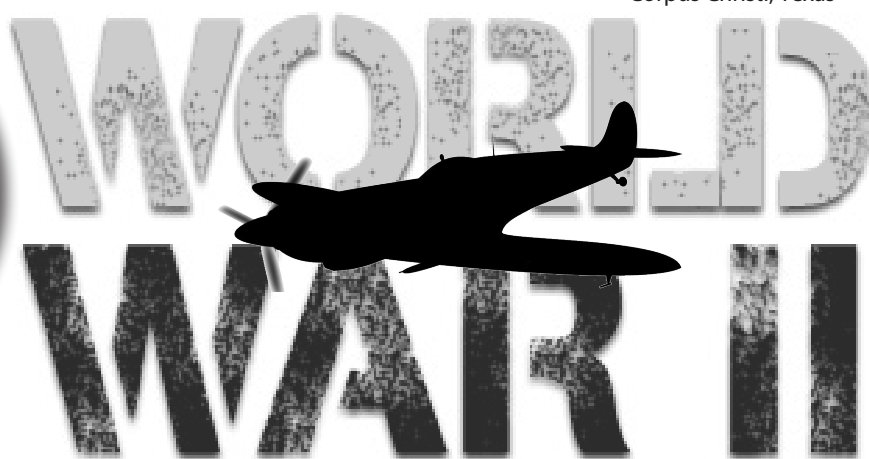
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U.S. Air Force  
POW



Everett Meyer  
Wounded & POW  
Purple Heart



Chief Warrant Officer  
Ernest R. Gall  
U.S. Navy Medical Corps  
WWII & Korea



Jay W. Randall  
U.S. Army  
England



Rex L. Schwein  
U.S. Marine  
Guam & Guadalcanal



B17 Tailgunner  
Ward Wickwar  
POW



Donald U. Hickok  
U.S. Navy Air Corps  
Navy V5 Program



John Ray Fogelman  
U.S. Navy/Coast Guard  
Guantanamo Bay, Africa  
Stateside Queen Mary



James Windol Wise  
U.S. Army Air Force



Dean Underhill  
U.S. Air Force



Eugene Ratlaff  
Served In South Pacific



Sgt. Harold Holt  
302 Airdrome Sqdn  
US Army Air Corps

# VETERANS

Veterans Day is observed annually on November 11. It's a holiday honoring men and women who have served in the U.S. armed forces, on the anniversary of the end of World War I. There 31 of the 46 presidents have served in the military. President Teddy Roosevelt earned the Medal of Honor, the highest honor in the military. The only enlisted President who didn't become an officer was James Buchanan. The U.S. Military is one of the largest providers of international aid and disaster relief.



# Harbour Gives 'All' For Fellow Soldiers



**U**lysses resident Dexter "Red" Harbour was the son of Dexter (Red) and Martha Harbour. He was the fourth of five sons. Dexter was a medic with F Troop, 17th Calvary, 196th Infantry Brigade of the American Division.

Harbour went to Vietnam June 23, 1969, and was killed in battle February 20, 1970, at a place called Hill 43. He was only 19 years old.

The legacy of the area around Hill 43 was spelled out in a June 1970 issue of Playboy Magazine. According to the article, Hill 43, BS 685-917, was not very imposing, but the Batangan Peninsula and the Athletic Field adjacent to Hill 43 was one of the toughest places on earth to stay alive.

The battle for Hill 43 started February 19, 1970, when the first platoon of F Troop found a large rice cache near Hill 43. That night, all three platoons, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, made a camp near the base of Hill 43. The morning of February 20, Battalion ordered the 1st and 2nd Platoons to spread out and push up Hill 43 on the assumption they would make contact with the enemy. Third Platoon

would be held back in a Quick Reaction Force, should they be needed. The 1st Platoon went towards the right side of the hill and was soon ambushed by rifle and machine gun fire. The 2nd Platoon responded to help the 1st Platoon and rode into a buzz saw of an ambush.

In just a few moments, the 1-4 Track, a Sheridan tank commanded by Platoon Sergeant SFC Zimmerman, was hit by an RPG. SFC Zimmerman was seriously wounded and burnt over most of his body. He was laying on top of his Sheridan tank and witnesses stated he had his clothing blown off and he was moving, but terribly wounded. The rest of his crew were killed in the explosion. As the 2nd Platoon came on line the 2-7 Platoon track ran over a 250- or 500-pound booby trapped bomb and was blown into the air, coming to rest on its top. Two soldiers were killed in the explosion and three were wounded. At this time, the 3rd Platoon was

activated as the ready reaction force and proceeded towards Hill 43. They headed towards the middle between 1st and 2nd Platoons.

Dexter was on the 3-6 track or the command track for the 3rd Platoon. As they came on line, a track to the left commanded by Sergeant White called the 3-6 track to report they had a wounded medic on board. This report put SFC Zimmerman to the right of Dexter, and the wounded medic to the left. In the heat of battle, things don't often go as planned. Dexter was to respond to the left track to treat the wounded medic, which would put him exiting from the rear of the 3-6 track. He was supposed to make a right turn to go to the track on his left, but for reasons unknown he exited the 3-6 track and made a left turn to go to the right track where SFC Zimmerman was located. Witnesses reported Dexter was on a full run towards the Zimmerman track when he was hit by machine gun fire and killed instantly.

A very intense battle continued for the rest of the day and around 7:30 in the evening, the survivors pulled back to regroup. As they pulled back, the enemy

was starting to overrun the Zimmerman track when the company commander, Captain Cartwright, ordered an air strike in what was known as (Danger Close) and the air strikes were carried out all night, as needed. Both Zimmerman and Dexter's bodies were recovered the next day. Evidence at the scene indicated that SFC Zimmerman had been executed in the night by being shot in the head.

On the night of February 20, at approximately 11:55 p.m., the S-3 reported the losses as follows: 11 soldiers killed in action, three missing in action, and 31 wounded in action. In addition, 1 Sheridan tank and one armored personnel carrier (APC) were totally destroyed and one more Sheridan and one APC were damaged, but operational.

The next day, the battle continued and lasted most of the day before the enemy withdrew. In this battle, K Troop lost a total of 14 soldiers killed and 29 wounded with the missing in action accounted for and the wounded revised down from 31 to 29, which at the time was the largest loss of life in 1970 and was the largest single loss of life in the history of F Troop.

"This man died trying to help others. I know as I was there and watched it happen. We'll all miss you Red! You haven't been forgotten."

- Friend and Crew Member, John Schreckengost

"A short life for such a big man. You gave your life trying to save another. I'll never forget you or what you did. HERO doesn't seem to say enough."

- Fellow F Trooper and Friend, Mike Shannahan

"There is a lot I can say about Dexter, but the most important would be he was a good friend and good soldier. He was fun to be with and I am honored to have served with him in Vietnam."

- Friend, Larry Johnson

"Red was the one who taught me the ropes in Vietnam, (I) and the 3rd Platoon knew and respected old Red as a nice mannered, funny, laid back, and brave trooper."

- Fellow Medic, Doc McKnight