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# GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS SCHOOLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Spring 2019

Bringing People Together while Promoting the Grandview Heights School System

Have a great memory about your days at GHHS? Please share with the extended Bobcat family! Email your story to [GHHSAA@hotmail.com](mailto:GHHSAA@hotmail.com). Send photos!

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## President's Letter



Dear Fellow Bobcats:

Thank you for your continuing support by sending in your annual dues and especially to the many LIFE members who continue to send additional money every year. Also, thank you to the many contributors to the Paws, Big Cats, Top Cat Clubs, Special Recognition, In Honor and In Memory. The annual dues letter donations are our main source for supporting many school functions, events, groups, scholarships and producing our newsletter. Thank you all for your generous gifts!

Grandview Heights teams had another tremendous Winter sports season. The Boys Basketball Team won the District crown. The Lady Bobcats are a young team on their way up. Swimming and wrestling also had great seasons. A special shout out to Hudson Jump '19, a two-time state wrestling champion. Grandview was also strong in other extra-curricular and academic programs. Drama students put on a great show with Mamma Mia! In an academic ranking of all 618 Ohio high schools, GHHS was ranked #15, with the highest ranking in Franklin County. The Grandview Science Olympiad Team, comprised of sixth-, seventh-, eighth- and ninth-grade students, finished second in their regional competition to advance yet again to the state finals, held on April 27 at Ohio State University.

Our Spring issue is dedicated to our GHHS veterans for their service and sacrifice to our country. With pride, we list all names in this newsletter. Mark your calendars for the Memorial Day Ceremony on Thursday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the Soldiers Monument at Memorial Park at Oxley, West Second and Northwest Blvd. Also, please join us at the Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 25, at 10:00 a.m. Come and walk or ride with fellow Bobcats. We meet on Cambridge Blvd., about mid-block between First and Third avenues, at 9:30 a.m.

How long has your family been a part of the Grandview Heights school system? I'm issuing a challenge to find the family with the longest streak of consecutive years of people in Grandview schools. If your family is a contender - please let us know what years you've been Bobcat students. Read inside for more information.

There are many ways to stay in contact with GHHSAA:

Email us at [ghhsaa@hotmail.com](mailto:ghhsaa@hotmail.com)

Visit our website [www.grandviewheightsalumni.com](http://www.grandviewheightsalumni.com)

Like us on Facebook - just search "Grandview Heights High School Alumni Association"

Class pages on Facebook for specific years, including 60s Yahoo Group and 70 Yahoo Group (search for those on Facebook)

Follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/alumniGHHS](http://www.twitter.com/alumniGHHS) or [@alumniGHH](https://twitter.com/alumniGHH)

Thank you to all alumni for sending anecdotes and updates about their lives. Thanks also to our editorial staff for putting all this information into this newsletter. Without Teri Antolino Williams '74, Molly Hammer Tanner '82 and Ash Reynolds Babbitt '87, the dedicated team with true Bobcat Spirit, we wouldn't have this outstanding update! Thank you also to John Gloyd '71 for doing such a great job as our webmaster.

Go Bobcats,

Tom Smith '63



# Cat Mews

**Jack Lenhart '47**

I would like to thank Fred Hunt '48 for his very nice note regarding Coach Bill Thomas in the Winter 2018 Newsletter. Coach Thomas was a great coach. He made everything so simple and treated us all so well. We lived on Third Avenue just west of school and were moving to Second Avenue to be closer to Grandview Avenue and Dad's grocery. Coach needed a place to stay and rented the Third Avenue house after we left.

I also enjoyed Sid Hall's '53 recall of the 1955 College All-Stars / NFL game starring Ralph Guglielmi and Tad Weed. I thought back to 1951 when I had just moved to California and was rooming with a USC grad. Notre Dame played USC in LA and Ralph had a great game beating the Trojans. Wonderful memories!

**Joyce Titsch Zilles '55**

I play golf, bridge and travel with my husband Pete. Our two grandchildren and three great

grandchildren are nearby to enjoy. Our son Earl is an engineer with Honda and daughter Sara is administrator of education and outreach for the Ohio Supreme Court.

**Lynne Fulmer Hutchison '56**

I turned 80 this year. I'm thankful to be in Florida and being able to enjoy family and friends.

**Steve Bretz '61**

What a super 75th birthday party we had on Oct. 6. It's great that Penny keeps our class connected. Many thanks to our "local" classmates who set up our gatherings. Mac spent a lot of time on the video presentation. It was a job well done.

**David Mueller '61**

I retired as the chief financial officer at a private school in 2011. I have been doing tax returns for 20 years at H&R Block and recently became an enrolled agent with the IRS. From 1964 to 1974, I was a Naval Flight Officer in the US Navy.



**Mike Reeves '64**

My brother Jack Reeves '54 passed away on Feb. 1 in Sebring, Fla. He was one of the founding members of the Adonis Fraternity at GHHS and served as its first President. Jack was a very important positive influence on my life, someone I admired and looked up to until the end. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and especially the many military veterans he cared so much about.

**Dennis Richardson '64**

My wife of 50 years, Judy Edgington Richardson '64, passed away on Dec. 24, 2018. She had fond memories of growing up in Grandview. What a wonderful place to be young.

**Roger Shaffer '64**

Linda and I retired and moved to Fort Myers, Fla. We are living the life – enjoying the beach and playing hosts to a never-ending parade of family, friends and more family. We do miss Colorado but not the snow.

**Karen Devor Linn '65**

My partner, Brian Campbell, and I have happily downsized to a patio home – no mowing and no shoveling. My Mexico Beach, Fla., home survived the hurricane but I am so sad about the devastation to a lovely community.

**Laura Aho Parsons-Swartz '68**

I'm so glad I got to attend 50th reunion events in September. It was a grand experience marching and twirling with the band, touring the high school building and RLS elementary school. I loved seeing folks I hadn't seen since graduation, as well as those I've been fortunate to be in touch and visit through the years. God bless the organization, our class and GHHS.

**Stay Well**



**Anita Harris Morehart '85**

Anita has been with the Robert K. Fox Family YMCA for 23 years. She began in the fitness department and expanded her role as the Community Wellness Director, overseeing the disease prevention programs and SilverSneakers. Anita and her team developed programs like LIVESTRONG, Delay the Disease, Diabetes Prevention, Enhanced Fitness (arthritis), and Rock Steady Boxing into strong community resources where individuals unite and bring the fight against disease. Anita says of her job, "It's my passion to work with all these wonderful people who exercise to live. They feed my soul and I am a lucky girl!"

## Class of 1971 Mini reunion



The group might have been mini in number but laughs were big and the tales were tall. Pictured are Rob DeMuth, Jerry Bolognone, Mike Hayes, Billy Wentzel, John Gloyd, Pete Williams.

# Reunion News

## Class of 1962

This group is celebrating their 75th birthdays this year with a gathering at the home of John and Gayle (Forster Bar-on) Graham, 29846 Rock Stall Rd., Logan Ohio 43138. The party takes place on Saturday, Oct. 12, at 1 p.m. for lunch, great conversation and lots of reminiscing. For info or questions please contact Gayle at [booklover44@hotmail.com](mailto:booklover44@hotmail.com); 1-740-974-1210 (text) or 1-740-746-8233 (phone)

## Class of '69

Come celebrate our 50th Reunion on Oct 18 and 19. The schedule of events includes dinner at Miller's Ale House on Friday and dinner at La Scala Restaurant on Saturday. More details to follow, including possible Friday golf. Please contact Anne Kull McCoy at [prc3mc@ymail.com](mailto:prc3mc@ymail.com) or 614-736-9538.

## Class of 1967

It's a group 70th birthday during the weekend of Oct. 11-13.

Details be announced later but please save the date today and make plans to attend. .

Call, text or write to others and make sure that they will be there too!!

If you need to update your contact information, please let Debbi Steller know at [dsteller@columbus.rr.com](mailto:dsteller@columbus.rr.com) and join [GrandviewHigh60's@yahoo.com](http://GrandviewHigh60's@yahoo.com) for further details.

## Class of 1984

Celebrate our 35th reunion on Sept. 13-14. For more information, join our Facebook group "GHHS Class of 1984" or contact Karen DeWeese Feast at [k\\_feast@msn.com](mailto:k_feast@msn.com)



## Class of '89

Bring your mix tapes and celebrate 30 years of the Class of '89 on Sept. 13-14.

Details are to be determined but contact Amy (Thurness) Gomez '89 at [amykgomez@gmail.com](mailto:amykgomez@gmail.com) to get all the information.

## Bobcats on the Trail



Classmates from 1970, left to right, Dianne Rotering Stickel, Charlotte Smathers Kensinger, Shelley Clark Lovegrove, Jody Jelley Stahr and Linda Beraducci Telles celebrate 55 years of friendship by hiking in Joshua Tree National Park.

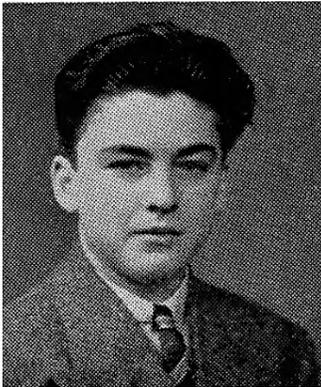


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## Ranks Well

Bobcat Pride! In a U.S. News & World Report survey of Best High Schools, Grandview ranked 27 in Ohio and 731 in the nation. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/ghcats>. Grandview was noted for giving students the opportunity to take advanced placement (AP) coursework and exams. The AP participation rate at Grandview Heights High School is 70 percent.

# CatMews



George pictured in 1940



and George in 2018

## One Very Loyal Bobcat!

by Jackie Cherry '49

"We're loyal to you, Grandview High....." As alums, we are all familiar with that song, but George Hecox '40 (sometimes known as Jim) has returned annually since 2002 to walk the entire route of the Grandview Memorial Day Parade. Now, at 95 years of age, George intends to walk in the parade again this year. He lives with his wife, Barbara, in Waukesha, Wisc., but travels back to Grandview each year to attend the monthly alumni luncheon and visit with classmate Connie Hollingsworth who is a luncheon regular. They are among 13 living members of the Class of 1940 (which boasted 97 graduates).

## Class of '87

They're 50 and fabulous and celebrating half-century birthdays this year. Here is a sample of a few of them. Who do you recognize?

Thanks to Mrs Biandudi for the picture!



# Sports Hall of Fame 2019 Inductees

On Jan. 12, 2019, Chad Davis '06 and Courtney Kuyper '98 were the 2019 inductees into the Grandview Heights High School Sports Hall of Fame. The evening began with a social hour followed by dinner and a plaque presentation. The Grandview Sports Hall of Fame Committee Members are:

- Tom Bogen '51
- Lynne Gatsch Farmwald '69
- Mike Casasanta '74
- Dow Voelker '80
- Sara Wheeler Warren '98
- Phil Lovegrove '98

## ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for induction after a ten-year period (i.e., ten years since contribution commenced), the individual must meet at least one of the following requirements

*Alumni of Grandview* - made a contribution to Grandview athletics, directly or indirectly, as an athlete, coach or administrator

*Non-Alumni of Grandview* - made a contribution to Grandview athletics, directly or indirectly, as a coach or administrator

*Individual who has performed meritorious service for Grandview athletics*

### **Nominations for induction must include the following:**

Nominee Name

Graduation year, if known

Mailing address, if known

Nominator's name, graduating class, address, phone and email

In 100 words or less, summarize why nominee should be considered for induction into the Grandview Sports Hall of Fame. Mail nominations to:

Mike Casasanta  
1471 Wyandotte Road  
Columbus, OH 43212



## Courtney Kuyper

Courtney Kuyper '98 was a three-sport athlete, participating in basketball, soccer, and softball and earned 11 varsity letters. As a four-year letter winner and two-time captain for the Lady Bobcats Basketball team, she earned several awards during her career. She was name First-Team All Buckeye Athletic Conference her sophomore, junior, and senior years. As a senior, Courtney was Second-Team All District Division III and Honorable Mention All-State Division III. She was also selected to play in the Central District All-Star game. Courtney was the point guard on 97-98 BAC Championship team.

As a member of the Lady Bobcats soccer team, Courtney was a four-year letter winner and two-time captain. In her senior year, Courtney was awarded First-Team All Independent League and Second-Team All-District. She also played on the Central District All-Star Soccer team Courtney played on the first Lady Bobcat soccer team and holds the distinction of scoring the first hat trick for the 'Cats.

In softball, Courtney was a three-time letter winner as the starting shortstop and a two-time captain. Her junior year, she earned Second-Team All-BAC.

After graduating from GHHS, Courtney attended Capital University and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Communication. She was a member of the basketball and soccer teams. She played on the first Capital Women's Soccer team that won the Ohio Athletic Conference and qualified for the

NCAA Tournament.

After graduating from Capital, Courtney returned to Grandview and coached the girls' eighth-grade basketball team for eight years.



## Chad Davis

During his time as a Bobcat, Chad Davis '06 earned six varsity letters in football and wrestling.

Chad was captain of the football and wrestling team as a junior and a senior. He helped lead the wrestling team to three straight league titles. He also helped lead the football team to a league title and state playoff appearance his senior year.

As a junior, Chad earned a fourth-place finish at the Ohio State Wrestling Tournament and finished his senior year with a combined record of 103-15 as the 2006 State Wrestling Champion at 215lbs.

After graduation, Chad earned a degree from Capital University, where he also played football. Chad started 31 straight games for the Crusaders, achieving First Team All-Ohio Athletic Conference Offensive Tackle as a senior.

# CatMews

## Bobcat Roots Run Deep

Bobcat Alumni - Did your grandparents also graduate from GHHS? Take a moment and ask them about their time roaming the Grandview Halls. What are their memories of school? What has changed? What hasn't? Send it our way and we'll print it in an upcoming issue (include a current or high school photo if you'd like). I know there Alumni that their Grandparents graduated from GHHS, we are interested in your history; please send us a write-up.

We're also looking for the family with the longest continuous run of Grandview Bobcats from one branch of the family tree. The catch is you cannot skip years or include aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews.

What's your family story? Here's Tom Smith's - can you beat it?

*Tom Smith*  
1950 to 1963

*Bonnie Brown Smith (wife)*  
1956 to 1963

Janice Callihan Roberts (ex-wife)  
1955 to 1964

*Dallas Smith (brother)*  
1953 to 1966

*Doug Smith (brother)*  
1964 to 1977

*Stacey Smith Sterneker*  
(daughter) - 1971 to 1984

*Tom Smith II (son)*  
1971 to 1985

*Stefanie Smith Coyle (daughter)*  
1975 to 1988

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**Total: 38  
continuous years!**

## We found you!



*Don Christopher '52 identified Joan Stevens '52 in the second row of the picture of the between himself and Dick Abbruzzese. The complete group is:*

*Front row: Shirley Steffey and Tad Weed; Bob Jones and Betty Debeck Second row: Fred Behmer & Ann Liefert (UAHS); Bonnie Meyers & John Mock; Sara Lou Gettinger & Bill Licklitter (UAHS); Dick Abbruzzese, Joan Stevens, Don Rice and Joann Stouffer (UAHS) Third row: Al Short and Sharon Frank; Carol Bennett and Jack Myers, Joan Harder and Ralph Gugliemi; Nancy Frasher and Jack Schmidt (Aquinas HS)*



## FACEBOOK

You'll find lots more alumni news when you join us on Facebook at the official Grandview Heights Alumni Association page, <https://www.facebook.com/GHHSAA>.

Tweet with us on Twitter @alumnighhs



## Save the Date! GHHS Alumni Golf Event To Be Held in October

Please join us for a fun day of golf with your fellow Bobcats! The inaugural Bobcat Alumni Golf Outing will be held Saturday, Oct. 12, at Raymond Memorial Golf Course (Fear not, Buckeye Football fans - that's an OSU bye day).

Proceeds will benefit the GHHSAA and Brotherhood of Rooks Scholarship funds.

All Grandview alumni, former/current teachers and coaches are invited to participate in the Scramble format. All skill levels welcome. Get your old golf team back together!

We hope to have enough players for a shotgun start. Final details will be announced in the August newsletter and GHHSAA website.

Please indicate your interest and number of potential players, with an email to Roger Rill '67 at [rrill@columbus.rr.com](mailto:rrill@columbus.rr.com) or [GHSSA@hotmail.com](mailto:GHSSA@hotmail.com)

GHHSAA and the Brotherhood of Rooks hope this will become another Grandview tradition, benefiting our students.

# CatMews

## Bobcat Teachers and Staff



They turned out and they turned on the festive attire!  
 Pictured are former Grandview teachers and staff at this year's Retired Staff Holiday Party.

*Seated: Pat Helmick, Mary Ann Olvera, JoAnn Frabott, Emily Klingensmith, Jeannie Walton, Lee Ekleberry (Doc), Christine Sidon*

*Row 1: Paul Kulik, Bill Kilbourne, Debby Seabolt, Andy DiSabato, Ed Heminger, Liz Elder, Shelly Lovegrove, Kathi Swary, Donnajean deSilva*

*Row 2: Bob Horr, Jeri Hendricks, Tony Thivener, Ray Corbett, Ed Bozeman, Marv Gregory, Jeff Kegley, Greg Wieland, Jim Tatman, Joe Boyle*



## Mark your Calendar

**Memorial Day Ceremony**  
 May 23, 7:30 p.m.  
 Memorial Park

**Memorial Day Parade**  
 May 25th, 10 a.m.  
 (meet fellow alums at  
 9:30 a.m. on Cambridge)

**Grandview Ox Roast**  
 Sept. 5-7, Pierce Field

**Alumni Night at  
 Football Game**  
 Sept. 13

**Homecoming**  
 Oct. 4

**Alumni Golf Event**  
 Oct. 12  
 Raymond Memorial  
 Golf Course

**Monthly GHHS  
 Alumni Luncheon**  
 Kingsdale MCL Cafeteria  
 (every 4th Friday)

Email [GHHSAA@hotmail.com](mailto:GHHSAA@hotmail.com)  
 with questions about any  
 event.

## Ring Reunited



Thanks to posting through Facebook, a GHHS '88 class ring was reunited with its owner. A man found the ring and posted on a Facebook page with the class year, sport and three initials (that were a bit obscured due to age and condition of the ring). Through some Bobcat sleuthing, the rightful owner was identified and the ring was returned to John Lewis '88.



## Corrections:

In the issue in Cat Mews we misspelled the name of Linda Levis Volkovitsch. We apologize for the mistake.

# CatMews

## Bobcats on parade

No costume needed! Come and join fellow GHHS alumni and walk or ride in the Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 25. We meet on Cambridge Blvd., about mid-block between First and Third avenues, at 9:30 a.m. Class of '74 will participate 'enmass...right guys?



Dude Higgs as a butterfly at Field Days 1922 (precursor to the present Memorial Day Parade). Thanks to GHMCHS for the photo.

### GHHSAA Board Members

Jim Anderson '72	Ron Harris '56
Joe Arganbright '61	Norma Koutz Wallace '73
Andy Baumann '63	Dianna Wooton Launer '74
Steve Blake '68	Shelley Clark Lovegrove '70
Jennifer Rill Calli '04	Tim Murphy '65
Ron Cameron '64	Roger Rill '67
Nick Cardi '65	Tom Smith '63
Wally Cash '46	Debbi Latshaw Steller '67
Jane Davis Gladwin '53	Dow Voelker '80
Jane Hess Harris '56	Teri Antolino Williams '74

### Honoring GHHS Class of 1919

JOE C. BRONSON	NANCY MATTHEWS
RICHARD BUTTERWORTH	DOROTHEA MAYLE
ROBERT BUTTERWORTH	EDITH OKERT
ANGELINE CONRAD	INEZ ROGERS
ISABELLE DOWDELL	GERTRUDE SCHOLSE
BLANCHE FIELD	BRADLEY SKEELES
MAURICE HENDERSHOTT	MARGARET THOMAS GAUDIERI
ARTHUR HOLT	LAURA WALCUTT KARNs
FLORENCE KNOX	ANNA LOUISE WILLIAMS
HARRY KNOX	

CatMews



Robert Hoadley '54 sent in this picture from the *Columbus Citizen* of his sister Barbara '47 who joined the Marine Corps in September 1950. Barbara was honored as being one of the first two women the Marines accepted from the Columbus area.



Who knows who? Were you part of Mrs. Biandudi's 4th-grade class, circa 1997? Where are you now?

# VETERANS

## We Salute You

*As we approach Memorial Day, it is our humble honor to recognize the GHHS men and women from our community who have served our country giving us the ability to live a life of freedom in the best community of the best country in all the world.*

*In trying to compile this list, we realize that there might be some we overlooked. Is someone missing?*

*Please submit name, graduation year, branch of service, years served, and any details to*

[GHHSAA@hotmail.com](mailto:GHHSAA@hotmail.com),

or to GHHSAA, PO Box 12116,

Columbus, OH 43212.

*It is with great admiration and patriotism, intensified by community pride, that we present to you the Grandview Heights High School alumni veterans.*

*Thank you for your service.*

*You are our heroes.*



### LEGEND

USA – Army  
 USN – Navy  
 USAA – Army Air Corp  
 USAF – Air Force  
 USMC – Marines  
 USCG – Coast Guard  
 USCN – Cadet Nurse  
 USPHS – Public Health  
 D – Deceased  
 KIA – Killed in Action

ALFORD BRADBURY	USA	D	1916
STEWART CONSTABLE	USA	D	1917
FREDERICK JAEGER	USA	D	1917
LYMAN MARKEL	USA	D	1917
FRANCIS PADDOCK	USA	D	1917
EDWARD BAKER	USA	D	1918
WILLIAM LONG	USA	KIA	1918
JOHN HOPKINS	USA	KIA	1924
FRANK L. "DUDE" HIGGS	USAAC	D	1926
BENNIE NARDONE	USA	D	1930
DAVE MUHLENBERG	USAAC/USN	D	1933
JACK OVERMYER	USN	D	1933
MARY GRACE SCANLAND			
JURMWIEDE	USN Wave	D	1933
EDWARD BILLMAN	USA	KIA	1934
ROBERT H SCANLAND	USA	D	1934
ROBERT METCALF	USA	D	1935
ROBERT OVERMYER	'gUSA	D	1935
ROBERT SHOUGH	USA	D	1935
JOHN HOFFMAN	USA	KIA	1936
MARIO DEVICTOR	USA	D	1937
BOB FORREST	USA	KIA	1937
BOB MARTIN	USA	KIA	1937
FRITZ OVERMYER	USAAC	D	1937
STAN CHIDESTER	USA	KIA	1938
ED KEENER	USA	D	1938
JEAN LINDSEY	USMC	KIA	1938
BENNETT NAU	USA	D	1938
DICK OVERMYER	USMC	D	1938
JANET SCANLAND			
wwRAMSEY	USCG	D	1938
TOM SMITH	USA	D	1938
BOB WHIPPLE	USAAC	D	1938
A.WILLIAM KAISER	USAAC	D	1939
ROBERT L. KEENER	USA	D	1939

BOB KEITZ	USMC	D	1939
RAYMOND RHOADS	USA	D	1939
JOE ROCCI	USA	D	1939
GERALD V. WOOTTON	USN	D	1939
JOHN ALBANESE	USA	D	1940
ALDO DELEWESE	USA	D	1940
AL DEVICTOR	USA	D	1940
ROBERT HUGO DEVICTOR	USN	D	1940
GUY DIMENNA	USA	KIA	1940
D JOE DUFFEE	USA	KIA	1940
BILL FAUTH	USAAC	D	1940
JIM STEGMEIER	USA	D	1940
ORVILLE TENSLE	USA	KIA	1940
JOHN CONSTABLE	USA	KIA	1941
BOB LINDSEY	USMC	D	1941
THORNDIKE "CLIFF" TOOPS	USN		1941
BUD ALBAN	USA	D	1942
JAMES B. ALBANESE	USA	D	1942
JACK R. ANDERSON	USN	D	1942
A.D.BUD AUSTIN	USA	D	1942
SAMUEL F AUSTIN	USA	D	1942
EMMY LOU BACH HANSEN	USCN		1942
JACK M. BOARDMAN	USN	D	1942
RAY KENT BROWN	USN	D	1942
BARBARA CARTER GRAY	USCN		1942
BOB CLOSE	USA	D	1942
JAMES GORDON CONKLIN	USA	D	1942
WILLIAM F. DAULTON	USAAC	D	1942
DAVID W. DAVIS	USA	D	1942
ALICE MAY EAGLE ALBAN	USCN	D	1942
JOHN FISHER	USN	D	1942
ART HARDER	USA	D	1942
OWEN HULS	USN	D	1942
NEIL D. JOHNSON	USA	D	1942
EDWARD KAUFMAN	USAAC	KIA	1942
LOIS KIEVIT TOPE	USCN		1942
DICK KOETZ	USA	D	1942
WILLIAM E. LAWYER	USAAC	D	1942
LOUIS LOMANO	USA	D	1942
THOMAS MAGEE	USA	D	1942
RUTH MANN WINKLE	USCN	D	1942
WILLIAM MATHIAS	USAA	D	1942
FRANCIS N MATTOON	USAA	D	1942
SAMUEL McKEEVER	USAA	D	1942
KENNETH KENT MCVEY	USAA	D	1942
FRED RICARDI	USA	KIA	1942
CURTIS SCHEURMAN	USCG	KIA	1942
PAT SHORT	USAA	KIA	1942
JOHN SOUTHARD	USN	D	1942
CARL GRAHAM STILLINGS	USA		1942
JACK SUMMERS	USAA	KIA	1942

# VETERANS

## We Salute You

ROBERT M. SUTPHEN	USN	D	1942	BILL OVERMYER	USN		1946	BARRY L. STEIGELY	USAF		1950
CAMDEN SWART	USN	D	1942	GENE SMITH	USA	D	1946	DIRK VOELKER	USA		1950
JAMES E. TODD	USAA	D	1942	JOHN WOODROW	USN	D	1946	DICK ABBRUZZESE	USA	D	1951
DONALD WETZEL	USA	D	1942	JOHN ACKERMAN	USA		1947	FRED BEHMER	USA		1951
CHARLES A. WHIPPLE	USAA	D	1942	MILTON BARTHOLOMEW	USMC	D	1947	CHARLES HARRISON	USA	D	1951
ROY "KEN" BENADUM	USN	D	1943	BILL BAUMGARTNER	USMC		1947	SUSAN MOCK	USCG	D	1951
JOHN DEVICTOR JR	USA	D	1943	SILVIO BISIOTTI	USA	D	1947	JACK MYERS	USN		1951
TONY "DUKE" DEVICTOR	USN	D	1943	JOHN BOARDMAN	USN		1947	KEN PIERCE	USA		1951
JOHN H. HARTWELL	USA	D	1943	JOHN BOARDMAN	USN		1947	DON RICE	USN		1951
RICHARD PICKETT	USAA	D	1943	BARBARA HOADLEY	USMC		1947	CHARLES (KIP) RYAN	USAF		1951
TOM SUTPHEN	USAA	D	1943	JACK LENHART	USA		1947	TAD WEED	USMC	D	1951
TOM WILLIAMS	USA		1943	FRANK MARZETTI	USAF	D	1947	DON ATHEARN	USN		1952
REV ROGER WOOTTON	USAAC		1943	JIM MCINTYRE	USA	D	1947	DON CHRISTOPHER	USA		1952
JACK CLARKE	USN		1944	CLARK MILLER	USA	D	1947	RICHARD DEPALMA	USA		1952
DONALD K KEITZ	USMC	D	1944	ROBERT MYERS	USAF	D	1947	CAROLYN "CONNIE"			
JOE LAROSA	USAA	D	1944	RICHARD PETERS	USA	D	1947	GRIFFIN	USMC		1952
LELAND RAMSEY	USN	D	1944	CHARLES ROSSEL	USA	D	1947	GEORGE RAY KAUFMAN	USA	KIA	1952
JIM RENZ	USA	D	1944	LYLE SHOVER	USA		1947	GEORGE LINN	USAF	D	1952
WILLIAM RITTER	USA		1944	ED SMITH	USA	D	1947	RICHARD LONG	USA		1952
EDWARD TOOPS	USN	D	1944	BOB WEAVER	USN	D	1947	DAVID R. RUDY	USAF		1952
RICHARD WINGFIELD	USA	KIA	1944	JIM BROWN	USMC	D	1948	TOM SHELTON	USAF	D	1952
BOB ALLEN	USA		1945	LAWRENCE YERGES				DAVID SHERCK	USN	D	1952
AL ANDREWS	USAF		1945	CONAWAY	USA	KIA	1948	JOHN SHOUGH	USMC	D	1952
JIM BOYER	USA	D	1945	JOHN "JACK" DANIELS	USA	D	1948	ROBERT KENTNER	USN	D	1953
ROBERT CHIDESTER	USA	D	1945	DAVID B. DUDLEY	USA		1948	JOYCE KIDWELL CUILLI	USA		1953
SAM CONAWAY	USA		1945	JAMES D. HITES	USA		1948	ROGER MADISON	USA		1953
JERRY COWAN	USA	D	1945	DEAN KRICHBAUM	USN		1948	DAVID MERRICK	USA		1953
MYRON CRAVER	USA	D	1945	ROBERT M. MOTE	USA	D	1948	RICHARD OMOHUNDRO	USA		1953
JACK HART	USN	D	1945	JAMES NEWDICK	USA	D	1948	ALAN PIERCE	USA		1953
JOE HUSTON	USA	D	1945	RALPH G. NEWLAND JR	USN	D	1948	RICHARD TIVENAN	USA	KIA	1953
ROBERT JOHNSON	USCG	1945		DAVID K. PURKEY	USN	D	1948	JAMES BUZZELLI	USMC		1954
MORGAN JONES	USN	D	1945	ROBERT R. ROGERS JR	USAF	D	1948	ROBERT HOADLEY	USA		1954
GENE KARLOVEC	USAA	D	1945	JAMES A. RUDY	USAF	D	1948	ROBERT M. MACINTOSH	USAF		1954
AL LEFAIVRE	USN	D	1945	JOHN F.(JACK) RUDY	USAF	D	1948	EUGENE PAUL JR	USA	D	1954
BOB MCNABB	USN		1945	DONALD SCHACKNE	USA	D	1948	RALPH PEASE	USAF		1954
JACK MELVILLE	USA	D	1945	WILLIAM A. SEIDLER	USMC	D	1948	JACK REEVES	USA		1954
JIM PAVEY	USA	D	1945	BILL WILSON	USA	D	1948	ART ROGERS	USAF		1954
BILL PICKETT	USA	D	1945	DICK EAGLE	USA	D	1949	RICHARD T. SCHUBERT	USAF	D	1954
JACK PIPER	USN	D	1945	WILLIAM S. HAMMOND	USAF		1949	TERRY SMITH	USA		1954
BOB SHAW	USA	D	1945	NEIL E. KETTE	USA	D	1949	RICHARD TANGEMAN	USMC	D	1954
PHILIP E. SHERCK	USN	D	1945	ROD STOCK	USA	D	1949	BOB ZIMMERMAN	USA		1954
SAM VILARDO	USA	D	1945	DAVID A. TITSCH	USAF	D	1949	JOHN DAVIS	USN		1955
GEORGE ANDERSON	USA	D	1946	STAN TUTTLE	USN	D	1949	GARRY DEVICTOR	USMC		1955
BILL ARTHUR	USAF		1946	ROBERT F. AMICON	USA	D	1950	CHUCK DICKERSON	USN		1955
ROBERT PAUL BOGGIONI	USA	KIA	1946	BILL "HAP" CHANDLER	USAF		1950	JACK LEECH	USA		1955
BOB CARTER	USA		1946	DONALD S. KEENER	USA	D	1950	DICK SUTTERFIELD	USN		1955
WALLACE P. CASH	USN		1946	BILL C. LAWRENCE	USAF		1950	RICHARD ANDERSON	USAF		1956
DAVID RAY HUMMEL	USN		1946	ED LINSLEY	USA		1950	DAVID A. BARON	USAF	D	1956
FRED HUNT	USAF		1946	JAMES R. MILLISOR	USA	D	1950	TIMOTHY J. BOYD	USA		1956
WILLIAM Z. MAGEE	USA	KIA	1946	GEORGE A. ROGERS	USA		1950	PHILIP CARR	USMC	D	1956
DAVID N. MOCK	USA	KIA	1946	DON STEFFE	USAF		1950	LAURENCE D. CONNOR	USN		1956

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CHARLES DUMBAUGH	USMC	1956	DOUGLAS D. MCBEE	USA	1960	RUSS NIKLOS	USAF	D	1963
FRANK FAISTL	USN	1956	JOE MELLEY	USAF	1960	BOB PALMER	USAF		1963
RONALD D. HARRIS	USA	1956	PETER MOORE	USN	1960	CHUCK PENZONE	USA		1963
DAVID KENTNER	USA	1956	JAMES PALUMBO	USAF	1960	BOB POWERS	USMC	D	1963
REID KETTE	USA	1956	TONY TEDESCHI	USA	D 1960	JAKE REITERMAN	USA		1963
ROSS KETTE	USA	1956	LARRY VAN SICKLE	USAF	1960	PAT SELF	USN		1963
THOMAS H. SANDBERG	USMC	1956	DAVID R. WELSH	USMC	1960	LARRY SNIDER	USA		1963
DICK THOMPSON	USA	1956	DONALD L. ZIMMERMAN	USA	D 1960	JOHN W. STEINBERGER	USA		1963
ROGER TRACY	USAF	D 1956	BILL BAKER	USAF	1961	PAT STOKES	USMC		1963
COL JACK YEAGLEY	USA	D 1956	FRED DYE	USAF	1961	SAMUEL "ED" STONE	USA		1963
DAVID YOERGER	USN	D 1956	WARREN ELLIS	USA	D 1961	DON THROCKMORTON	USA		1963
DON ABBRUZZESE	USA	1957	UNO KULL	USAR	1961	JEFF TODD	USAF		1963
JAMES BOBBITT	USA	1957	GORDON MACINTOSH	USA	D 1961	JOHN TERRY ALBANESE	USA	D	1964
BILL CHURRY	USAF	1957	DAVID MUELLER	USN	1961	BILL BIGGS	USA	D	1964
GALEN GONSER	USA	1957	VIRGIL SCHNELL JR	USA	1961	PETE BUTLER	USN	D	1964
DAVID HANDEL	USA	1957	STEVE SEARS	USA	1961	HERB CURRAN	USA		1964
THOMAS KEFFER	USA	1957	WAYNE RANDOLPH			GEORGE ELLIS	USA		1964
DONALD C. KENTNER	USA	1957	"RANDY" SINES	USA	D 1961	CHARLES EMRICH	USA	D	1964
MICHAEL KING	USA	D 1957	DICK TANGEL	USA	1961	ALLAN FOSTER	USA		1964
MICHAEL MOORE	USA	D 1957	DAVID WHITE	USA	1961	RAYMOND FREEMAN	USMC		1964
JIM MYERS	USA	1957	JAMES ALBAN	USA	1962	BILL GIBB	USA		1964
DANIEL WINTERS	USA	1957	KEENAN ARMENTROUT	USA	D 1962	LLOYD GILL	USAF	D	1964
J.D. DICKERSON	USN	1958	THOMAS MALCOLM BARNES	USA	1962	JIM HARRIS	USAF		1964
BOB FRANKS	USA	D 1958	JOHN BONAR	USN	1962	VIRGINIA JANEY	USA		1964
R KENT FULMER	USN	1958	TOM CHERUBINI	USA	D 1962	KIM KAISER	USAF		1964
JOHN HEINO KULL	USA	1958	JAMES FORD	USCG	1962	BRIAN KUYPER	USA		1964
JIM LAUGHERTY	USAF	1958	JIM GUNTHER	USA	1962	JERRY LAWSON	USMC	D	1964
DAN LOWERY	USA	1958	RICK GUYTON	USA	D 1962	PAT MALOWNEY	USA		1964
JAY P. MILLIKIN	USAF	1958	BOB IOIA	USA	D 1962	BILL MARLAND	USAF	D	1964
HERMAN POULTON	USA	1958	PHIL LAVER	USMC	1962	MARK MILLER	USAF		1964
CRAIG PROSSER	USA	1958	GARY LEACH	USA	KIA 1962	ARNIE NYMEYER	USA	D	1964
JIM BEERY	USMC	1959	MICHAEL M MARTLING	USAF	1962	MIKE POPE	USN		1964
BILL BOARDMAN	USA	1959	TIM MCGUIRE	USA	1962	MIKE REEVES	USA		1964
LYMAN BROOKS	USA	D 1959	STEVE NORRIS	USN	1962	DENNIS RICHARDSON	USMC		1964
BOB FOSTER	USA	1959	JIM ROCK	USA	1962	BILL SHORT	USN		1964
JIM HERD	USMC	1959	AL ROSSETTI JR	USA	D 1962	ED STEELE	USA		1964
WARREN KLINK	USN	1959	DAVE WALTON	USA	1962	CHARLES ED TYNE	USMC		1964
TOM NYE	USA	1959	ANDY BAUMANN	USA	1963	DAVID WILLIAMS	USA		1964
BOB ROCKEY	USN	1959	RICK BUTTS	USA	1963	DOUG WILSON	USA		1964
BILL SEARS	USA	1959	TERRY CANTRELL	USA	1963	WILLIAM AILES	USA		1965
JERE SHOUGH	USMC	1959	TOM CLARK	USAF	D 1963	WAYNE BAKER	USN		1965
BOB TANGEL	USAF	1959	JIM FAIS	USNG	1963	MIKE CORDRAY	USN		1965
LEE ADAMS	USA	1960	KEN GEBHART	USA	D 1963	RICHARD DESTEFANO	USAF		1965
GARY ALLEN	USN	1960	BILL HAGUE	USAF	1963	TOM ELDER, JR.	USN		1965
C. RICHARD DONOVAN	USAF	1960	CHARLEY HANDEL	USN	1963	STEVE EMRICH	USA	D	1965
RICHARD E. HUFF JR	USMC	1960	RON JONES	USMC	1963	JIM ESTEP	USA		1965
BUTCH JOHNSON	USN	1960	BILL MALOWNEY	USMC	D 1963	MARVIN GARY FLOWERS	USA		1965
GORDON JONES JR	USN	D 1960	CHARLIE MALOWNEY	USMC	1963	GEORGE GEORGE	USA		1965
MIKE KAVANEY	USA	1960	DAN MARKIN	USAF	1963	MIKE GERLACH	USA		1965
JIM LOWERY	USN & USA	1960	BOB McINTYRE	USA	1963	JOHN GUNTHER	USA		1965
BILL LUSK	USMC	D 1960	MIKE McSWEENEY	USAF	1963	JOHN HARKER	USN		1965

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THOMAS HAYES HOLDEN	USN		1965	TOM HAYES	USA	D	1967	JOHN THOMAS ROBERTS	USAF		1971
FLEETWOOD RAYMOND				DOUG JESTER	USMC		1967	MICKY ROBERTS	USMC	D	1971
KOUTZ	USA		1965	JOHN KAUMEYER	USMC	D	1967	DAKE SPILKER	USMC		1971
DENNIS LEE MCCLOSKEY	USA		1965	ED LATTA	USN		1967	DAVID BURKHART	USPHS		1972
JEFF MCDEVITT	USAF		1965	TIM MAGEE	USAF		1967	MIKE EVANS	USMC	D	1972
RICK MCKEEVER	USA		1965	JAMES MAYER	USA		1967	THOMAS TYNE	USA		1972
JAMES CHARLES MELFI	USAF		1965	TERRY MCFADDEN	USAF		1967	JEFF DEWEESE	USMC		1973
RICK MESSERSCHMIDT	USAF		1965	JOHN MCINTYRE	USAF		1967	JEFFREY FULTZ	USN		1973
CRAIG MILLER SR	USN		1965	ROBERT REID	USAF		1967	WILLIAM KOCH	USAF		1973
ALAN OLSON	USAF		1965	ROGER RILL	USN		1967	MICHAEL QUINN	USA		1973
TOM RAINES	USMC		1965	RON ROCKEY	USN	D	1967	MICHAEL YOUNG	USA		1973
JANICE ANNETTE ROYER	USA	D	1965	RUSSELL THOMAS				TOM FRABOTT	USN		1975
MICHAEL SCHEERER	USMC		1965	ROCKWELL	USN		1967	THOMAS M. NEFF	USAF		1975
CHARLES B. SWEENEY JR	USA		1965	JOHN ROW	USN		1967	ROBERT L. TITTEL	USAF		1975
ROBERT A. TIMMONS	USN		1965	DAVE SCHEERER	USMC		1967	JOHN BECK	USN		1976
RICHARD WELLS	USAF	D	1965	STEVE SPARKS	USMC	KIA	1967	JIM LAW	USA		1976
RUSTY AMBROSE	USA		1966	JOHN SWEITZER	USN		1967	GRETCHEN A. QUINN	USAF		1976
PAUL BALLARD	USA	KIA	1966	CLIFF TIMBROOK	USA		1967	MICHAEL J REID	USN		1976
JOE BISCIOTTI	USA		1966	BYRON WILLIAMS	USA		1967	JONATHAN SHAUDYS	USN	D	1976
DONALD BLAZER	USA		1966	DANA CLYDE BANDY	USMC		1968	JEFF GEBHART	USN		1977
GARY M. BOSART	USAF		1966	STEVE BLAKE	USCG		1968	DENNIS FRABOTT	USAF	D	1980
MIKE BUCK	USAF	D	1966	TOM CAVANAUGH	USN		1968	MIKE KENTNER	USAF		1980
MIKE CURTIS	USA	D	1966	JOHN CIARDELLI, JR.	USN		1968	STEPHEN MASELLI	USA		1980
TOM DESTEFANO	USAF		1966	STEPHEN HORNING	USAF		1968	PETER ZORETIC	USMC		1981
TIM ELDER	USMC		1966	BOB KACKLEY	USN		1968	SANDRA BLANCHARD	USA		1982
GARY ESSIG	USA		1966	GEORGE KECKLER	USA		1968	KEVIN G. QUINN	USA/USN		1982
MIKE FISHER	USA		1966	LARRY P. KOUTZ	USAF	D	1968	BRIAN QUINN	USA		1983
RON FLOWERS	USA		1966	JEFF LINN	USAF		1968	PATRICK TERENCE QUINN	USA		1986
JIM GLOYD	USMC		1966	JOHN EDWARD				MATT MARTLING	USA		1988
JIM HILL	USA	D	1966	LOMBARDI	USCG		1968	MARTY SHULL	USMC		1988
JIM HUBER	USA		1966	DAN REED	USA		1968	RILEY FLAHERTY	USA		1991
JOHN JASTER	USA		1966	DAVID PAUL RISTAU	USN		1968	P J STRAUGHTER	USA		1991
JACK LEECH	USA		1966	JOHN WAYNE ROBERTS	USAF	KIA	1968	DANIEL TALMAGE	USN		1995
BOB LEWIS	USAF		1966	MARK AMON	USAR		1969	ROBBY DAVIS	USMC		1996
JAY MATTHEW	USA		1966	BYRON ANDERSON	USN		1969	RYAN CATALINE	USA		1999
RICK MOUNT	USA	D	1966	TOM ANDREWS	USN		1969	BETHANNIE SMITH			
GARY O'KEEFE	USA	KIA	1966	JIM BUSCEMI	USA	D	1969	KITRELL	USCG		2000
KEN ROY	USAF		1966	JERRY CHERUBINI	USCG		1969	ERIC CATALINE	USA		2002
DAVID L. ROYER	USA	D	1966	KIM KELLER	USAF		1969	BENJAMIN ROB PECK	USN		2002
TERRY SHOUGH	USMC		1966	BRIAN PAUL MALOWNEY	USA	D	1969	PATRICK HARDY	USA		2003
DALLAS SMITH	USA		1966	RICHARD NINI	USA		1969	STEFFEN MEILER	USA		2003
JACK CHICK THURNESS	USA	D	1966	GARY RICHARDSON	USA		1969	CRAIG A. CATALINE	USN		2006
JIM TITUS	USA	KIA	1966	DAVID ROBINSON	USA	D	1969	SEAN PATRICK GENTRY	USA		2006
WALT WEAVER	USAF		1966	GARY SWART	USN		1969	JACOB SMITH	USA		2006
CHRIS ALBRECHT	USN		1967	JOHN WUICHET	USN		1969	NATHANIEL C JUMP	USN		2007
BILL BERARDUCCI	USA		1967	STEVEN L. CORDLE	USA	D	1970	DAVID ELLS	USA		2008
GILBERT BLACK	USMC		1967	HAROLD DAVID KOUTZ	USA	D	1970	ALEX NEUMANN	USA		2008
JIM CASEY	USA	D	1967	DAVID CLARK NEFF	USAF		1970	BRENDON BALLARD	USCG		2009
ERIC CHRISTENSEN	USN		1967	STEVEN SHIVELY	USA		1970	NEIL R. JUMP	USA		2009
BILL FAUTH	USAF		1967	MARY WEAVER CONYERS	USA		1970				
FRED GUNTHER	USA		1967	TOM RESLER	USAF		1971				

## A STEP BACK IN TIME

# Airforce Memories



By Walt Weaver '66

Since I went to college immediately after high school, my story doesn't rally start until my last couple of years in college (Ohio Northern University).

When I was a junior at Ohio Northern University, the first draft lottery was done. My birthday was number 8 picked and I knew I'd be drafted as soon as I graduated. I'd heard the Air Force was accepting applicants to flight training so I applied. Immediately after graduating, I received a call from my dad that I had been accepted into the Air Force.

I started Officers' Training School (OTS) at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. Having never been outside of Ohio or Minnesota, this was major culture shock. The first half of OTS covered basic training and the second half was devoted to learning how to be an officer. I learned to teach guys younger than me how to march, how to fold the American flag, and that tarantulas stick to the bottom of your boot after you step on them.

I graduated as a Second Lieutenant and my next stop was flight training. My dad always loved the "Herky Bird", the C-130 Hercules, so, upon graduating from flight training, I decided to take a C-130 to Langley AFB, Virginia. After a week, I was reassigned to an EC-121 to Korat, Thailand. I was getting uncomfortably close to Vietnam. I was there for about a week when the Air Force gave me the

next bit of news: My assignment had been changed again. This time it was an AC-119G to Phan Rang, Vietnam. Just as I arrived in Pensacola, Fla., to prepare, I learned my assignment had been changed once again. All the AC-119Gs had been given to the South Vietnamese, and I was now assigned to an AC-119K in Danang, Vietnam, with the 18th Special Operations Squadron.

As part of my Special Operations training, I was sent to Homestead AFB near Miami, Fla., for water survival training. This was actually fun. I got to go parasailing, at which time I released at about 200 feet and floated gently down and landed in Biscayne Bay. Inflated my life raft, and promptly sunk it because I had my survival knife in my hand and I punctured the raft. The helicopter picked me up anyway, and I got my first helicopter ride.

Next stop was Fairchild AFB near Spokane, Wash.,. This involved winter survival and POW training. I was stuck in a small box for 24 hours, was told to escape, which I did and then was promptly recaptured, and then it was over.

Next stop got me closer to Vietnam. Jungle survival training was held outside of Clark Air Base in the Philippines. My next flight was on a C-141 to Ton Son Nhut AFB in Saigon. I got off the airplane, walked into Base Operations, and asked when the next flight to Danang was leaving.

The answer was laughter. "We don't have any scheduled flights to Danang. Nobody wants to go there. You're on your own." Since my orders said my unit was the 18th Special Operations Squadron (SOS), he said we have a flight leaving for Nakhon

Phanom (NKP) Air Base in the morning. That's when I learned the 18th SOS had a presence there. NKP was a Special Operations base on the Mekong River across from Laos.

Next morning I flew on a T-39, the Air Force equivalent of a Sabreliner. Upon arrival, I went into Base Ops, and they pointed me in the direction of 18th SOS Squadron Ops. I walked in with my flight bag, showed them my orders, and I was directed to the Ops Officer. He took one look at my orders, looked at me, and said, "You're not going to Danang. We need you here."

And so I spent the next four months flying out of NKP, a special operations base. Besides the 18th SOS, there were the Electric Goons, or C-47's that specialized in electronic detection; Sandys, or A-1 Skyraiders used in Search and Rescue (SAR) support; and Jolly Greens, large helicopters used for SAR pickups (downed aircrews in both Laos and southern North Vietnam). We had three primary missions: One was truck hunting along the Ho Chi Minh Trail, which was the primary supply line for North Vietnamese Army (NVA) and Viet Cong troops in South

Vietnam. Another was flying air support for the Laotian general who was fighting against the Pathet Lao. We did this in conjunction with Air America, who at the time was flying out of Udorn, Thailand. And finally, SAR missions, which we flew in conjunction with the Sandys and Jolly Greens. This was the most rewarding mission, since we were saving lives.

After four months of truck hunting, flying air support, and SAR missions (which were very rewarding), I was told I was headed to Danang. Upon arrival, the first thing I noticed was that everybody was wearing flak jackets and steel helmets. I already had a flak jacket, so all I needed was a helmet.

The first rocket attack I experienced was around 10 p.m. the night I arrived. The attack lasted only about 15 minutes, but it scared me and also destroyed two aircraft on the flight line. It was the first of many.

I settled into flying almost every night, and some days. Most of our missions were firebase support, with many TIC (troops in contact) missions around northern South Vietnam and the Central Highlands. Since



Walt is pictured second from right, along with fellow soldiers in his squadron at Utaapao.

there were almost no American ground troops left in Vietnam, virtually all of our missions were supporting Army of Vietnam South (ARVN) ground troops. As a result, since none of us spoke Vietnamese, we almost always had a Vietnamese lieutenant on board with us who would talk to the ARVN troops on the ground.

I spent most of my time in Vietnam at Danang, but we also had a satellite squadron at Bien Hoa, about 15 miles northwest of Saigon. I spent several months flying out of there, including the battle of An Loc, which was one of the bigger battles of the war. The NVA came across from Cambodia and attacked An Loc, and we were tasked to do close air support. We were firing on what the FAC told us were bad guy positions when we were told to stop firing as a C-130 was flying in to do a low altitude air drop below us. We kept orbiting and watched the C-130 fly in below us. While doing the air drop, the C-130 got hit in the right wing, nosed over, and cartwheeled into the ground.

into a firing orbit and started firing on the T-54's with our 20mm Vulcan gatling guns, with HEI rounds. A few rounds would blow the turret off a tank.

We could fire 6000 rounds a minute and started firing on the T-54's and the ground controller comes on and yelled "STINGAH, STINGAH, STOP FIRING! YOU SHOOT GOOD GUYS! SHOOT PATTONS!!!"

Apparently, earlier in the day, the NVA had captured a bunch of M-48's and the ARVN had captured a bunch of T-54's. Nobody bothered to tell us this and thus ended our involvement in the Battle of Kontum.

Some interesting things happened that had nothing to do



During our time in Danang, my crew and I were involved in one of the biggest tank battles of the war, the Battle of Kontum. It involved NVA Soviet T-54 tanks and ARVN M-48 Patton tanks. Even from 1500 feet AGL, they were easy to distinguish. The T-54's had a squarish turret and the M-48's were round. We got

with combat. First, I got shot in the chest in our squadron hooch. I walked in after a mission still wearing my survival vest and flak jacket to buy some beers. A drunk pilot looked at me and asked, "Hey Weaver, you think that flak jacket actually works?" Then he pulled out his .38 and shot me in the chest.



Fortunately, the flak jacket stopped the bullet, but it did bruise my sternum.

On another day, we were tasked to fly a mission over Quang Tri, up near the DMZ. It was in the monsoon season so the sky was overcast. We were about 150 meters from our aircraft when we heard jets flying overhead, hidden by the overcast. Didn't think about it until about five seconds later, BOOMBOOM-BOOMBOOM! We were knocked on our butts by the concussion. When we got up, we found two of the squadron's gunships destroyed, including the one we were tasked to fly. 60,000 rounds of 7.62 and 20mm ammunition was cooking off.

We all jumped in a canal to avoid getting hit by errant rounds. When things settled down, we all had about 20 leeches hanging on us trying to chew through our flight suits. Our mission that day was scrapped. We spent around an hour picking leeches off each other.

Turned out U.S. Navy F-4's from an aircraft carrier in the South China Sea had a LORAN navigation system drop scheduled. The F-4's were supposed to use Danang as their IP point, and then head to somewhere in the Central Highlands to drop their 500 pounders. But, on this day, unfortunately, someone got the IP and the drop point switched around.

Finally, when I was in the Philippines for jungle survival

training, the Air Force lost my pay records. As a result, I spent almost the whole time there not getting paid. Just before I left, my records were found and I received one cash lump sum payment of several thousand dollars. So, I left Vietnam with a really fat wallet.

On Jan. 27, 1973, the cease fire happened. I remember it well. We had been told to stand down that morning, which means we had nothing to do but sit around the squadron hooch and wonder what our next assignment would be. I was assigned to a KC-135 at Grissom AFB near Kokomo, Ind.

We arrived at Castle AFB near Merced, Calif., for upgrade training. This was fun as no one was shooting at us and all of us (pilots and navigators from the 18th SOS) bought sports cars. I bought a Lotus Europa. And, after spending a year going through the rigmarole of starting two 18 cylinder Wright 3350 radial engines, starting a jet engine was a breeze.

I completed upgrade training and started the next phase of my Air Force career. I spent five years stationed at Grissom. As this was the height of the Cold War, we were constantly on alert in Grissom and also Goose Bay, Labrador, Newfoundland, interacting with British and Canadian pilots.

I thought I was finished with visiting Southeast Asia, but I was mistaken. In 1975, we were tasked with a four-month Temporary Duty Yonder (TDY)

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to Utapao, Thailand, to fly air support during the Fall of Saigon. This turned out to be a very interesting trip. We were tasked to ferry fighters back to the States. It was a big mission with 15 KC-135's and 60 A-7's. All 15 of us flew in echelon formation, more or less, and each had four A-7's, one on each wing.

As happens with almost all military operations, things went to hell in a handbasket quickly. It started out smoothly, and we all hooked up, but as we were flying

downtrack, to avoid Vietnam before turning east towards Guam, we ran into weather. We were in soup with severe turbulence. No one could hold altitude, which is bad when flying formation. When we finally broke out of the weather and into the clear, there were airplanes everywhere. It's amazing nobody ran into someone else.

My other TDY of note was a three-month trip to Eilson AFB near Fairbanks, Alaska. The good thing about Alaska in February is all the mosquitos

are dead. But, going out to the flight line when it's -30F and sitting in the cockpit while we tried to get the #1 engine started was a race between getting the engine started and funneling heat into the cockpit or freezing to death. But, we did it.

The flying was really fun. It almost all involved air refueling reconnaissance aircraft over or near the North Pole.

About a year later, in the interest of "career progression," the Air Force wanted me to leave the cockpit and fly a desk. Since

the commitment I got out of flight training was up, I decided that flying a desk was not what I wanted to do, put in my papers, and left active duty after almost eight years. I spent the next 30 years in the reserves, doing almost nothing military-oriented and spending my time in various careers at various companies. I finished my career with a regular commission of Captain and a reserve commission of Major.

*(Editor's note: Many thanks for your service and your stories, Major Weaver)*

## Veterans Spotlight



**April Elting '09**

A former member of the Columbus Blue Jackets Ice Crew, April was the Elk & Elk Military Salute honoree at the Jan. 15 CBJ game vs. New Jersey. April, an A1C (Airman First Class), enlisted in the Air Force in November 2017 and works in strategic operations at NetJets, thanks to her interest in aviation.

She graduated from Goodfellow Air Force Base (San Angelo, Texas) boot camp in December with honors and is spending the next six months in technical training for intelligence while also taking courses in intel at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. April hopes she'll be able to deploy in 2020.



**Jeff DeWeese '73**

After graduating from Grandview Heights High School in 1973, I attended The Ohio State University and participated in the Naval ROTC Program. I graduated in 1977 and was commissioned as an officer in the United States Marine Corps where I served 24 years as an artillery officer, a foreign area officer and a strategic planner. I served in the Asia, the Middle East, Europe and the US. Upon retirement from the Marine Corps, I worked with the Under Secretary of the US Army for International Affairs and the Assistant Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations and

Planning. For the past 16 years, I served as the Deputy Director, Strategy & Plans Division for the US Marine Corps which oversees Strategy Development; Plan Development; International Affairs; Joint Staff, Combatant Command and Service coordination; Space and Special Technical Operations. I currently live in Fairfax, VA.

*(Editor's note - Jeff would tell you more specifically what he does but then he'd have to kill you.)*



**Jack Reeves '54**

Jack began his 32-year military career in 1958 in the United States Army, graduating from Officer Candidate School in 1962. He completed two tours

of duty in Vietnam, as well as multiple other assignments before retiring in 1992 as Colonel. Jack was inducted into the OCS Hall of Fame in 1996 at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was a member of the American Legion for 54 years and charter member of the Forty and Eight at Post No. 113 of Elizabethtown. He was a life member of VFW Post No. 10281 in Vine Grove. Jack also was a founding member of The Retired Officers Association at Fort Knox, now known as Military Officer Association. Jack was a 32nd Degree Mason of the Scottish Rite.

# Veterans Statue Rededication

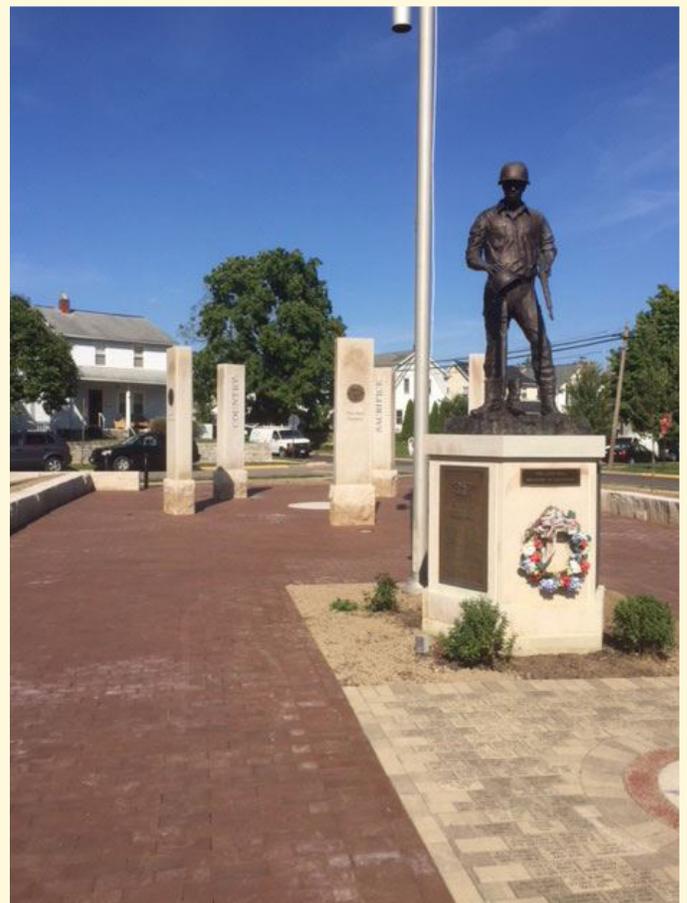


A ribbon-cutting and dedication service was held on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2018, to celebrate the addition of a memorial plaza and armed services monuments to Memorial Park in Grandview Heights. This park, at the intersection of Northwest Blvd. and Oxley Road, commemorates the service and sacrifice of military veterans from the City of Grandview Heights and the Village of Marble Cliff. That day also marked the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, or Armistice Day, which Congress renamed as Veterans Day in 1954.

In 2015, with a generous donation from Drs. Thomas and Lowell Williams, Grandview Heights dedicated the addition of a bronze soldier statue to the park. The statue commemorates

the ultimate sacrifice made by so many service members and to honor America's 20 million+ veterans.

EMH&T Landscape Architects designed park improvements for the 2015 statue, as well as the recent enhancements designed to complement it. These additions include a brick memorial plaza, limestone seat walls, raised lawn and elm trees, and five stone monuments with accent lighting. Each limestone monument represents a military branch of service - Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy. As in 2015, the 2018 park improvements were made possible by a generous donation from the Drs. Thomas and Lowell Williams Foundation, the City of Grandview Heights and the Village of Marble Cliff.



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## Special Recognition

Tamara Bartholomew Sutphen '46  
Tom Barnes '62  
Charles Handel '63  
Barbara McKinnon Handel '65

## Top Cats Club

Tom Williams '43  
David Mueller '61  
Karen Devor Linn '65

## Big Cats Club

Norman Brown '49  
Rusty Lawyer '58  
Charles Eichorn '51  
Bob Fries '61  
Linda Herd Fries '61  
Bob Palmer '63  
David Williams '64  
Mike Funk '69  
David Burkhart '72

## In Honor

Lou Ann Mueller Kilgore '56 by David Mueller '61  
Juanita Palma Martina '46 by Bill Overmyer '46

## NEW - Lifetime Membership

William Riggs '59  
Dennis Richardson '64  
Roger Shaffer '64  
Debbie Patton Cline '67  
Marta Howard Durban '72  
Jeff DeWeese '73  
Diane DeWeese '75  
Wendy DeWeese Thomas '80  
Karen DeWeese Feast '84

## Paws Club

Dee Twombly '55  
Pat Fleming '61

## Veterans added since the FALL 2018 Issue

David Mueller '61 USN  
Virginia Janey '64 USA  
Michael A Mobley '84 USA

## In Memoriam

Tom Sutphen '46 by Tamea Bartholomew Sutphen '46  
Jim Boyer '45 by John Roberts '52  
Bill Thomas (Coach) by Jack Lenhart '47  
Chuck Mangio '47 by Jack Lenhart '47  
Ed Smith '47 by Jack Lenhart '47  
Deceased Classmates of 1948 including last President Jim Brozon By Diana Dunn Kukor '48  
Rod Stock '49 by John Roberts '52  
Dick Abbruzzese '51 by Bill and Sonnie Lawrence '50  
Dick Abbruzzese '51 by Don Christopher '52 & daughters Tracey & Kelley  
Dick Abbruzzese '51 by Carole Bennett Myers '51 & Jack Myers '51  
Dick Abbruzzese '51 by Norma Nadalin widow of Albert Nadalin '51  
Dick Abbruzzese '51 by Al Short '51  
Dick Abbruzzese '51 by Jane Davis Gladwin '53  
Dick Carter '54 by Luana Carter Jados '67  
Bob Kilgore '54 by David Mueller '61  
Deceased Classmates of 1955 by Joyce Titsch Zilles '55  
Jim Noble '58 by Lynne Fulmer Hutchison '56  
John Noble '59 by Lynne Fulmer Hutchison '56  
Mike Martina '46 by Bill Overmyer '46  
Marsha Yaggi Drosos '59 by Elsa Yaggi Campbell '65  
Hank Yaggi '6 by Elsa Yaggi Campbell '65  
Judy Edgington Richardson '64 by Diane Edgington Koontz '69  
Judy Edgington Richardson '64 by Dennis Richardson '64  
Judy Edgington Richardson '64 by Tom Williams '68  
Sid Timbrook III '64 by Clifton Timbrook '67  
Mary LaRue - secretary by Anna LaRue '73

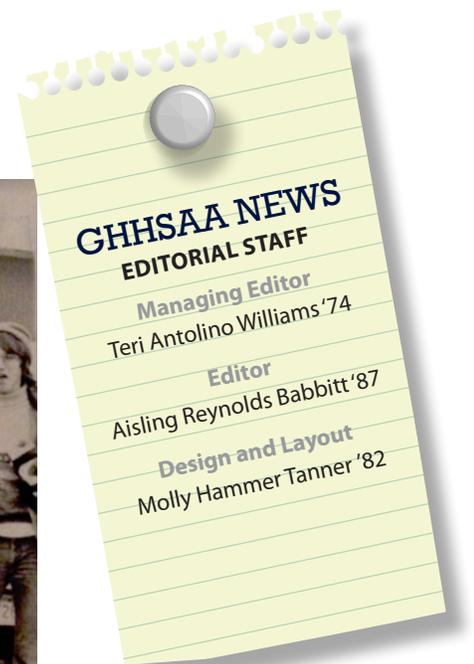


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