Military Profiles

Reader Remembrances

Published in honor of all Veterans

Ron Goodboe
U.S. Air Force
Korea and Vietnam
1948 – 1974

Bob Anderson
U.S. Navy
SKSM and SHSM
1958-1963
The history of the M-16 rifle

The rifle entered United States Army service and was deployed for jungle warfare operations in South Vietnam in 1963, becoming the U.S. military’s standard service rifle of the Vietnam War by 1969, replacing the M14 rifle in that role. The U.S. Army retained the M14 in CONUS, Europe, and South Korea until 1970. Since the Vietnam War, the M16 rifle family has been the primary service rifle of the U.S. armed forces.

The M16 has also been widely adopted by other militaries around the world. Total worldwide production of M16-style weapons since the design’s inception has been approximately 8 million, making it the most-produced firearm of its caliber.

In 2010, the M16 began to be phased out in the U.S. Army and is being replaced by the M4 carbine, which is itself a shortened derivative of the M16A2. The M16 is a lightweight, 5.56 mm, air-cooled, gas-operated, magazine-fed assault rifle, with a rotating bolt, actuated by direct impingement gas operation. The rifle is made of steel, 7075 aluminum alloy, composite plastics and polymer materials.

In the early 1960s, the U.S. Air Force’s rifle, the M16, and the Army’s XM16E1, were the first versions of the M16 rifle fielded. Soon the U.S. Army standardized an upgrade of the XM16E1 as the M16A1 rifle, an M16 with a forward assist feature and other improvements requested by the Army. All of the early versions were chambered to fire the M193/M196 cartridge in the semi-automatic and the automatic firing modes. This occurred in the early 1960s, with the Army issuing it in late 1964. Commercial AR-15s were first issued to Special Forces troops in spring of 1964.

The M16A2 rifle entered service in the 1980s, being ordered in large scale by 1987, chambered to fire the standard NATO cartridge, the Belgian-designed M855/M856 cartridge. The M16A2 is a select-fire rifle (semi-automatic fire, three-round-burst fire) incorporating design elements requested by the Marine Corps:[11] an adjustable, windage rear-sight; a stock ½ inches (15.9 mm) longer; heavier barrel; case deflector for left-hand shooters; and cylindrical hand guards. The fire mode selector is on the receiver’s left side.

The M16A3 rifle is an M16A2 rifle with an M16A1’s fire control group (semi-automatic fire, automatic fire) that is used only by the U.S. Navy. The M16A4 rifle was standard issue for the United States Marine Corps in Operation Iraqi Freedom since 2004; it replaced the M16A2 in front line units. In the U.S. Army the M16A2 rifle is being supplemented with two rifle models, the M16A4 and the M4 carbine as the standard issue assault rifle. The M16A4 has a flat-top receiver developed for the M4 carbine, a handguard with four Picatinny rails for mounting a sight, laser, night vision device, forward handgrip, removable handle, or a flashlight.

The M16 rifle is principally manufactured by Colt and Fabrique Nationale de Herstal (under a U.S. military contract since 1988 by FNH-USA; currently in production since 1991, primarily M16A2, A3, and A4), with variants made elsewhere in the world.
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A very essential resource for Veterans in the Columbia Basin: Columbia Basin Veteran Coalition

YOU SERVED OUR COUNTRY—NOW LET US SERVE YOU!

For veterans in the Prosser, Grandview, Benton City, Yakima, Tri-Cities and region, there is a new one stop shop in place, whose sole mission is to help veterans and their families access benefits and resources. The Columbia Basin Veteran Coalition, a 501C3, non-profit, with an office in Pasco, provides services to aid transitional veterans in assimilating back into the civilian environment as well as provides services to area veterans wondering where to find help, have questions answered about veteran resources.

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By so doing, we assist organizations in meeting their service goals. This is the most unique and distinctive element of our organization. They provide communication, advocacy, and intervention to assist the veteran with various agencies and educational institutions for the benefit of the veteran or veterans as a whole. By so doing, we assist organizations in meeting their service goals.

Semper Fi is the shortened term for Semper Fidelis which is Latin for “Always Faithful”

Semper Fidelis is Latin for “Always Faithful”. Well known in the United States of America as the motto of the United States Marine Corps, this phrase, often shortened to Semper Fi (pronounced /səmˈpər fəˈlɪdəs/ in Marine contexts, has served as a slogan for many families and entities, in many countries, dating at least as far back as the 15th century. Within the groups below, users are listed in chronological order according to when they are believed to have adopted the motto; however, in many cases dates of adoption are not well established. The United States Marine Corps adopted the motto Semper Fidelis in 1883, on the initiative of Colonel Charles McCawley (January 29, 1827 – October 13, 1891), the 8th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

There were three mottos prior to Semper Fidelis including “Fortitudine” (meaning “with courage”) antedating the War of 1812, “Per Mare, Per Terram” (“by sea, by land”; presumably inherited from the British Royal Marines, whose motto it already was), and, up until 1843, there was also the motto “To the Shores of Tripoli”. “Semper fidelis” signifies the dedication and loyalty that individual Marines have for “Corps and Country”, even after leaving service. Marines frequently shorten the motto to “Semper Fi”. “Semper Fidelis” is also the title of the official march of the United States Marine Corps, composed by John Philip Sousa in 1889. Sousa was director of the United States Marine Band (“The President’s Own”) when a replacement for Hail to the Chief was requested, but later rejected. Sousa considered it to be his “most musical” march. It was prominently featured in the movie A Few Good Men. Charles Barr wrote the lyrics to the march. On the United States Marine Corps Seal, the eagle of the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor emblem holds a ribbon emblazoned “Semper Fidelis.”
Clarence L. Zahn  
U.S. Army  
European Theater  
Wounded in combat – received the Purple Heart

Bruce Wendell Kuhlman  
1st Sgr (Retired)  
U.S. Army Special Forces Fort Bragg, 1963 – 1983

Charles Wendell Kuhlman  
Major – Chaplain  
(Active Duty)  
U.S. Army – 101st Airborne Division – Iraq  
1997 – Present

Louis Fournier  
U.S. Air Force  
1951 – 1982

Richard Ormiston  
860th Aviation Engineers  
New Guinea and the Philippines - U.S. Army  
1942-1944

Fraser Squire  
U.S. Marine Corps  
Korea and Vietnam  
1948 – 1974

Ron Goodboe  
U.S. Air Force  
1948-1974

Ray Welley  
Chief Petty Officer  
U.S. Navy  
1942-1955

Richard Coffman  
Chief Motor Mate  
U.S. Navy – WW II, South Pacific Theater  
1943-1947

Wayne Coffman  
U.S. Navy  
Aircraft Mechanic – 2nd Class - Aircraft Carrier in the Mediterranean Sea  
1967-1970

Ron Coffman  
U.S. Navy  
Light Cruiser Radio Operator - Japan  
1963-1967

Jayson Coffman  
U.S. Navy  
Gunner’s Mate on support ships - Japan and West Coast 1991-1993

Roger Stone  
U.S. Army  
Private (E-1) - Combat Support, 2nd Battalion 1st Infantry - Japan  
1972-1974

Irv Stone  
U.S. Army  
Sergeant Major  
1946-1974

Basil W. Dean  
U.S. Army Air Corps  
Corporal  
Guam – Pacific Theater  
1942 – 1945

David Broussard  
U.S. Navy  
E-2 Master at Arms  
Japan  
2007 – Current Active Duty

Carl F. Grimes  
U.S. Army  
Specialist  
Germany  
1958-1962

Paul J. Grimes  
U.S. Army  
PFC  
P.O.W. Transport - France  
WWI

Thomas B. Grimes  
U.S. Navy  
Navy/Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer  
Korean War – Vietnam  
1950 - 1974

Jim Grimes  
U.S. Air Force  
Pictured here in Japan in 1959  
1956-1960

Richard V. Halverson  
U.S. Army  
PFC  
1958-1960  
32nd Armor Division,  
Company C  
Friedburg Germany

Lawrence Jake Jacobsen  
U.S. Navy  
Navy Diver  
1961-1981  
Vietnam Vet

Gordon M. Flint  
U.S. Navy  
Naval Aviation Cadet

Cassandra Richman  
U.S. Air Force

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Simplot Soilbuilders
Spin Cycle Laundromat
Thompson Chiropractic
Valley Vista Medical Group
Welch Foods, Inc.
Western States Insurance
Wilson Family Eye Care
Dr. Robert Wilson
Yakima Federal Savings and Loan Association
Robert W. Buchholz  
U.S. Navy  
1964-1967  
Turkey and Japan

Othel R. Butler  
U.S. Army – 59th Armored Division  
Africa, Italy, Normandy  
Invasion, and the Battle of the Bulge  
1941 – 1945

Leonard Traville  
U.S. Air Force  
1955-1977

Clarence Rincker  
U.S. Army  
Europe  
1943-1946

Harold Franklin  
U.S. Navy  
Machinist Mate  
1st Class  
1955 – 1958

Keo Bailey  
Sergeant 1st Class – Chef  
U.S. Army  
India  
U.S. Navy - Developed rheumatic fever and was discharged in 1943, 1942-1943

Robert S. Williams  
Staff Sergeant  
U.S. Army Air Corps  
China, Burma, India and the Hump, flying gas to troops.  
1942-1946

Johnathan Isaac Bailey  
U.S. Navy  
Senior Navy Chief  
1st Class  
1955 – 1975

Connie Leon Bailey  
U.S. Navy  
Navy Chief  
1942-1946

Ronnie Bailey, Bobbie Bailey and Johnnie Marshall  
All three are Vietnam vets in the U.S. Army  
1965-1967

Errett C. Grant  
U.S. Army  
Private  
1918-1922

Dennis Vule  
U.S. Army  
Vietnam  
1967-1970

Chuck Weems  
U.S. Navy

Charles Alan Franklin  
U.S. Navy

Wayne Franklin  
U.S. Navy

Wayne Carpenter  
U.S. Air Force  
Airman 2nd Class  
1955-1959

Bill Owens  
U.S. Army  
Sergeant  
North Africa, Sicily and Italy  
1942-1945

Carl Moore  
U.S. Army  
Sergeant E-5  
Command Airplane Company  
Vietnam  
1966 – 1969  
Air Medal

John Brown  
U.S. Army  
38th parallel, Korea sometime in 1952.  
Assigned to the Radio/Radio Teletype section,  

Sgt. Robert V. Webb  
U.S. Army  
WWII  
1942 - 1945

Robert C. Evans  
U.S. Army  
WWII  
1942 - 1945

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War Fast Fact
During the Battle of Waterloo, Lord Uxbridge had his horse shot from under him 9 times.
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Veterans Day
11 November 2012
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In Loving Memory of our Dad, John L. Fournier, Jr. U.S.M.C.
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John, Danielle and Matt

Dr. Warren Barmore
Captain
United States Air Force
1966-1970


left to right: Jeannie Fassler, Air Force Nurse, 4 years of service; Michael Fassler, Air Force, Lieutenant Colonel, Pilot, Vietnam Veteran, 20 years of service.

Peter Anthony Steinbach, Jr.
U.S. Army
Sp5 “Wolf Pack”
Served in Vietnam
Medals:
National Defense Service Medal, Bronze Star, Vietnam Service Medal
1966-1969

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Lewis M. (Bill) Petersen
U.S. Navy
P.O.W. 3 ½ Years
– Japanese
1939-1959

Michael Nelson
U.S. Marine Corps
Lance Corporal
Helicopter Mechanic
Afghanistan
2007-Current
Active Duty

R.W. “Cody” Nelson
U.S. Marine Corps
Infantry
Afghanistan
2005-Current
Active Duty

Richard “Dick” Bain
U.S. Army
Transportation Corps.
World War II

Shan Deleon
Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps,
Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.
Duty was interrupted by an illness during boot camp and was in hospital for a year.
2007 – Current Active Duty

Jess C. Bryson, Jr.
5th Marines
Private First Class
Died on Iwo Jima, received Purple Heart
1940-1945

Richard Reid
U.S. Army
Sergeant, Combat Engineers
Germany
1942 - 1945
(Graduated from Prosser High School in 1939)

War Fast Fact
Approximately 1,100 U boats were sunk or lost during World War II.

Stephen Millard Buxton
U.S. Army
SP-4
Vietnam
Da Nang Generator Operator
1969 – 1971

Ronald Borg
U.S. Marine Corps
Korean Conflict
1952 – 1954

Michael Trainer
U.S. Army
Sergeant
7th Division, 17th Infantry
Korea – 1953

Gail B. Beck
U.S. Navy
Sonarman
USS. Chevalier
1959-1962

Charles Raymond Edwards
U.S. Marine Corps
Lance Corporal
MCAS Miramar
VMFA (AW)-225
2005-2009

Lloyd Richards
Bosun’s Mate
US Navy

Lee S. Boyd
U.S. Navy
1941 – Retired in 1960

War Fast Fact
The first reference to a handgun was made in an order for iron bullets in 1326.

Sal Torres
USMC
Sergeant
1972-1978

Heather Troemel
USMC
Private

Billy Troemel
Sergeant
(Retired – United States Marine Corps.)

R. Ryan Baggerly
U.S. Army
Currently on Active Duty in Iraq

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The U.S. has been in war, since its inception. When veterans talk about or asked about their era that they served. Here are those dates, as recognized by the Department of Veteran Affairs Benefits Office:

**Indian wars.** January 1, 1817, through December 31, 1898, inclusive. Service must have been rendered with the United States military forces against Indian tribes or nations.

**Spanish-American War.** April 21, 1898, through July 4, 1902, inclusive. If the veteran served with the United States military forces engaged in hostilities in the Moro Province, the ending date is July 15, 1903. The Philippine Insurrection and the Boxer Rebellion are included.

**World War I.** April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918, inclusive. If the veteran served with the United States military forces in Russia, the ending date is April 1, 1920. Service after November 11, 1918, and before July 2, 1921 is considered World War I service if the veteran served in the active military, naval, or air service after April 5, 1917 and before November 12, 1918.

**World War II.** December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946, inclusive. If the veteran was in service on December 31, 1946, continuous service before July 26, 1947, is considered World War II service.

**Korean conflict.** June 27, 1950, through January 31, 1955, inclusive.

**Vietnam era.** The period beginning on February 28, 1961, and ending on May 7, 1975, inclusive, in the case of a veteran who served in the Republic of Vietnam during that period. The period beginning on August 5, 1964, and ending on May 7, 1975, inclusive, in all other cases. (Authority: 38 U.S.C. 101(29)).

**Future dates.** The period beginning on the date of any future declaration of war by the Congress and ending on a date prescribed by Presidential proclamation or concurrent resolution of the Congress. (Authority: 38 U.S.C. 101).

**Mexican border period.** May 9, 1916, through April 5, 1917, in the case of a veteran who during such period served in Mexico, on the borders thereof, or in the waters adjacent thereto. (Authority: 38 U.S.C. 101(30)).

**Persian Gulf War.** August 2, 1990, through date to be prescribed by Presidential proclamation or law.

**Iraqi and Afghanistan Wars: Current**
Cliff Schryvers
U.S. Navy
Senior Chief Petty Officer
USS Ranger, two deployments to Vietnam 1964 – 1993

Robert Schryvers
U.S. Air Force
Staff Sergeant
Okinawa, Japan 1952 - 1956

Matthew Robert Axford
U.S. Army
Son of David and Debbi Axford
Artillery Afghanistan since 2009 2008-present

James R. Brumley
U.S. Air Force
Specialist E-4
U.S. Army

Max Anthony Saldaña
U.S. Air Force
Airmen 1st Class
South Korea, currently in Italy, 2007 – Current Active Duty

Domingo Ramirez Jr.
U.S. Air Force
Sergeant
Clark Air Base, Philippines 1976 - 1980

Louie Aguilar,
U.S. Air Force
Sergeant
Clark Air Base, Phillipines 1976 - 1980

James R.
Brumley
Specialist E-4
U.S. Army

Max Anthony
Saldaña
U.S. Air Force
Airman 1st Class
South Korea, currently in Italy, 2007 – Current Active Duty

Walter Castilleja, Jr.
U.S. Army
1st Sergeant
Combat in Persian Gulf and Iraq

Walt Castilleja Sr.
U.S. Army
Sergeant Paratrooper Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos 1961 - 1965

Ernest L. Duran
U.S. Marine Corps
E-4 Lance Corporal

Daniel S. Christensen
U.S. Air Force
Sergeant
Communications Specialist with a mobile unit 1960 - 1968.

Jose Albert Leon
U.S. Navy
E-5 Master at Arms Iraq – Afghanistan 2000 - 2004

Rudy Cortez
U.S. Army
Sgt. First Class 1950 - 1953

ernest L. Duran
U.S. Marine Corps
E-4 Lance Corporal

Lawrence A. Walter
USMC Gunnery Sergeant
Korean War and Vietnam 1952- honorable

June Higdon Bates
USMC Gunnery Instructor 1944

Rian H. Blahut
USMC Gunnery Sergeant
Korean War and Vietnam 1952- honorable

Jeremie Dufault
U.S. Army
Captain 2008-present

Matthew Blahut
U.S. Army
Son of David and Debbi Axford Artillery Afghanistan since 2009 2006-present

Matthew Robert Axford
U.S. Army
Spec. 5

Justin Lee Hewitt
U.S. Army
E-3

Fred Beierle
U.S. Coast Guard
Serve on the Winona

Major J.C. Childs
U.S. Army Air Corps, World War II – P-47 and P-51 Pilot

Lieutenant Commander Jack Childs
U.S. Navy, Vietnam War Radar Intercept Officer F4 Phantom and F14 Tomcats aircraft

Ronald Stone
U.S. Air Force
Stationed in the Philippines 1944-1946

Talmadge E. Worden
Corporal
U.S. Army Air Forces Guam WWII 1943-1946

Clifford H.
Christensen
U.S. Army
Sergeant
Served in Burma/ India WWII

Lindyn Andreasen
U.S.M.C
Sergeant 1951-1952 Korean War 1950-1953 Korean War

June Higdon Bates
USMC Gunnery Instructor 1944

Stan Barnett
U.S. Army
Sp. 4 15th Truck, 4th infantry Bamberg, Germany March 1959 to February 1961

Lawrence A. Walter
USMC Gunnery Sergeant
Korean War and Vietnam 1952- honorable

Rian H. Blahut
Prosser class of 2004.
25th Combat Aviation Brigade, Schofield Barracks, HI

Jeremie Dufault
U.S. Army
Captain 2008-present

Matthew Blahut
U.S. Air Force class of 2006

War Fast Facts
There are 92 known cases of nuclear bombs lost at sea.

Land mines cause 24,000 deaths a year.
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Michael Lange
U.S. Army Reserves
SFC
 Iraq – 2003
 1987 – 2003

Gene Lange
U.S. Army
SP-4
Korea – DMZ
1963 – 1965

Tyson Sowers
U.S. Army
Private First Class
Iraq

William Jacobs
U.S. Army
Private First Class

MSgt. Anthony W. Lauby
U.S. Air Force
Information Specialist
Randolph AFB, Texas and RAF Upper Heyford, U.K.
1942-1948
B-17 mechanic
U.S. bases and RAF Memblesham, U.K.

Sgt. Barbara A. Lauby
U.S. Air Force Reserve
Airman 1st Class
Aircraft Ground Equipment mechanic
McChord AFB, Tacoma, Wash.
1984-1989

Geraldine L. Macia
U.S. Air Force Intelligence Specialist
Langley AFB, Va., and RAF Upper Heyford, U.K.

Sgt. James Macia
U.S. Air Force Intelligence Specialist
Langley AFB, Va., and RAF Upper Heyford, U.K.

German H. Luna
U.S. Army
Sergeant E-5
Vietnam
1967 – 1969

Ricardo H. Luna
U.S. Army
Sergeant
Panama and First Gulf War

Jaime H. Luna
U.S. Army
Military Intelligence
Germany
1979 – 1987

Bob Yahn
U.S. Army
Military Intelligence
Germany
1979 – 1987

Nicolaas A. Verhoeven
U.S. Navy
Ensign on Active Duty
USS Bremerton, Honolulu, Hawaii
Graduated from Grandview High School

Heath Niemi
U.S. Navy
West Point graduate
Promoted to Lt. Colonel Aug. 4, 2008
Iraq and Afghanistan
1988 – Current

Javier Prieto
U.S. Marine Corps
Sergeant
Camp Lejuene, NC
2003 – 2007

Bob Anderson
U.S. Navy
SKSM and SHSM
1959-1963

Lisa Jones
Air Force
F-7 Master Sergeant
Into 23 years of service in locations that include Elmdorf, Alaska, Fort George, General Maryland, McCord, Washington, Langley, Virginia.

Jeremy Jones
Air Force
E-7 Master Sergeant
Into 16 years of service in Texas, Eglin, Florida, Elmdorf, Alaska, McCord, Washington, Langley, Virginia. Has 9 tours in Iraq, Iran, now on a tour in Manas International Airport in Kyrgyzstan. Also spent a year in Haiti.

Melissa Jones
Air Force
Stationed at locations including Lackland, TX, and Tinker, OK, before developing a foot tendonitis that forced a very unhappy medical discharge.

Kenneth Jones
Air Force
Senior Master Sergeant
Served 30 years, stationed locations that include Texas, McConnell, Kansas, Jacksonville AFB, Arkansas and Germany.

Charles Walker, Sr.
U.S. M.C.
Private
2nd Marine Division
WWII
Battles of Tarawa and Saipan
1942-1944

Dwight A. Halstead
U.S. Air Force- WWII
1st Lt.
494th Bomb Group
(H) “Kelley’s Kobras”
867th Bomb Squad

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We'll never change our course, So vicious foe
steer shy-y-y-y.

**Roll out the TNT, Anchors Aweigh.**
Sail on to victory
And sink their bones to Davy Jones, hooray!

**Anchors Aweigh, my boys, Anchors Aweigh.**
Farewell to college joys, we sail at break of day-ay-ay.

Through our last night on shore, drink to the foam,
Until we meet once more,
Here's wishing you a happy voyage home.

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“A Purple Heart just proves that were you smart enough to think of a plan, stupid enough to try it, and lucky enough to survive.”

“A slipping gear could let your M203 grenade launcher fire when you least expect it. That would make you quite unpopular in what’s left of your unit.”

- the Army’s magazine of preventive maintenance.
- U.S. Air Force
Fred Dompier
U.S. Navy
Chief Pharmacist Mate E-7

Woody Dompier
U.S. Navy
Seaman Apprentice E-2

Bert Dompier
U.S. Navy
Seaman Apprentice E-2

Phil Robert
U.S. Army
Signal Corps. New Guinea, Papua and the Philippines WWII

Michael R.
Frailey
U.S. Army
Sergeant 9th Infantry Division 1972 – 1995

Nancy D.
Petersen
U.S. Army
SFC Midway Aircraft Carrier 1957 - 1987

Charlie C.
Rose
U.S. Navy
Lance Corporal

Burton A.
Hall
U.S. Army Air Corps
Lieutenant Colonel Aleutian Islands, Alaska 1940-1945

Lenn Dompier
U.S. Navy
Seaman Apprentice E-2

Robert Dompier
U.S. Navy
Seaman Apprentice E-2

Chuck Dompier
U.S. Navy
Boatswains Mate Seaman E-3

Jerry Dompier
U.S. Navy
Data Systems Tech, 1st Class, E-6 1959 – 1979

Brandon M.
Richman
U.S. Marine Corps
Active duty since Oct. 10, 2008

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Boot camp is old hat to this seasoned veteran

By Richard Burger

The other guys in his boot camp company called him Ol’ G. But when he was about six months shy of his 50th birthday, Spec. 4 James Meador could outrun about a third of the 218 men in his company.

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He was sent to Ft. Benning, Ga., for basic training, and though he welcomed the opportunity to be in the Reserves, he had no illusions about what he would be facing.

“I knew it was going to be different (than Air Force boot camp),” Meador said. “It was longer and more intense.”

The training regimen took some getting used to, he said, “but after the second week, it kind of clicked.”

During the 10 weeks of training, he fired a variety of high-tech weapons, such as an anti-tank weapon and a grenade launcher, which he enjoyed.

He also discovered that, even though he hadn’t shot a rifle in about 15 years, he hadn’t lost his touch.

“I made sharpshooter,” he said.

The culmination of the training was what Meador called FTX. His company spent a week marching several miles a day in the woods.

Then, each man strapped on 90 pounds of gear and marched 10 miles out of the woods in the dark.

He characterized the experience as “really emotional.”

“The next day, you felt like you got beat,” he said.

He completed one more four-week bout of training later, a refresher course in truck driving. That’s his official Army job.

Meanwhile, Meador has returned to his regular job as chef at Sunnyside Community Hospital.

However, as a trained Army enlistee, he is now eligible to be deployed to a war zone.

He said if he is sent overseas, it will be a one-year deployment.

Meador said he’s ready for it. The best part of his last stint in boot camp was becoming familiar with the weapons the Army uses now.

“You’ve got to know what you’re doing,” he said.

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‘The Greatest Generation’

“The Greatest Generation” is a term coined by journalist Tom Brokaw to describe the generation who grew up in the United States during the deprivation of the Great Depression, and then went on to fight in World War II, as well as those whose productivity within the war’s home front made a decisive material contribution to the war effort.

The generation is sometimes referred to as the G.I. Generation (a term coined by authors William Strauss and Neil Howe who are known for their generational theory). It follows the Lost Generation who fought in World War I and precedes the Silent Generation who did not come of age until near the end of the war.

Baby boomers are mostly the children of the Greatest Generation, although some are also silent generation.

Their grandchildren are mostly of Generation X and Generation Y. The youngest members of the Greatest Generation may have Generation Z grandchildren.

The Greatest Generation is generally agreed to have begun in 1901, as those people would have turned 18 after World War I ended. However, people born from 1901 to 1909 came of age during the 1920s and identified more with the culture of that decade than the 1930s and 1940s.

The core of the Greatest Generation consists of those born in 1914–1924, with 1925–1927 forming a bridge to the Silent Generation.

Most Greatest Generation members were the children of the Lost Generation (which spanned 1883–1900). Their children are generally Baby Boomers or Silent Generation.
George F. Petty Jr.  
U.S. Navy  
Machinist Mate 3rd Class  
USS R.K. Huntington – South Pacific  
1944 - 1946

Kenton R. Childers  
Lance Corporal  
Scout Sniper  
US Marine Corps  
Hawaii – Sniper Training  
Afghanistan 2010  
2007 – Current Active Duty

Bobby Touchette  
U.S. Army  
Private First Class  
Iraq  
Received the Purple Heart

Betty George  
U.S. Army Air Corps  
Private  
Cook  
World War II

Walt George  
U.S. Army  
Combat infantry soldier  
Iraq – two Army Commendation Medals

Steven Miller  
Private First Class  
U.S. Army  
Korea

Wes Underwood  
Master Sergeant  
U.S. Air Force  
Korea

Aaron Oxford  
Sergeant  
U.S. Army

Logan Brown  
U.S. Army  
10th Mountain Division  
Current Active Duty

Jordan Brown  
U.S. Air Force  
Airman  
35th Medical Logistics Support Unit  
Japan  
Current Active Duty

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Korean War  
1950 - 1954

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U.S. Army  
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U.S. Army  
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World War II

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• “Everyone wants peace — and they will fight the most terrible war to get it.”  
  - Miles Kington, on BBC Radio, Feb. 4, 1995
• “Five-second fuses only last three seconds.”  
  - Infantry Journal

• “Freedom is the right to be wrong, not the right to do wrong.”  
  - John G. Riefenbaker

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Of the 44 films he made between 1948 and 1969, 33 of them were Westerns. Murphy was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

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Villanueva
U.S. Air Force
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Security Forces
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Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas

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U.S. Army Air Corps
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Instructor Pilot
(C-47’s) – 1st Troop Carrier Command
1941-1945

Lynd D. Cooper
U.S. Navy
– Retired
Commander
Chaplain
1965-1988

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Heard
U.S. Navy
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1947-1971
Served in the occupation of Japan,
the Korean War and Vietnam.
Now an active member of the Honor Guard
Chairman of the Prosser VFW

Miguel Pineda Jr.
U.S.M.C.
1st Recon & MCB
El Toro
1958 to 1959

MCCORKLE FAMILY
Patricia McCorkle, USA Major (veteran on right), and her sons, Justin McCorkle, (left) USA Captain, active duty at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and Isaac McCorkle, USMC Lieutenant, active duty at Quantico, Virginia. This mother and sons have a combined active-duty service record of 36 years. Patricia is a registered nurse at Prosser Memorial Hospital.

SSgt. Marvin L. Best
7-23-1970 - 6-19-2004
Yesterday, today, and forever,
I love you for many reasons -
for being a wonderful husband
and hero to our country.
Shelly

• “We are not retreating, we are advancing in another direction.”
• “We sleep safely in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would harm us.”
  - George Orwell

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USAF
1998 – 2002

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USAF
1998 – 2002

Elmer “Al”
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U.S. Army
Sergeant
1954 – 1960

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U.S. Army
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The VFW National Commander comes to Prosser

The National Commander of the VFW visited the Prosser VFW Post 3207 in 2011. Pictured (l. – r.) M. Coursey, R. Travaille, Frank Kreis, the National Commander, J. Pickes, Jaime Luna, and E. Heard.

- “We are not retreating, we are advancing in another direction.”
- “We sleep safely in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would harm us.”
  - George Orwell Military Quote

- “When in doubt empty the magazine.”
- “When the pin is pulled, Mr. Grenade is not our friend.”
  - U.S. Marine Corps

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Fast War Fact

Annual global spending on military is more than $1.3 trillion (45% by USA).

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“Where's no honorable way to kill, no gentle way to destroy. There is nothing good in war. Except its ending.”
- Dwight D. Eisenhower

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- “When the pin is pulled, Mr. Grenade is not our friend.”
  - U.S. Marine Corps
Flag etiquette

Students at Harriet Thompson Elementary get a lesson in the proper way to fold the American Flag from Jim Davidson, a long time scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts and a member of the American Legion. Pictured, from left, Serelle Thorpe, Andrea Laurean, Alejandra Clara, Anthony Cromwell, Angel Ramirez, A.J. Hultberg, Jim Davidson, Daniel Flag, and David Bruinekool.

Submitted photo
Wreaths Across America deadline near

By Richard Burger

The deadline for ordering wreaths for the Wreaths Across America program is less than a week away, and community members who wish to participate are encouraged to place their wreath orders soon.

Grandview will participate in the program for the second time this year. It began at Arlington National Cemetery and now includes more than 500 cemeteries across the nation.

Wreaths Across America is sponsored by the Gold Star Mothers of Washington and assisted by Grandview’s American Legion Post 57.

Grandview Gold Star Mother Ginger Emerson is spearheading the program here.

The objective of the program is threefold. It will be to remember the service and sacrifice of veterans and to honor them by placing a Christmas wreath at as many veterans’ graves as possible in a ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Grandview Cemetery.

It also provides the opportunity to teach young people about the importance of honoring those who have served in the U.S. military.

Emerson said there are about 460 veterans’ graves in the Grandview Cemetery, one dating back to the Civil War.

The local ceremony will coincide with the placing of a wreath on the grave of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, and will take place at exactly 9 a.m., Emerson said.

Orders for wreaths may be placed through Nov. 15.

To obtain order information or arrange for a presentation about the program to a local group, call Emerson at 882-3801, Bev Schliep at 882-3191.

Wreaths Across America also has a web site at www.wreathsacrossamerica.org, where wreaths can be ordered. Ordering online requires the use of special codes that are included in the information in the program brochures. The brochures are available at McClure Elementary School, the Grandview Herald office, and at Grandview City Hall.

The Gold Star Mothers of Washington is made up of mothers who have lost a child in service to their country. Emerson’s son Matt died in Iraq in 2007.

Fast War Facts

The shortest war on record took place in 1896 when Zanzibar surrendered to Britain after 38 minutes.

The longest was the so-called 100-years war between Britain and France. It actually lasted 116 years, ending in 1453.

It was during the 100-years war that direct taxation on income was introduced, a British invention designed to finance the war with France.

Since 1495, no 25-year period has been without war. Since 1815 there has been more than 210 interstate wars.
Awards and decorations for military

Awards and decorations of the United States Military are the military awards including decorations which recognize service and personal accomplishments while a member of the United States Armed Forces. Together with military badges, such awards are a means to outwardly display the highlights of a service member’s career.

The Bronze Star Medal is an individual military award of the United States Armed Forces. It may be awarded for acts of heroism, acts of merit, or meritorious service in a combat zone. When awarded for acts of heroism, the medal is awarded with the “V” device. The medal is sometimes referred to as the Bronze Star and is the fourth-highest combat decoration and the ninth highest U.S. military award in order of precedence.

The Silver Star Medal, referred to as the Silver Star Medal by the Navy and Marine Corps, is the third highest military decoration for valor that can be awarded to any person serving in any capacity with the United States Armed Forces. The medal is awarded for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States.

The Purple Heart is a United States military decoration awarded in the name of the President to those who have been wounded or killed while serving on or after April 5, 1917 with the U.S. military. With its forerunner, the Badge of Military Merit, which took the form of a heart made of purple cloth, the Purple Heart is the oldest military award that is still given to members of the U.S. military, the only earlier award being the obsolete Fidelity Medalion. The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is located in New Windsor, New York.

The Medal of Honor is the United States of America’s highest military honor, awarded for acts of valor above and beyond the call of duty. The medal is awarded by the President of the United States in the name of Congress. Although the medal is sometimes referred to as the Congressional Medal of Honor, the original and official title is the “Medal of Honor. There are three versions of the medal, one for the Army, one for the Navy, and one for the Air Force. Members of the Marine Corps and Coast Guard receive the Navy version.

The Medal of Honor is usually presented by the President at the White House in a formal ceremony intended to represent the gratitude of the American people.

U.S. Marine Corps Hymn (Marine Hymn)

From the Halls of Montezuma
To the Shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country’s battles
In the air, on land and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
Of United States Marine.

Our flag’s unfurled to every breeze
From dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in ev’ry clime and
Place
Where we could take a gun;
In the snow of far-off Northern lands
And in sunny tropic scenes;
You will find us always on the job--
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Here’s health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve
In many a strife we’ve fought for life
And never lost our nerve;
If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on Heaven’s scenes;
They will find the streets are guarded
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Fast War Facts

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