

1st United Methodist Church of Oroville, Ca

*Honoring
Our Family Members
★ ★ who have served ★ ★*



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Charles Bidwell

Sgt. US Army Air Corp
WWII stationed in Philippines

Leslie Bidwell

Fireman second class
US Navy
Killed in South Pacific 1943
WWII



Derrald Buis

S Sgt
Paratrooper
US Army
World War II
Pearl Harbor Survivor



Robert "Bob" M Prendergast

US Army

1966 - 1969

Honorable discharge specialist 5th Class
Trained and Served in: Fort Campbell Kentucky
Redstone Arsenal Alabama
White Sands Missile Range

Korea 1968- 1969

Thank you and thanks to all my brothers and sisters
who served.

Wayne Smith

Physical therapist at Darnell Army Hospital,
Fort Hood, Texas 1970-72.

Rank: Captain Army Medical Specialist Corps
(AMSC)



Rachel E. Ford

United States Air Force

Sergeant

04/1981-11/1984

William Ford

United States Air Force

Master Sergeant, Retired

04/1980-09/2011

Desert Storm Veteran



Edmund L. Ewalt

United States Army
Command Sergeant Major
World War II, Korea
& Vietnam





Marvin Metzer

Marvin Metzer was in the
United States Navy
from 1945 until 1947.

Mitchell D. Valder

US Air Force Major
Mission Planner
Active Duty 1982 to 2006



Darol D. Valder

US Navy AGI (Petty Officer First
Class). Three active duty tours
between 1946 and 1954. This was
before more advanced technology
and the term "meteorologist".



Jack Theodore "Ted" Grainger

Served from age 16. He spent 2.5 years in the Merchant Marines during WWII (where he was injured the first time). Ted spent 32 years in the Army and retired as a Chief Warrant Officer 4. He served in Korea and Vietnam (twice), and earned

two purple hearts. Ted and his family were in Germany when the "Wall" went up (at that time it went border to border) and also when it came down in Berlin. At that time they lived only a couple blocks from the Wall

Michael Cleve Grainger

served in the Army for 16 years in a Missile Unit

When he left the service, he was a Sargent First Class

He served in the U.S. and in Europe. While in Europe he was stationed in Verona, Italy and traveled all over Europe checking missiles. He also served in Korea (He did not have any injuries while he served--he lost his feet due to diabetes after he was out--they discovered his diabetes while he was in the service)



Darby Miller

Navy Seebees WWII

Served first meal to the survivors of
the Bataan Death March

Roy & Pat Foster

US Air Force
Gold Star Wife



Sgt. Raymond F. Heath

Company C 46th Tank battalion 13th Armored
Division US Army WWII from 6/41 to 10/45 Served in
Central Europe and was a member of the First
United Methodist Church for over 55 years.



WaPaoYang

He served in UNITED STATES
SPECIAL GUERRILLA UNIT-
LAOS, served from 1965-1975



Gordon Fredericksen

Air Force
Vietnam War
Load Master



Bill Weitze

US Navy from 1984 - 1988.

He served aboard the USS Ranger.

His rank was EN-5.

Picture from North Island Naval Air Station,
Coronado, CA Fall 1984.

He was 120 feet above the water on that horn!

Tong Ge Xiong

Served in a guerrilla unit from 1961-1975 in the CIA
sponsored "Secret War" to oppose the threat of
spreading communism in Laos.



Brendan R. Leonard

United States Army

E4 Specialist

9/2005-3/2012

Iraq War Veteran



Glenn Wirths

1938 Army Calvary

1939 Air Corp

WW2 Normandy



Members of Ellen Felice's family.



Jeffrey Felice

who has served.

Jeffrey Felice

1970-1973

Jeffrey served in the Navy during Vietnam on the USS Morton a destroyer

Ronald Hartel (her brother)

1958-1960

served on a Navy cruiser in the Mediterranean.

Leon Hartel (her brother)

a soldier in WWII serving in Germany.

John Kaufman (her uncle)

was a soldier for the North during the Civil War.

George Hartel (her father)

was a soldier in WWI serving in France.

Edwin Hartel (her brother)

served in WWII on a submarine in the South Pacific

Mike Cataldo (her nephew)

served in the Navy

Edwin Hartel II (her nephew)

US Army - served in Korea

Richard Felice

Sept. 1992-1996

Richard was stationed in Alameda, CA aboard the nuclear aircraft carrier, Abe Lincoln. His tour of duty was during Desert Storm.



VETERANS DAY

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month
Comes down to just two simple words to say
THANK YOU

Stop and think about this day
Veterans Day

Celebrating the service of all U.S. Military Veterans
Notice the correct spelling holds no apostrophe
It is not needed

This day is for all who have served
Look around you and see

That gentleman over there with a hat that says USMC

The woman with a T-shirt that says Navy

Your co-worker whose son was in the Army

The pilot who just flew you in, his ring says Air Force

The car in the parking lot that says Coast Guard

Stop, ask and THANK them for their service

Not just today

But everyday

To the Veterans of the past, THANK YOU

To the Veterans of the present, THANK YOU

Because of you

We will remember to say

THANK YOU

To the Veterans of the future



Debbie Shaner

SSG US Army CAN6

1983-2012 TRANS

2003-04 IRAQ WAR

Stanley Shaner

SSGT US ARMY

WWII 1942-45

EUROPE



MILITARY



Larry Shaner

National Guard

1956-1959



Doug_Krause

WWII

US Army Air Corp

Merle_Johnson

Buck Sergeant

Korea

Assembled rockets and napalm
for P-51 airplanes



Lor_Vang

S Sgt

Paratrooper

US Army

World War II

Pearl Harbor Survivor



Robert B Weitze

US Navy from 1951 - 1953 Korean War. He was stationed on the USS Meniffee and his highest rank was Fireman.

Dan Ledford

Navy

Rank MM2- E5

Dan is a Vietman veteran. He served in the Navy from October 1960 to October 1964.

Dan was on the USS Maddox during the Tonkin Gulf incident. .



William Asher Clark

Sailor First Class US Navy
from 1941 to 1945

We knew him as Ash Clark



Steven Vang

US Navy

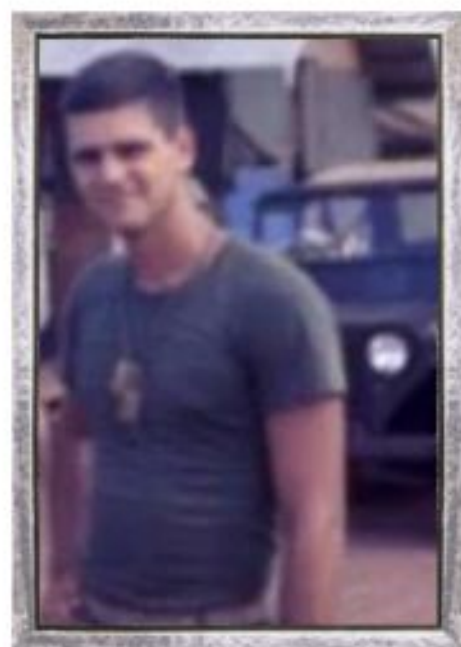
Timothy Sayers McGrath

Former Captain

United States Marine Corps,

1968 to 1971

2 Purple Hearts



Veterans Day History



World War I ended on June 28th, 1919, when the Treaty of Versailles was signed, even though the fighting ceased seven months prior. A temporary ceasefire, called an armistice, went into effect between the Allied nations and Germany on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, marking November 11th, 1918 as the end of "the war to end all wars".

President Wilson was the first to bring national recognition to this day when he proclaimed November 11th the first commemoration of Armistice Day on November 1919. It wasn't until May 13, 1938 that November 11th of each year was actually made a legal holiday. It was known then as "Armistice Day". After World War II, the 83th Congress decided to amend the act so that American veterans of all wars may be honored on that day. And so, on June 1, 1954, November 11th officially became Veterans Day. A day we honor our American veterans for the bravery, patriotism, and heroism it takes to selflessly sacrifice their time, and sometimes their lives, for the greater good.

So on this Veterans Day, make sure you thank a person who has served in our Military. Whether it's a family member, friend, or stranger on the street, give them your appreciation for their service. It's one small gesture that would mean the world to the people who fought for our country!

Thank You Veterans!





Bill_Cheek

US Army

Specialist 3rd Class

August 20th, 1953 - August 18th, 1956

Derek_Cheek

Air Force from 1982 - 1986 and achieved
the rank of E-4.



Peter_Gibson

US Coast Guard



SSGT_Susan_Sharon

Training: Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas.
Chanute AFB, Rantoul, Illinois. Closed Station:
Barksdale AFB, Bossier City, Louisiana. Holloman
AFB, Alamogordo, New Mexico. Beale
AFB, Marysville, California. January - March 1996
Station in Oroville, California, to take care of my
mother on hardship leave. Beale AFB, California
March 1996 to JULY 1, 1996, FINISHED MY TOUR
OF DUTY. (20 YEARS) Outside the United
States: Kunsan, Korea, on the coast of the Yellow
Sea in western South Korea.. Saudi Arabia - 1993.
Ssgt Susan Sharon



Staff_Sargent_Robert_E._Dewey

Served in Army 1942-1945 during WWII in France at a resupply
Depot. Landed in France on D-Day +4 (Battle of St. Low)
Robert Dewey Staff Sergeant
Hq Co. 19th /Reinforcement Depot 176



Timothy_Jacobsen, Yvette_Gobin and Neil_Johnson

at the War in the Pacific Museum at Fredricksburg, Texas. Timothy entered the Air Force in 1985 and retired in 2005. His bases were stateside, Korea and Afghanistan. Yvette entered the Air Force in 1985 and retired in 2005. Her bases were stateside and Saudi Arabia. Neil entered the Army in 1969 and was discharged in 1971. His bases were stateside and Vietnam.



Timothy_Jacobsen

is the son of Alma Short and Douglas Jacobsen. He was raised in the Oroville FUMC. During his Senior year at Oroville High School he enlisted in the Air Force. After graduation and during that summer he left Oroville and went to Basic Training at Lackland Air Base in Texas. His assignment for the duration of his career was in the field of Intelligence. His first assignment was at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Mississippi. From there he went to Offutt AFB in Omaha, Nebraska. While in Omaha he graduated with his Bachelor's Degree. In 1994 he spent a year at Kunsan AFB in South Korea. He came back to Offutt the next year and then was stationed at Eglin AF in Florida. Timothy's last assignment was at Bagram AB in Afghanistan. Timothy retired from the Air Force after 20 years. His retirement coincided with Katrina sweeping through Florida. His trip home to California was very slow as gas was very hard to come by after Katrina's disastrous landfall. Timothy now resides in San Antonio where he originally started in the Air Force.



Neil Johnson

Vietnam 1970



Yvette Gobin

1985 to 2005



Annie Lucille and Herbert Dunbar

These are 2 of my favorite military personnel. My parents, Annie Lucille and Herbert Dunbar. They met at Merced Airfield in 1940, she coming from Oklahoma and he from Canada. I arrived in 1945 so that ended her career and the war ended so my father became an electrician.

-Alma Short

VETERANS DAY

By Cheryl Dyson

On Veterans Day we honor all,
Who answered to a service call.
Soldiers young, and soldiers old,
Fought for freedom, brave and bold.
Some have lived, while others died,
And all of them deserve our pride.
We're proud of all the soldiers who,
Kept thinking of red, white and blue.
They fought for us and all our rights,
They fought through many days and nights.
And though we may not know each name,
We thank **ALL** veterans just the same.





Herman Cochran

WWII

December 1, 1942

Oroville, Mercury.

**HERMAN COCHRAN
ENLISTS IN ARMY**

Herman J. Cochran, assistant manager of the Oroville branch of the Bank of America for the last five years, has joined the air force of the Chico Flying school and will serve with the finance detachment. He was sworn into the army Nov. 23 and given a furlough until Nov. 30, when he will report for active duty.

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He is chairman of the finance department of the Methodist church, where he has been choir leader for 15 years. He is a member of the board of directors of the YMCA, and has served as president, is a member of the Butte county probation committee and is treasurer of the Fellows Club, and of the Bidwell Bar Park Assn.

They Did Their Share

On Veterans' Day we honor
Soldiers who protect our nation.
For their service as our warriors,
They deserve our admiration.
Some of them were drafted;
Some were volunteers.
For some it was just yesterday;
For some it's been many years.
We owe so much to them,
Who kept us safe from terror.
So when we see a uniform,
Let's say "thank you" to every wearer.

by Joanna Fuchs





Pastor Tom Cota

US Army

SPC4

Served from 71-73 in Korea & Texas
Air traffic control tower operator

Doug Bell

served in the
National Guard
from 1970 to 1976.
Based in Chico
Armory 11 Bravo.
Willows Armory 11
Charlie.



Lane Burton

now serving in the
US Marines
plans to remain in
the Marines



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

CHET AINSWORTH	JEFFREY FELICE	RAYMOND HEATH	DAVID RIECK
JIM BARNES	RICHARD FELICE	JIM HIBBERT	LARRY SHANER
DOUG BELL	EMERY FIELD	TIMOTHY JACOBSEN	DEBORAH SHANER
CHARLES BIDWELL	RACHEL E. FORD	MERLE JOHNSON	SUSAN SHARON
LESLIE BIDWELL	WILLIAM FORD	NEIL JOHNSON	WAYNE SMITH
DERRALD LUTHER BUIS	PAT FOSTER	JOHN KAUFMAN	JOAN SMITH
JARED BUNN	GORDON FREDERICKSEN	DOUG KRAUSE	MITCH VALDER
LANE BURTON	PETER GIBSON	DAN LEDFORD	DAROL VALDER
MIKE CATALDO	YVETTE GOBIN	BRENDAN LEONARD	LOR VANG
BILL CHEEK	MICHAEL GRAINGER	TIMOTHY MCGRATH	STEVEN VANG
DEREK CHEEK	TED GRAINGER	MARVIN METZER	BILL WEITZE
WILLIAM ASHER CLARK	PAT GRAY	DARBY MILLER	ROBERT WEITZE
HERMAN COCHRAN	EDWIN HARTEL	FRANK ODDO	GLEN WIRTHS
PASTOR TOM COTA	EDWIN HARTEL II	LARRY OTT	TONG GE XIONG
ROBERT DEWEY	GEORGE HARTEL	DON PINNEY	WA PAO YANG
JACK ERWIN	LEON HARTEL	ROBERT PRENDERGAST	
EDMUND EWALT	RONALD HARTEL		

MILITARY



In Flanders' Fields

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.

Major John McCrae, 1915



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!