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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As November closes, I find myself contemplating the numerous challenges currently confronting our nation. As both citizens and veterans, we are facing many difficulties, but the leadership of the 13th Combat Engineers(C) Bn Association will continue to perform our duties to help strengthen and grow our organization. We will continue to monitor the virus situation and hopefully plan the next reunion.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your commitment and dedication to our country's integrity and freedom is greatly appreciated. You make our world a better place to live by bringing peace. I wish you have some peace in your life. May you and your family members be blessed with beautiful moments of happiness and togetherness this Christmas...

Arlie E. Ellis President
IN OMNIA PARATUS

A FEW CHUCKLES FOR THE DAY

You come from dust. You will return to dust. That is why I don't dust. It could be someone I know.

You have never seen two greener recruits than Fred and me the day we arrived for basic training. We were immediately assigned guard duty, and soon after, Fred was approached by an officer. "Halt! Who Goes there?" Fred shouted. The officer identified himself and waited for a response. And waited... "What's wrong, soldier, don't you remember what comes next?" "No," Fred yelled back "and you're not taking another step until I do."

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I rarely talked to my daughter, Rita, about my military experience, so it surprised me when I overheard her mention it during a phone conversation with her boyfriend. Apparently, he was having a hard time adjusting to Army boot camp and had stolen a moment to call her and complain about his tough regimen. “look,” Rita admonished him, “if my mother can do it, then you can too.”




Military Humor

When I tell people that I am an explosive ordinance disposal technician, I usually need to go into further detail about what I do. Once I was with my eight-year old son when I was explaining my job to someone. “I defuse live bombs,” I said. “Yeah,” my son added. “If you see him running, you’d better catch up!” – Thomas Ligon

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VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER- HARRY E. (GENE) REED



I want to wish everyone the absolute best during all the holidays. To say that 2020 has been trying is without a doubt an understatement. The important thing is we have made it through all the madness.

If all the health issues are able to get cleared up, I would really like to hear from the members if we should try to have a reunion in 2021.

Keep the Faith

IN OMNIA PARATUS (In All Things Prepared)

(ENGINEERS CLEAR THE WAY)

Gene Reed (317) 268-6455
Vice President
13th Engineer (C) Battalion Association

TREASURE'S CORNER= HARRY (GENE) REED



As of 10/21/2020 our current balance is \$7,718.27. Just a reminder, dues are due on even years. If you are not sure if you owe anything just give Earl Shatzer or myself a call.

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FACTS ABOUT VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day is a United States public holiday observed on November 11 of every year to honor all persons who have served in any branch of the United States Armed Forces.

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, World War I ended. This day became known as "Armistice Day." In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Similarly, unknown soldiers had been buried in England at Westminster Abbey and at France at the Arc de Triomphe. All these memorials took place on November 11th to commemorate the end of the "war to end all wars."

In 1926, Congress resolved to officially call November 11th Armistice Day. Then in 1938, the day was named a national holiday. Soon afterward war broke out in Europe, and World War II began.

Armistice Day Becomes Veterans Day

Soon after the end of World War II, a veteran of that war named Raymond Weeks organized "National Veterans Day" with a parade and festivities to honor all veterans. He chose to hold this on Armistice Day. Thus, began annual observances of a day to honor all veterans, not just the end of World War I. In 1954, Congress officially passed and President Dwight Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veteran's Day. Due to his part in the creation of this national holiday, Raymond Weeks received the Presidential Citizens Medal from President Ronald Reagan in November 1982.

In 1968, Congress changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. However, the significance of November 11 was such that the changed date never really got established. In 1978, Congress returned the observance of Veterans Day to its traditional date.

Each Veterans Day should be a time when Americans stop and remember the brave men and women who have risked their lives for the United States of America. As Dwight Eisenhower said:

"...it is well for us to pause, to acknowledge our debt to those who paid so large a share of freedom's price. As we stand here in grateful remembrance of the veterans' contributions we renew our conviction of individual responsibility to live in ways that support the eternal truths upon which our Nation is founded, and from which flows all its strength and all its greatness."



Secretary Corner – Earl Shatzer

From Allen Phetteplace

To all members of the 13th,
I really feel good about Earl Shatzer taking the secretary job. He has done so much already and caught up things that I did not get done. I have been active since I joined the association, volunteering for website manager, reunion chairman for 3 reunions. Sometimes I out volunteer my ability. I got to Korea in 1954. My 19th birthday was on the ship close to crossing the dateline.
The 1st forgotten war. After 18 months the Army got me within 60 miles of home. I hitchhiked, got a ride on a bread truck at 3 A.M. Got to the farm about 4 A.M. Dad got up about 4:30. First words were, get your clothes changed, time for chores. I hope to see all of you soon at our next reunion. Tell you rest of story. Sincerely Al

First, I want to thank Allen for all his hard work during his time as Secretary and for his fast action on sending me the files. I am going through the database cards on file and sending out reminder notices to those members that are in arrears on their association dues.

Please check your dues status on the shipping label on your newsletter. If your status date is 2020 or later please submit your membership dues.

As a reminder, dues are \$5.00 per year (paid two years at a time) usually on even years. Membership includes Newsletters 3 times a year, April, August, and December (approximately 20 pages).

Member dues and donations ensure our ability to publish the newsletter and cover our operating expenses. When sending a donation along with your dues, please indicate the amount of your donation.

If you have moved or changed phones or have new email, please contact me so I may update our contact information.

If any member has reason to believe the data are incorrect, please notify me about the discrepancy so we can correct any information needed.

My contact information is email - shatzer@pacbell.net and phone is 707-689-0874.

Earl Shatzer
Secretary

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ARMISTICE SIGNED; KOREAN WAR NOW AN UNEASY TRUCE

Families Fear Double Cross

By MARY LAGRE-BARNES

A lot of new developments have been made in the progress of the armistice negotiations, it was said today by a source in the State Department. The source said that the armistice negotiations have been progressing very rapidly and that the armistice will be signed in the near future. The source said that the armistice will be signed in the near future and that the armistice will be signed in the near future.

War Took 1 1/2 Million Casualties

By MARY LAGRE-BARNES

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POW Return Due in Week

By MARY LAGRE-BARNES

Two Korean prisoners of war, an American and a North Korean who had been missing for months, today signed in silence 18 pieces of paper that converted the 37-month Korean War into an uneasy armistice. By the terms of the truce, full of compromises on both sides and bargained painfully across a span of 2 years and 17 days, the guns were to cease firing not later than 10 PM tonight (17 AM Texas time).



The men who signed the armistice were U.S. Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison Jr., of the United Nations Command, and North Korean Gen. Nam Il, representing his nation and Communist China. They met in a temporary tent across a field from the Communist position in the mountainous village of Panmunjom, which the Koreans called "the house with the door open."

Three years of a heavy-casualty war came to a close on this date in 1953 when the Korean War Armistice was signed. This conflict ended America's first brush with the Cold War concept of "limited war," which was the first "hot" war of the Cold War, where the aim of US involvement was not the total defeat of the enemy but instead the "limited" goal of protecting South Korea. During the three years of war, over 55,000 American troops were killed in action.

Korea was a Japanese colony for 35 years, from 1910-1945 until the US and the Soviet Union occupied it after WWII. The US proposed that the country temporarily be divided along the 38th Parallel to maintain influence in the region. Three years later, in 1948, the American-backed anti-communist southern government administration declared itself the Republic of Korea. The Soviet-backed, communist north was quick to follow and declared itself the Democratic People's Republic of Korea shortly after. Both governments were unstable, and border skirmishes were frequent before the Korean War officially began.

When the community of North Korea invaded South Korea on June 25, 1950, the U.S. quickly acted and secured a resolution from the United Nations calling for military defense. Within days, US forces had joined the battle by land, air, and sea.

Even though the armistice officially stopped hostilities between North and South Korea, it's not a permanent peace treaty. The armistice agreement suspended open hostilities and withdrew all military forces.

Lots of brass was on hand to sign several copies. Eighteen official copies were signed in three different languages by US Army Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, Jr., senior delegate, UN Command Delegation, North Korean Gen. Nam Il, senior delegate, and delegations from both the Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteers were present for signatures.

It took a while to get to the discussion table. The armistice marked the end of the longest negotiated armistice in history. Spread over two years and 17 days, 158 meetings took place.

The established committee of representatives from neutral countries worked together to decide what would happen to POWs. Eventually, it was decided that POWs could choose what they wanted to do – stay where they were or return to their own country.

There were plenty of high-level POWs. One of the most well known is when US Army Brigadier General Francis Townsend Dodd was held hostage by North Korean POWs during a camp uprising. The incident was used widely to showcase North Korean victories and eventually led to the end of Dodd's

Death tolls on all sides were significant and heavy. Currently, there are still more than 7,000 US soldiers missing in action from the war. There were up to a total of 5 million dead, wounded, or missing on both sides. Half of them were civilians.

New borders were drawn at the discussion table. This new border gave South Korea additional territory and established the Demilitarized Zone as a buffer between the forces.

It took twelve hours for the truce to go into effect. It was signed at 1000 and activated at 2200. But then, the US decided to lengthen the war period to January 31, 1955, to extend benefits eligibility for service members.

The Korean War armistice is strictly a military document, so there's no nation as a signatory to the agreement. In March 2013, North Korean decided that the 1953 armistice was no longer valid. And, since neither side can claim they won the war, the region is now at an impasse.

It's often called "The Forgotten War," partly because of the lack of media coverage about the Korean war, post-conflict. Compared to WWII, there are far fewer movies about the Korean War than WWII. Officially, it's still classified as a "police action" because President Truman never asked Congress for a formal declaration of war.

Sixteen countries participated in the conflict, but it's not considered a "World War" by historians, even though it set the tone for the decades of Soviet-American rivalry and profoundly shaped the world we live in today.

Speaking of numbers, the U.S. dropped more bombs in Korean than in the Pacific Theater during WWII. In addition to 32,557 tons of napalm, U.S. forces dropped 635,000 tons of bombs.


It might be the forgotten war, but may we never forget.



IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S CORNER- BILLY D.QUINTON SR & PAST NEWSLETTER EDITOR FOR LAST 15 YEARS



This is the last newsletter I just received from the Young Warriors Association. They have finally closed the doors (DEC). I belonged to this Association for about 18 years, I never attended one of their Reunions, but they always had over one thousand attendees until recent years. I know some of our members were also members of this organization.



AMERICA'S YOUNG WARRIORS

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

My fellow veterans, twenty-nine years ago Alan Stover saw a need and our organization was born. As it has been said, all good things must come to an end and this is where we now find ourselves. The Board of Directors and I have decided to cancel all further business and call it a day.

I want to say that during my six years as National Commander I have fully enjoyed the camaraderie and friendships I found in VUMS. What a wonderful and diverse group of people.

I want to acknowledge two of our members for their selfless work to keep VUMS going. George Rogers and his wife Anne have given tirelessly for many years so that we could have our quartermaster inventory on display at reunions. They gave up visiting with others so they could serve us all. Also George has served as National Recording Secretary and National Treasurer. Our heartfelt thanks go out to both of these fine people.

Next I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to thank Bill Cutshaw for his tireless work to publish the newsletter for the last ten years. Bill has always gone the extra mile to see that the newsletter met its deadlines. He did this while also serving as National Vice Commander. Thanks Bill for a job well done.

Jean Ann Stover asked for all of the newsletters starting in 1991. I mailed them to her. The odds and ends that were in my possession such as pins from past reunions, caps, extra books and our banner I have sent to the museum in Arkansas. The Board of Directors and I have decided to split the remaining money between Wounded Warriors and the Veterans Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

My thanks go out to Jim Padden and his wife Ellie for representing VUMS in Arlington for the memorial service for Alan Stover. Alan's daughter Grace is currently having a plaque made for his burial site and VUMS will be more than happy to pay for this.

The VUMS telephone will be disconnected on December 31st. Anyone with further need to talk to us can reach me at (337) 229-6583.

My fellow veterans, it has truly been an honor to serve as your National Commander. Mickey and I have traveled to places we would never have gone to and met so many wonderful people. We have flavored foods from all across the country. But all good things must end and so as we put this newsletter and this wonderful organization into history, I say "GOD BLESS AMERICA" Ralph Kleyla, VUMS National Commander

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Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Hello all of my fellow 13th Engineer (C) Battalion veterans, we were unable to have our reunion this last September due to the Covid-19 pandemic and I do not see any relief in the restrictions until well into the next year. I want everyone to be safe during these hard times so please read this bit of information that came off the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website.

Please go to the link below for more information

[Novel Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) - Public Health \(va.gov\)](#)

What is VA doing?

VA has implemented an aggressive public health response to protect and care for Veterans, their families, health care providers, and staff in the face of this emerging health risk. We are working directly with the CDC and other federal partners to monitor the outbreak of the virus.

What should Veterans do?

Veterans with symptoms such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath should immediately contact their local VA facility. VA urges Veterans to contact VA before visiting – you can find contact information for your closest VA facility by calling **800-698-2411**.

Upon arriving at VA, all patients will be screened for flu-like symptoms before they enter in order to protect other patients and staff. A VA health care professional will assist you with next steps once this screening process is complete.

At this time, VA is urging all visitors who do not feel well to please postpone their visits to VA facilities.

How to protect yourself

Currently, there is no vaccine to prevent the COVID-19 infection and no medication to treat it. CDC believes symptoms appear 2 to 14 days after exposure. Avoid exposure and avoid exposing others to an infection with these simple steps.

- Learn to use VA Video Connect through the [VA mobile app store](#) or by contacting your VA care team, before any urgent problems arise.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. An easy way to mark the time is to hum the “Happy Birthday” song from beginning to end twice while scrubbing.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick or becoming sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue (not your hands) and throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Getting a flu shot is recommended.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR - EARL C. SHATZER

Ideas for articles in the newsletter are welcome just let me know your thoughts and I will research the subject matter for the newsletter.

We are looking for any stories you have, and we can include them in our newsletter, you can email, mail, or call me with them. Pictures are always a joy to look at and if you are unable to scan them please consider sending them to me and I will scan them and return the photos to you and put them on a CD for you to have.

Would love to get input from members or family members that have memories of stories they were told. If you would like we can have a phone call and I can record the call and transcribe it for you.

Feedback to the newsletter editor, send to:

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Email to: eshatzer@13thengineerbn.com or contact me at (707) 689-0874.

We very much welcome your input.

We are asking that you please do your best to find new members for our Association. Any ideas on recruitment are welcome.

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BATTLE OF TAEJON - JULY 14 - 21, 1950 - KOREAN WAR
(the following is an excerpt from Wikipedia)

"The Battle of Taejon (14–21 July 1950) was an early battle of the Korean War, between American and North Korean forces. Forces of the United States Army attempted to defend the headquarters of the 24th Infantry Division. The 24th Infantry Division was overwhelmed by numerically superior forces of the Korean People's Army (KPA- North Korean communist forces) at the major city and transportation hub of Taejon. The 24th Infantry Division's regiments were already exhausted from the previous two weeks of delaying actions to stem the advance of the KPA.

The entire 24th Division gathered to make a final stand around Taejon, holding a line along the Kum River to the east of the city. Hampered by a lack of communication and equipment, and a shortage of heavy weapons to match the KPA's firepower, the outnumbered, ill-equipped and untrained American forces were pushed back from the riverbank after several days before fighting an intense urban battle to defend the city. After a fierce three-day struggle, the Americans withdrew.

Although they could not hold the city, the 24th Infantry Division achieved a strategic victory by delaying the North Koreans, providing time for other American divisions to establish a defensive perimeter around Pusan further south. The delay imposed at Taejon probably prevented an American rout during the subsequent Battle of Pusan Perimeter.

During the action, the KPA captured Major General William F. Dean, the commander of the 24th Infantry Division, and highest-ranking American prisoner during the Korean War.

By the end of the battle, the Americans counted 922 men killed and 228 wounded with almost 2,400 missing, most of these men from the 34th Infantry. Evidence suggests that the North Koreans executed some of the missing and captured prisoners immediately after the battle. Although badly mauled, the 24th Infantry Division accomplished its mission of delaying North Korean forces from advancing until 20 July. By that time, American forces had set up the Pusan Perimeter to the southeast. On 22 July, the 24th Infantry Division was relieved by the 1st Cavalry Division. It was put under the command of Major General John H. Church, in the absence of Dean, whose whereabouts were unknown. After three weeks of fighting, the division had suffered almost 30 percent casualties. Historians attribute the substantial tactical losses of the 24th Infantry Division to a lack of training, equipment, and readiness, owing to extended time spent on occupation duty in Japan and without training.

The first two Medals of Honor for the Korean War were awarded for the Battle of Taejon. For his actions on the front lines, General Dean was awarded the first Medal of Honor, although he remained a prisoner of the North Koreans until the end of the war (released in September 1953).

A second soldier, Sergeant George D. Libby, received the Medal of Honor posthumously, for tending to wounded soldiers during the evacuation: he repeatedly passed over shelled roads to help evacuate them. He was killed while trying to evacuate more soldiers. Additionally, a chaplain, Herman G. Felhoelter, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for an incident later known as the Chaplain-Medic Massacre which took place during the battle near the Kum River."

MORE ABOUT GENERAL DEAN

Incredibly, General William Dean survived the horrific treatment and conditions of the POW camps in North Korea for 3 years and was released on September 4, 1953.

WEBMASTER - EARL C. SHATZER

Hello to all members, hope everyone is doing well with this health situation all over the country. It has been an extended period of craziness for everyone and I hope you all are surviving well with it.



The 13th Engineer Combat Battalion Association is now on Facebook. The link is listed below.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/723567991421334/>

If you have any suggestions concerning our website, please contact me with any ideas to help make your visit to the website interesting.

If anyone needs help with using our website please contact me and I will be happy to help in any way so your web experience is easy and you are able to get the most out of it.

Any changes to the website or suggestions of what you would like to see are welcome, I will gather them and present to the board for approval.

If you have any pictures that you want to share, please contact me and we can make arrangements to scan them for you and post them on our website and in the newsletter.

Earl Shatzer (707) 689-0874

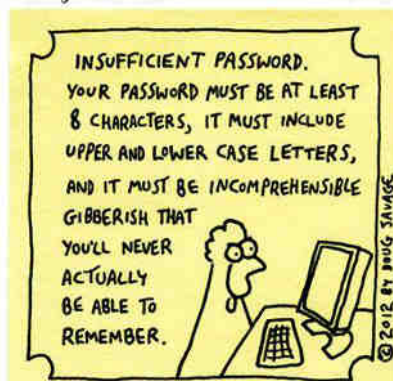
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Savage Chickens

by Doug Savage



THOMAS W. COTTON (RA18547228) (Our Quartermaster)

I entered the Army 10 days out of High School, I was sent to Fort Carson, CO. for my basic training that was a very drastic change for me since I was an only child in my family. Somehow, I managed to survive Basic. Then I was taken to Ft. Leonard Wood for eight more weeks of torture. After I completed that they sent me on a cruise to Korea for 13 months. I had my 18th birthday on the cruise and on my birthday, I was so seasick, had I been able to get up on deck I would have jumped off.

There is just way too much information to tell about my tour and my experience in Korea. It was a very good education, but I sure wouldn't want to do it again. This is the coldest place in the world. When I first got there, I ended up in a line platoon and we found and blew up some of the land mines left from the war.

After about 5 months of that I transferred to the motor pool and after a month or so I became sort of a dozer operator. I completed my tour on the dozer!

When I finally returned to the states, I was sent to Fort Riley Kansas. I thought I was back in Korea, snow on the ground and plenty cold. When I reported in they had a bulletin board of all the job openings and one of the openings was for a Company Clerk and the company first Sgt. was there and I told him after I looked at the snow again that I was a pretty fair hand on the typewriter and I would certainly entertain the thought of taking a short refresher course if needed, it was needed.

There can be no typo errors on the morning report. The first Sgt typed many a morning report himself. We became very good friends; he was one of the finest men I have ever known as well as the Company Commander. The Ex officer tried a couple of time to court martial me for various off post events. I completed my three-year tour at Fort Riley.

After my release I rough necked in the oil field for about five months and then the Berlin crisis came along, and President Kennedy felt like he needed me back in the ranks. We were fillers for a National Guard Division mobilized out of Texas.

For the year I was at Ft. Polk, Louisiana, I did nothing but got promoted to E-5. I did entertain the idea of staying in, but I knew I would be headed for Vietnam and I heard they had big ole snakes over there. I saw all the snakes I ever want to see at Fort Polk.



TAPS



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Mervin McGee

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QUARTERMASTER - TOM COTTON

If you have any items you would like to see offered to the membership, please contact me and I will prepare a document to go to the board for review.

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GUESTBOOK ENTRIES

Anthony (Tony) Lalli wrote on 11/20/2020 at 11:53 AM:

Dear old Timers, Remembering Inchon landing, with Bob Stahoviac, Roberts from Texas, Ma Hoskins, Small, Indian Joe and many other 13th Engineer buddies Love you guys, Tony

MSG William Neesen US Army Retired wrote on 11/17/2020 at 10:58 PM:

HHC 13th Eng Bn 1988-1991

CLARENCE WOODARD wrote on 09/29/2020 at 11:36 AM:

C Company 13th Engr 1969-1970

Arlie Ellis wrote on 09/28/2020 at 11:56 AM:

This is an excellent organization. If you would like to join the 13th Combat Engineer Battalion Association .We have a reunion at member voted location every two years Please think about this and you could run into past buddies from those units that you served with honor . I served in Korea 1965-1966 Camp Beavers. Also please sign up for our newsletter that is delivered to you three times a year. We would like to hear from you with photos from your served units if you have them so that we can put them in our newsletter.

Clarence Woodard wrote on 09/13/2020 at 2:54 PM:

Camp Casey C Company 1969-1970 Maintenance Plt.

Preston White (16 years old not a veteran) wrote on 09/07/2020 at 6:50 PM:

(Deceased) WW2 veteran- Corporal William Oliver Shumate. I am looking for information on this man of the 13th Combat Engineer Battalion. Served From the 26th of February 1942 until the 17th of October 1945. Supervised crews of riggers; carpenters, pioneers, and equipment operators in the construction of roads, bridges, and roadblocks. Used explosives to reduce enemy roadblocks and other structures. Participated in 4 pacific campaigns.

William Asher Berry wrote on 08/23/2020 at 4:12 PM:

Camp Casey, Korea 1964 and 1965

Stan Hall wrote on 08/21/2020 at 6:38 AM:

Served in B Company 13th engineer from 79'-82'

Richard Halling wrote on 08/18/2020 at 1:07 PM:

Served in the 13th Combat Engineers, 7th Inf. Div. at Camp Casey, Korea, 18 months during 1967-1968. Member of the AVLB platoon.

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TO ALL WHO SERVED

Those who served before us
Those who served with us
Those who served after us
AND ESPECIALLY
Those who gave their lives

