

Bulldog Service Records (and their friends)

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Viet Nam Veterans— who served and did not return home...

Robert Eugene “Bobby” Botts	Sgt., US Army	January 9, 1949 to September 5, 1968 http://www.virtualwall.org/db/BottsRE01a.htm
Ronald Dean “Ronnie” Busby	Sgt., US Army	August 11, 1947 to August 8, 1968 http://www.virtualwall.org/db/BusbyRD01a.htm
Danny G. Endicott	Cpl., US Army	October 29, 1948 to June 21, 1969 http://www.virtualwall.org/de/EndicottDG01a.htm
Orville W. “Buddy” Heightland, Jr.	Spec. 4, US Army	June 28, 1947 to Feb. 18, 1968 ¹ http://www.virtualwall.org/dh/HeightlandOW01a.htm
Bennie H. Holbrook	PFC, US Army	January 27, 1948 to July 22, 1972 ² http://www.virtualwall.org/dh/HolbrookBH01a.htm
Phillip L. “Phil” Lee, ‘64	1Lt., US Army	June 15, 1946 to June 17, 1971 ³ http://www.virtualwall.org/dl/LeePL01a.htm
Steven Michael Ort	Pvt., US Marine Corps	January 3, 1950 to September 18, 1968 http://www.virtualwall.org/do/OrtSM01a.htm
Randall Alan “Randy” Thompson, ‘66	Cpl., US Army	April 7, 1948 to Sept. 16, 1968 ⁴ http://www.virtualwall.org/dt/ThompsonRA02a.htm
David Lee “Dave” Voytko	PFC, US Marine Corps	October 8, 1947 to June 29, 1968 ⁵ http://www.virtualwall.org/dv/VoytkoDL01a.htm
Ingo Julius Robert Wiskow, ‘65	Spec. 5, US Army	October 16, 1945 to April 2, 1968 http://www.virtualwall.org/dw/WiskowIJ01a.htm

Viet Nam Veterans— who served and returned home...

Ronald “Ronnie” Bragg	U.S. Air Force	1968-72; Sgt. Flight Crew Chief. Viet Nam, Jan. 1970 to Jan. 1971; Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base, 22 nd Special Operations Squadron, call sign “Zorro”
Jon Steven Coon	U.S. Marine Corps	1967-1971; 1 st MAW (Marine Air Wing at Marble Mountain— just outside Da Nang), December 1969 to December 1970
James E. “Jim” Davis	U.S. Air Force	Paramedic; Nha Trang Viet Nam (Jan. 6, 1970-Jan. 4, 1971)
Jerry Deibel	U.S. Army	Medic (per L.A. Willhite, 5/2/10)

Douglas "Doug" Edwards	U.S. Navy	4 Tours of Duty: 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1968
Robert "Bob" Ellinger	U.S. Army	July 1969 to July 1970
Ronald "Ronnie" Foraker	U.S. Army	March 68 - March 69 - 2/47 th 9 Inf. Div.
Wendel "Plint" Hickman	U.S. Army (<i>Ret. '95</i>)	Post-retirement: Iraq, 07-08; Contractor: Afghanistan, 2009.
Ronald K. "Ronnie" Johnson	U.S. Army	September 1968 to November 1969
Williams B. "Bill" LaPaugh	U.S. Marine Corps 1/26	January 1968 to February 1969
Kenneth L. "Humbug" Latham	U.S. Army	January 1, 1970 to December 27, 1970
Daniel L. "Dan" Laverack <i>d.</i>	U.S. Marine Corps	"highly decorated" per his obituary ⁶
Michael Gary "Mike" May	U.S. Army Viet Nam	March 1968 to xx; Bronze Star w/Combat V ⁷
Ralph J. Nothstine	U.S. Army (<i>Ret. '87</i>)	2 Tours of Duty: 1966-67, 70-71; Purple Hearts.
John F. Schumacher	U.S. Army Viet Nam	1968
Kenneth E. "Kenny" Tobias	U.S. Army Viet Nam	Nov. 1968/Jan. 1970; 11 th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Blackhorse Trooper) Tay Ninh/Long Binh Combat Vet
Melvin Walker <i>d.</i>	U.S. Army Viet Nam	
Charles Wayne "Chuckie" Watson <i>d.</i>		Viet Nam vet (per obit of 2/19/05)

Veterans— who served in the military at home and abroad and at sea...

Joseph "Joe" Bernthold	U.S. Marine Corps Reserves	Parris Island, S.C., Jacksonville, N.C., Columbus, Ohio
Duane Blackburn, '66	U.S. Marine Corps Reserves	Parris Island, S.C., Jacksonville, N.C., Columbus, Ohio
James "Jim" Blackburn <i>d.</i>	U.S. Marine Corps Reserves	Parris Island, S.C., Jacksonville, N.C., Columbus, Ohio
Charles Edward "Eddie" Bowles		
Russell H. Burton	U.S. Navy	4 years
Jim Christy, '68	U.S. Marine Corps Reserves	Parris Island, S.C., Jacksonville, N.C., Columbus, Ohio
Thomas Lynn "Tom" Cline	U.S. Navy	1976-1981; Aviation Petty Officer III – Naval Air Station. Coronado, Calif.; Naval Air Command, Meredian, Miss.; NTC, San Diego, California
Joseph "Joe" Crombie	U.S. Marine Corps Reserves	Parris Island, S.C., Jacksonville, N.C., Columbus, Ohio
Thomas Lee "Tom" Culver	U.S. Marine Corps Reserves	Parris Island, S.C., Jacksonville, N.C., Columbus, Ohio
Alan Gene Evans <i>d.</i>	U.S. Marine Corps	
Paul George	U.S. Marine Corps Reserves	Parris Island, S.C., Jacksonville, N.C., Columbus, Ohio
David Keith Hatfield	U.S. Marine Corps Reserves	Parris Island, S.C., Jacksonville, N.C., Columbus, Ohio
John P. Holt, Jr.	U.S. Army	1969-1971; medic, Korea
Laris Keefer	U.S. Air Force	1968

Phillip O. "Philmore" Lewis	U.S. Navy	
Frank L. McCathran	U.S. Air Force	1968
Terry Mitchell '66	U.S. Air Force	1966-1970; stationed in Minot, N.D. and Merced, California ⁸
Paul Salveto	U.S. Air Force	1968
Larry Allan Scott <i>d.</i>	U.S. Navy	
Johnny "Jinxie" Sharpe, Jr. <i>d.</i>	U.S. Navy	
Harry Tillman "Boomer" Short <i>d.</i>	U.S. Marine Corps Reserves	1967-1973
Phillip Kent Swisher	U.S. Army	January 1968
Thomas "Tom" Todhunter	U.S. Army Signal Corps	1971-80 Active Duty; 1980-97 Reserves; Rank LTC, US Army.
James G. "Jim" Watterman <i>d.</i>	U.S. Army	Internment: Arlington Field of Honor, Canal Winchester, Ohio.
Carlton L. Watts <i>d.</i>	U.S. Air Force	attended RJH and East High
Dan R. "Danny" West	U.S. Army Reserve	1969-75; SSG. Ft. Knox, Ky. & Ft. Hayes USAR Ctr., Columbus, Ohio.
Thomas E. "Tommy" Whitacre	U.S. Army Signal Corps	January 1968 to December, 1969; Spec. 4, Manheim, Germany
James A. "Jimmy" Whitt	U.S. Navy	
Lynn Allen "Big Al" Willhite '65	U.S. Army Reserves	1969-75
Walter E. Wonn	U.S. Navy (4 years)	EMPO2, U.S.S. Papago ATF 140, U.S.S. Norfolk DL1, U.S.S. Lowry DD770; Meritorious Citation.

¹ Heightland attended SHS; he married classmate Betty Berardi, who died May 12, 1973 (we dedicated our 10th Reunion souvenir book to Betty). Heightland was shot in the back of the head by a sniper when a helicopter, attempting to land at night, requested that the lights in the Landing Zone be turned on. Heightland flipped on the lights from his position on the ground, thus exposing himself to the sniper. All this according to Cheryl Born Kilroy, who said the helicopter was able to land successfully, and Heightland was awarded a medal posthumously for his actions.

² Holbrook attended Barrett Jr. High (he lived three doors from Barbara Zwilling); wounded by a land mine and hospitalized in Washington D.C. for years; died before his release; his mother successfully petitioned to have his name added to the Wall, as deaths which occurred due to war injuries, in Holbrook's case years later, were not counted as war casualties.

³ Lee died under rather heroic circumstances. His family once thought he would be nominated for the Congressional Medal of Honor, but he was not. Lee was so revered and admired by his fellow soldiers that after the war, when they were stationed at an Army base in Germany, they petitioned to have the base renamed after Lee. That was done in 1977, and Lee's mother went there to attend the ceremonies. Lee's brother, Paul Lee '66, was in law school at the time and could not attend. Since the end of the Cold War, the base was turned over to the locals. To learn more about Camp Phillip L. Lee, check the link: <http://www.grenzer.com/camp.htm>.

⁴ Thompson married his classmate Luana Morehart '66.

⁵ Voytko lived on Wilson Avenue just south of Frebis Avenue, neighbor to Brenda Reese and Ralph Billiter; he attended Corpus Christi and Marion-Franklin '66.

⁶ Silver Star, 2 Bronze Stars w/Combat V, 5 Purple Hearts, Nat'l Defense Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, and many more (as it appeared in Laverack's obit of May, 2005).

⁷ from a newspaper article (either *Columbus Dispatch* or *The Optic*) as follows: When his unit became engaged with a large enemy force, May exposed himself to hostile fire as he placed accurate fire, enabling his comrades to evacuate the wounded and withdraw to a more defensive position.

⁸ Mitchell is the husband of classmate Karen Edinger Mitchell.