

# The History of Veterans Day

On the eleventh hour of November 11, 1918, an armistice between the Allied nations and Germany was reached, leading to the Treaty of Versailles and the end of World War I.

To commemorate the end of the "war to end all wars," President Wilson proclaimed November 11 Armistice Day. To further honor and recognize the contributions of all military members, Congress later renamed this observance Veterans Day.





### Message From President/CEO Jeff Dern

Veterans Day is a time to pay tribute to America's veterans, giving thanks to those who have served our country. All of us at PRIDE Industries honor your patriotism and sacrifice in protecting our freedoms.

Our annual Veterans Salute recognizes the many PRIDE employees who have served in the military, celebrating their dedication to our nation and our democracy.

In the pages that follow, you will meet a few of these outstanding employees.

To all of PRIDE's veterans, we thank you and salute you!

With deepest appreciation,

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Jeff Dern

President/CEO, PRIDE Industries

## Veteran Recruitment and Placement

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit social enterprise and the nation's leading employer of people with disabilities,
PRIDE Industries partners with the local community, government agencies, and non-government organizations to provide supportive services and career opportunities for our nation's veteran heroes.



### **VETERAN SUPPORT SERVICES**

Through their service, soldiers and veterans acquire many useful skills which make them outstanding leaders in the civilian workforce.

PRIDE Industries helps veterans transitioning out of the military in their search for gainful employment. PRIDE specializes in identifying abilities and transferable skills for customized job placement and employment sustainability.

We are grateful for the service and sacrifice of all veterans and welcome them as they develop their new careers. Our extensive range of contracting solutions, including those on military bases nationwide, provides opportunities for our employees to develop meaningful careers.

Support services include:

- Skills Assessment & Career Path Planning
- Job Coaching
- Assistive Technology
- NCCER (National Center for Construction Education & Research) Technical Training
- ASL Translation
- Transportation (available at select sites)
- Veteran Liaison
- Veteran Employee Resource Group



### **MILITARY SKILLS TRANSLATOR**

PRIDE Industries' Military Skills Translator helps veterans match their skills to available job opportunities within PRIDE. The tool can be found on our website:

prideindustries.org/jobs/veteran-job-placement



























### Stories From Our Veterans



**Jack Jackman**Vice President, Contracts, PRIDE Industries

### Jack Jackman | U.S. Air Force

On a cold winter's day in the early '90s, Technical Sergeant Jack Jackman was rubbing his hands together, doing his best to keep warm as the C-130 he was traveling in made its way through the skies above Sarajevo, Bosnia. Hunched into the small space behind the pilot, Jack kept a close eye on the SATCOM radio perched next to him, just in case the plane's communications went down, requiring his technical skills. Fortunately, Jack wasn't called upon to use his SATCOM expertise on this trip, but he still had an important task coming up.

Jack felt the plane dive sharply towards the small airport. The plane's cargo doors began opening as soon as the wheels touched down. When the aircraft stopped, Jack joined the crew chief and the loadmaster, pushing pallets of supplies out the cargo hold and into the hands of French Army personnel at the Sarajevo Airport. As soon as the last container was off, the plane closed its doors and rose back into the sky. It was a good delivery—the plane had been on the ground for five minutes and hadn't come under fire.

Fast forward 25 years, and Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Jackman is now Vice President of Contracts at PRIDE Industries. The following interview tells Jack's story from airman to officer to valued member of the PRIDE team.

### Jack Jackman (continued)

**PRIDE:** First things first—where did you grow up, and when did you join the military?

**Jack:** I was born at Fort Ord; my father was a career infantry soldier. But soon after, he finished his tour and we moved to Louisville, Kentucky. I lived there until right after high school, when I joined the Air Force as an E-1 Airman Basic.

PRIDE: Did you always want a career in the military?

Jack: No, my original plan was to serve four years, see the world, and learn some skills. And I did that. I was posted in Italy, and Germany, all over. And the longer I served, the more I realized that I liked what I was doing. I enjoyed working as part of a team, all of us with a common goal that was bigger than any one person. By the time I got near the end of my first tour, I knew I had to stay. Once I made that decision, I started working on my college degree. I eventually earned a B.S degree from Southern Illinois University. I applied to officer training school shortly afterwards.

**PRIDE:** You served in the Air Force for nearly four decades. That's a long career. If you had to pick one memory that stands out, what would it be?

Jack: I was lucky to have several memorable postings, but I think what stands out most for me is the work I did in Kandahar Airfield Afghanistan as Chief of the Regional Contracting Center. In some ways, the project I was managing was straightforward. Our job was to finish building a road. But this wasn't just any road. It was a supply line that led from Kandahar City to the town of Tarin Kowt, where a forward operating base had been established. The road was a lifeline, and the Taliban knew it, so they would attack along that route.

There's a saying about military convoys in combat zones: "Speed is life." Every time an army convoy got bogged down on that unpaved stretch of road, lives were at risk.

So fixing that road became a kind of obsession for me. It took a lot of work. I had to find and hire a new contractor and a security force to protect the contractor's workers. But casualties dropped as soon as the project was done.

**PRIDE:** The skills you gained in the military gave you the option to work at any of several companies. Why did you choose PRIDE?

Jack: I first learned about PRIDE when stationed at Los Angeles Air Force Base, where I was Chief of Enterprise & Specialized Contracting for the Space and Missile Systems Center. PRIDE was one of our contractors. I saw that their work was top-notch, and when I learned about their mission, I was even more impressed. A few years later, I came up to tour the Roseville facility and met Casey Blake [Major General (Ret) and PRIDE's Chief Operating Officer]. I could see that he had found a sense of mission here, which is important to those of us who have served. So when General Blake offered me a job at PRIDE, I knew I had to take it.

**PRIDE:** What advice do you have for military personnel transitioning to civilian work?

**Jack:** Plan early. Retirement comes faster than you realize. Think about all the skills you've gained during your career, and how you can apply them to civilian work. PRIDE has a Military Translator tool that can help you with that.

You might find that you need special training or certification to pursue the civilian career you want.

Again, figure that out early, so you can put together a game plan to build the skills you need. You may even be able to start on that before you leave the service.

**PRIDE:** You served in the Air Force for 39 years. Why not an even 40?

Jack (laughing): That was my original plan. I was going to serve 40 years—I liked the symbolism of four decades—and then transition to a civilian career. But as I learned more about PRIDE, I realized that I didn't want to wait. I saw that there was good work I could do here; the mission really appealed to me. I decided to put in for retirement a few months earlier than I'd planned. The way I see it, I served my fortieth year here at PRIDE.

### Levar Alexander | U.S. Air Force

Every day, Quality Control Inspector Levar Alexander ensures that PRIDE Industries delivers quality landscaping and custodial services to our military customer at Travis Air Force Base. When Levar took this position with PRIDE in 2017, he was already familiar with the base, as he had just retired from a long military career. PRIDE is fortunate to have Levar on the team; he shares his story below:

"While growing up in the small town of Cadiz, Kentucky, I always longed for an opportunity to see the world and serve my country. I signed up for the U.S. Air Force during my last year of high school in 1996 and immediately left after graduating in 1997. I always had an interest in fixing airplanes, so the Air Force was a perfect option.

I began basic training, including combat arms instruction, at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas. After that, I relocated to Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls, Texas, graduating from tech school and becoming an aircraft technician. Shortly after, I was stationed at McChord AFB in Lakewood, Washington.



My passion for repairing aircraft developed into a long, fulfilling career. I served as a 2A671 Aerospace Propulsion Technician for 20 years, repairing C-141, C-17, C-5, A-10, and F-16 aircraft. As I rose through the ranks, I became the Chief for F-16, F15, A-10, C-5, C-17, and C-141 aircraft.

During my service, I completed multiple tours

in Kuwait, Afghanistan, and South Korea. While working overseas, I also teamed up with individuals from other countries, including Germany, Australia, France, Canada, Italy, and South Korea. This experience opened my eyes, and made me realize that although others may not do



**Levar Alexander**Quality Control Inspector, PRIDE Industries

things the way that I do, ultimately the job gets done if we all work together.

My most memorable deployment was Operation Enduring Freedom (the mission starting in 2001 conducted primarily against the Taliban). Finding out that I was going to Afghanistan was very sobering. I knew that this was a serious conflict and that sometimes people didn't come back. While there, I was responsible for taking care of the aircraft; however, I knew I had to defend the base if we were under attack. We stayed on base, so I didn't learn much about the local culture. But, from afar, I could tell that life moved at a slower pace, and the people were extremely appreciative of any assistance.

### Levar Alexander (continued)

My favorite posting was Diego Garcia, a tropical island located in the Indian Ocean. The weather was amazing, and the water was crystal clear—it was paradise!

I retired from the military in 2017. I received multiple achievement awards and Meritorious Service Medals, but I felt proudest when I fully returned to my family. Our separation was the most challenging part of my service. You miss birthdays, holidays, important events; life continues to move forward for others, even when you're not there.

Fortunately, my transition to civilian life was smooth. I immediately found a new direction when I started working with PRIDE Industries. A good friend encouraged me to apply, and it has been an amazing ride working with the team here at Travis AFB. My colleagues inspire me every day, and I enjoy helping them be more proficient at their jobs. Ultimately, it's been a smooth transition. I like that I can continue to serve the military through my job; it gives me an enormous sense of accomplishment."



"We remember those who were called upon to give all a person can give, and we remember those who were prepared to make that sacrifice if it were demanded of them in the line of duty, though it never was. Most of all, we remember the devotion and gallantry with which all of them ennobled their nation as they became champions of a noble cause."

- Ronald Reagan



Calvin Wiseman

Janitor, PRIDE Industries

### Calvin Wiseman | U.S. Army

Calvin Wiseman is a veteran who joined PRIDE Industries in February 2020, and now works at the Defense Language Institute (DLI) in Monterey, CA as a janitor. Before joining PRIDE, Calvin served our country honorably for 16 years. He shares his story below:

"Joining the U.S. Army gave me the change I needed. After occasionally working as fieldworkers in the Maryland agricultural industry, my friend and I wanted a different way of life, a chance to see more of the world. At 18 years old, I finished my junior year of high school, enlisted in the U.S Army, and earned my GED while serving.

And what a change it was! I went to Fort ORD, CA, for training. It was completely different from

my hometown. I had grown up in a segregated schooling system, and now I was working in an integrated environment. It was an exciting time, being around such a diverse group of people. I fit right in and served three years in the U.S. Army, including a tour in Vietnam.

I had joined the U.S. Army as a Private E-1 and I left as an E-5 Sergeant. My most memorable moment was earning my first three service stripes. As I moved up the ranks, I felt incredibly accomplished.

In 1973, I left the Army and joined the U.S. Army National Guard. It was the right move for me, as I wanted time to focus on myself outside of a formal military routine. For 13 years, I served as a Sergeant in the National Guard, and received specialized tank mechanics training. Then, after serving my country for 16 years, I was ready to rejoin the civilian world.

### Calvin Wiseman (continued)

However, the adjustment from soldier to civilian proved difficult; I didn't know who I was anymore. After the Army, most of my jobs were dead-end and unmeaningful, but I remained hopeful I'd find something better.

At the same time, I was struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and depression. It was hard for me to accept this at first. Now, I've come to terms with it. And once I started going to the Veterans Administration (VA) for treatment, I began to feel better. My friends and family have noticed a change in me, and they've been wonderful—a real support system during my transition.

In 2020, I finally reached my goal of finding a job with a purpose when I was referred to PRIDE Industries by the Veterans Transition Center. I received assistance throughout my entire onboarding process from HR Director Paige Lindley. Counselor and Recruiter Sa'Cora Goodin checks in regularly to make sure that I have the support I need at my new job. My advice for other veterans struggling with PTSD is to seek help and stay connected to the VA.

Working at DLI Monterey allows me to share my wisdom and experience with my PRIDE teammates. Every day, it gives me something to look forward to; I enjoy the opportunity to continue helping our military."



### PRIDE Honors All Who Have Served

American veterans employed at PRIDE Industries are encouraged to self-identify with our Veterans Liaison. With this information, we are better able to serve their needs, monitor our progress in veteran recruitment and can thank them for their service and sacrifice for our nation.

However, not all of our veteran employees wish to be recognized. Their reasons are their own and are respected. Whether listed on these pages, or absent by choice, their contributions are equally appreciated. We thank them all!



### **U.S. RESERVES/NATIONAL GUARD**

Russell Briggs US Army Reserves PRIDE / JB MDL

Frank Chavez SFC US Army/CA Army National Guard OIF / OND PRIDE / Roseville Jerry W. George E5, Sergeant National Guard 1996 - 2006; Navy Reserve 1986 - 2006 Operation Desert Storm / Operation Iraqi Freedom PRIDE / Little Rock

Frank A. Goehringer E6, Staff Sergeant CA Army National Guard 1988 - 2010 Operation Iraqi Freedom PRIDE / Roseville Douglas Hammer E6 Technical Sergeant US Air Force Reserves 1988 - 2001 PRIDE / Roseville

Thor William Iljana LTC CA Air/National Guard 1981 - 2013 PRIDE / Roseville

Phillip Sherman Sergeant US Air Force Reserve 1986 - 1994 PRIDE / Fort Polk Eduardo Soriano E5 US Navy Reserve 1986 - 1993 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Daniel Silverthorne Staff Sergeant Army National Guard Air Force National Guard US Army 1992 - 2015 Afghanistan PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Maggie De Jesus E4 Specialist US Army Reserves 1989 - 1997 Gulf War PRIDE / Roseville



### **U.S. AIR FORCE**

Levar Alexander E7 Master Sergeant US Air Force 1997 - 2017 Kuwait / Korea / Afghanistan PRIDE / Travis AFB

Edward Arango
O3 Captain –
Communications
US Air Force 1970 - 2006
PRIDE / JB MDL

Chrissie Arjonilla Senior Airman, Public Health US Air Force 2005 - 2009 PRIDE / Roseville

Casey Blake Major General US Air Force 1984 - 2018 PRIDE / Washington, D.C.

Shannon Bloxham E4, Senior Airman US Air Force 1997 - 2001 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Christopher Neil Bunch E5, Staff Sergeant US Air Force 1998 - 2005 PRIDE / AOC

Lenny Camilo E6, Crew Chief US Air Force 1980 - 2000 PRIDE / Beale AFB

David Daniel CSM US Air Force 1984 - 2012 Kuwait PRIDE / BEP

James Falsario Senior Airman US Air Force 1982 - 1988 PRIDE / FOSSAC Edward Fleming Jr Staff Sergeant US Air Force 1980 - 1992 Air Crew Rescues System Specialist US Air Force reserves 1992- 1995 Operations Urgent Fury, Big Pine I and II, Just Cause, Desert Shield, Desert Storm PRIDE / Roseville CFS

Lorena Garcia Airman First Class US Air Force 1992 - 1996 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Evan R. Goss E7, Master Sergeant, Engineering US Air Force 1999 – 2020 PRIDE / LAAFB

Brandon Guerra
O3, Captain - Logistics
Readiness Officer
US Air Force 2007 - 2019
Operation Iraqi Freedom,
Odyssey Dawn, Inherent
Resolve
PRIDE / LAAFB

Ramiro Guzman Master Sergeant C-5 Evaluator Loadmaster US Air Force 1988 - 2012 PRIDE / Travis AFB

Ameer L. Habeeb C-5 Crew Chief US Air Force 1996 - 2000 PRIDE / CMF Vacaville

Jack Jackman Lieutenant Colonel US Air Force 1981 - 2020 PRIDE / Roseville

Charles M. Kemp III E7, Master Sergeant US Air Force 1979 - 2002 PRIDE / JB MDL



Jerome Kirschner Master Sergeant US Air Force 1977 - 1999 PRIDE / Roseville

Bernhard Kolzer E9, CSM ADA US Air Force PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Shannon La Rue US Air Force 1993 - 2014 PRIDE / LA AFB

Donald Jason Lucy E8 US Air Force 1989 - 2014 PRIDE / JCC

Kevin Melton E4 Sergeant US Air Force 1979 - 1984 PRIDE / Roseville

Donald Henry Nelson E9, Chief Master Sergeant US Air Force 1981 - 2005 Operation Iraqi Freedom Operation Enduring Freedom PRIDE / Roseville

Rick Nelums E7, Master Sergeant US Air Force 1977 - 1995 Operation Desert Storm / Shield / Calm PRIDE / LA AFB James Prabucki E5 US Air Force 1985 - 1993 Operation Desert Shield / Storm PRIDE / Travis AFB

Richard H. Reddy E6, Technical Sergeant US Air Force 1970 - 1990 Vietnam PRIDE / Travis AFB

Brian Roberts MSgt US Air Force 1995 - 2015 PRIDE / Vacaville CMF

Greg Rost E5, Staff Sergeant US Air Force 2001 - 2009 Korea PRIDE / Fort Bliss

David Carl Wickersham Master Sergeant US Air Force 1983 - 2006 PRIDE / Roseville

Ricky Woods US Air Force 1989 - 2015 PRIDE / Roseville

### U.S. ARMY

Octavio Aguirre E7 SFC US Army 1976 - 1995 Vietnam, Saudi Arabia PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Terry Allen Sergeant First Class US Army 1989 - 2011 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Rossi Anaya E5, Infantryman US Army 1969 - 1971 PRIDE / Lincoln, CA

Luis Arenas US Army 1978 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Steven Harry Bedell E6, Staff Sergeant US Army 1974 - 1995 Germany / Korea / Panama PRIDE / Fort Polk

James Blaine SPC US Army 2008 - 2012 PRIDE / Fort Rucker

Joseph Bonno E4, Combat Engineer US Army 1980 - 1984 PRIDE / Fort MacArthur

Christopher E. Bray E5, Sergeant Cavalry Scout US Army 2003 - 2010 OIF/ OEF PRIDE / JB MDL

Chuck Bryner Sergeant US Army 1991 - 2011 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Gabriel Buonfiglio E5, Sergeant US Army 2005 - 2010 Operation Iraqi Freedom PRIDE / BEP Allen Bynog E4, Specialist US Army 1988 - 1992 Panama PRIDE / Fort Polk

Leo Contreras E4 US Army 1989 - 1995 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Valentino Corbett E7, Sergeant First Class US Army 1988 - 2008 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Mark A. Delgado E2 US Army 1978 - 1979 PRIDE / BEP

Kimberly JP DeVivo US Army 1981 - 1987 E4 Specialist PRIDE / LAAFB

Emilio Duque E7, Sergeant First Class US Army 1973 - 1988 Operation Desert Shield / Storm PRIDE / Fort Bliss Abraham Flores E3 US Army PRIDE / El Paso, TX

Ricardo Franco SSG US Army 1987 - 2012 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Charles Garvin US Army 1968 - 1972 Vietnam PRIDE / Fort Polk

Patrick Garvey SPC 4 US Army 1975 - 1977 PRIDE / FOSSAC

Bradley James Geltz E5, Sergeant US Army 1990 - 2003 Korea PRIDE / Fort Polk

Brian Jeffrey Green E5 Squad Leader US Army 2007 - 2015 PRIDE / Fort Campbell Charles Anthony Green E6, Staff Sergeant Army 1989 - 2011 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

William A. Green IV Command Sergeant Major US Army 1983 - 2011 Operation Iraqi Freedom / Kosovo PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Luis Gutierrez SGM USA US Army 1990 - 2016 PRIDE / MCBH

Scott Harrison US Army 1981 - 1993 Gulf War PRIDE / Fort Campbell

Steven J. Herbst E5, Sergeant Military Police US Army 1979 - 1989 PRIDE / JB MDL



### U.S. ARMY



Barrick Jacko E5 - SGT Infantry Team Leader US Army 2004 - 2009 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Rey Javar E5 US Army 1969 - 1972 PRIDE / SMF

Erich Jordan O3, Captain US Army 1999 - 2001; 2006 - 2010 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Jason Largen Sergeant/Tank Commander US Army 1999 - 2012 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Ricardo Lopez E4 US Army 1978 - 1981 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Charles Stuart Mac Ahan E7 US Army 1973 - 1993 PRIDE / WCF Luis Marquez E4 US Army 1973 - 1979 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Jay M. Martin E6 US Army 1981 - 2001 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Ricky Martinez E4 US Army 1976 - 1978 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Braden Matejek E5 Sergeant US Army 2009 - 2016 PRIDE / MCBH

Robert McKinley E4, Specialist US Army 2003 - 2009 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Mark J. McKinnon SSG US Army 2003 - 2017 PRIDE / Fort Rucker

David M. McNew E5 SGT US Army 1991 - 1997 Mario Muniz Staff Sergeant US Army 1970 - 1991 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Guadalupe Munoz E4 US Army 1980 - 1984 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Don Murchinson E8, Master Sergeant US Army 1984 - 2009 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Joan O'Connor O3, Captain US Army 1978 - 1984 PRIDE / Little Rock

George Penn E5, Engineer US Army 1969 - 1975 PRIDE / Fort MacArthur

John Pfander CW3 US Army 1979 - 2001 PRIDE / Fort Rucker Philip Kim Pomeroy E3, Company Clerk US Army 1966 - 1969 Vietnam PRIDE / Auburn

Rodolfo Rodriguez E4, Specialist US Army 1977 - 1985 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Letricia Rogers US Army 1980 - 1983 PRIDE / Fort Ord

Ralph Sabin E4, Specialist US Army 1977 - 1983 PRIDE / Roseville

Douglas J. Sams E4, SPC US Army 2005 - 2008 PRIDE / Fort Cambell

Burdette Shields E9 Command Sergeant Major US Army 2005 - 2008; Army Reserves 1977 - 2016

Clay A. Smith US Army 1982 - 1985 PRIDE / Fort Polk

### **U.S. ARMY**

James William Smith E5, Sergeant US Army 1974 - 1997 PRIDE / JB MDL

Steven Smith E4, Specialist US Army 2006 - 2012 PRIDE / Fort Rucker

James Stender E7, Sergeant First Class US Army 1967 - 1996 PRIDE / Fairfield

Kathryn Strawder O3E, Captain US Army 1995 - 1999; 2002 - 2009 US Army Reserves 2009 - 2012 PRIDE / Fort Bliss Brian Sward E5, Sergeant Specialist US Army 1970 - 1977 PRIDE / JB MDL

Humberto Sauceda SGT US Army 2000 - 2012 Operation Enduring Freedom PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Robert Sultuska E5, Sergeant Military Police US Army 1963 - 1969 Vietnam PRIDE / Beale AFB

James Timms E6 SSG US Army 1987 - 2010 PRIDE / Fort Rucker Erik Peter Tollczyk E4 US Army 1993 - 2001 PRIDE / Roseville

Freddy Torres Sergeant First Class, Gunnery US Army 1977 - 1984; 2004 - 2009 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Jose Villalobos Staff Sergeant US Army 2002 - 2014 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Bobby R. Walker E6, Motor Transport Operator US Army 1969 – 1971; 1974 - 1996 PRIDE / LAAFB Robert Whitaker E5, Engineer US Army 1968 - 1970 PRIDE / LAAFB

Calvin Wiseman Sergeant US Army 1970 - 1973 US Army National Guard 1973 - 1986 PRIDE / DLI Monterey

Randy Youngblood E4 US Army 1981 - 1986 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Jeff Zell E7 SFC US Army 1978 - 2004 Operation Iraqi Freedom PRIDE / Fort Campbell

### **U.S. COAST GUARD**

Larry D. Dinger Radioman 2nd Class US Coast Guard 1972 - 1976 PRIDE / CTSA

David Allen Feather E6, First Class Petty Officer US Coast Guard 1980 - 1997 PRIDE / JB MDL Armando F. Rivera E4 US Coast Guard 2001 - 2006 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Robert Wilkins E7, Chief Petty Officer US Coast Guard 1975 - 1995 PRIDE / JB MDL



"Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause."

- Abraham Lincoln

### **U.S. MARINE CORPS**

Adam Adcock
E-5/SSGT Combat
Engineer
US Marine Corps 1998 2009
Operation Iraqi Freedom,
Operation Enduring
Freedom
PRIDE / Roseville

Keith Arguelles E6 SSGT US Marine Corps 2001 -2015 Iraq PRIDE / Fort Rucker Michael Cron Corporal US Marine Corps 2000 -2005 Operation Iraqi Freedom PRIDE / Fort Rucker

Ricardo Aguilar E4, Tank Crewman US Marine Corps 1983 -1987 PRIDE / LAAFB Javier Corona
E8 - SGT
US Marines 1996 - Present
OIF / OEF
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Gary Echols E6, Staff Sergeant Radio Chief US Marine Corps 1985 -2005 PRIDE / Little Creek Chris Fuqua E3 Lance Corporal US Marine Corps 1982 -1988 PRIDE / Roseville

Keith Lambroff Sergeant First Class US Marine Corps 1992 -1996 US Army 1998 - 2014 Iraq / Afghanistan PRIDE / Fort Cambell

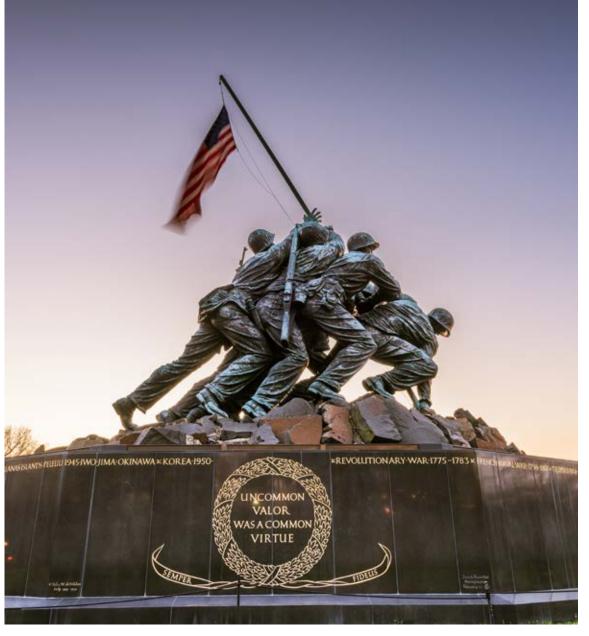
David Farrell Livingston Sergeant US Marine Corps 1990 - 1994; US Army 2007 - 2012

Sean O'Connor Master Sergeant US Marine Corps 1992 -2012 PRIDE / JB MDL

Lawrence C. Padilla

Technical Sergeant
US Marine Corps 1968 1972;
National Guard 1985 - 1995;
Air Force Reserves 1995
- present
Vietnam / Desert Shield/
Desert Storm
PRIDE / CTSA

Edward Pinon E5, Sergeant US Marine Corps 1971 -1975 PRIDE / Fort Bliss



### **U.S. NAVY**

Jesus Aguilera E6 US Navy 1990 - 2010 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Frank Buckley
E4, Machinist Mate 3rd
Class
US Navy 1986 - 1990
Mediterranean
Peacekeeping
PRIDE / JB MDL

Leandro Canava III Aviation Boatswain's Mate Aircraft Handler US Navy 1992 - 1995 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Ramon E. Chavez E4 US Navy 1991 - 1996 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Vance Cline E8, Senior Chief US Navy 1982 - 2006 PRIDE / JCC

Michael Dodd E5 US Navy 2006 - 2012 PRIDE / JCC

Jessie Fails E4, Machinist Mate US Navy 1989 - 1995 US Navy Reserves 1995 -2005 Operation Desert Storm/ Persian Gulf War PRIDE / Roseville

Thomas C. Funkhouser OS2, Operations Specialist US Navy 1971 - 1981 Vietnam PRIDE / Auburn

Gilbert Garcia Petty Officer 3rd Class US Navy 1997 - 2001 PRIDE / Fort Bliss "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

- John F. Kennedy

Ricky Greenwood E4 US Navy 1983 - 1987 PRIDE / BEP

Eric Guiang Lara Student Operations Specialist Navy 1986 - 1987 PRIDE / NBVC

Joshua King PO2 US Navy 1968 - 1974 PRIDE / FOSSAC

Armando Macias E3, Specialist US Navy 1993 - 1995 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Kovit Markklam E6, First Class Petty Officer Navy 1990 - 2010 PRIDE / NBVC

Scott McDonald HM3, Corpsman US Navy 1986 - 1994 PRIDE / Roseville

Dennis Nesbit E7 US Navy 1988 - 2008 PRIDE / Fort Bliss Donald Floyd Phelps Sr. Chief Aviation Ordinanceman US Navy 1986 - 2009 PRIDE / JCC

Aaron Puente E7, NCC Navy Counselor Chief US Navy 1987 - 2011 PRIDE / FOSSAC

Derek Ramsey E4, Aviation Electrician Technician US Navy 1999 - 2003 PRIDE / LAAFB

Darrell Shelby E6 US Navy Gulf War / Bosnia PRIDE / Fort Campbell

Billy J. Smith E6 US Navy 1990 - 2010 PRIDE / BEP

Christopher Suk E3, VF 154 USS Independence US Navy 1993 - 1997 Operation Southern Watch PRIDE / JB MDL Roberto Fierro Valdez Shipfitter Petty Officer 2nd Class US Navy 1969 - 1971 Vietnam PRIDE / Fort Bliss

James Vargas US Navy 1988 - 2008 PRIDE / LA AFB

Mark Whitwell E6 US Navy 1986 - 1996 PRIDE / Fort Bliss

David Wilburn E3, Welder US Navy 1973 - 1979 PRIDE / Fort MacArthur

Sergio Zavala E4 US Navy 1992 - 1996 PRIDE / Fort Bliss



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