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Veterans Salute



Proudly Serving Those Who Served



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The History of Veterans Day



On November 11, 1918, at the eleventh hour, 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.



A Message from our President and 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 Industries employees who have served in the military, celebrating their dedication to our nation and to our democracy.

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

To all of PRIDE Industries’ veterans, we thank you and salute you!

With deepest appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Dern".

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 support services and career opportunities for our nation's veteran heroes.



VETERAN SUPPORT SERVICES

Through their service, 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. To this end, PRIDE Industries 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 17 military bases nationwide, provides opportunities for our employees to develop meaningful careers.

Support services include:

- Intake session for support services and/or employment
- Résumé writing assistance
- Pre-screen interview
- Vocational training opportunities
- Job placement assistance (roles with PRIDE Industries and our employment partners)
- Employment for military spouses
- Scholarships for military children



2021 VETERAN AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Vet Indexes 3 Star Employer
- 2021 HIRE Vets Medallion Award
- Texas Workforce Commission and Texas Veterans Commission: "We Hire Vets" 2021 Designation



I-AM-ABLE EMPLOYMENT HELPLINE

Our I-AM-ABLE Helpline (844-426-2253), available currently in California and Nevada, provides assistance to military veterans who are transitioning to civilian employment.



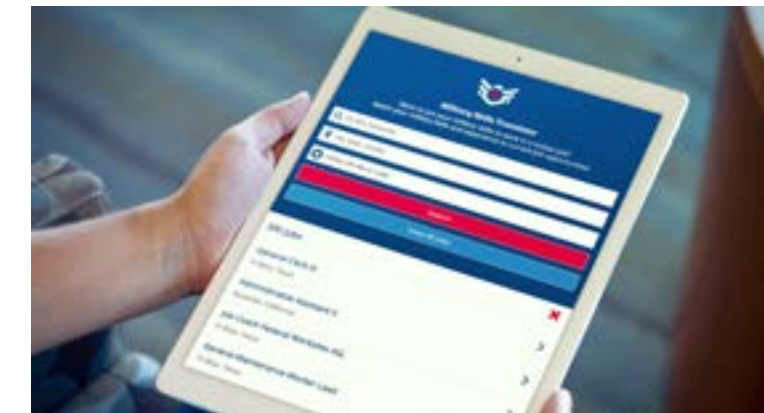
VETERANS EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUP

PRIDE Industries' Veterans Employee Resource Group (ERG) meets once a month to provide support, mentorship, and career counseling. The ERG also focuses on veteran recruitment and recognition through outreach, networking, and educational activities.



MILITARY SKILLS TRANSLATOR

PRIDE Industries' Military Skills Translator helps veterans match their skills to available job opportunities within PRIDE Industries. The tool can be found on our website: prideindustries.org/jobs/veteran-job-placement



VETERAN SUPPORT PARTNERS



Stories from Our Veterans



Maggie De Jesus
Legal/Claims and Licensing Specialist, PRIDE Industries

Maggie De Jesus

U.S. Army

In 1989, when Maggie De Jesus was a 20-year-old college student, a U.S. Army recruiter at her church told her about the military's student loan repayment program. "He asked me to come into his office and take an aptitude test," says Maggie. "The next thing I knew, I was at the Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) and, two weeks later, at boot camp."

So began Maggie's military career.

"At first, my transition into the military was difficult," says Maggie. "I hadn't been involved in ROTC in high school, nor had anyone in my immediate family been a military servicemember. I hadn't been exposed to that lifestyle." But, soon enough, Maggie found herself acclimated to Army life. After completing basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey (now Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst), she was stationed at Fort Sheridan, Illinois and, later, in Germany at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

"Basic training prepared me for all elements of service: physical, mental, and emotional," says Maggie. "It also gave me the tools necessary to serve my country in the roles assigned to me."

And serve, she did. After boot camp, Maggie was assigned to a dental field unit where she served as a personnel administration specialist. There she honed strengths and acquired abilities that, otherwise, she would not have. But the lessons learned while in the

Maggie De Jesus (continued)



military often came at a cost. Maggie and her unit were deployed to Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, where she acquired Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Maggie left the Army in 1997 when her contract obligation ended. By then, she was married with two children and wanted to focus on her family and her life as

a civilian. But the latter, which included re-entering the workforce, proved challenging. "It took some time to adjust to civilian life," Maggie says. "I had to figure out where I fit in and how my skills translated in the workforce." Eventually, she did just that—to such a degree that she found and held a 20-year position working for the City of Tampa, where she was finally able to finish college and earn a Bachelor of Science degree.

Then, in 2016, after moving to California, Maggie was referred to PRIDE Industries by another employee who thought she'd be a great fit for an open position. Ultimately landing that job, she has worked in the Risk Management Division ever since, where she loves the interaction with other employees. "I get to help our inside customers as well as our outside customers," she says. "I'm also the Vice Chair of PRIDE Industries' Veterans Employee Resource Group (ERG). I really enjoy serving our veterans and creating opportunities for recognition, support, and mentorship."

Asked what advice she would give to other veterans transitioning to civilian life, Maggie stresses that they give themselves time and ask for help when needed. She's also quick to note, "The Veterans Administration Medical Center has a lot of resources to help veterans."

When asked about her proudest moment in the military, Maggie emphasizes her role as a woman veteran.

"I'm proud to have served my country for eight years," she says. "And I'm especially proud to be a woman veteran. I emphasize that because, to this day, when people see my Army apparel or stickers, they assume my husband is the veteran."

According to a 2015 report published by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, women have been formally included in the United States Armed forces since 1901. Informally, they have served "since the inception of our nation's military." At the time of the report's publication, 200,692 women were active in the U.S. Armed Forces, and, since then, the numbers have grown.

Maggie has traveled a long road from that day at church in 1989. We at PRIDE Industries are grateful for her service and the journey that led her here.



Evan Goss U.S. Air Force

In 1999, when Evan Goss was 18, he sensed his future would no longer include college. He decided to serve his country instead and joined the U.S. Air Force.

A month after graduating high school, he was on a plane bound for San Antonio, Texas and bootcamp. Evan couldn't have known that his military career would last over two decades or that he would earn several awards while traversing the Middle East.

"Probably the most memorable award was the first achievement medal I earned," Evan says. "It was right after 9/11 and the day before my first wedding anniversary. I was sent to Qatar, where we built a base from the ground up. Al Udeid, it would be called. It wound up supporting over 10,000 people and, today is considered the hub for the U.S. military in the Middle East."

And that was just the beginning. Evan would serve eight deployments in support of several operations, including Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Inherent Resolve, and Freedom's Sentinel. Between 2001 and 2018, he would rise up the ranks—from airman to staff sergeant, then technical sergeant to master sergeant. All told, his awards would include the Meritorious Service Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), the Air Force Commendation Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Achievement Medal (with two oak leaf clusters). He would be stationed and deployed throughout the U.S. and the Middle East, with his final assignment landing him at Los Angeles Air Force Base (LAAFB).

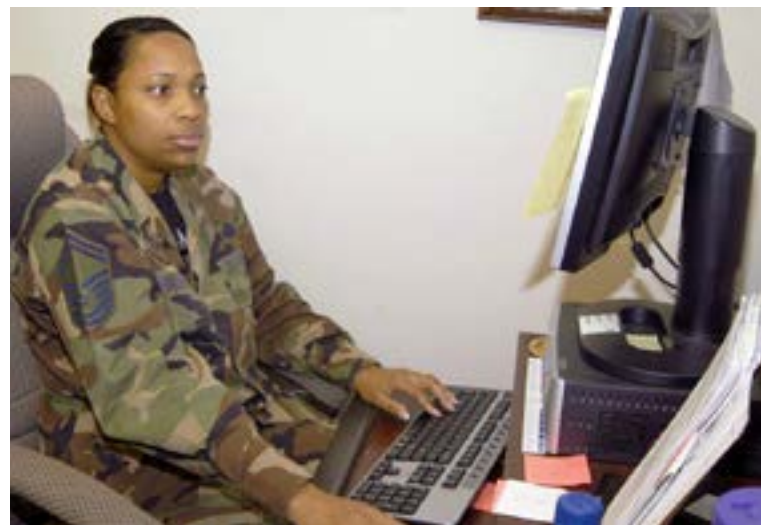


Evan Goss
CAD/GIS Program Manager, PRIDE Industries

"My last assignment, in 2017, had me stationed at Los Angeles Air Force Base," says Evan. "When I first got there, I worked in operations with General Manager Jose Perez from PRIDE Industries. A little over a year later, after I was deployed to Kuwait for six months, I came back and worked with the Engineering Department, where Program Integrator Beth Farm told me how much PRIDE Industries could use me."

Like the transition from high school into the military, Evan's transition out of the military and into employment with PRIDE Industries moved fast.

"I went straight into the position as a building information and geographic systems (BIM/GIS) manager," said Evan, noting a key difference he'd observed between PRIDE Industries and other military



Evan Goss (continued)

contractors he'd encountered over the years. "With other contractors I'd dealt with, it was always about getting more money from our government—which bothered me. But PRIDE Industries isn't like that. It's a company with a good moral standing."

As "Integrity First" is the first of the Air Force's core values, it makes sense that a good moral standing would resonate with Evan. So do the Air Force's other two core values: "Service Before Self" and "Excellence in All We Do." In fact, according to LAAFB leadership, Evan has brought these values into all aspects of his work with PRIDE Industries—going above and beyond to serve both customers and fellow employees.

"When Evan first found out that the CADD digital as-built system was not up to industry standard, he corrected it himself," said Chris Paek, PRIDE Industries' General Manager at LAAFB. "He did that even though doing so was not part of the contract."

And Evan's hands-on approach didn't stop there. He also conducted all of the physical labor work of scanning necessary drawings, including creating accommodations for his employees with disabilities.

And all of this was in addition to Evan's numerous other achievements that first year, which included overseeing two technical programs simultaneously.

18-year-old Evan's decision to join the U.S. Air Force was a great gain for them and now is ours.



"While serving in the U.S. Air Force, I went to 19 countries and loved them all. My most memorable moment was a 2010 humanitarian deployment to Suriname, where I helped build medical clinics and schools. It was an incredible experience to create a positive impact."

- DAVID DANIEL, TEXAS



"I served 21 years in the U.S. Army, working in both field artillery and human resources. I'm glad to have our veteran family at PRIDE Industries and to continue to use the skills that I learned in the military.."

- FRANK CHAVEZ,
ROSEVILLE HEADQUARTERS,
CALIFORNIA



James Stender
Custodial Supervisor, PRIDE Industries

James Stender U.S. Army

“Ever since I was a kid, I wanted to be in the U.S. Army,” says James Stender, Sergeant First Class, retired.

Like James, plenty of children think about joining the military when they grow up. However, upon becoming adults, less than one-half of one percent of the U.S. population enlists. Yet, in 1967, a young James did just that.

First stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, he began an enduring military career that would see him all the way from the rank of Private to Sergeant First Class. During his time at Fort Bliss, James trained on a vehicle that he would often use in his later career: The history-making M42 Duster—a twin 40mm gun tank known for its rapid, tremendous firepower.

“My unit was stationed in Okinawa,” says James. “The minute Russian planes made their way into our airspace, we’d go on alert and get ready to encounter them if needed. Having the batteries ready would normally be enough to deter them, but they were always trying to see how far they could get without a response—shooting at them was always an option, though it was a last resort. We also continually practiced shooting at drones. At 240 rounds per minute, it didn’t take long to down one.”

So powerful were the Dusters that the Viet Cong called them “Fire Dragons”—largely, according to ArmyHistory.org, “because their high volume of fire and tracer ammunition gave the appearance of a dragon’s breath.” And not only were they a fearsome sight, but they were also loud.

“They had an open turret,” says James. “So, we were right alongside the guns.”

James Stender (continued)

It was in this vehicle, repeatedly exposed to the sound of gunfire, where James developed hearing loss. Over time, this injury would result in a permanent hearing disability, but that wouldn’t stop him from continuing to serve. James continued his military career after his time in Japan. Returning to Fort Ord in the United States, he served as a drill sergeant and a training Noncommissioned Officer in Charge until, amid base closures and cutbacks, he retired from the military in 1992. As a civilian, he worked as the manager of a body shop and at a Chevrolet dealership until the economic downturn of 2008 prompted layoffs, and he found himself unemployed.

“It was serendipitous timing,” says James. “While job hunting, I saw a sign for PRIDE Industries. I just walked in and handed the receptionist my résumé. It turned out they needed someone with managerial skills, so I was interviewed and hired on the spot.”

On November 17, 2010, James was hired as a rehabilitation specialist working in our Fairfield, Calif. location. Since then, he has been promoted three times and is now the custodial supervisor for the entire U.S. Forestry contract at Mare Island in Vallejo, Calif.



Leading by example, James has proven to his team that people of all abilities can progress in the workforce through perseverance, commitment, respect, and reliability. Not only is his work ethic impeccable, but he is also a personable leader—taking the time to learn each of his team member’s strengths and weaknesses. Moreover, James strives to be a helpful mentor to the people who report to him, which recently led to the promotion of one of his mentees.

Years have passed since James Stender, the boy, first knew he wanted to be in the U.S. Army. Time has sped along since his days as a young man alongside the Duster’s guns. And, since 2010, we have been honored to have him on our team.



“I served for 30 years, 3 months, 19 days in the U.S. Navy. I was blessed and fortunate to work with many incredible men and women in the Armed Forces. Now, I’m thankful to have another opportunity to serve the Navy and our great nation through my job at PRIDE Industries.”

- NESTOR FRANDO, FOSSAC, CALIFORNIA

PRIDE Industries Honors All Who Have Served

U.S. RESERVES/NATIONAL GUARD

Russell Briggs
U.S. Army Reserves
PRIDE / JB MDL

Christopher Bonner
E4
U.S. Army Reserves
2012-2018
Operation Enduring Freedom
PRIDE / Fort Rucker

Frank Chavez
SFC
U.S. Army /
CA Army National Guard
Operations Iraqi Freedom,
New Dawn
PRIDE / Roseville

Frank A. Goehringer
E6, Staff Sergeant
CA Army National Guard
1988 - 2010
Operation Iraqi Freedom
PRIDE / Roseville

Douglas Hammer
E6, Technical Sergeant
U.S. Air Force Reserves
1988 - 2001
PRIDE / Roseville

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

Phillip Sherman
Sergeant
U.S. Air Force Reserve
1986 - 1994
PRIDE / Fort Polk

Eduardo Soriano
E5
U.S. Navy Reserve
1986 - 1993
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Maggie De Jesus
E4 Specialist
U.S. Army Reserves
1989 - 1997
Gulf War
PRIDE / Roseville

Tim Young
E4, Specialist
U.S. Army Reserve
1990 - 1998
PRIDE / Roseville



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 and monitor our progress in veteran recruitment. This also lets us 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. AIR FORCE

Levar Alexander
E7, Master Sergeant
U.S. Air Force 1997 - 2017
Kuwait / Korea / Afghanistan
PRIDE / Travis AFB

Edward Arango
O3 Captain –
Communications
U.S. Air Force 1970 - 2006
PRIDE / JB MDL

Chrissie Arjonilla
Senior Airman, Public Health
U.S. Air Force 2005 - 2009
PRIDE / Roseville

Casey Blake
Major General
U.S. Air Force 1984 - 2018
PRIDE / Atlanta

Shannon Bloxham
E4, Senior Airman
U.S. Air Force 1997 - 2001
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Christopher Neil Bunch
E5, Staff Sergeant
U.S. Air Force 1998 - 2005
PRIDE / Roseville

Vance Burke
MSGT AT / FP Officer
U.S. Air Force 1994-2017
Iraq
PRIDE / Fort Rucker

Lenny Camilo
E6, Crew Chief
U.S. Air Force 1980 - 2000
PRIDE / Beale AFB

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

Jeffrey Denton
E5, Staff Sergeant
US Air Force 2000-2006
PRIDE / JCC

David Dygart
TSGT Fuels Specialist
U.S. Air Force 1976-1996
PRIDE / Beale AFB

James Falsario
Senior Airman
U.S. Air Force 1982 - 1988
PRIDE / FOSSAC

Edward Fleming Jr
Staff Sergeant
U.S. Air Force 1980 – 1992
Air Crew Rescues System
Specialist
U.S. Air Force Reserves
1992- 1995

Operations Urgent Fury,
Big Pine I and II, Just Cause,
Desert Shield, Desert Storm
PRIDE / Roseville CFS

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

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

Ramiro Guzman
Master Sergeant
C5, Evaluator Loadmaster
U.S. Air Force 1988 - 2012
PRIDE / Travis AFB

Gloria Hickle
SRA Technician
U.S. Air Force 2014 - present
PRIDE / Beale AFB

Ameer L. Habeeb
C5, Crew Chief
U.S. Air Force 1996 – 2000
PRIDE / CMF Vacaville

Robert Hines
E5, Staff Sergeant
U.S. Air Force 1988-1999
PRIDE / Phoenix



Jack Jackman
Lieutenant Colonel
U.S. Air Force 1981 - 2020
PRIDE / Roseville

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

Jerome Kirschner
Master Sergeant
U.S. Air Force 1977 - 1999
PRIDE / Roseville

Bernhard Kolzer
E9, CSM ADA
U.S. Air Force
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Shannon La Rue
U.S. Air Force 1993 - 2014
PRIDE / LAAFB

Donald Jason Lucy
E8
U.S. Air Force 1989 - 2014
PRIDE / JCC

Kevin Melton
E4, Sergeant
U.S. Air Force 1979 - 1984
PRIDE / Roseville

Donald Henry Nelson
E9, Chief Master Sergeant
U.S. Air Force 1981 - 2005
Operations Iraqi Freedom,
Enduring Freedom
PRIDE / Roseville

Rick Nelums
E7, Master Sergeant
U.S. Air Force 1977 - 1995
Operations Desert Storm,
Desert Shield, Desert Calm
PRIDE / LAAFB

Christopher Paek
Captain, Operations Flight
Commander
U.S. Air Force 2012-2020
PRIDE / LAAFB

James Prabucki
E5
U.S. Air Force 1985 - 1993
Operations Desert Shield,
Desert Storm
PRIDE / Travis AFB

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

Hunter Reed
Senior Airman
U.S. Air Force 2012-2018
PRIDE / Roseville

Brian Roberts
MSGT
U.S. Air Force 1995 - 2015
PRIDE / Vacaville CMF

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

David Carl Wickersham
Master Sergeant
U.S. Air Force 1983 - 2006
PRIDE / Roseville

Ricky Woods
E8, SMSgt
U.S. Air Force 1989 - 2015
PRIDE / Roseville

U.S. ARMY

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

Paul Alcoces
SFC Forward Observer
U.S. Army 2000-2020
Afghanistan
PRIDE / JB MDL

Terry Allen
Sergeant First Class
U.S. Army 1989 - 2011
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Luis Arenas
U.S. Army 1978
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Michael D. Beavers
E8
U.S. Army 1994-2016
PRIDE / Fort Rucker

James Blaine
SPC
U.S. Army 2008 - 2012
PRIDE / Fort Rucker

Joseph Bonno
E4, Combat Engineer
U.S. Army 1980 - 1984
PRIDE / Fort MacArthur

Christopher E. Bray
E5, Sergeant Cavalry
Scout
U.S. Army 2003 - 2010
Operations Iraqi Freedom,
Enduring Freedom
PRIDE / JB MDL

Gabriel Buonfiglio
E5, Sergeant
U.S. Army 2005 - 2010
Operation Iraqi Freedom
PRIDE / BEP

Allen Bynog
E4, Specialist
U.S. Army 1988 - 1992
Panama
PRIDE / Fort Polk

Ryan Calloway
U.S. Army 2008-2012
Afghanistan
PRIDE / Fort Rucker

Valentino Corbett
E7, Sergeant First Class
U.S. Army 1988 - 2008
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Thomas “Brad” Dawkins
E4
U.S. Army 2009-2015
PRIDE / Fort Rucker

Mark A. Delgado
E2
U.S. Army 1978 - 1979
PRIDE / Western Currency
Facility

Kimberly JP DeVivo
U.S. Army 1981 - 1987
E4, Specialist
PRIDE / LAAFB

Emilio Duque
E7, Sergeant First Class
U.S. Army 1973 - 1988
Operations Desert Shield,
Desert Storm
PRIDE / Fort Bliss



“Joining the U.S. Army in 1970 gave me the change I needed and a chance to see the world. Now, in my job at PRIDE Industries, I love to do a good job for the soldiers. As a veteran myself, it’s like my life has come full circle.”

**– CALVIN WISEMAN,
DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE, MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA**

Abraham Flores
E3
U.S. Army
PRIDE / El Paso

Ricardo Franco
SSG
U.S. Army 1987 - 2012
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Timothy Gahr
CW2 / Chief Warrant Officer
U.S. Army 1984 - 2005
Operation Enduring
Freedom
Germany, South Korea,
Kuwait, Iraq
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Charles Garvin
U.S. Army 1968 - 1972
Vietnam
PRIDE / Fort Polk

Bradley James Geltz
E5, Sergeant
U.S. Army 1990 - 2003
Korea
PRIDE / Fort Polk

Charles Anthony Green
E6, Staff Sergeant
U.S. Army 1989 - 2011
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

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

Luis Gutierrez
SGM
U.S. Army 1990 - 2016
PRIDE / MCBH

Raul Gutierrez
SSG Staff Sergeant
U.S. Army 2003 - 2015
Operations Iraqi Freedom,
Enduring Freedom
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Melissa Harcrow
CW2, Chief Warrant Officer 2
U.S. Army 2002-2014
Operations Iraqi Freedom,
Enduring Freedom
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

U.S. ARMY



Scott Harrison
U.S. Army 1981 - 1993
Gulf War
PRIDE / Fort Campbell

Rick Hemion
E7, SFC
U.S. Army 1996 - 2018
Operations Iraqi Freedom,
New Dawn, Enduring
Freedom
PRIDE / Fort Rucker

Jason Hemphill
U.S. Army 1989-2012
PRIDE / Roseville

J.L. Hendricks
E4
U.S. Army 1988 - 1993
Operation Just Cause
PRIDE / Fort Campbell

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

Julie Rodriguez Herrera
E5 Sergeant
U.S. Army 2001-2011
Iraq, Afghanistan
PRIDE / March AFB

Barrick Jacko
E5, SGT Infantry Team
Leader
U.S. Army 2004 - 2009
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Rey Javar
E5
U.S. Army 1969 - 1972
PRIDE / Sacramento
International Airport

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

Christopher K. LaCroix
Staff Sergeant / SSG
U.S. Army 1999 - 2015
Operation Enduring
Freedom
PRIDE / Fort Worth

Jason Largen
Sergeant, Tank Commander
U.S. Army 1999 - 2012
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Ricardo Lopez
E4
U.S. Army 1978 - 1981
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Charles Stuart Mac Ahan
E7
U.S. Army 1973 - 1993
PRIDE / Fort Worth

Luis Marquez
E4
U.S. Army 1973 - 1979
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

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

Ricky Martinez
E4
U.S. Army 1976 - 1978
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Robert McKinley
E4, Specialist
U.S. Army 2003 - 2009
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

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

Daniel M. McNew
E5, SGT
U.S. Army 1991 - 1997
PRIDE / Fort Campbell

Mario Muniz
Staff Sergeant
U.S. Army 1970 - 1991
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Guadalupe Munoz
E4
U.S. Army 1980 - 1984
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Don Murchinson
E8, Master Sergeant
U.S. Army 1984 - 2009
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Joan O'Connor
O3, Captain
U.S. Army 1978 - 1984
PRIDE / Little Rock

George Penn
E5, Engineer
U.S. Army 1969 - 1975
PRIDE / Fort MacArthur

Roque Perez
U.S. Army 2010 - 2012
PRIDE / Fort Campbell

John Pfander
CW3
U.S. Army 1979 - 2001
PRIDE / Fort Rucker

Philip Kim Pomeroy
E3, Company Clerk
U.S. Army 1966 - 1969
Vietnam
PRIDE / Auburn

Donna Procell
E4, Specialist
U.S. Army 1990-1998
Operation Desert Storm
PRIDE / Fort Polk

Rodolfo Rodriguez
E4, Specialist
U.S. Army 1977 - 1985
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Letricia Rogers
U.S. Army 1980 - 1983
PRIDE / Fort Ord

Ralph Sabin
E4, Specialist
U.S. Army 1977 - 1983
PRIDE / Roseville

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

Burdette Shields
E9, Command Sergeant
Major
U.S. Army 2005 - 2008;
U.S. Army Reserves
1977 - 2016
PRIDE / Travis AFB

U.S. ARMY

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

James William Smith
E5, Sergeant
U.S. Army 1974 - 1997
PRIDE / JB MDL

Steven Smith
E4, Specialist
U.S. Army 2006 - 2012
PRIDE / Fort Rucker

James Stender
E7, Sergeant First Class
U.S. Army 1967 - 1996
PRIDE / Fairfield

Brian Stevens
SPC Aviation Operations
U.S. Army 2010-2014
Operation Enduring
Freedom
PRIDE / Fort Rucker

Kathryn Strawder
O3E, Captain
U.S. Army 1995 - 1999;
2002 - 2009
U.S. Army Reserves
2009 - 2012
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Brian Sward
E5, Sergeant Specialist
U.S. Army 1970 - 1977
PRIDE / JB MDL

Humberto Saucedo
SGT
U.S. Army 2000 - 2012
Operation Enduring
Freedom
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

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

James Timms
E6, SSG
U.S. Army 1987 - 2010
PRIDE / Fort Rucker

Erik Peter Tollczyk
E4
U.S. Army 1993 - 2001
PRIDE / Roseville

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

Jose Villalobos
Staff Sergeant
U.S. Army 2002 - 2014
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

Bobby R. Walker
E6, Motor Transport
Operator
U.S. Army 1969 - 1971;
1974 - 1996
PRIDE / LAAFB

Robert Whitaker
E5, Engineer
U.S. Army 1968 - 1970
PRIDE / LAAFB

Calvin Wiseman
Sergeant
U.S. Army 1970 - 1973
U.S. Army National Guard
1973 - 1986
PRIDE / DLI Monterey

Randy Youngblood
E4
U.S. Army 1981 - 1986
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

U.S. COAST GUARD

Larry D. Dinger
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U.S. Coast Guard
1972 - 1976
PRIDE / Roseville

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U.S. Coast Guard
1980 - 1997
PRIDE / JB MDL

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E4
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2001 - 2006
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E7, Chief Petty Officer
U.S. Coast Guard
1975 - 1995
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“As a combat engineer deployed to Iraq three times, I was regularly involved in conflict and fighting—but would gladly do it all over again. This job was dangerous; however, it felt incredible to make a difference by keeping everyone safe.”

- RAUL GUTIERREZ, FORT BLISS, TEXAS

U.S. MARINE CORPS

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E5, SSGT Combat Engineer
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1998 - 2009
Operations Iraqi Freedom,
Enduring Freedom
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U.S. Marine Corps
2001- 2015
Iraq
PRIDE / Fort Rucker

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Corporal
U.S. Marine Corps
2000 - 2005
Operation Iraqi Freedom
PRIDE / Fort Rucker

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E4, Tank Crewman
U.S. Marine Corps
1983 - 1987
PRIDE / LAAFB

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U.S. Marines 1996 - Present
Operations Iraqi Freedom,
Enduring Freedom
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U.S. Marine Corps 2006-2010
Operation Iraqi Freedom
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1982 - 1988
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1992 - 1996
U.S. Army 1998 - 2014
Iraq / Afghanistan
PRIDE / Fort Cambell

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1976 - 1981
U.S. Navy
PRIDE / Travis AFB

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1968 - 1972;
National Guard 1985 - 1995;
U.S. Air Force Reserves
1995 - present
Vietnam
Operations Desert Shield,
Desert Storm
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U.S. NAVY

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E6
U.S. Navy 1990 - 2010
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

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E5
U.S. Navy 1974-1979
Vietnam
PRIDE / Roseville

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Class
U.S. Navy 1986 - 1990
Mediterranean
Peacekeeping
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Aviation Boatswain's
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U.S. Navy 1992 - 1995
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

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E4
U.S. Navy 1991 - 1996
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

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E5
U.S. Navy 2006 - 2012
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U.S. Navy 1989 - 1995
U.S. Navy Reserves
1995 - 2005

Operation Desert Storm
Persian Gulf War
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F. Nestor Q. Frando
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Operations Earnest Will,
Odyssey Dawn, Unified
Protector, and Enduring
Freedom
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E4
U.S. Navy 1983 - 1987
PRIDE / BEP

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Student Operations
Specialist
U.S. Navy 1986 - 1987
PRIDE / NBVC

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U.S. Navy 2012-2015
PRIDE / Travis AFB

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U.S. Navy 1990 - 2010
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E6
U.S. Navy 1990 - 2010
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Facility

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HM3, Corpsman
U.S. Navy 1986 - 1994
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E7
U.S. Navy 1988 - 2008
PRIDE / Fort Bliss

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Ordinanceman
U.S. Navy 1986 - 2009
PRIDE / JCC

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Counselor Chief
U.S. Navy 1987 - 2011
PRIDE / FOSSAC

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U.S. Navy 1999 - 2003
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E3, VF 154
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U.S. Navy 1993 - 1997
Operation Southern Watch
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Officer 2nd Class
U.S. Navy 1969 - 1971
Vietnam
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E3, Welder
U.S. Navy 1973 - 1979
PRIDE / Fort MacArthur

Sergio Zavala
E4
U.S. Navy 1992 - 1996
PRIDE / Fort Bliss



"My military career in the U.S. Army taught me that true strength comes from within. When you think you are at your limit, you can go further. I learned never to give up."

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