Kay Akins

Vietnam Veterans Day

Luis "Obed" Rodriguez

Vietnam Veterans Day









Air Force E5 Kay Ann Akins served in supply during the Vietnam War in both the U.S. and Taiwan. She went on to further serve in the Illinois Air National Guard, retiring as an E8. The camaraderie is something she misses to this day.

Army staff sergeant E-6 Luis "Obed" Rodriguez served with the 101st Airborne Nomads during the Tet Offensive in the Vietnam War. He is a Puerto Rican immigrant and Purple Heart Recipient.

Lou Covelli

Vietnam Veterans Day

Charles Nichols

Vietnam Veterans Day











Marine Corps Sergeant E5 Lou
Covelli served with a tank
battalion during the Vietnam War.
Lou was one of the first Marines
in Vietnam and speaks about the
honor of serving others.

Marine E6 Charles Nichols served as an infantryman and a rifleman during the Vietnam War. Charles talks a lot about the feelings of why he went to Vietnam and how it has impacted his life.



Terry Blue & Robert Gurley

Vietnam Veterans Day





Marine Sergeant Terry Blue served as an infantryman, rifleman, and with military intelligence during the Vietnam War.

Army E3 Robert Gurley served in the infantry during the Vietnam War.

They are childhood friends who remain close to this day.

Clyde Wilson

Vietnam Veterans Day





Army Captain Clyde Wilson served during the Vietnam War and in the reserves afterwards. He was awarded the Silver Star for his leadership and bravery after taking leadership of his old platoon while attempting to deliver paychecks.



Joe Perez

Vietnam Veterans Day

Arthur Chavez

Vietnam Veterans Day

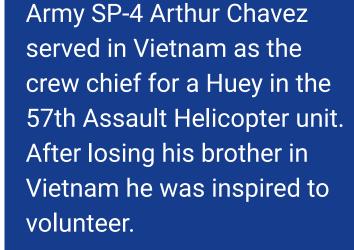








U.S. Marine Corp Corporal
Joe Perez served as a
frontline rifleman during the
Vietnam War. He is a 3 time
Purple Heart recipient and
discusses coming home.





Bonnie Cordaro

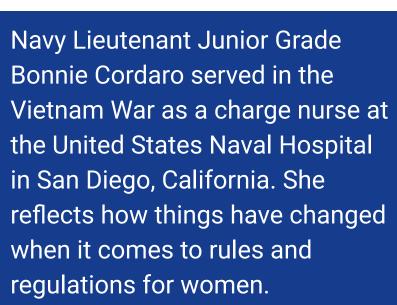
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Donna Glielmi

Vietnam Veterans Day













Navy E6 Donna Glielmi served as a data systems technician during the Vietnam War. Her last assignment was in the Philippines supporting the effort to rescue Vietnamese refugees. She is also a member of Operation Education for Honor Flight Chicago.

Mary Arvidson

Vietnam Veterans Day

Patricia Tiner

Vietnam Veterans Day





Master Chief Petty Officer Mary Arvidson served in the Army from 1973 and then the Navy until her retirement in 2012. She performed intelligence work and was stationed in both Germany and England.





Air Force _____ Patricia Tiner served in aircraft control during the Vietnam War in aircraft control and as a warning intercept tech in both the U.S. and the Philippines. Her passion for planes has led her to encourage women and girls to follow their interests.

