

# Kay Akins

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.

# Luis "Obed" Rodriguez

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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

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# Charles Nichols

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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

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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

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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

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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.

# Arthur Chavez

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Army SP-4 Arthur Chavez served in Vietnam as the crew chief for a Huey in the 57th Assault Helicopter unit. After losing his brother in Vietnam he was inspired to volunteer.

# Bonnie Cordaro

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Navy Lieutenant Junior Grade  
Bonnie Cordaro served in the  
Vietnam War as a charge nurse at  
the United States Naval Hospital  
in San Diego, California. She  
reflects how things have changed  
when it comes to rules and  
regulations for women.

# Donna Glielmi

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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

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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.

# Patricia Tiner

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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.