

# FUMC SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & HOLIDAY

### **NOVEMBER 2**

Burt Mullison  
Jim Willard

### **NOVEMBER 3**

Shelley Tungesvick

### **NOVEMBER 4**

Gene Prather

### **NOVEMBER 5**

John Morgan

### **NOVEMBER 11**

Don Burton  
VETERANS DAY

### **NOVEMBER 12**

Marvin Morganti  
Clara Stutzman

### **NOVEMBER 13**

Dean Schwartz

### **NOVEMBER 15**

Lyle Gilroy  
Ruth Van Voorhis

### **NOVEMBER 17**

Patricia Boegli

### **NOVEMBER 20**

Alicia Mitchell

### **NOVEMBER 21**

Richard Harden

### **NOVEMBER 22**

Suzanne Gear  
Sue Lussenhop  
Cathy Trout

### **NOVEMBER 23**

Vicky Shipler

### **NOVEMBER 24**

Jack Doyel

### **NOVEMBER 25**

Bill McCreary  
Debbie Schwartz



## DATES OF ONGOING CLASSES & GROUPS

### **NOVEMBER 7, 14, 21, & 28:**

SEARCHERS CLASS; 9:45 AM

Zoom link -

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Meeting ID: 891 3899 1192 Pass code: 136153

### **HOLY HAPPY HOUR GROUP MEETS ON 2ND & 4TH MONDAYS**

Meetings are 5:30-7:15pm. Contact Tom Thompson 801-518-5392 or [revtgt@hotmail.com](mailto:revtgt@hotmail.com).

**SOUL FEAST** meets Thursdays at 2:00 pm in room E120. Call Barbie Clark at 667-7445 for more information.

**FUMC SENIOR GAME DAY** FUMC Game Day is held on the 4th Friday of the month, Next game day is November 26th. Remember RSVP to Kathy Dufur at [kathyjsco@gmail.com](mailto:kathyjsco@gmail.com) by November 25th.

### **EXERCISE CLASS WITH ANITA WILLIAMS**

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:30am each week on Zoom. Contact Anita Williams at [anitaandroger@msn.com](mailto:anitaandroger@msn.com) with questions.

### **QUILT DAY AT KAY'S 2ND Saturday of the Month, next meeting November 12th**

**9:00am - 1:00pm;** Bring your machines (if you have one, I have a couple available), your lunch (dessert and drink provided). Call Kay Neckel, 970-663-3434 for information.

# HONORING OUR VETERANS

"All Gave Some, Some Gave All"



## **Bob Abrams: Aircraft Commander B-29, USAF**

Bob graduated from CSU with agricultural degree and in 1952 Bob was Commissioned through the ROTC program at CSU. Bob married Joyce in 1952 and they moved to Tucson, Arizona where he had his pilot training during war time. Bob was sent to Guam as an Air Weather

Service Pilot. While stationed there, his main duty was to keep the Navy ships safe from typhoons; therefore his aircraft would fly into the eye of a typhoon to report the direction it was headed.



Bob Abrams landed on Iwo Jima in 1955 for repairs to his aircraft. Army mechanics that were helping them took them up the mountain as far as they could drive and then walked to the Memorial site on Mount Suribachi where six U.S. Marines raised the American flag in February 1945. (picture above: Bob at Memorial site) In 1956 Bob was sent to Florida with a mapping and charting squadron and they were on temporary duty to Iceland and Greenland for photographic work of the borders of the islands. Bob's Commission was resigned in 1957. Bob received the following Medals: American Forces, United Nations and Korean Medal. Bob and Joyce moved to Loveland and he flew for commercial airlines and worked with sugar beet production in Loveland. Bob and Joyce have been members of FUMC since 1960.

## **Bob Beers, Master Sergeant (MSgt), USAF**

I joined the Air Force shortly after graduating from High School. Initially, I worked with ground communication systems, then transitioned to aircraft avionics systems. Lois and I served at many locations, both in the states and overseas. I served at Lackland AFB (San Antonio), Texas; Keesler AFB (Biloxi), MS; Walker AFB (Roswell), NM; DaNang, South Vietnam; Lowry AFB (Denver), CO; Plattsburgh AFB, NY; Korat RTAFB, Thailand, Nellis AFB (Las Vegas), NV; and RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom I also attended night school, earning a Masters in Education with Lois's support. I finished my 20-year career managing technical training to support: A-10, F-111, F-15 and F-16 aircraft. I was awarded the following medals: Vietnam Service, Republic of Vietnam Campaign, Air Force Commendation and Meritorious Service. I had the opportunity to work with many outstanding men and women who made my job interesting, rewarding, and enjoyable. I wouldn't change my military experience for anything. Bob and Lois became members of FUMC in 2019.



## **Pat Boegli, Senior Airman, U.S. Air Force:**

I enlisted in the United States Air Force during the Viet Nam conflict. I was among the first women to be trained as a crew chief on the F-5 jet. I was stationed at Williams Air Force Base in Chandler,

Arizona. The unit I served in, "The Freedom Fighters" trained allied forces to operate and maintain the Northrop F-5. It was interesting learning about other cultures through their pilots and crew. I was honorably discharged as a Senior Airman.





**Don Bush, Corporal, U.S. Army Signal Corp, 505th Signal Group.**



Don was drafted in October 1952 to October 1954. Took basic in Fort Gordon, GA; Micro Wave Radio Repair in Fort Monmouth NJ. Served in Fort Hood Tx. and Fort Huachuca Ariz.

**Gary Camp, Specialist E5, U. S. Army.**

- US Army active duty 1967 - 1971 as Specialist E5. Vietnam Veteran 1968 - 1969
- US Army Reserves 1980 - 2003 retired as Lt. Colonel 2005
- Member of FUMC since 2018



**Carlo DiCicco, Chief Petty Officer, Navy.**

Carlo served in the Navy from 1942 – 1946. He enlisted and was a Chief Petty Officer on the Yorktown Aircraft Carrier in the Pacific. He started attending First United Methodist after we moved

here in 2009. At one time he was able to tell us about many events from his service but, sadly, cannot remember them now because of Alzheimers. Carlo is a World War II Veteran and he celebrated his 98th birthday this year on August 7th.



**Robert B. Chambers, 2nd/LT (Second Lieutenant), USAF**

When the draft came along, I enlisted in the Air Force in “90-day wonder school” and came out as a 2nd/Lt. I spent 3 years at Shaw AFB in Sumter, SC as a Mobility Officer (an AFSC that did not exist then). My primary AFSC was a motion picture

officer. In Vietnam I was a MOPIC (Motion Picture) officer as liaison officer with ABC, CBS and NBC News and cartoonist for the Air Force News Service. Medals: An Air Medal for MOPIC work in the air, Commendation Medal for design work on remote camera mounts, Bronze Star for combat photography, Purple Heart (The smallest awarded in Vietnam for having a microphone shot off headset while airborne.) Prior to my serving in the Air Force, I was in WWII along with my family (parents and sister). We served as internees in a Japanese concentration camp in Manila, in the Philippines. There were no ribbons or metals because it was a civilian camp. I was two years old when our family was interned along with my parents and sister. Other than that, it was a normal childhood. We have been members of FUMC in Loveland since we retired here in 2018.

**Curtis Deines, Corporal U.S. Army** I served in the U. S. Army December 1952 until December 1954.

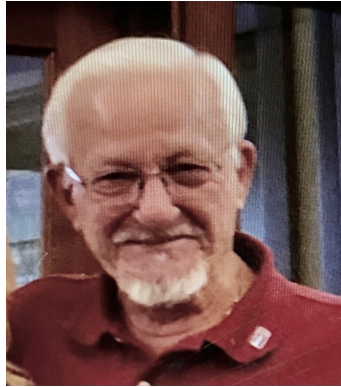


This was during the Korean War. After Basic in Missouri and schooling at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, I was stationed at the Army Arctic Center, Big Delta, Alaska. This was considered overseas duty at the time.

The Construction Battalion kept trucks, tanks, and others (cargo carriers) ready for Army to use. The base was 100 miles south of Fairbanks, Alaska. My wife, Dorsey, was able to join me. Our daughter Toni was born March 10, 1954 at the Air Force Base in Fairbanks. Curtis and Dorsey have attended FUMC since 2013

**Robert W. Eatman, Colonel, USAF (Retired).**

I am a Mustang. That means I began my military career by enlisting and then getting my commission as a second lieutenant. I served four enlisted years in the Air National Guard and then one enlisted year in the US Air Force. In my 33-year military career I served in 25 foreign countries and 46 of the United States. My wife Ann and our two children, Matt and Elisabeth, weren't with me on all those assignments, but they were with me for four years in England and three years in Belgium and for various lengths of time in eight of the states. They, obviously, weren't with me when I served in the Vietnam War. In the Vietnam War I flew 167 combat missions in the F-4 Phantom II and was awarded the Silver Star, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, and 14 Air Medals. My final military assignment was commanding the Air Force ROTC Detachment at Colorado State University. I joined FUMC in 2002.



**Gil Garcia, Sergeant U. S. Marines**

Gil enlisted in 1951 and after Basic Training, he was sent to Korea for 13 1/2 months (Jan 1, 1952 to Feb 13, 1952). Gil and 75 other Marines were on a ship to Korea when a typhoon hit their ship. Out of 75 soldiers only 33 came back to the mainland in 1952. He was a Guard for the General while in Korea. When President Eisenhower visited Korea to address the troops, Gil provided music for the President. Gil was in the Marine Corps for 8 years, 1951 to 1959 with 3 years of active duty, was released in 1954. Gil served 5 years in reserve and was honorably discharged in 1959. Gil started college summer of 1954, graduated with BA in Music Ed. Susie and Gil met in college in 1956 and were married in 1959 after we both graduated from college and they both earned master's degrees and taught several years. Gil and Susan have been married for 62 years. Gil taught at Southern State College, UNC and CSU, Immanuel Luther School and St. John Catholic School, also in the Loveland Schools for a total of 45 years. Gil and Susie have attended FUMC since 2001.



**Jack Gill, Corporal, US Army Artillery**

Jack volunteered for the draft and was promoted to Corporal. He served in Hammelburg, Germany. Jack was awarded medals for Occupation/ Germany, National Defense and Good Conduct. Jack and Jane joined FUMC in 2002.

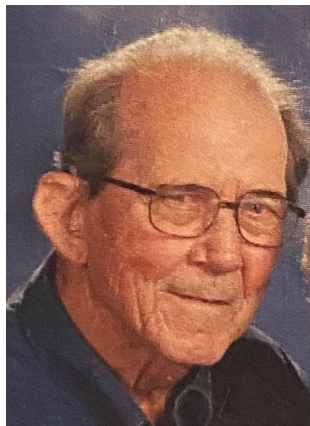


**Albert Lauren Lowe, SP4, U.S. Army.**

Al was drafted in 1954 into the Army and assigned to the Army Band. He served two years, (1954-1956), 415 Army Band, Ft. Chaffee, AR. During Basic Training he scored highest on the Rifle Range in his Battalion, and 5th highest on Post for August 1954. Al received the highest rifle medal and commendation from the General. We transferred to FUMC in June 1977 from Christ United Methodist in Fort Collins, CO.







**John Irelan: 1st/Lt (First Lieutenant) USAF.**

My military career consisted of four plus years during the Korean War. I enlisted in Jan 1951 and after basic, OCS, and flight training, was assigned to the Air Defense Command, our squadron was headquartered at Goose Bay Labrador. Most of our

unit's time was spent at Thule

Air Base, Greenland. Our mission was to intercept any incursion of Russian aircraft over the North Pole. This was during the "Cold War". I believe the "cold" in that title was referring to my duty station, where we experienced temperatures in the 40-50 below zero range. After Thule I was assigned to Florida, out of the freezer into the frying pan. The desire to finish college and enjoy a more temperate climate led to my honorable discharge. My overall experience in the service was positive, developing some maturity and relationship skills that served throughout my life. My personal experience makes me an advocate for some government service by all young citizens to hopefully instill in them a better appreciation for our country and its institutions. Discharged - 1955.

**Stephen McMillan, 2nd/LT (Second Lieutenant), U.S. Army.**

I was in the US Army Combat Engineers stationed in Dexheim, Germany with the 12th Combat Engineer Battalion, just west of Oppenheim/Neirstein on the Rhine River from October 1961 to July, 1963. At that time, all men

were required to register for the draft, so when I went to the University of Nebraska, I continued in ROTC for two more years after the first two years of mandatory ROTC for all male students. Upon graduation in June 1961, I was commissioned a 2nd Lt with orders for Korea and to report for engineering school at Ft Belvoir, VA on July 4. At the end of my 3 month schooling, the Russians had started to build the wall in Berlin and between east and west Germany so my orders were changed to Germany. It was a very tense time in Europe. I had a wonderful 20 month experience in Germany. We also went thru the Cuban missile crisis during this period. The cold war was at its peak. I spent a lot of time in the field during those 20 months. Kathy and I joined FUMC in 1976 when we moved to Loveland and have always sat on the north side.



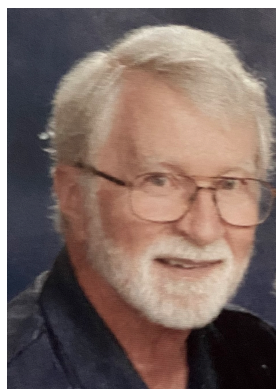
**Carol Morganti, 2nd/Lt (Second Lieutenant), U. S. Army**

I joined the Army Nurse Corps in 1967 during my junior year of college. After graduation in 1969, I served a brief time at Fort. Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. The Army G.I. Bill paid for my education and I was discharged in 1969 as 2nd/LT Carol started attending FUMC in 1988.



**John Morgan, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army**

John served in the Army artillery. I beat the draft board by a week or two, enlisted and went through OCS. My highest rank was First Lieutenant. I went through Artillery OCS at Fort Sill, OK. I was very fortunate to be assigned to Germany, rather than Vietnam. We moved to Loveland and started attending FUMC in 1983.





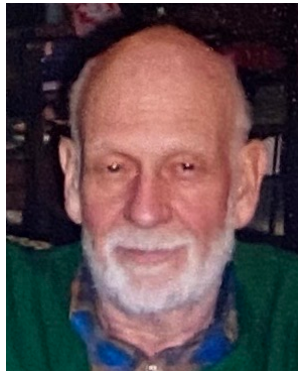
**Marvin Morganti, E5 Petty Officer Second Class, U. S. Navy** Marv enlisted with the Navy after graduation as an architect in 1969. His basic was at Great Lakes, IL. He was assigned to a Seabee Battalion (Construction Battalion) at Quonset Point, RI, then spent 2 years back at Great Lakes, IL. He returned to RI for his last year, with a deployment to Guam. He was honorably discharged in 1972 as E5. Marvin and Carol started attending FUMC in 2001.



**Lloyd Reed, E4 Corporal, US Army.** I was drafted in January 1968, my Basic training was at Fort Bliss, TX. I had been assigned to Fort Hood, TX, then received my orders to go to Vietnam in February of 1969. I served in the Vietnam Highlands at Pleiku and An khe. I was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington to be discharged in 1970 as E4. I was awarded the Good Conduct medal, Vietnam Campaign medal, and Purple Heart for wounds received in combat at fire base LZ Action . Lloyd and Shirley joined FUMC in 2017.

**Galen Mullins, Staff Sergeant, Air Force.**

Galen enlisted in 1953 - 1957 and served as Cryptographer in the Korean Conflict. He taught cryptography at 2 bases: Keesler Base in Biloxi, MI and Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. In 1957 he was stationed at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX as a Cryptographer. Galen was the Head Cryptographer at the Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas. He was discharged in 1957 as Staff Sergeant. Galen and Lori started to attend FUMC in 2007.



**Royal Ryser, 3rd Class Petty Officer, Navy.**

I enlisted at 17 years old in 1952 and took basic training at Great Lakes, Illinois. I attended equipment operators' school and then joined a Seabee Construction unit at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Later, in Naples, Italy, I was a the construction driver of trucks and semi trailers, moving cargo off of ships to the Naval Work Center. Also I was the chauffeur for the commanding officer of the NATO base at Naples. My wife spent 20 months with me in Naples. I was discharged in Washington DC in 1955. Royal and Regina started attending FUMC in 1991; Regina passed in 2018.



**Jed Pancoast, Airman First Class USAF and Lieutenant Colonel U.S. Army.** Jed enlisted, 1952 - 1956 in U.S. Air Force. He was sent to Japan for two years as Air Traffic Controller. In 1960 - 1980 Jed enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as Chaplain in Vietnam from September

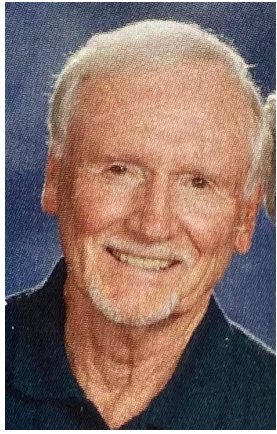
1967 - September 1968 and served in Germany twice. He was discharged in 1980 as Lieutenant Colonel. Jed and Dolores Pancoast members since 1971.



**Gordon Smith, Lieutenant Commander, Navy.**

Gordon enlisted in 1959 in the Navy. On May 24, 1962, Gordon was the Commanding Officer of the USS Intrepid, which was the principal ship in the recovery team for Astronaut Scott Carpenter and his Project Mercury space capsule and the Cuban Blockade in 1962. Gordon was discharged in 1968 as Lieutenant Commander.



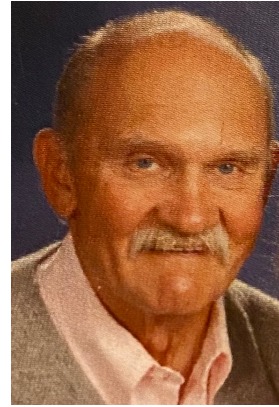


### **THE ARMY AND ME By Jim Willard**

My military service began on June 5, 1961, the day I graduated college and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. I had taken four years of ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) and as a Distinguished Military Graduate could choose my branch within the Army. I chose the Ordnance Corps

because I believed the assignment would be interesting. After my Ordnance specialized training I was assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina. I was stationed there from June of 1962 through November of 1964. I served as Assistant Nuclear Weapons Officer from June of 1962 to April of 1964 when I became Acting Nuclear Weapons Officer (a temporary assignment as a First Lieutenant in a Major's slot) for the XVIII Airborne Corps (a Three-Star General's command). On the termination of my active service in November of 1964 I was awarded the Army Commendation Medal (the Army's highest peacetime award). My wife and I joined First United Methodist in March of 1967.

**Rex Berg, U.S. Army and Navy.** I joined the US Army in May 1962 after a disastrous foray into university life.



The Army decided that I would learn Turkish at the Army Language School. I volunteered for 10th Special Forces while I was successfully learning Turkish and went on to jump school and special identification operator school before deploying to Europe for two more years of active duty. I was honorably discharged

from active duty in April 1966. I served three years, ten months and twenty eight days on active duty.

In 1979, after successfully completing a BS in Physics and Math at Purdue University and joining Hewlett-Packard, I was enticed to join the Wyoming Army National Guard by a good friend who was the Bandmaster of the 67th Army Band in Cheyenne. I stayed in the Band until I retired as the Band's First Sergeant in 2003. Between active duty, the Guard and Reserve, I was credited with 30 years of service to our country in the US Army and US Navy from August of 1961 until July 2003 (it wasn't continuous).



### **VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE**

On Sunday, November 14, 2021 FUMC will be observing Veterans Day to recognize those who are serving or who have served in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard or Space Force. There will be tables set up in Coy Hall to display memorabilia of your service or that of your relatives or friends who are serving or who have served. Please bring your memorabilia before the 8:30 am service and, if possible, leave it until after the 11:00 am service so that we can all have an opportunity to appreciate your memories. Include a note with each item identifying the who, what, when, and where of the item. No guns, knives, hand grenades, or bombs, please. Please contact Bob Eatman at 970-461-1971 if you have questions.