Our Veterans



A Tribute to Veterans from the Merrimack Valley











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What does it mean to be a Veteran?



There are many kinds of Veterans, and we have much in common despite our different roles, different duties, different deployments, different backgrounds, and different circumstances. The Veterans Creed has been adopted by over eleven different Veterans Organizations across the nation. This creed speaks to me and many Veterans despite our differences and brings us together in a way that we can honor and respect our unique selves as well as our service then; and our service now. I am proud to be a Veteran.

THE VETERAN'S CREED

I am an American Veteran

I proudly served my country

I live the values I learned in the military

I continue to serve my community, my country, and my fellow Veterans

I maintain my physical and mental discipline

I continue to lead and improve

I make a difference

I honor and remember my fallen comrades

I am an American Veteran!

Jeffrey C. Hollett

US Army / MAARNG

Sergeant First Class / E7

Jan 1985 to August 2012

Camp Jackson, SC – Ft Gordon, GA – Cp Walker South Korea – Fort Detrick, MD, - Fort Buckner, Okinawa Japan, - Operation Bright Star Alexandria Egypt - Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003, 2007, 2010), MAARNG – Hurricane Irene and Hurricane Sharon

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1952-54 • Korea



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Army
SP4
1969-71 • Fort Bragg



William Kelly
US Coast Guard
Captain
1987-2011 • Eastern seaboard

James Baird
USMC
Corporal
2003-2007
Japan, Iraq

Philip J Baril
Navy
Fireman Apprentice
USS Lexington Air Craft

Jim Behen
USMC
Sergeant
2000-2014
Middle East, Stateside



John Mead
Navy, Seaman
Korean War;
Note: Honor Flight to DC in 2017
(Newburyport)



Joseph Savio
Army
Private 1st Class
Korea • 1953-1957



Richard Broadnax
Marine Corps
Corporal
1956-1958

Bruce Curtis
Army
Ascheffenburg, Germany
1976-1979

Rick Driscoll
Mass Army National Guard
Chief Warrant Officer 3
31 Years 1991-2022
Iraq 2003-2004

Norman Dustin
Army
Sgt.
Korea

Theodore Gaeiro Jr.
Army, Sgt
1966-69 • Viet'Nam



Gerard Boucher
US Marines - 26th Division
Lance Corporal
1966-68
Viet'Nam



Michael McGonagle
Navy, Navy Reserves
Hospital Corpsman
1977-80, 1980-88



James Themelis
101st Airborne
1969-70
Viet'Nam

Shane Michael Garneau
Army National Guard
E-4 Specialist
2004 - 2010

John Lees
USA
Sargent First Class
1991-2014
OIF / OEF, Stateside

Donald Morris
Marines, Sgt. 1980-84
1984-90 Reserves
Camp LeJeune

Edmund Nelson
U.S. Navy 1967-71
Lithographer Second Class (E-5)
USS Independence CVA-62
Naval Security Group



Keith Gopsill
US Navy 1993-2000
Signalman, Second Class
USS Connolly DD-979
USS Constitution



William (Bill) Gregoire
Army Infantry
E4 Specialist
1990 - 1993
Erlangen, Germany



Salvatore Paul DeFranco
NAVY - Seal Team Three
E6 S01 (Seal)
2004-2010 • Iraq

William Nicholas
Navy
Commander Physician
1962-73

Anthony Perillo
Navy
E3
1965-1969 • Viet'Nam

Alex Reinoso
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95 Year Old Korean War Veteran



James P Craig was born on April 4 1932 in Pittsburgh, PA.

Jim moved to Nottingham NH in 1985 after marrying his second wife Irene. In 1990 he moved to Danville, NH where he currently resides. As a young man, he was Inspired by the Marines who fought in the second World . Jim enlisted in the Marines in June of 1950 and became an Engineer and heavy equipment operator. He wanted to be a career Marine. In March of 1951, Jim entered the Korean war however his career was cut short after receiving a severe head injury due to a mortar attack in November of that year. Due to the attack, Jim endured several surgeries and a year long hospitalization. He was honorably discharged from the Marines Corps n 1953. He received a Purple Heart and several other awards for his service in the Marine Corps.

Jim went on to become a Senior Executive for the Boy Scouts of America for over thirty years. After retiring from the Boy Scouts of America, he drove a school bus until the age of 90. Currently Jim continues to remain active and is still living in the same house in Danville where he moved in 1990. He is a member of the VFW, American Legion, and Kingston Veterans Club. He still lives an active life and frequents these clubs regularly. Jim will be 95 years old in April 95



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served in the Naval Reserves as a Petty Officer from 1955-1963, stationed in Lowell MA.



George O'Hanlon
was Sergeant First Class in the Army & Army Reserves from 1959-1967, stationed at Fort Dix.



Stanley "Stan" Williams
was a Sergeant in the Army in 1946-1948, stationed in Korea.



John Doerr
was a Sergeant in the Marines, 1955-1957, on the USS Saratoga.



Emerie Arsenault
was a Corporal in the Army for 2 years, stationed in New Jersey.



Norman "Norm" Desrochers
was a medic in the Army National Guard from 1974-1979, at Fort Ord and Fort Sam Houston.



Joseph "Joe" Mazzola
was a Staff Sergeant in the Air Force from 1954-1958 at Greenham Common RAFB in England.

Philip J. Baril
US Navy – Fireman Apprentice
4 Yeas W-A 2-year cut (1968-1970)
USS Lexington Aircraft Carrier

Philip E. Descoteaux
USMC – Private (Served 2 years)
Camp Lajune, NC

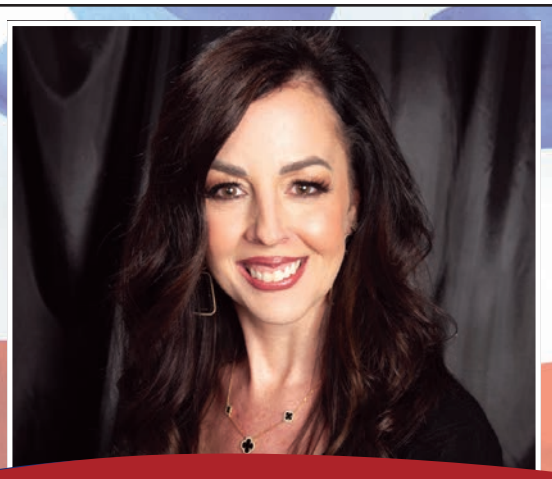
Kimberly L. Merrill
US Army
SP4
Fort Meade, Maryland

Kenneth Moreau
US Air Force
Sgt.
Vietnam, Southeast Asia

Owen T, Gerrish
US Navy
E-2
Dec 22nd 1969 to Oct 22 1975
Naval Air Station, FLA

Ralph Fetty
Army
E-5
1964-1970
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Captain
1990-2010
Served world wide

Nettle Middle School Teachers

Teresa Rodgers
United States Army
4 years served on Active Duty

Lisa Cotter (Mewman)
E4
United States Air Force
Active Duty 1994-1998
2003-2007

Seaman Karen Guice
United States Coast Guard
4/2006 - 4/2009



John Murphy
US Army
Sp4
1970-1971
Vietnam



Tim Tierney
US Air Force
Master Sergeant
1972-1995
Texas, Thailand, Illinois, Spain, New Hampshire, New York



Doug Ferrin
USMC
Corporal
1974 to 1980
Camp Lejeune, Okinawa and Camp Elmore VA



Thomas D Merrill
US ARMY
E4 Specialist --- 81E
Army Illustrator
1979-1986
WEST GERMANY



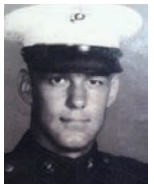
Edward Lynch
US Army and Massachusetts National Guard
Sergeant
Active Duty 2004 to 2012
National Guard 2012 to 2025 (retired 2025)
Iraq and Afghanistan



Adam J. Powell
Marines
Sargent
2003-2007
Iraq War



Joseph William Leblanc
Veteran Service Officer in North Andover
Us Army
SSG
2003-2018
Iraq, Afghanistan, Inconus



Michael L. Lopez
Marine Corp
Sergeant
1965-1969
Vietnam



Eugene "Butch" LaBelle
Army
Spec. 4
January 1971 to December 1972
South Korea



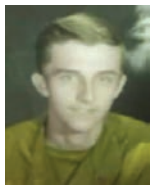
Brian Julian
Air Force
E-5 Staff Sergeant
1998-2004
Served in Texas, California, Korea & North Carolina



Joseph Seymour
Navy



James H. Powers
U.S. Air Force
Sergeant of 557th RED HORSE SQUADRON & 366th GUNFIGHTERS
Vietnam and Korea
1966-1970



Steve Teal
Army
SP4
1969-1970
Lki khe vietnam



Robert Atwood
Air National Guard
Staff Sergeant
1994-1998, 2003-2013
Operation Deny Flight
Operation Enduring Freedom



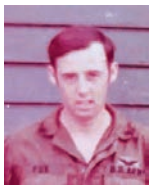
Jessica Emia
Army 1994-2000
E-5/SGT
Ft Riley, KS and Walter Reed Army
Medical Center



Charles Hall
Army
PFC
1959 -1964
Okinawa



Rich McDonnell
Navy
Lieutenant
1969-1973
Mediterranean and Washington DC



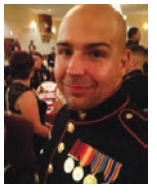
Jeffrey Fox
E4. Helicopter and Fixed Wing Crew Chief
1971-1974
Served in Vietnam in 1972 with the First Signal Brigade and later with the First Aviation Brigade.



Edward "Ted" Gray
Navy
Aviation boatswain mate
1958 -1962



John Berrini
Army
Staff Sergeant
2005-2013 Kosovo
#StillServing VFW Lorraine Post 29 Commander
Haverhill, MA
District 10 Commander
North Shore Department of Massachusetts



Kyle Sisco
US Marine Corps
Sgt
July 2003-April 2013
MCAS Iwakuni, Japan, MCAS Miramar, Camp Pendleton with deployment with the 13th MEU on USS Green Bay and USS Boxer



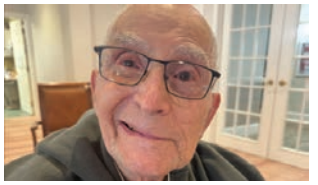
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Sgt.USAF
1979 TO 1986
Ramstein AFB
Germany

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Germany



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Sargent
Fort Devens



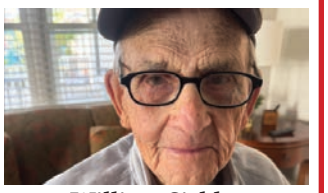
Therese LeBlanc
Air Force
Colonel
Louisana & Bedford Air Force Base



Robert Robinson
Air Force Reserve
Staff Sargent
Hanscom Air Force Base



Steven Vounessa
Army Reserve
Specialist 4
San Antonio, TX, Brooks Army Medical Hospital



William Sickles
Air Force
Master Sargent
Pacific (all over)



Robert Lovell
Army
Sargent
Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



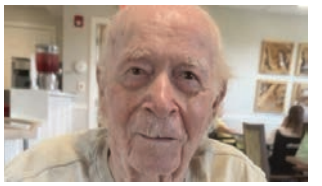
Earle Johnson
Army
Corporal
Germany



Ron Vignault
Air Force



George Christo
Air National Guard



Settimo Mamminto
Navy



Michael Larkin
Marine
Lance Corporal
Okinawa, Japan & Philippines

Cecilia Blais
Police
Lieutenant
1986 -
Andover

Larry Corbett
Army

Robert Hahn
Coast Guard

George (Joe) Shaheen
Army

Edward Csizmar
Airforce
Airman II Class

Stephen Tracy Eliades
Navy
Third Class Petty Officer
1958 - 1964

Vincent Fazio
Air Force

Ernest Frye
Air Force

Patrick Gordon
Army National Guard
Corporal

Paul Jasinski
Army
First Lieutenant

John Menihane
Army
Corporal

Norman Muller
Army
AFC
1955 - 1957

William Taplin
Army
Medic

Gerard Gahan
Army
PFC

Richard Lippold
Army
Korean War

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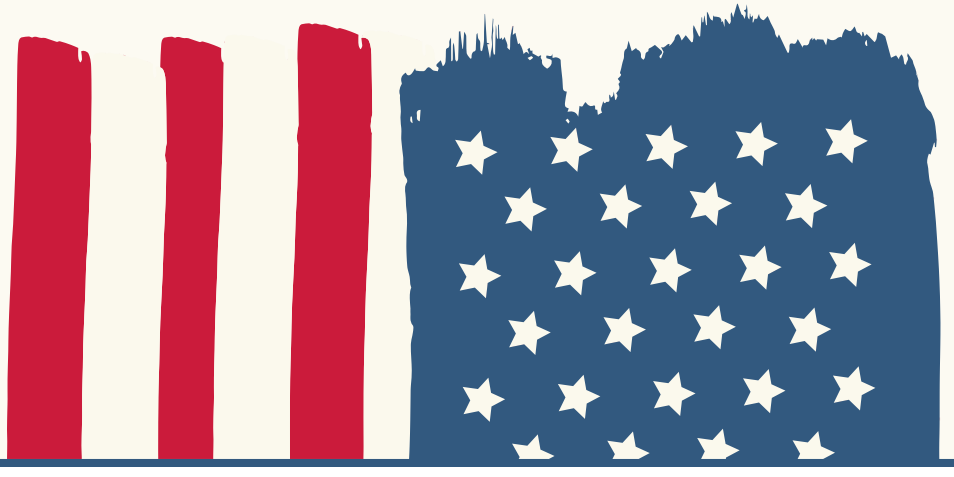
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US Navy
Petty Officer 3 (Served 4 years)
Norfolk, VA



Roger LeMire Sr.
Army National Guard
Sergeant, Military Police
1975-1985
Massachusetts

Kimberly L. Merrill
US Army
SP4
Fort Meade, Maryland

Kenneth Moreau
US Air Force
Sgt.
Vietnam, Southeast Asia

Ralph Fetty
Army
E-5
1964-1970
Fort Polk, LA
Pinder Barracks, Zirndorf
Germany

Joseph Saldi
Air Force – MAT (military air transport)
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Navy

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Marine Corp

Captain Jeffrey Borden
Coast Guard

Private Chase Damp
Coast Guard

Private Ivan Warner
Coast Guard

Lieutenant William Cowl
Navy

Private Derek Clark
Army National Guard

Private Greg Ryan
Marine Corp

Captain Thomas Helps
Army

Private Mitchell Dennis
Marine Corps

Captain Kyle Kimball
Army

Lieutenant George Pappas
Army

Private Jory Marino-Berry
Coast Guard

Lieutenant John Farrell
Army

Private Raymond Robinson III
Army

Lieutenant Kris Jenkins
Marine Corps

Captain Christopher Jones
Army

Private Kyle Lepore
Army

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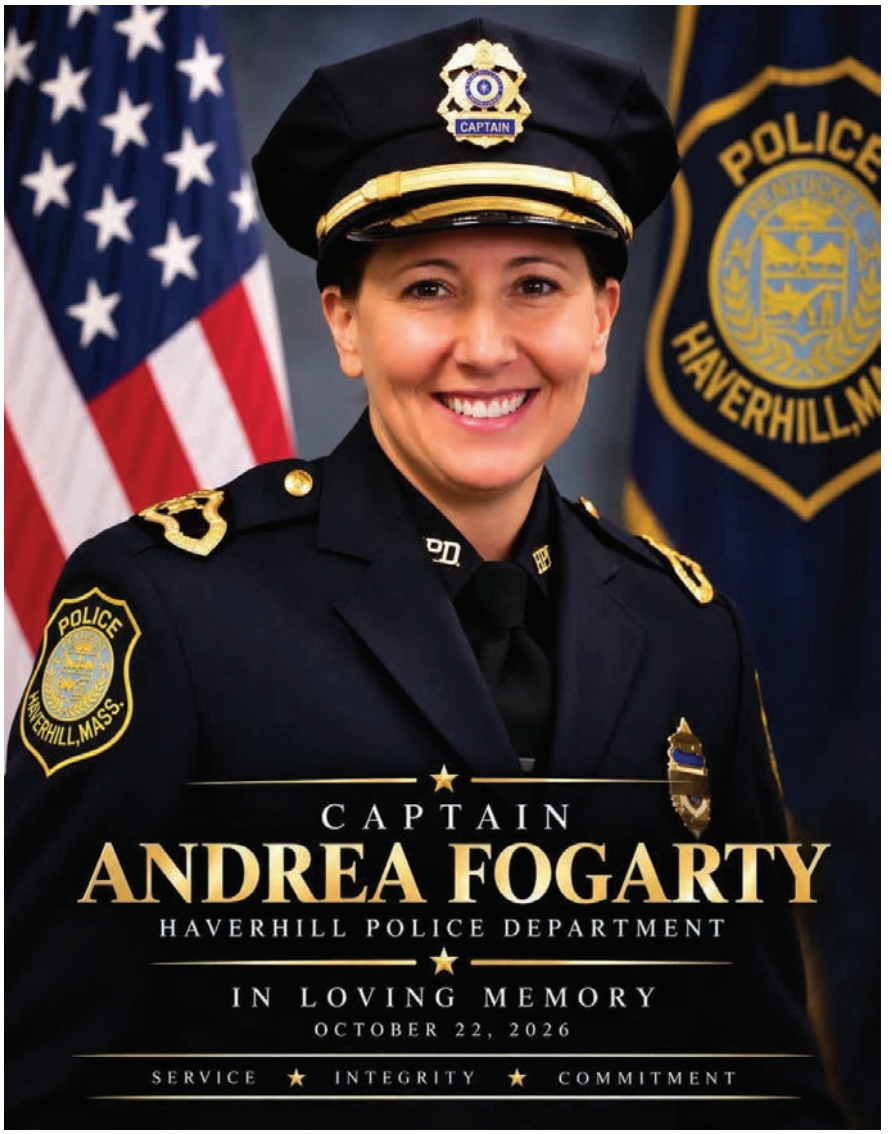
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U.S. Army
1998 – 2007

Lieutenant
Michael Shinners #95
U.S. Coast Guard
2004 – 2020

Sergeant
Thomas Howell #66
U.S. Army
1992 - 1990

Sergeant
Kyle McCann #108
U.S. Army
2008 – 2020

Sergeant
Michael Tortorise #132
U.S. Navy
2004 - 2019

Sergeant
Michael Mills #144
U.S. Marines
2013 - 2017

Officer
Christopher Pagliuca #41
U.S. Coast Guard
1999 - 2003

Officer
Bryan Bailey #70
U.S. Marines
1999 - 2003

Officer
Dana Burrill #74
U.S. Navy
2003 - 2007

Officer
Jared Brady #112
U.S. Army
2006 - 2014

Officer
Sean Harrison #113
U.S. Navy
2001 - 2012

Officer
Christopher Landers #114
U.S. Marines
2008 - 2012

Officer
Timothy Menzi #115
U.S. Army
2008 - 2014

Officer
Christopher Dondero #116
U.S. Army
2007 - 2015

Officer
Kevin O' Brien #122
U.S. Army
2012 - 2015

Officer
Kaitlyn Tully #123
U.S. Army*
2011 – 2017*

Officer
Zachary Bouchard #140
U.S. Navy
2018 - Present

Officer
Conor Clark #141
U.S. Army
2013 - 2016

Officer
Mark Andrukaitis #143
U.S. Army
2008 - 2019

Officer
Geraldine Jimenez-Rivera #146
U.S. Army
2014 - 2018

Officer
Daniel McDonagh #147
U.S. Coast Guard
2014 - 2019

Officer
Michael Silvestro # 159
U.S. Navy
2008 - 2016

Officer
Nicholas Depina #168
U.S. Marines
2007 - 2018

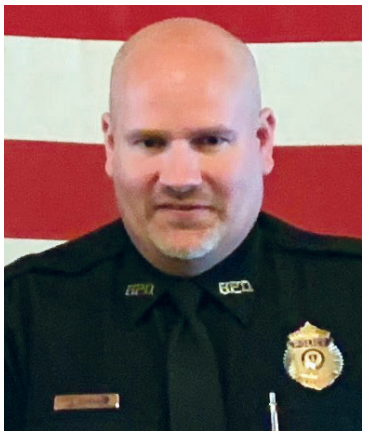
Officer
Tomanik Falcon #186
U.S. Marines
2017 - 2023

Officer
Andres Nova Castro #189
U.S. Army
2021 - Present

Officer
Erik Martes-Riveras #201
U.S. Airforce
20XX - Present



Lieutenant Kevin Lynch #90
U.S. Navy (Retired)
2000 – 2021



Officer Adam Durkee #33
U.S. Army
1997 - 1998



Sergeant Bethany MacKinnon #102
U.S. Marines
2009 - 2013



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2008 – 2014



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Allied Forces

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WWII – Army
Killed in Action, Purple Heart

Peter Minicucci
WWII Veteran

Robert Minicucci
Korean Conflict
Marine

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