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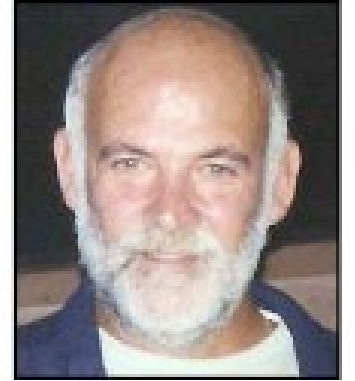
Each year, as we recognize our community's Veterans, our Yellow Ribbon committee invites our Minneapolis College community to help us "Remember a Veteran." These are some of the Veterans we remember this year.

# Remember a Veteran



# Remembering a colleague who served:

Stephen “Steve” T.  
Wozniak



- Proudly retired Navy Chief Corpsman

Steve worked in our Veterans Upward Bound program and would stop to connect with a Veteran. He worked particularly well with Vets who were frustrated, depressed, or traumatized. Steve knew the military experience, the challenges of the VA, and both the joy and pain carried by our Nation’s Veterans.



# Cpl Matthew Durette, U.S. Cavalry 2011-2016, OEF 13-14 remembers:

- SFC Amy Davis, SSC Vernon Riley, SPC Steve Werner, SGT Lico Cisneros, SSG Jesse Williams, CWZ Edward Balli, SPC Rudy Acosta, SGT Donald Mickler, SPC Andrew Freeman
- ***“If you are able, save for them a place inside of you and save one backwards glance when you are leaving for the places they can no longer go...”***

I Am Not Invisible! I  
Am A Female Veteran

**Madeline Sakry, Army**

# Nicole Burnham

High School friend, soldier, angel



# Remembering family who have served:

These members of my family have devoted their lives so we can have the best life possible. Thank you and much love and respect!

- Marvin Martin Johnston
- Robert Marvin Johnston
- Dustin Robert Johnston
- Brandt William Shipley



# One daughter and sister remembers:

- Joseph R. Vega, Marines-Vietnam War (1948-2006) ~ he fought for our country
- Trinidad Vega Jr., Navy-Vietnam War (1948-2014) ~ the war left him different
- Jesus (Jesse) R. Vega, Army (born 1953) ~ Please pray for my brother
- Johnny Joe Vega, Navy (1957-2009) ~ my youngest brother is never forgotten and had a heart of gold



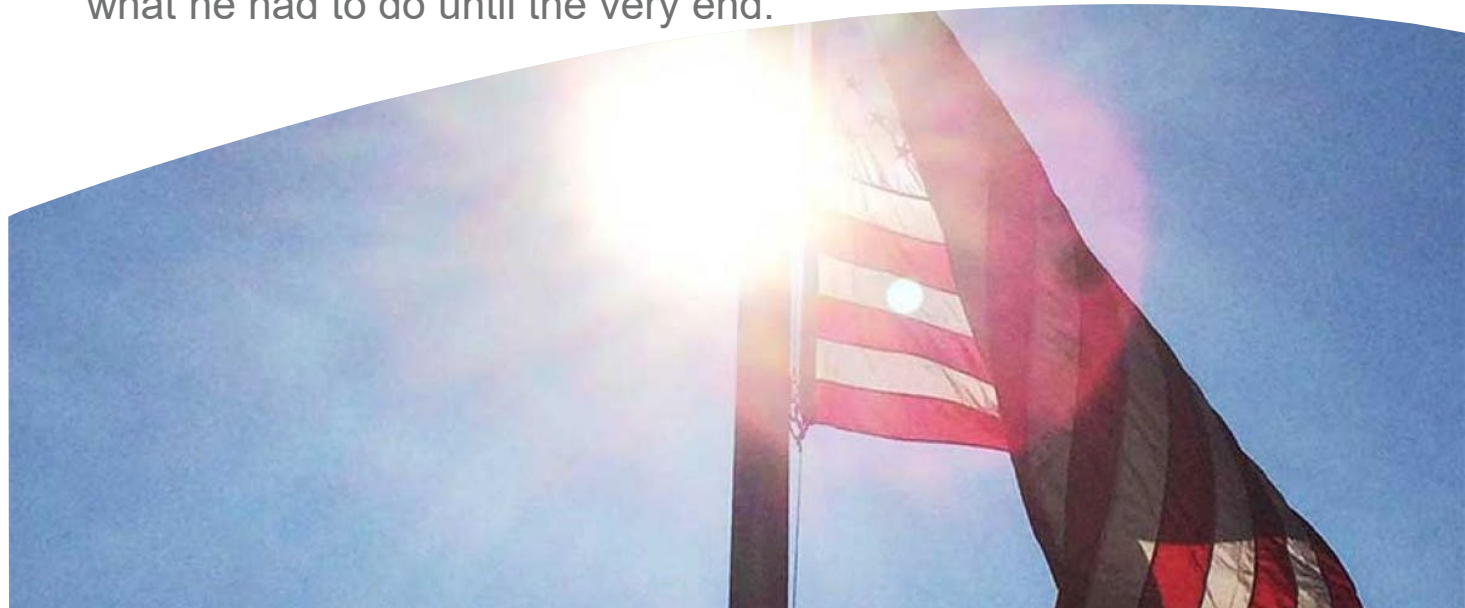
- Trinidad M. Vega, Army-WWII (1919-2000) ~ my father was an orphan at the age of 10 years. He and his older brother survived by doing whatever work they could find. This was 1929, during hard times. My father taught himself to read and write and never attended any school. He was an avid reader of war books, politics and history. He said he joined the Army to better himself and to serve his country.



One of our college  
community's Army  
Veterans remembers

**Elvin Bates,**  
WWII Army Veteran

“Even though his unit deployed through Normandy on June 6<sup>th</sup>, he did not tell me stories about guts and glory. He talked about the small things like not using a clutch on a Jeep submerged in water, picking up a different weapon he wanted to use, escorting German prisoners, and even dealing with unruly U.S. soldiers on late nights back at home. He said he is proud of the troops today because they volunteer; and he said even though he was drafted it was different because, “that’s just what you had to do.” He told me a lot of stories about, “just doing what you had to do.” And it makes me think about how the Armed Forces are successful because of individuals making small decisions and taking action to get the job done and keep moving forward everyday. Elvin died one month before turning 100 years old in 2018. The week before his death, he was still building and selling beehives; just doing what he had to do until the very end.”



## Let's remember:

- Andrew Stone, Army 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division
- ***“Uncle Bud marched across Europe during WWII. He helped liberate Mauthausen Camp and was one of the first US soldiers into the camp.”***





## Let's remember:

- Sgt Victor Hage, U.S. Army
- ***“My Uncle Vic has served in Korea and Iraq. He served for 20 years and still works at Fort Hood. Love ya, Unc!”***



One of our college  
community's Army  
Veterans remembers

**Charles "Chis"  
Huilman,**

**Marine Corps and Army /  
Army National Guard**

"Drafted into the Marine Corps for Viet Nam and had to leave his first and newborn child for two years to serve. Shortly after returning, he joined the Army National Guard in WI, serving an additional 10 years in that unit before he was hired as the full-time ARNG as a regular-Army permanently-assigned member of that unit, where he served for more than another decade. His 26 years of service inspired many people (three of his four sons included) to join the military and is greatly appreciated!"



# One of our own:

Michael Rosenberg, Army



- Michael is a graduate of both Minneapolis College and Metro State University. He was a leader in my class and within the SVA (Student Veterans of America-Minneapolis chapter) while here at Minneapolis College. He taught me a great deal as a new faculty.

## My grandfathers:

- Leif Stormoen (Marines) and George Obert (Army)
- ***“Both served during WWII. Even though I did not get to meet either of them, I am thankful for their service at an important time in our country’s history.”***



One of our college  
community's Army  
Veterans remembers

**William C.  
Eherenman,**  
Army Air Corps

“W.C. joined the Army for WWII and became a pilot in the then Army Air Corps. He flew in many major battles and was eventually shot down, ejected from his plane, and parachuted onto an island in the Pacific Ocean. He sustained burns over 40% of his body, broke his leg in two places as well as an arm. Yet, he managed to cut himself loose from his parachute in the jungle canopy, crawl to a river, float down river, and get spotted by a rescue ship, an ordeal that lasted over four days. He became a faculty member at a major university and lived to affect many, many lives. His dedication and will to survive has been inspiring to so many!”



# Thank You and We Remember



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