
To all who served and are serving
our Great Country ~
Thank You!

Salem United Church of Christ

The following Salem men and women have served in our Armed Forces.

"The veteran above all others prays for peace… for it is the veteran who has suffered the deepest wounds and scars of conflict."

DONALD D. ABBOTT



Air Force

1956-1960

Airmen 2nd Class

Europe/North Africa

John Ainsworth

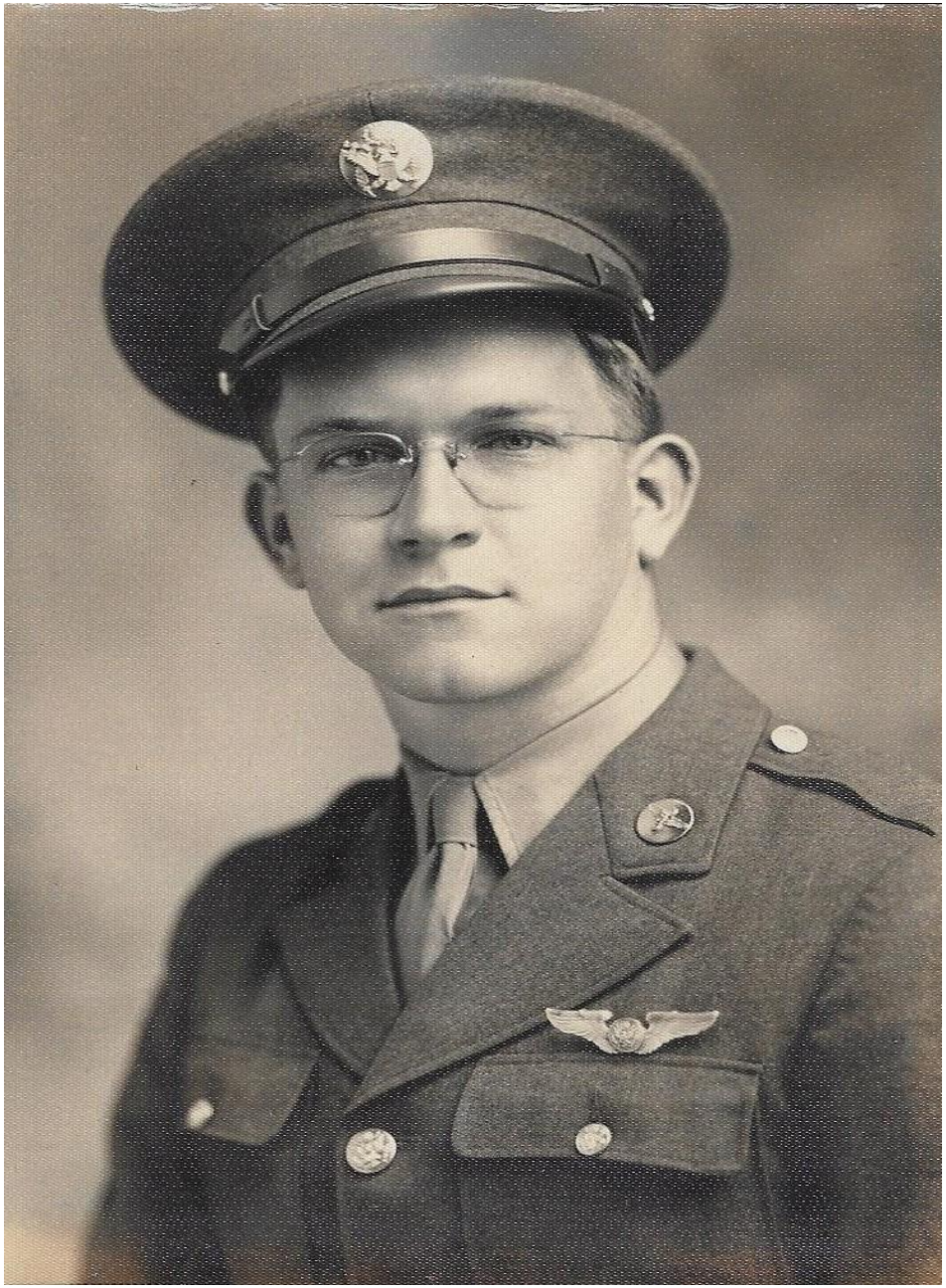
Air Force

1945-1966

Master Sergeant

W.W. II

Salem Cemetery



Robert Ainsworth

Navy

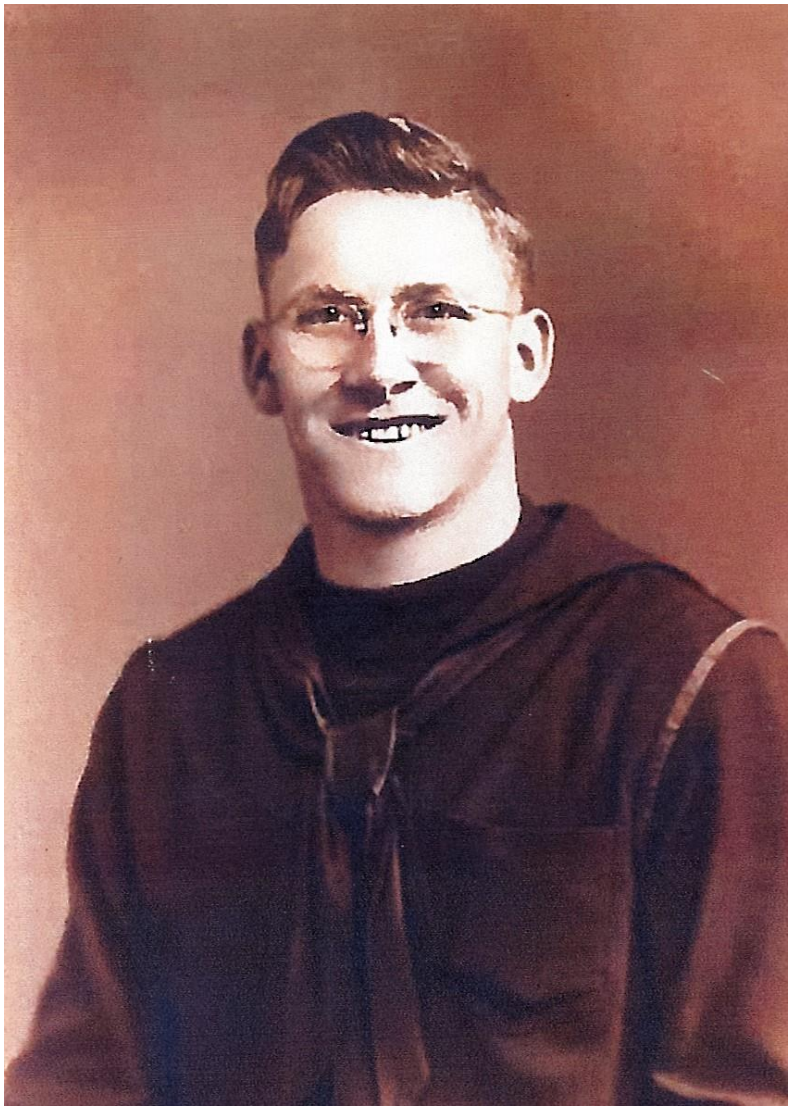
1940-1945

W.W. II





Motto: “We Deliver The Goods”



Army, Navy,
Merchant Marine
1943-1946
Corporal
W.W. II, Korea

Salem Cemetery

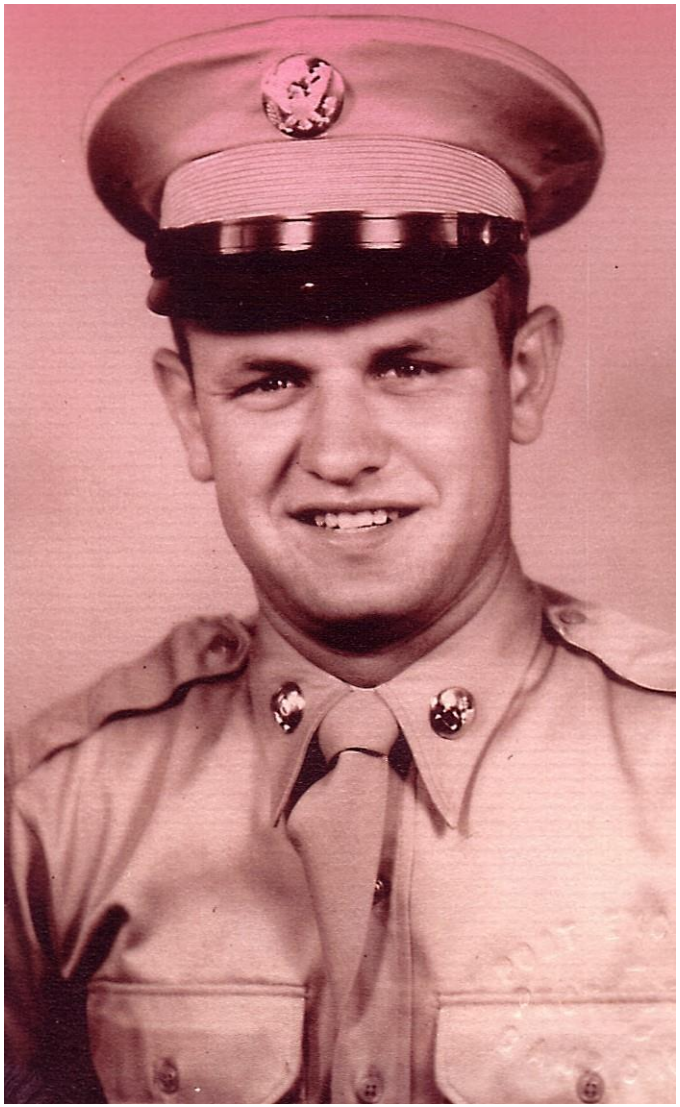
THOMAS E. AINSWORTH

DEAN ALEXANDER



Navy
1941-1946
Lieutenant
Commander
W.W. II

Salem Cemetery



CARL DEAN BAKER

Army
1952-1954
Corporal
Korea

City Cemetery

MARTIN BEGEMANN

Army

1954-1955

Corporal

Korea

Veterans Cemetery





Army
1942-1946
Technician
5th Grade
W.W. II

Salem Cemetery

ERNST F. BERGSIEKER

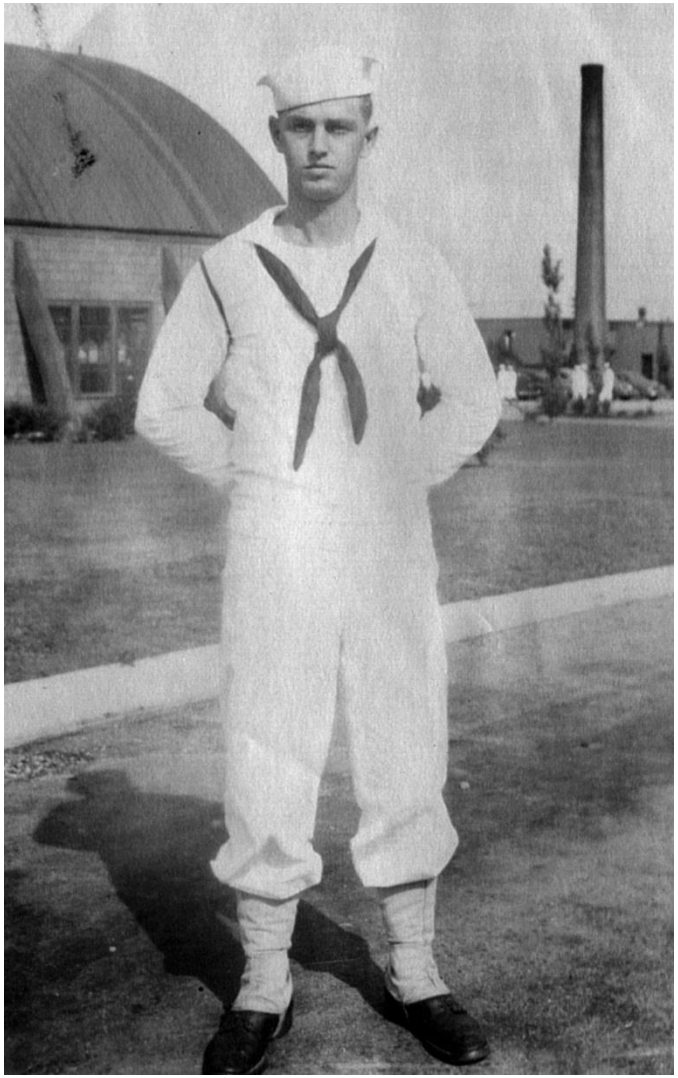
LOUIS BERGSIEKER

Army
Tanker Driver
W.W. II

Salem Cemetery

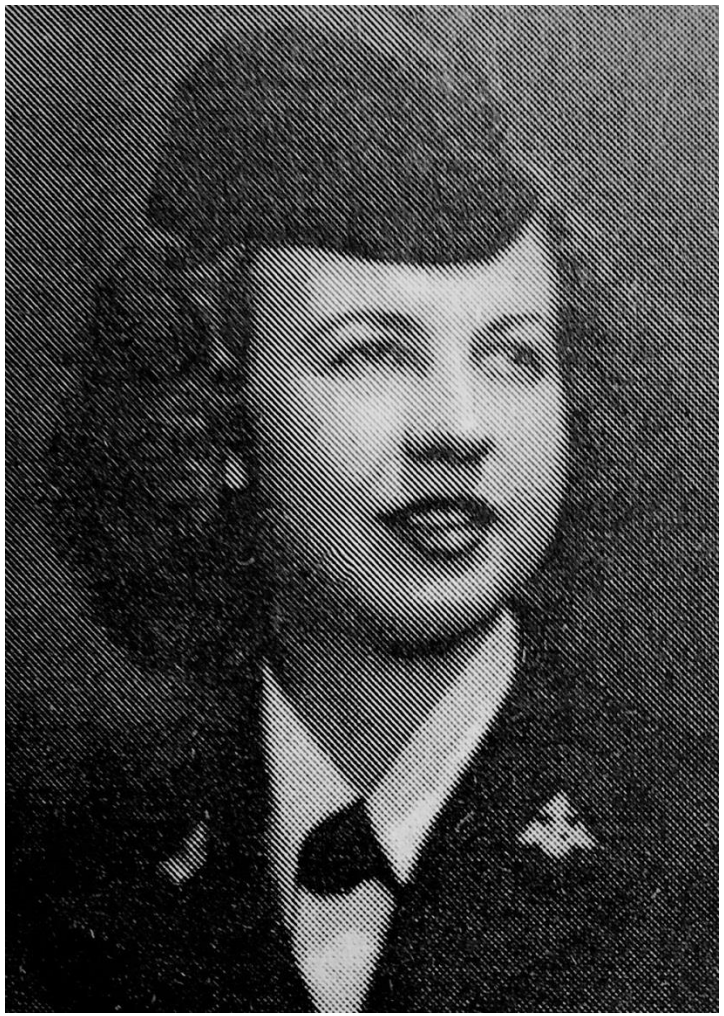
Navy
1945-1948
Seaman
W.W. II

Salem
Cemetery



ROBERT LEE BODENSTAB

MARY KATHRYN BRIDGES



Navy
1944-1946
Storekeeper, 2nd Class
W.W. II

City Cemetery

Army
1918-1919
Private
1st Class
W.W. I



Salem Cemetery

CARL H. BRUENING



Navy
1969-1972
Lieutenant
(Senior Grade)
Vietnam

KENNETH BUCHANAN

BURK N. BUIST



Navy

1945-1949

Seaman

Post W. W. II

City Cemetery

CRAIG A. BUIST



Navy

1982-2008

Chief Petty Officer &

Lieutenant Commander

Norfolk, VA & Pearl Harbor, HI

Interred – Maryland & Missouri



Army
1943-1945
Private
1st Class
W.W. II

Salem Cemetery

GUSTAV “BABE” JOHN BUSCH

Adam M. Catts

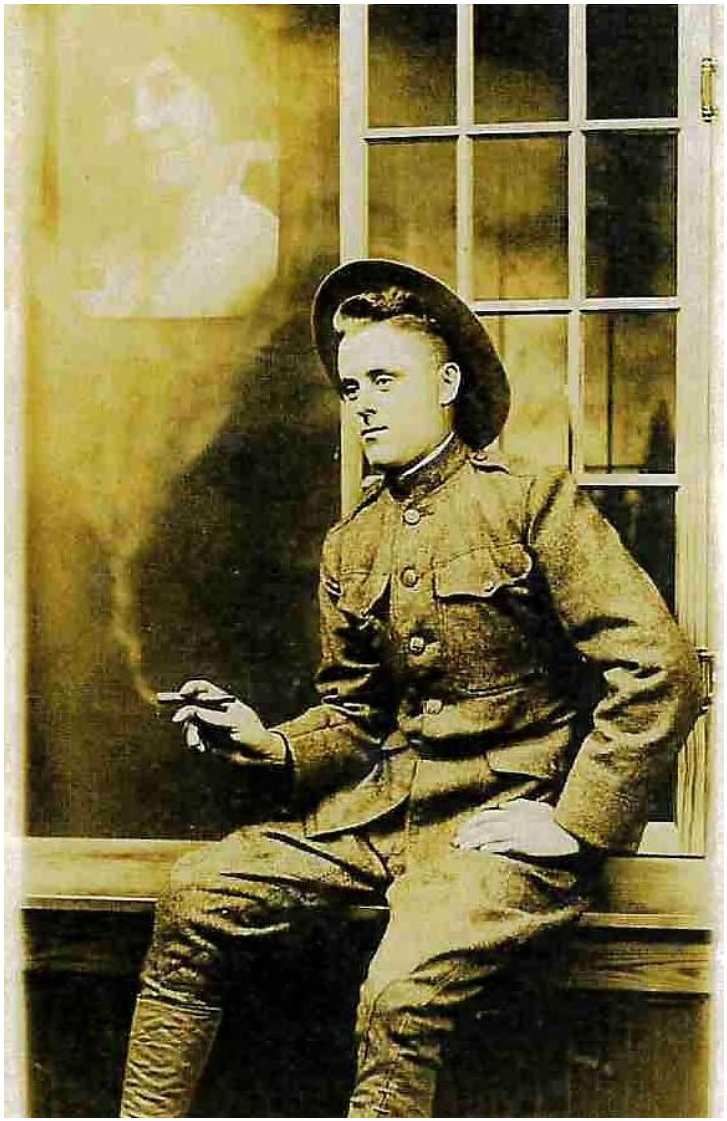
Air National Guard

2007 – Present

Master Sergeant

Con U.S.





Army
1918-1919
Private 1st Class
W.W. I

Salem Cemetery

ARTHUR CONZELMAN

Army
1963-1969
Sergeant
CON U.S.



Salem Cemetery

HUBERT DICKMEIER



Army
1944-1946
Sergeant
W.W. II

Veterans
Cemetery

ALFRED DIECKHOFF

Army
1941-1945
Staff Sergeant
W.W. II

City Cemetery



KENNETH E. DIESTELKAMP

Army
Ordnance
1951-1952
1st Lieutenant
Korea

City Cemetery



HERB ECHELMEIER

FRANK D. EHLEBRACHT



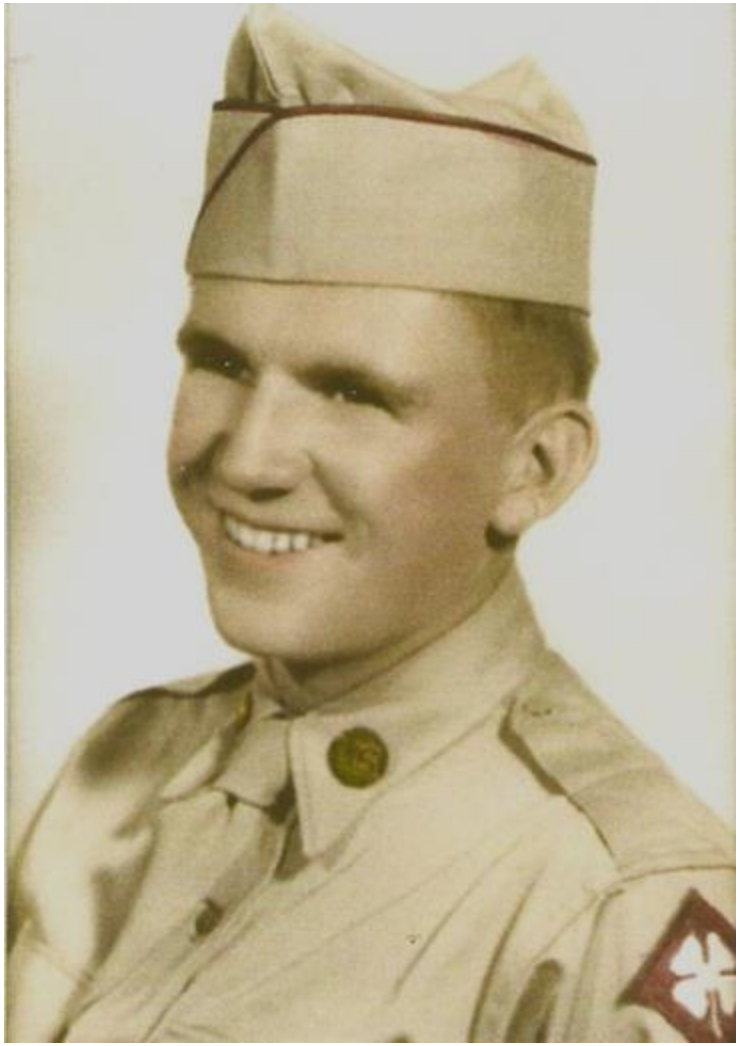
Army

1943-1946

Private 1st Class

W. W. II

Salem Cemetery



Army
1952-1954
Private 1st Class
Japan

HARVEY ERDMAN

U.S. Army
1952-1954
Corporal
Korea

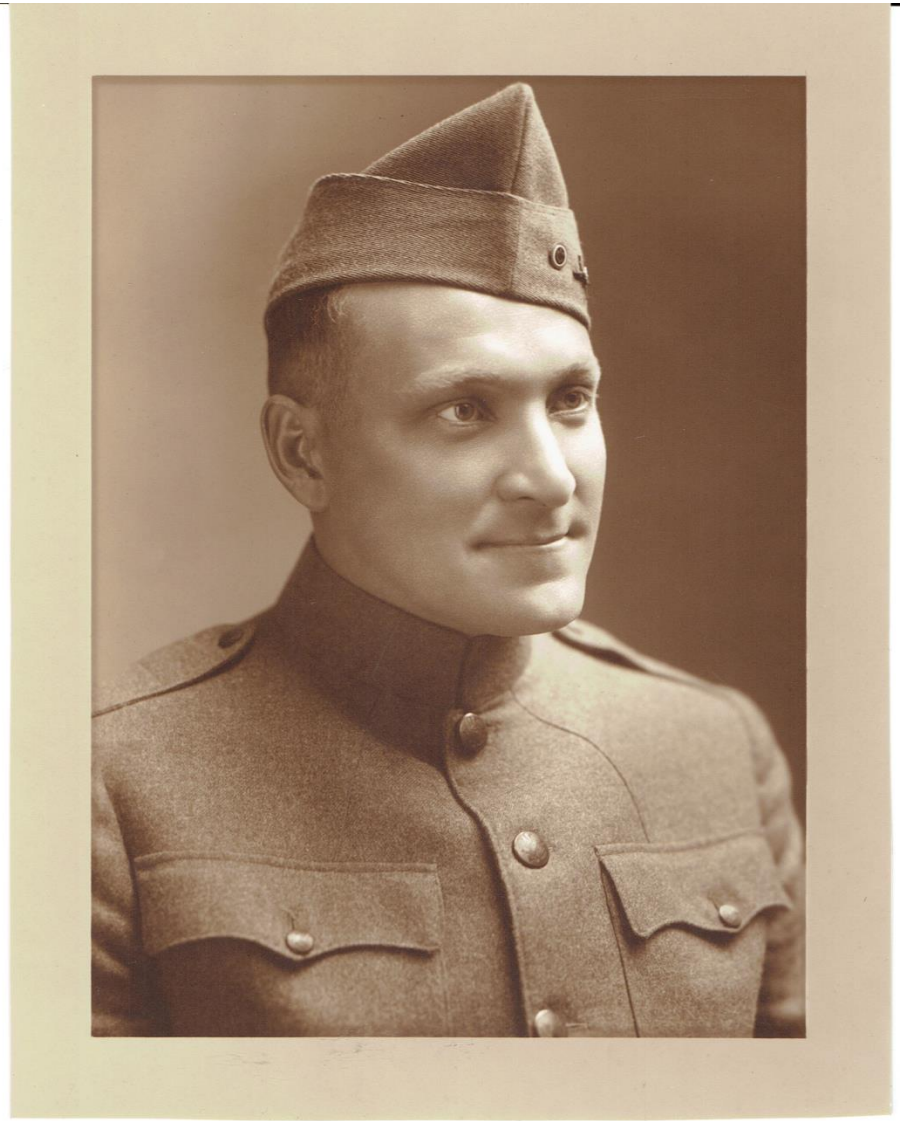
Veterans
Cemetery



ROGER ERDMAN

Army
1918-1919
Private 1st Class
W.W. I

City Cemetery



JOHN AUGUST FASSE

WILLIAM H. FASSE

Army

1940-1945

Sergeant (Medic)

W. W. II

U.S. Army/Air Force
1941-1983
Master Sergeant
W.W. II, Korea

HOWARD FISHER

JOHN E. FIZER

Army

1946-1947

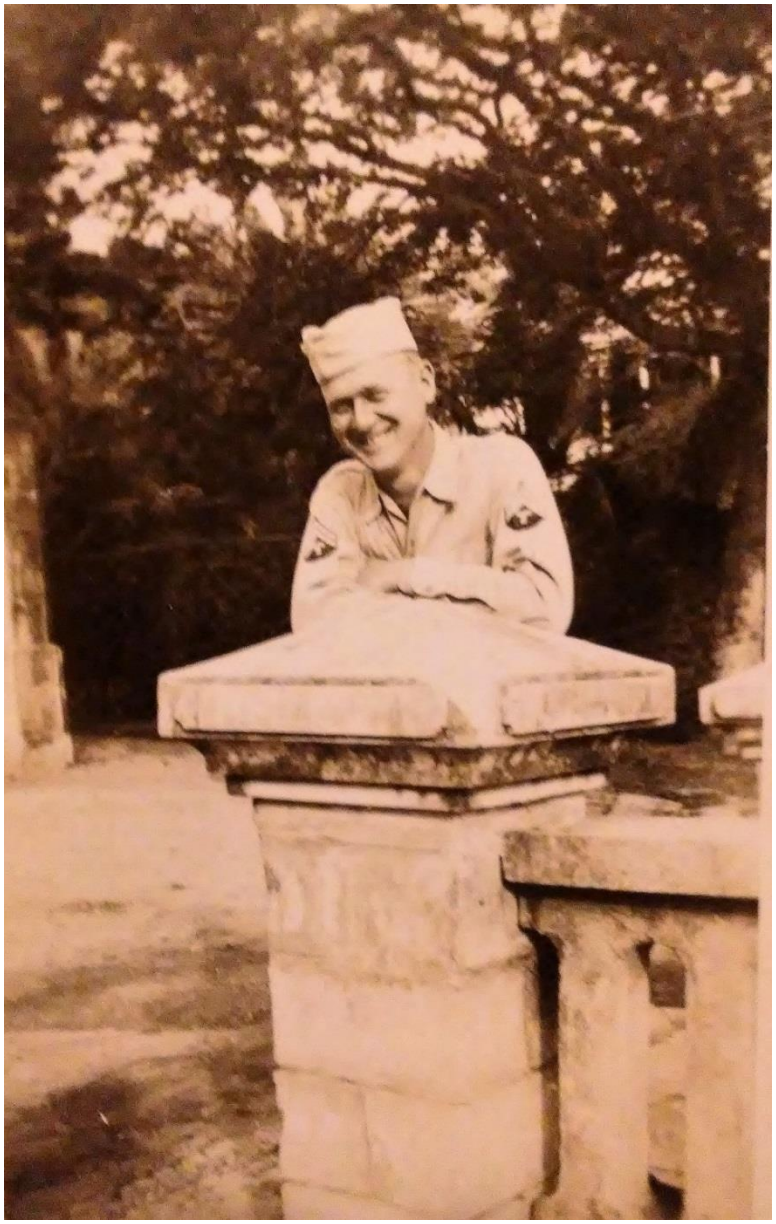
W.W. II

Salem Cemetery

EDWARD H. FREESE

Army
1942-1945
Technician
5th Grade
W.W. II

Salem Cemetery



SIEGMUND FRESSE

Army

1941-1945

Corporal

W.W.II

City Cemetery



Army
1953-1955
Corporal
Korea/
Okinawa
Veterans Cemetery

DONALD GADT

EUGENE GADT

Army





KEITH GADT

Army

1968-1969

Specialist E-4

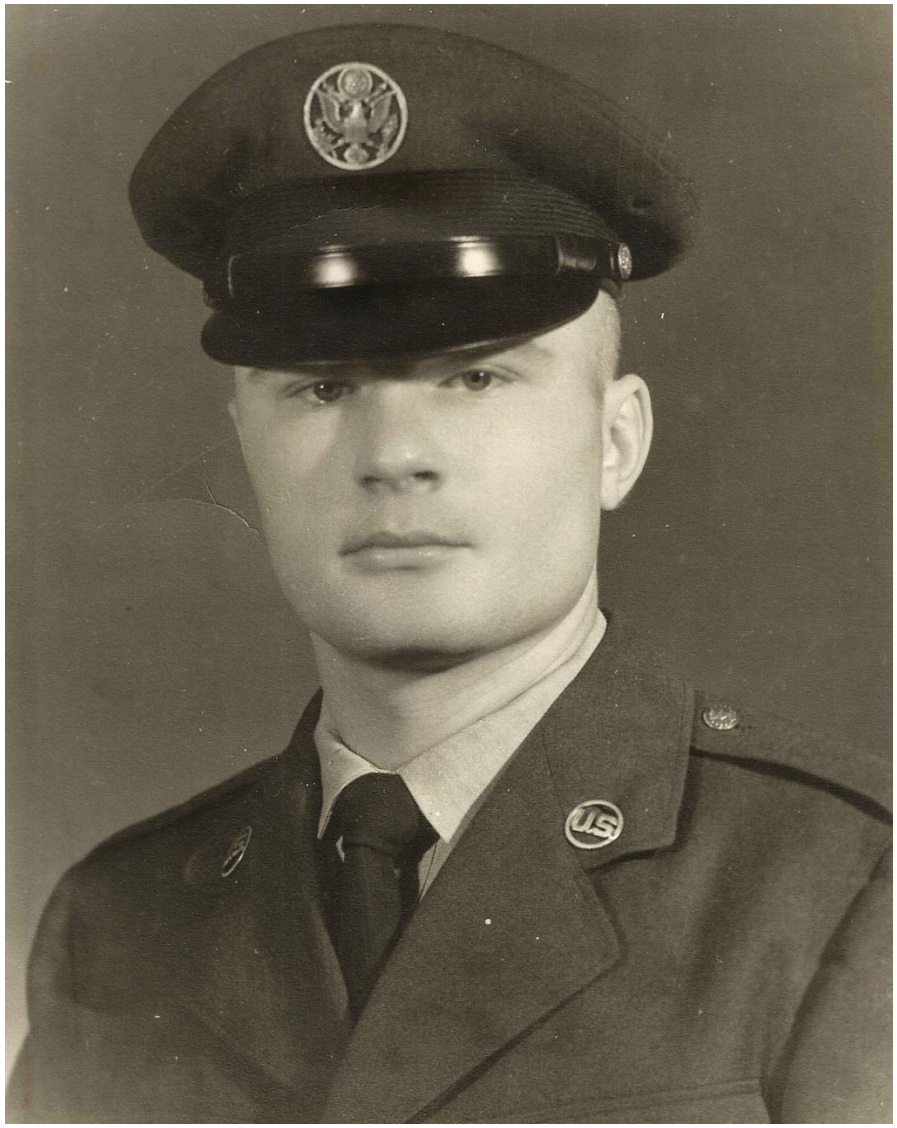
Vietnam

Veterans Cemetery

Army
1964-1967
Specialist E-5
Okinawa,
Con U.S.



LARRY O. GADT



Air Force
1960-1964
Airman 1st Class
Korea

WAYNE A. GADT

LAMBERT J. GIESELMAN

Army

1948-1951

Private 1st Class

Con. U.S.

Salem Cemetery

CECIL JAMES GILKEY

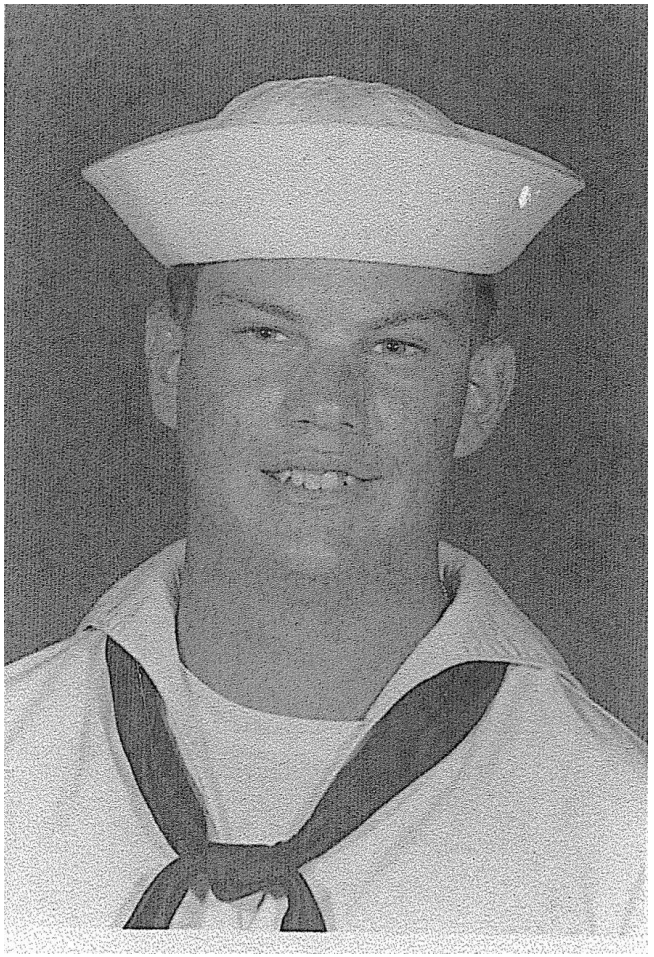
Navy

1972-1976

Cryptologic Technician 3rd

Guam

City Cemetery



JOHN GOETZ

Union Army
1861-1865
Rank: Unknown
Civil War

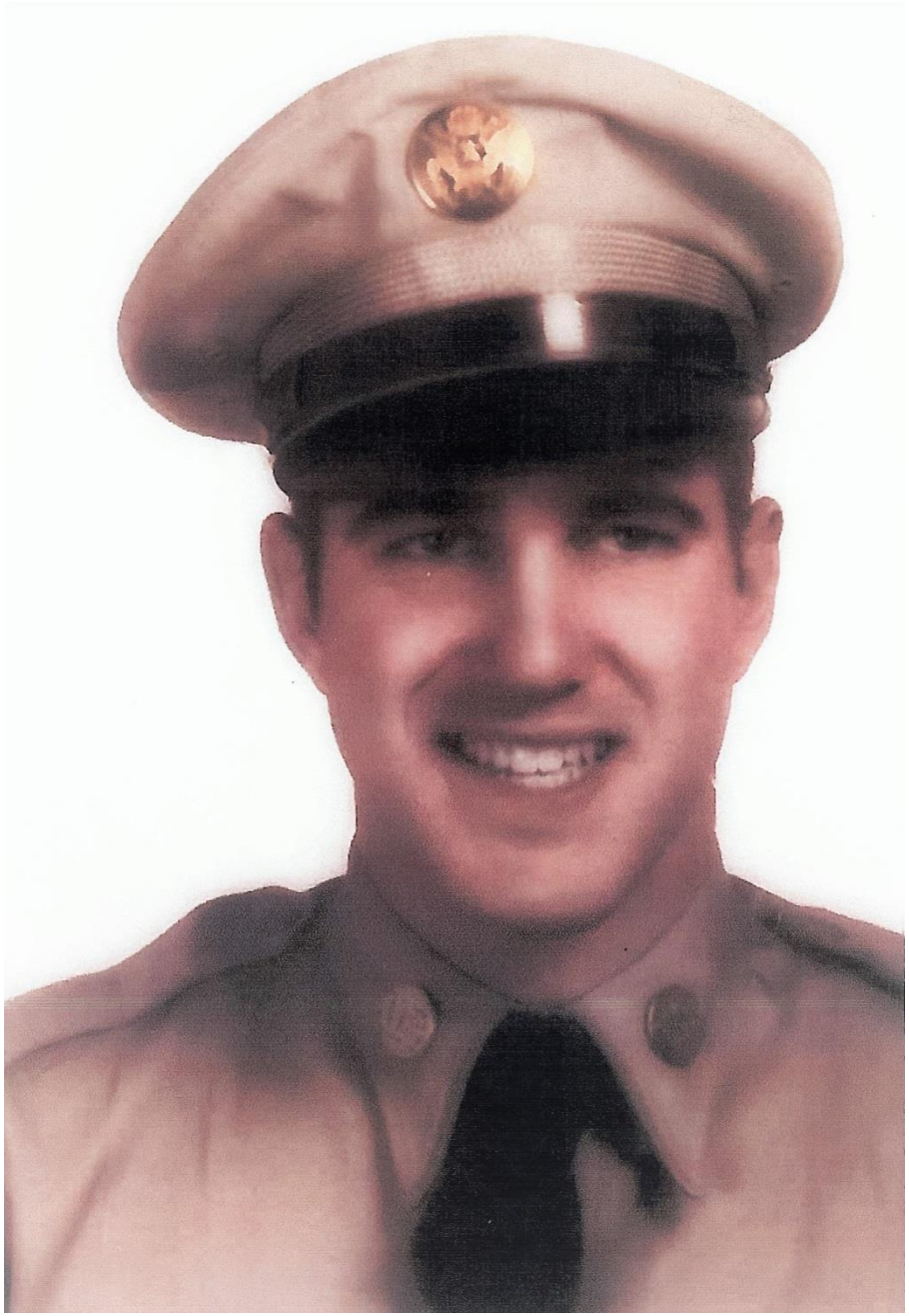
Salem Cemetery



Army
1993-2013
Sergeant
1st Class
Iraq



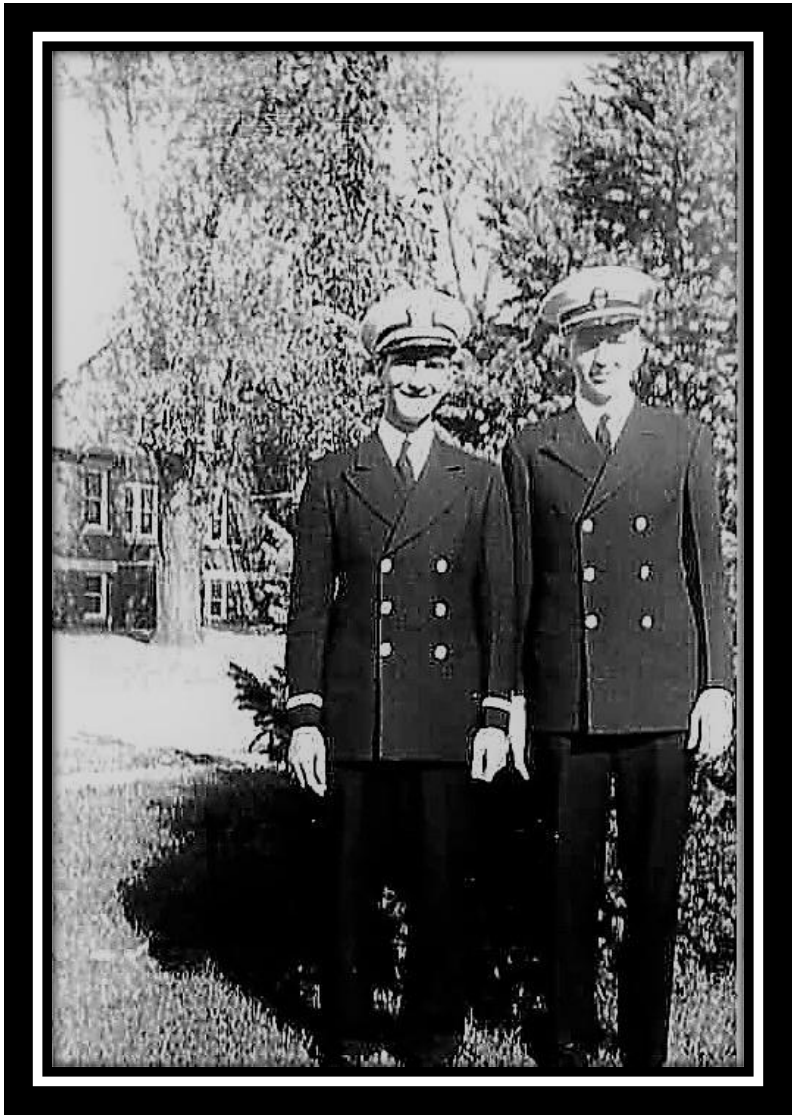
COLE HARRIS



FRANK HASTON

Army
1952-1954
Technical Sergeant
Korea

City Cemetery



Navy
1942-1945
W.W. II
Lieutenant (JG)

Rural Trenton, MO

THEOPHIL HAUCK

Henry Held

- Army
- 1942-1946
- Technician 3rd Grade

  (Medic)
- W.W.II
- Salem Cemetery



HAROLD HELDT

Army

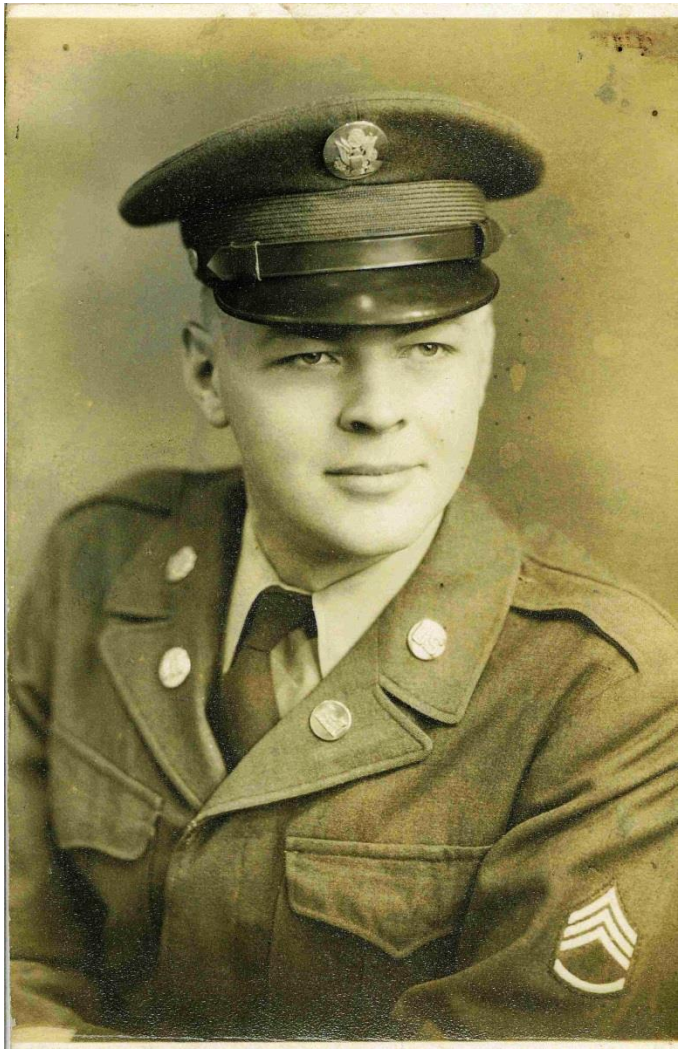
1942-1944

Europe &

North Africa

Salem Cemetery





U.S. Army
1946-1966
Sergeant 1st Class
W.W. II

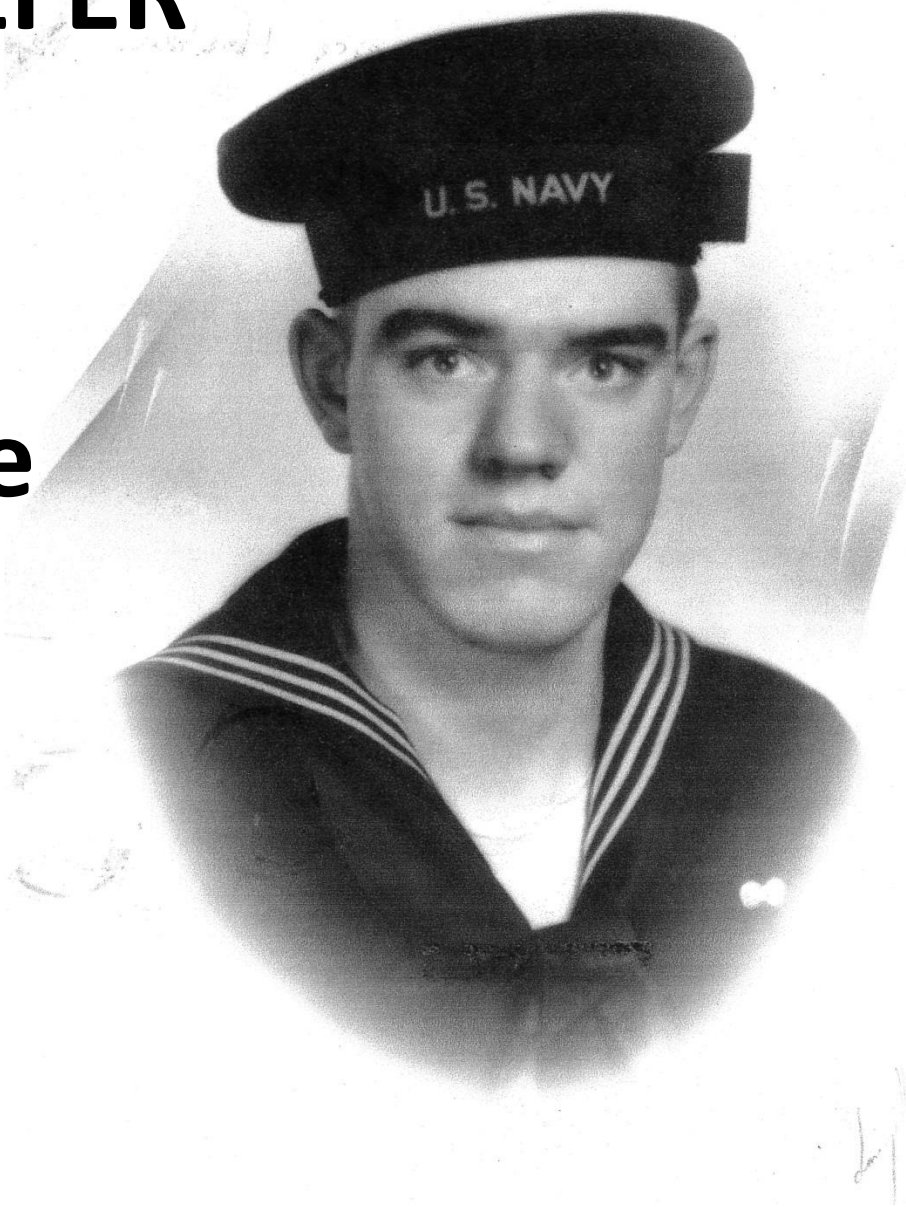
Salem Cemetery

WILBERT HILGEDICK



Motto: “Not for Self, but for Country”

MAURICE H. HOEFER



Navy
1942-1945
Electrician's Mate
1st Class
W.W. II

Salem Cemetery



Army Reserves
1996-1999
Specialist E4
CON U.S.

City Cemetery

ROBERT SEVIER HOEFER



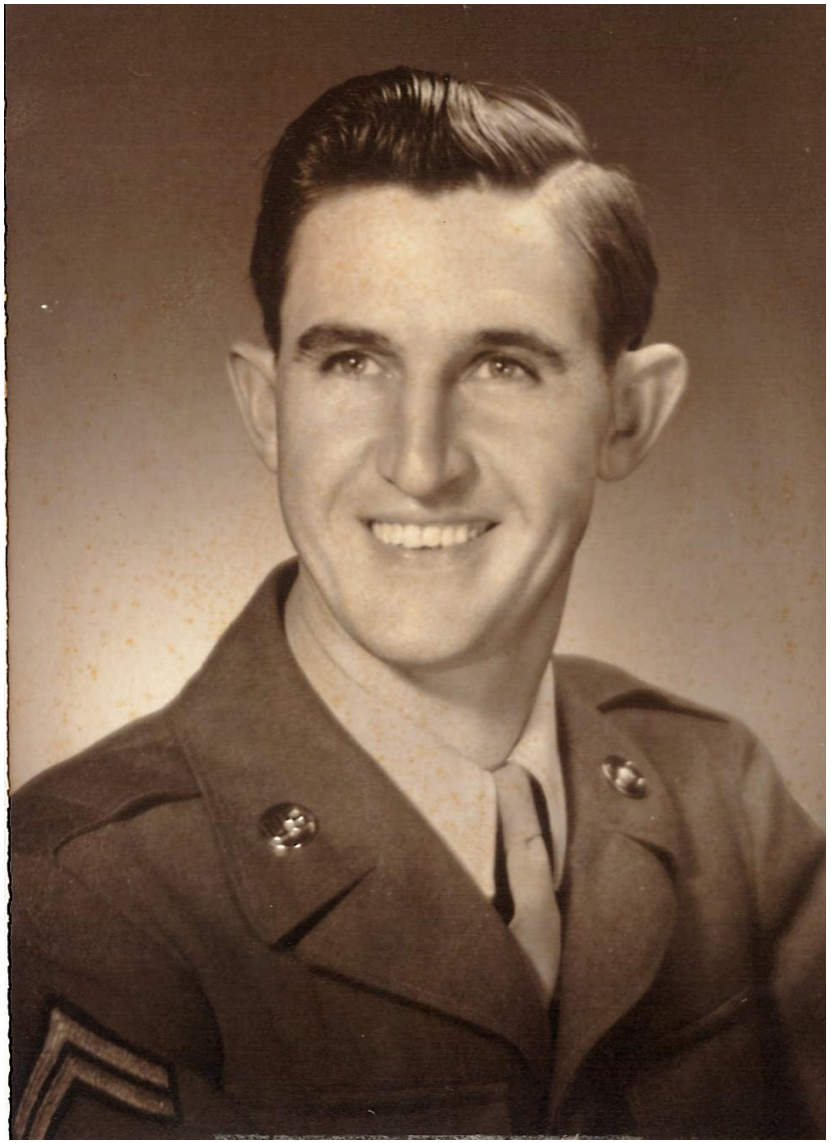
Army
1918-1919
Private 1st Class
W.W. I

Salem Cemetery

GUSTAVE HOELSCHER

Army
1946-1947
Corporal
W.W. II

Salem Cemetery



CLEO HOMFELD

Navy
1945
Aviation Machinist
Mate 2nd Class
W.W. II

Salem Cemetery



C.W. HOOK

EDWARD HUSCHER

Army

1942-1945

Platoon Leader

W.W. II

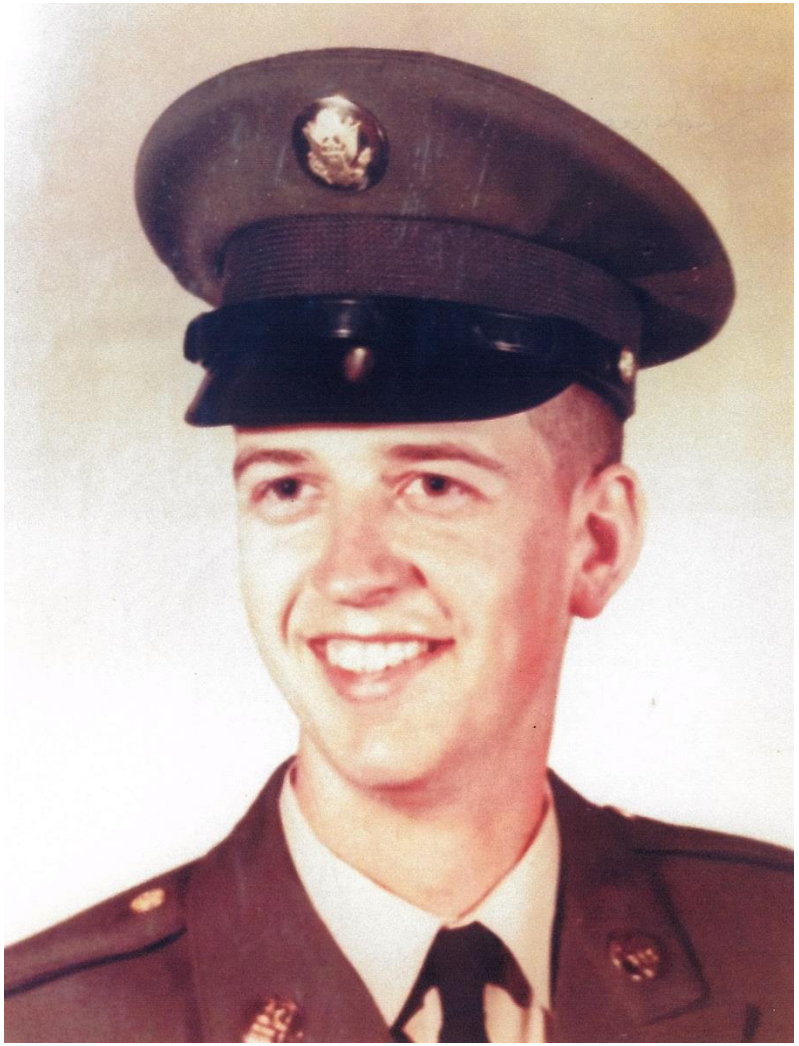
Salem Cemetery



KENNETH R. ILES

Army National Guard
1966-1972
Specialist E5
CON U.S.

Salem Cemetery



Army, Navy
1969-1972;
1981-2004
Specialist E5;
Hospital
Corpsman1st Class
Vietnam,
Desert Storm

RODNEY KIRCHHOFF

Army
1945-1946
Corporal
W.W. II
Japan
City Cemetery



WILBURT W. KIRCHHOFF

Army
1945-1948
Private 1st Class
W.W. II

Salem Cemetery

HOMER KNEHANS

MARVIN J. KNEHANS



Army

1942-1945

W. W. II

Salem Cemetery

MAURICE KNEHANS

Army

1949

Private 1st Class

Post W. W. II

Salem Cemetery

WILLIAM E. KOENIG

- Army
- 1941-1945
- Tech Sergeant
- W.W.II
- City Cemetery



Navy
1917-1918
Seaman 2nd Class
W.W. I

Zion UCC Cemetery

WILLIAM ANDREW KOPP



Navy
1991-1995
Petty Officer
Desert Storm

ANDY KUMM

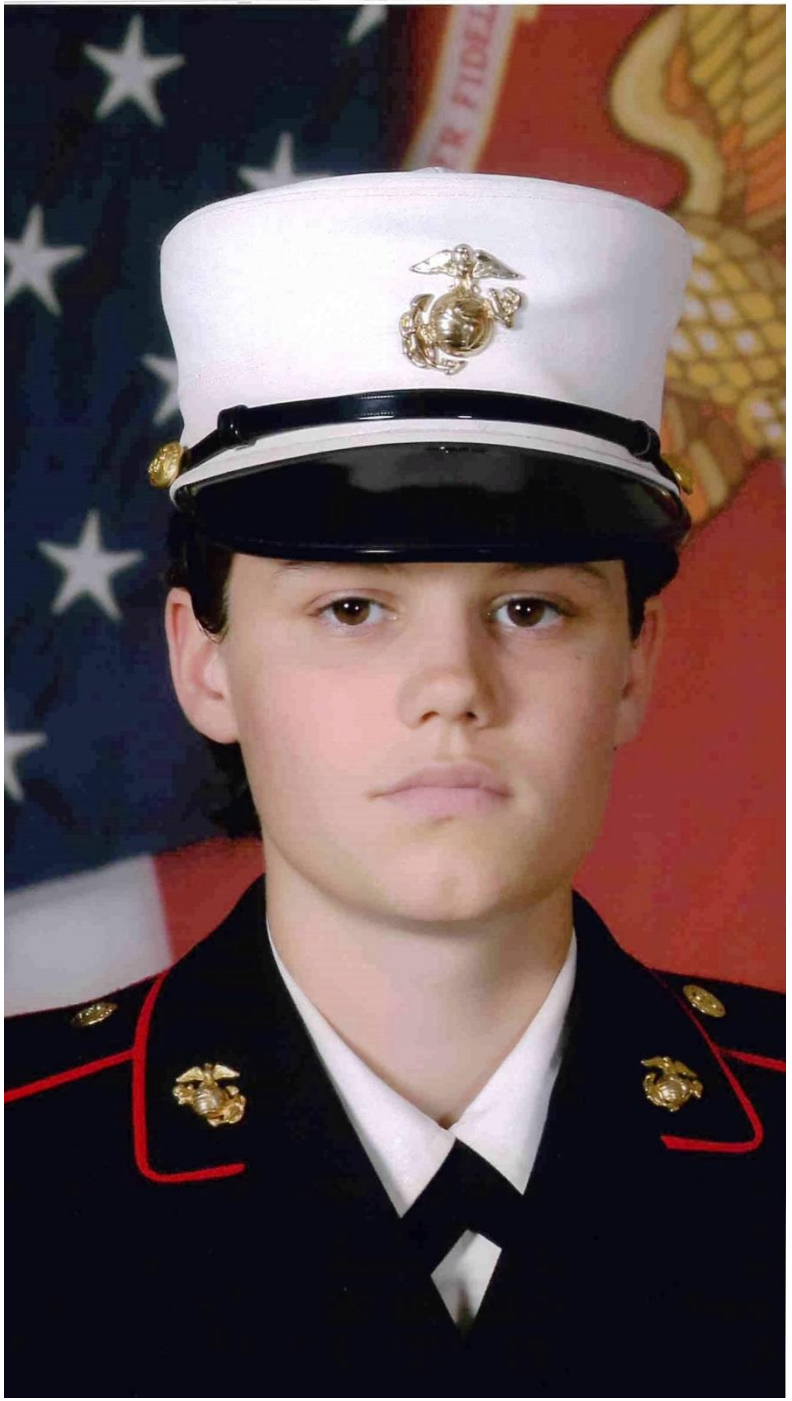
ALFRED G. KUSCHEL

Army
1945-1946
Specialist E4
W.W. II

Salem Cemetery



U.S. Marine Corp.
2010-2015
Corporal
Afghanistan

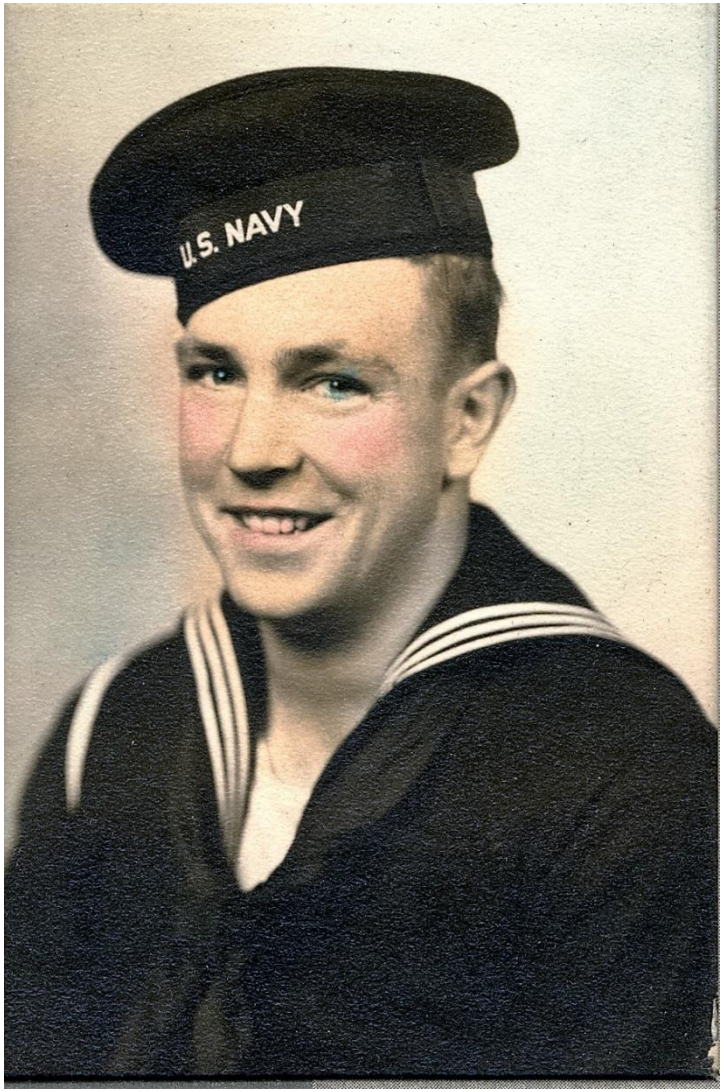


ANGELICA LAMB



Army
1966-1968
Specialist E5
Vietnam

GEORGE LEFMAN



Navy
1942-1945
Gunner's
Mate 3rd Class
W.W. II

Salem Cemetery

RALPH LEFMAN



Motto: “This We’ll Defend”

RAY O. LEFMAN



Army

1942-1946

Technical Sergeant

W. W. II



EDWARD W. LINEBACK

Army

1943-1946

Master Sergeant

W. W. II

Army
1951-1953
Corporal
CON U.S.



JOHN MARTH

LAWRENCE MEINERSHAGEN

Army
1951-1953
Corporal
Con U.S.
Salem
Cemetery



LEROY F. MEINERSHAGEN

- Army
- 1943-1945
- Corporal
- W.W.II
- Pleasant Hill Cemetery



Navy
1944-1946
Machinist Mate
3rd Class
W.W. II

Veterans Cemetery



WILBUR MEINERSHAGEN



Navy
1956-1957
Airman
Alaska

WAYNE MILLER

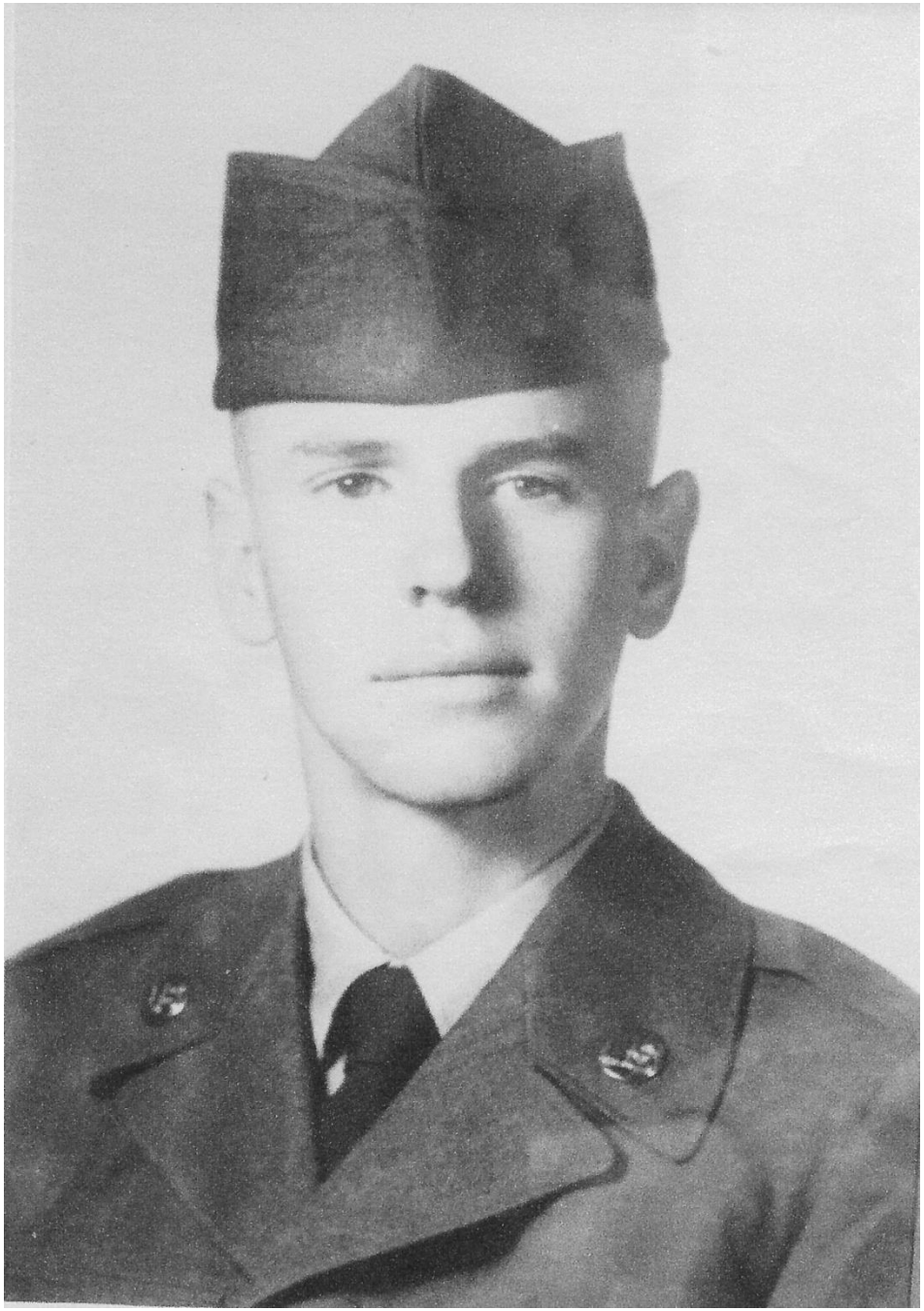
John M Mockridge

Army

1955-1961

SP/4 Aircraft Electrician

Con. U.S. & Germany





Air Force
1943-1944
Staff Sergeant
W.W.II (KIA)

Salem Cemetery

JOHN B. NEHER, JR.

Army
1918-1921
Private 1st Class
W.W. I

Salem Cemetery

JOHN B. NEHER, SR.



MAX W. NIEMAN

Army
1942-1943
Corporal
W.W. II

Veterans
Cemetery





Army
1951-1953
Corporal
Korea

Veterans
Cemetery

CURTIS HAYES NIEMEIER



EDWARD NIEMEYER

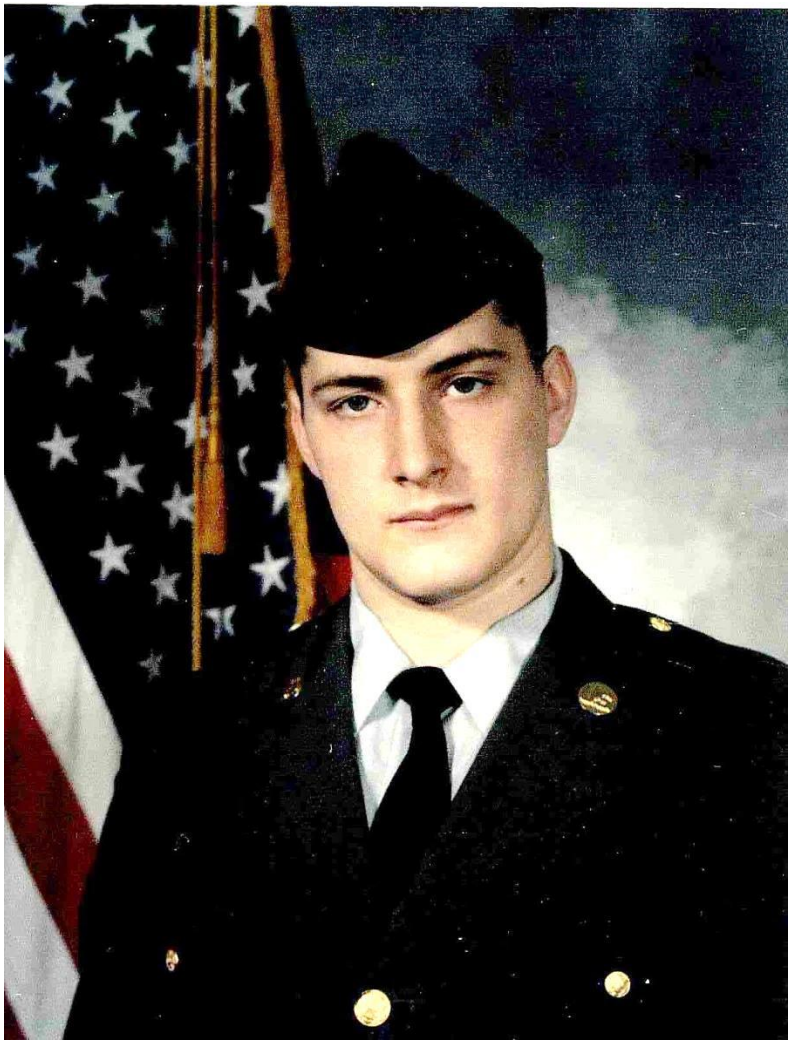
Army

1913-1919

Sergeant

W.W. I

Salem Cemetery



Army
1987-1991
Specialist E4
Desert Storm;
Germany

RICHARD C. NIEMEIER

Army
1951-1953
Staff Sergeant
Korea

Salem Cemetery

ROGER NOLTE



OTTO F. OBERHELMANN

Army

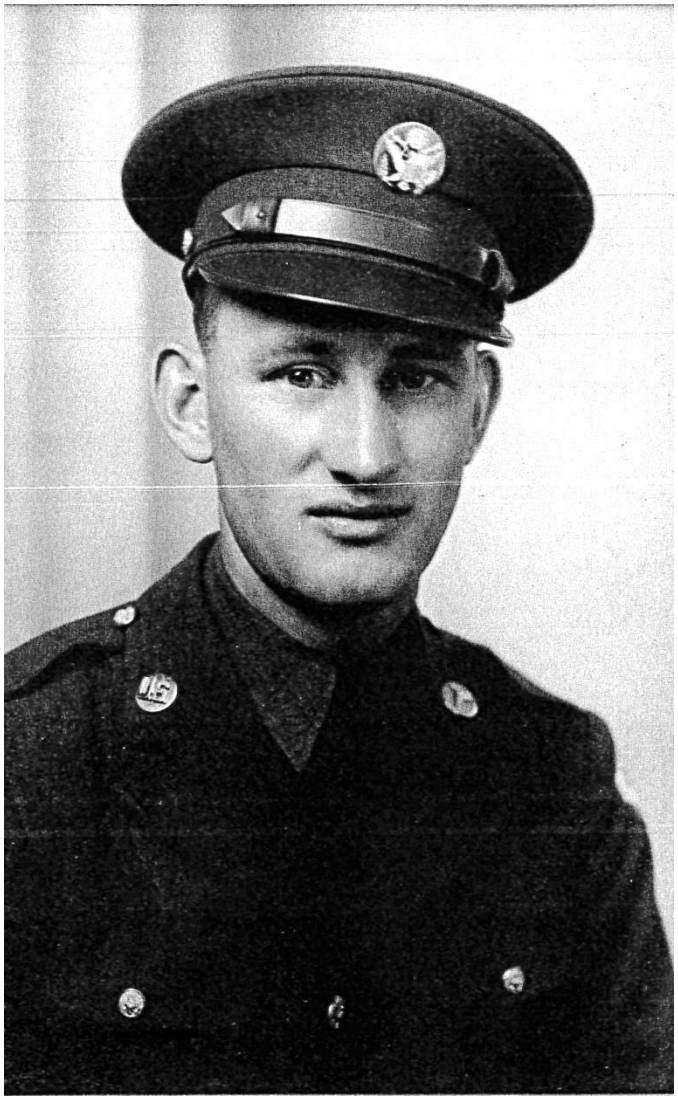
1918-1919

W. W. I

Salem Cemetery

Army
1941-1945
Corporal
W.W. II

Salem Cemetery



CARL LAWRENCE OPFER



Salem Cemetery

DELMAR D. OPFER

FERDINAND AUGUTS OPFER

Army

City Cemetery



Army
1969-1971
Specialist E4
CON U.S.

Veterans
Cemetery

RAY DON PAUL



Motto: “Aim High…Fly-Fight-Win”

Air Force
1951-1955
Staff Sergeant
Korea/Japan/
Okinawa

Deceased



CLIFFORD PECK



Army
1964-1970
Specialist E4
CON U.S.

Corder Calvary Cemetery

ROBERT PRAGMAN

BILLY G. RENNO



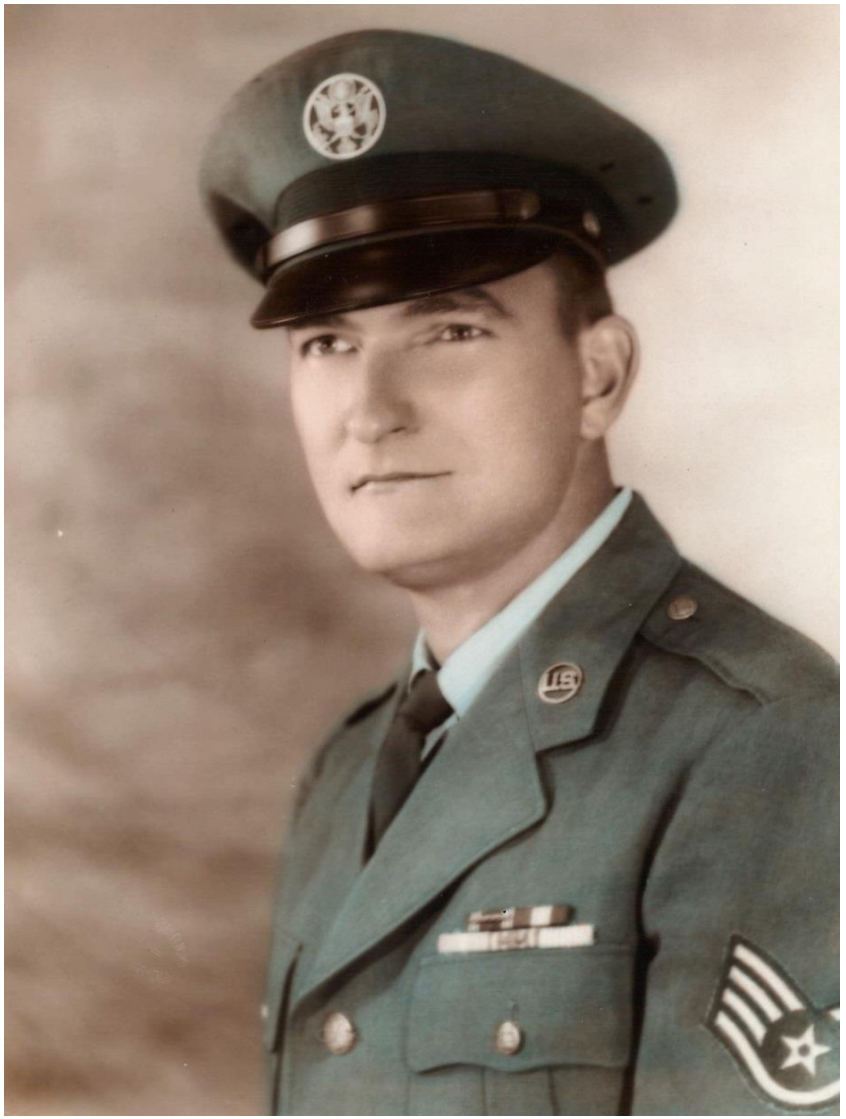
Navy
1960-1964
Machinist Mate
2nd Class
Hawaii

City Cemetery

ALVIN EDWARD RIDDER, SR.

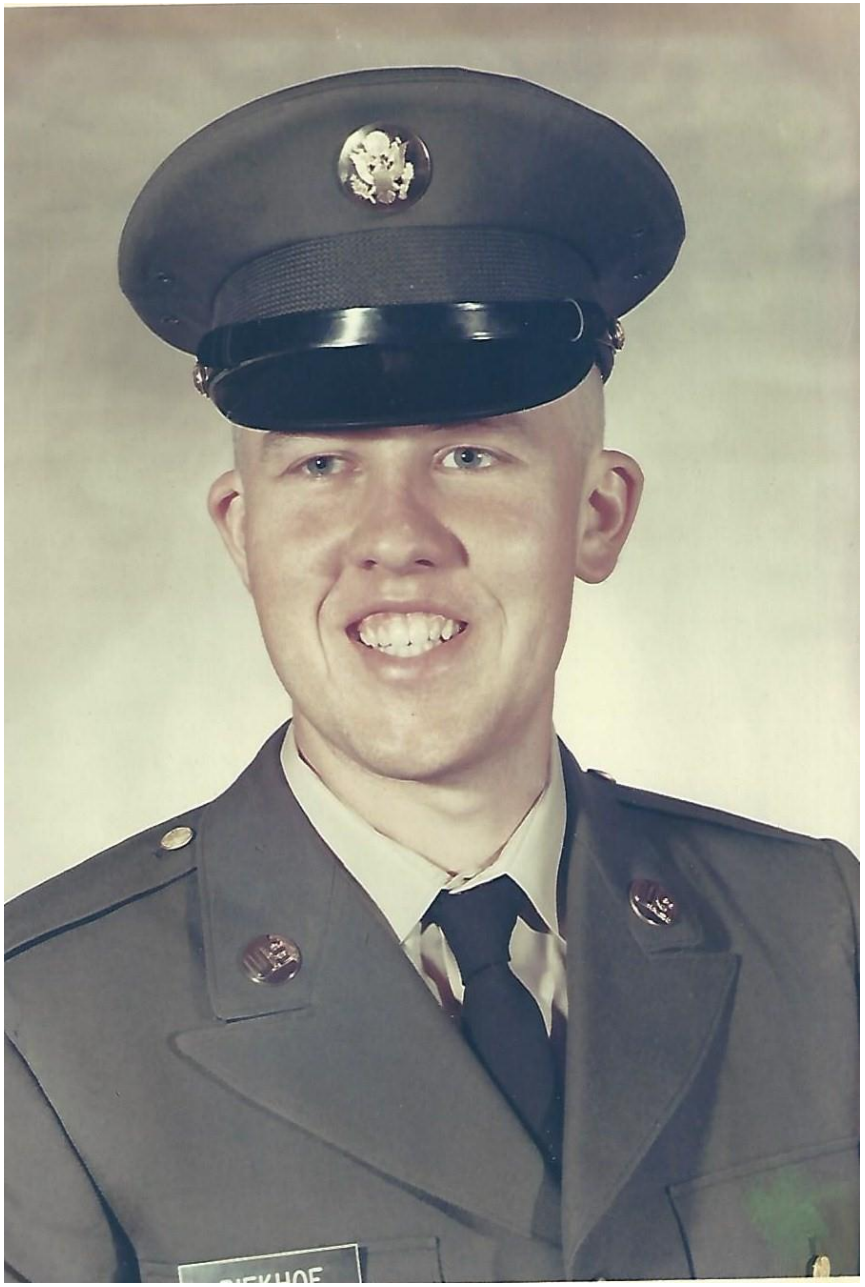
Air Force
1948-1970
Tech Sergeant
Pacific, Europe

Highland Cemetery, Montana



GARY RIEKHOF

Army
1969-1971
Specialist E5
Taiwan



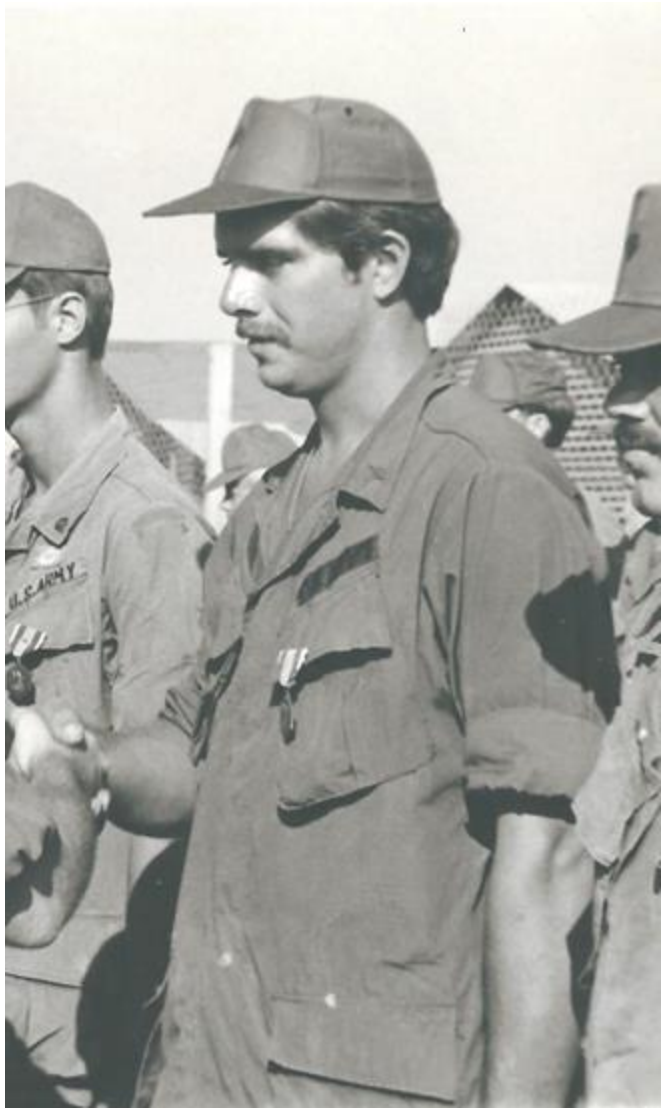
EDWARD H. RINNE

Army
1917-1919
Private 1st Class
W.W. I

City Cemetery

HOWARD RINNE

Army
1970-1972
Sergeant
(Tank Commander)
Vietnam





Air Force
1973-1976
Airman 2nd Class
England/Vietnam

KEVIN RINNE

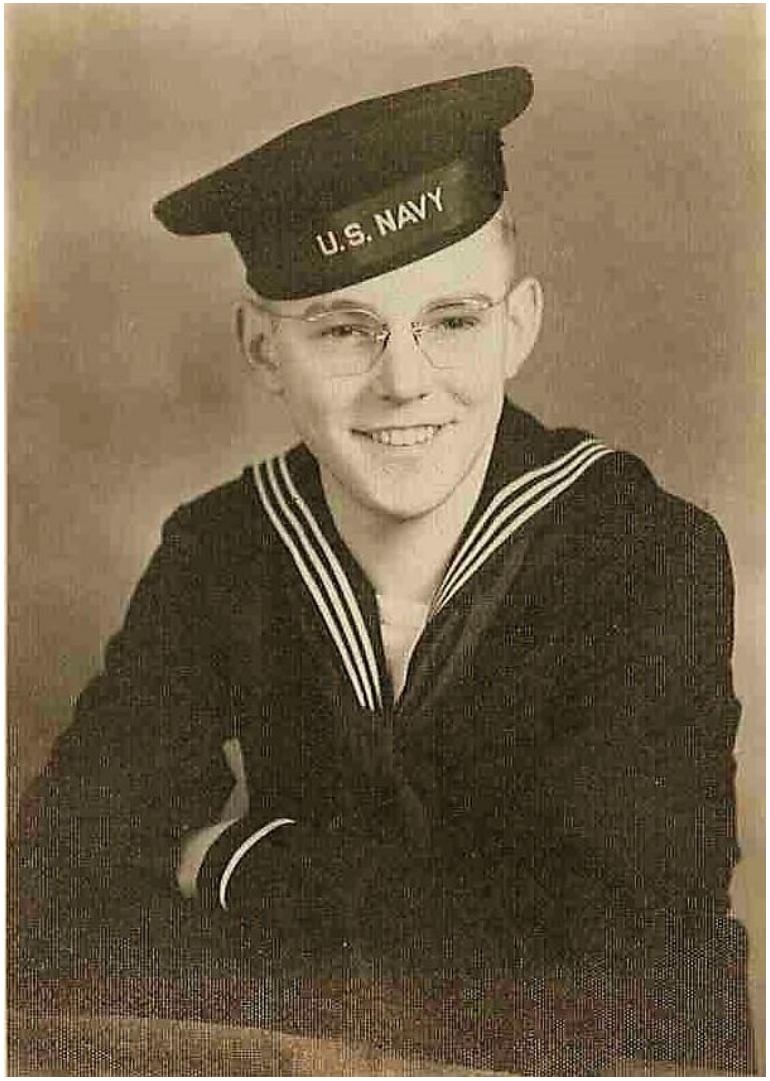
RALPH H. RINNE

Navy
1942-1954





Lieutenant
(Senior Grade)
Doctor
W.W. II; Korea



Navy
1943-1946
Radar Man
2nd Class
W.W. II

City Cemetery

W.C. “BILL” RINNE

David Rogers

Air Force

1977-2005

Chief Master Sergeant

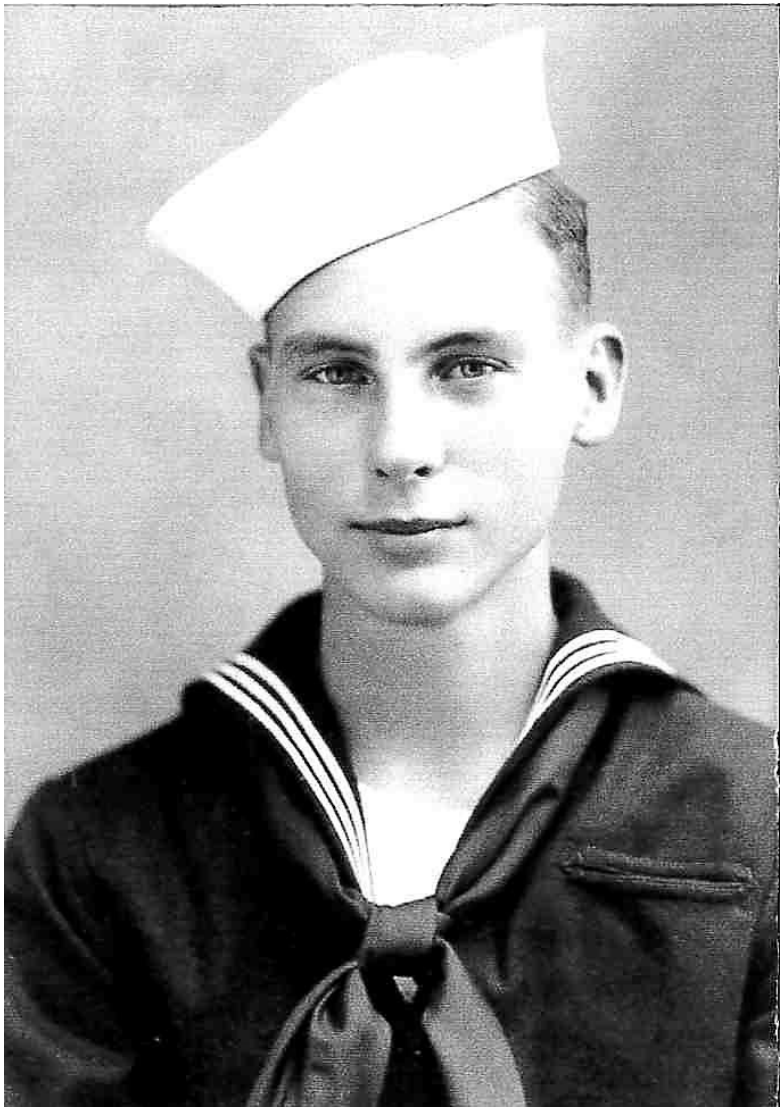
Con U.S.



CALVIN A. RUFFNER

- 1943-1944
- ARMY
- Corporal
- W.W.II
- Killed in action
- Salem Cemetery

HAROLD D. SALYER



Navy/Air Force Reserve
1946-1947; 1951
Fireman 1st Class; Corporal
China

Salem Cemetery

ROWAN H. SALYER

Navy
1942-1953
Lieutenant (Senior Grade)
W.W. II

Salem Cemetery



ROBERT J. SANDER

Army
1959-1964
Specialist E4
Con U.S.

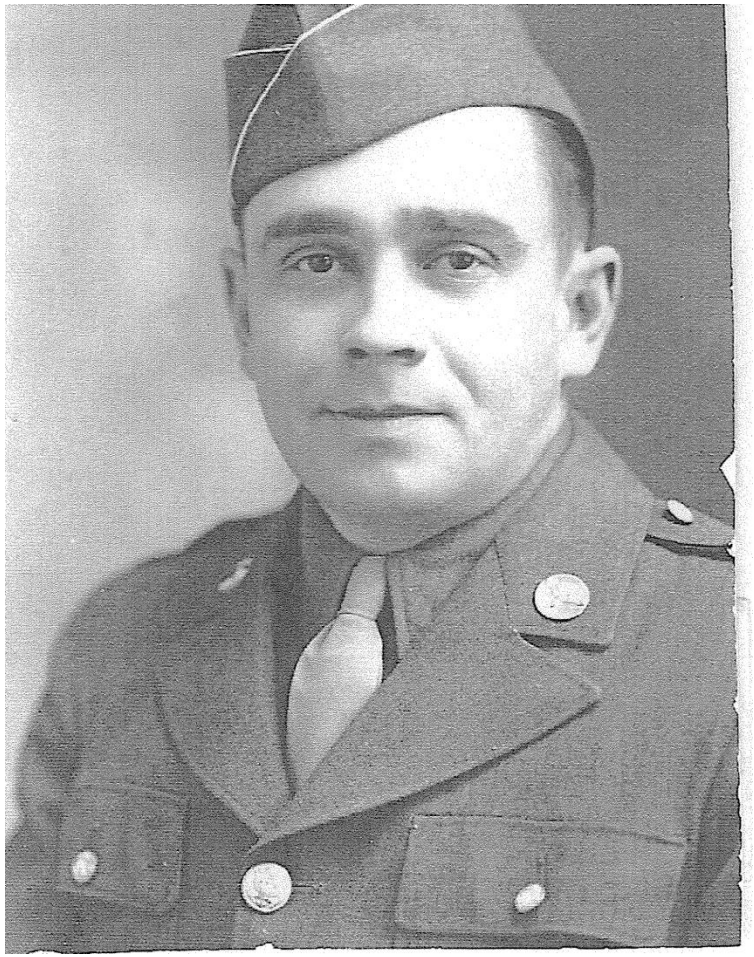
Salem Cemetery

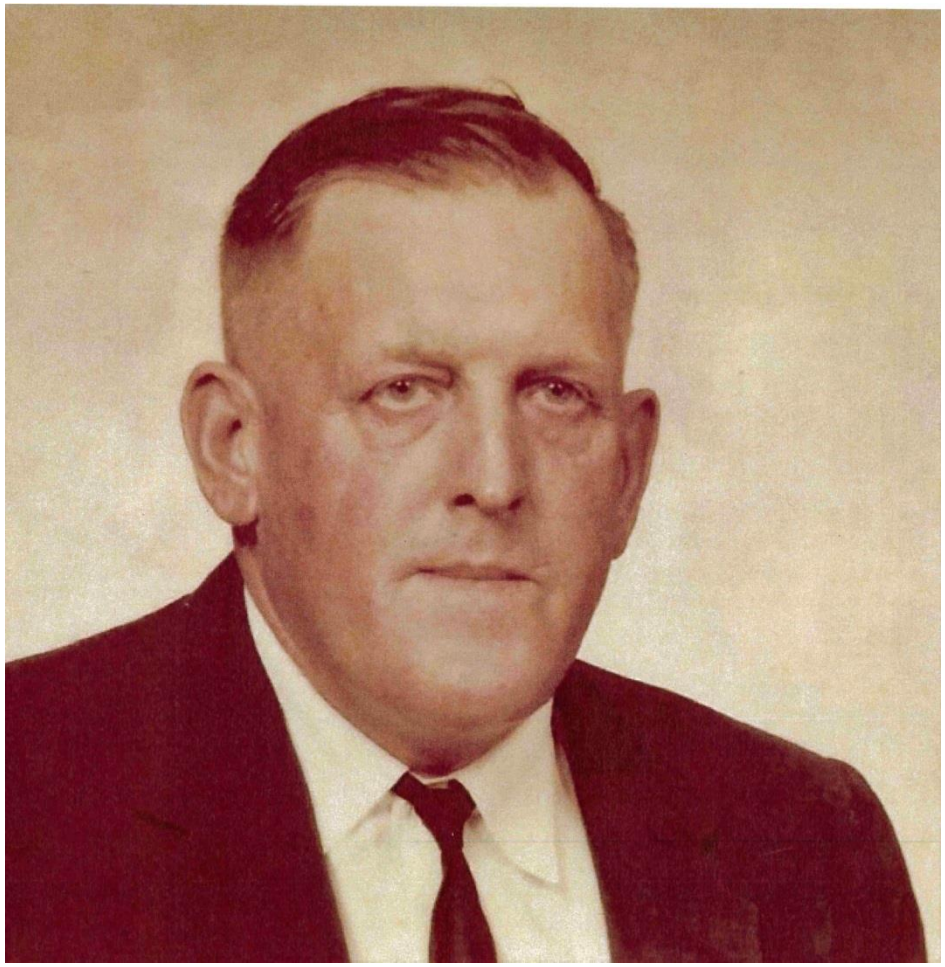


Motto: “Always Ready”

EMMETT A. SCHAEFER

- Army
- 1943-1946
- Corporal
- W.W.II
- City Cemetery





Army
1942-1945
Private 1st Class
W.W.II
Salem
Cemetery

PAUL CARL HERMAN SCHAEFER



Army
1952-1954
Rank: Sergeant
Korea

Salem Cemetery

KENNETH SCHEMMER

OLIVER T. SCHINDLER

Army

1943-1945

Private 1st Class

W.W.II

Richmond Cemetery

ALAN HENRY SCHLOMAN

Army
1968-1969
Specialist E5
CON U.S., Alaska

Salem Cemetery



MAX T. SCHLOMAN



Army
1963-1969
Specialist E5
CON U.S.

Salem Cemetery



Navy
1945-1946
Radar Man
3rd Class
W.W. II
Salem Cemetery

EDSEL CHARLES SCHNEIDER



DELMER L. SCHWENGERDT

Army

1952-1953

Corporal

Korea (MIA)

State Cemetery Marker



MELVIN O. SCHOWNGERDT

Navy

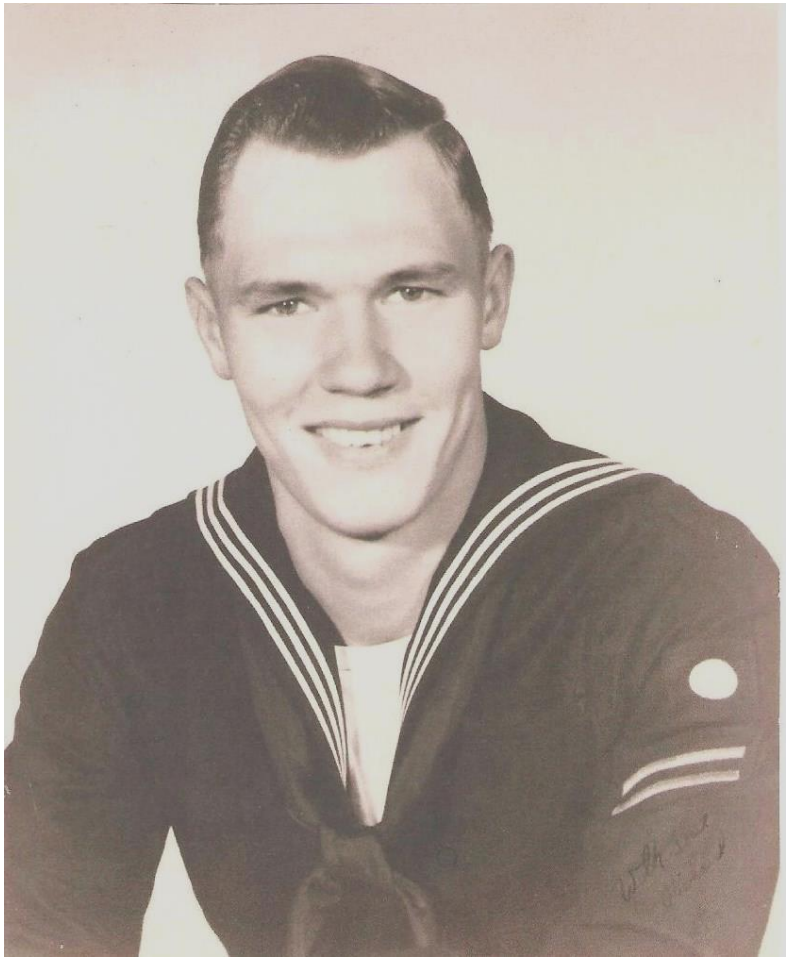
1945-1947

Machinist Mate

W. W. II

Salem Cemetery

Navy
1948-1949
Electrician's Mate
Apprentice
CON U.S.



Veterans Cemetery

RICHARD SCHOWENGERDT



Army
1953-1954
Private 1st Class
Alaska
Salem Cemetery

DONALD F. SIEGFRIED

Carson Starke

U. S. Marine Corps

2021 – Present

Corporal

Camp Pendleton, CA



Army
1989-1997
Specialist E4

Desert Storm



DAVID STARKE

ERNEST HARLAN STARKE

Navy

1945-1946

Machinist Mate

3rd Class

W.W. II

City Cemetery

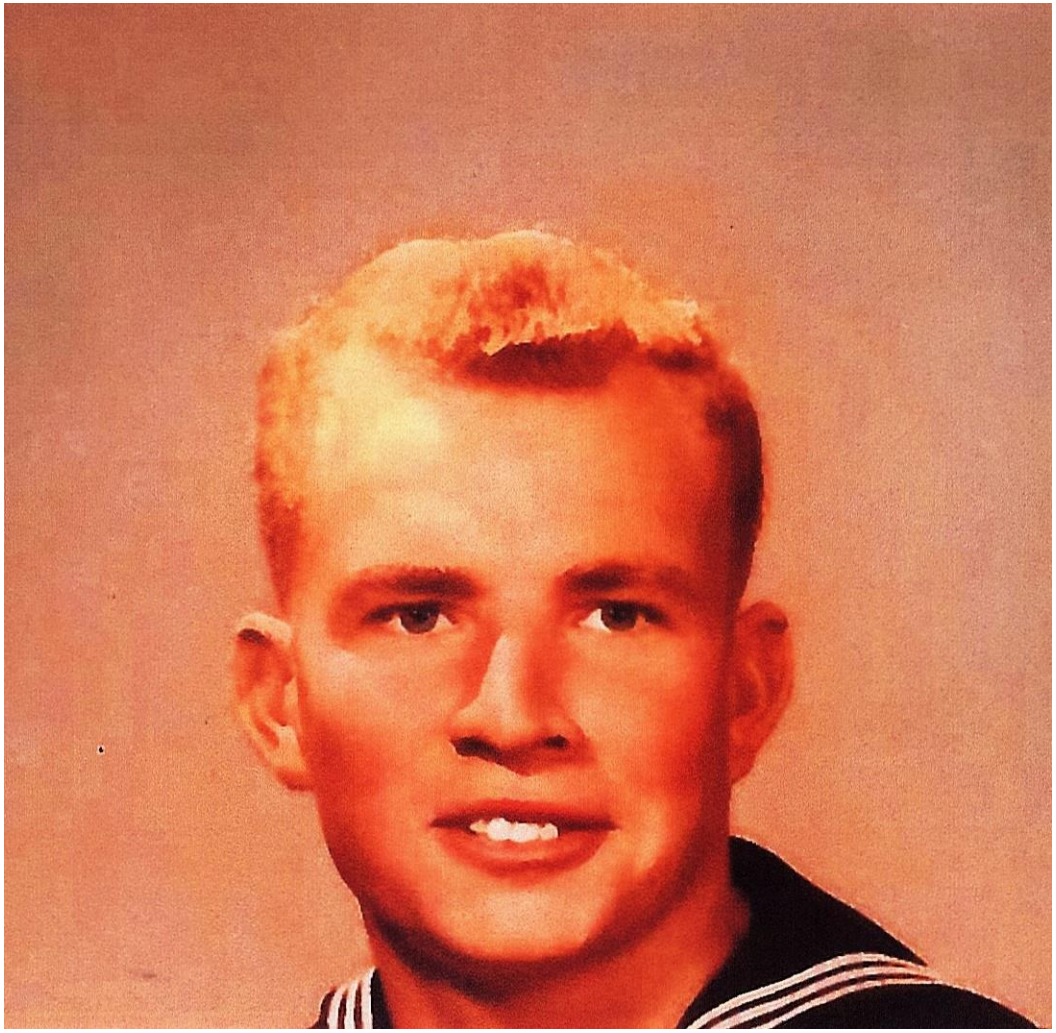




Army
1918-1919
Private 1st Class
W.W. I

City Cemetery

HERBERT WILLIAM STARKE



Navy
1951-1954
Engineman
2nd Class
CON U.S.,
Korea

J. W. STARKE



ELMER J. STOCKMAN

Army

1942-1945

Private 1st Class

W. W. II

JAMES H. STONER

Army
1941-1945
Sergeant
W.W. II

Salem Cemetery



EARL STRUCHTEMEYER

Army
1946-1947
Quartermaster
CON U.S.

Salem Cemetery

MARVIN STUERKE

Army

1940-1945

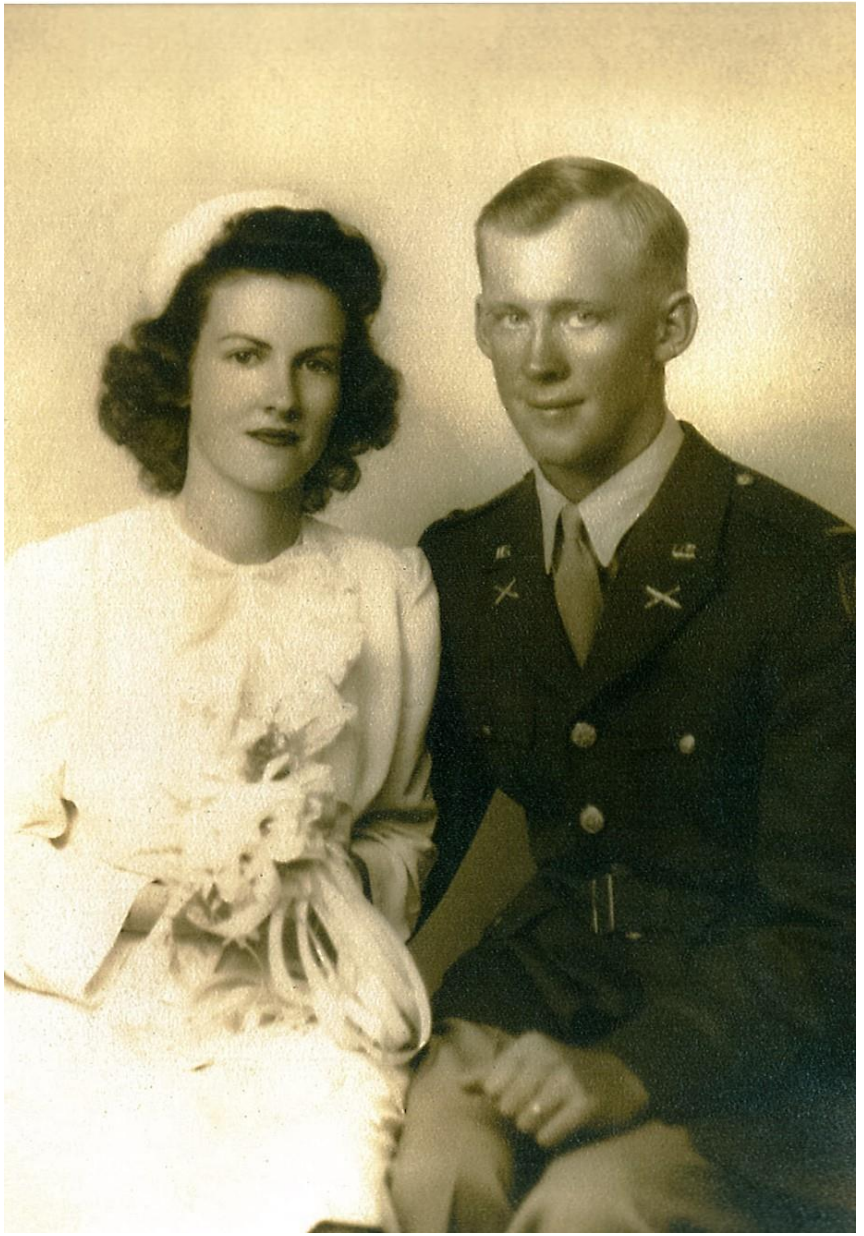
W. W. II

Salem Cemetery

RAYMOND TEMPEL
& wife Mildred

Army
1942-1946
Rank: Captain
W.W. II

Salem Cemetery



ROY TEMPEL

- Army
- 1942-1945
- Staff Sergeant
- W.W.II
- Salem Cemetery





Air Force
1965-1969
Staff Sergeant
CON U.S.

Salem
Cemetery

ARTHUR B. THALLER



Navy
1970-2005
Rear Admiral
(Upper Half)
Vietnam,
Desert Storm

STANTON THOMPSON





Army
1960-1965
Private 1st Class
CON U.S.

City Cemetery

CLARK W. TYLER

EDWIN VAHRENBERG

Army

1942-1945

W.W.II

Salem Cemetery



LOUIS VAHRENBERG

Army

1942-1945

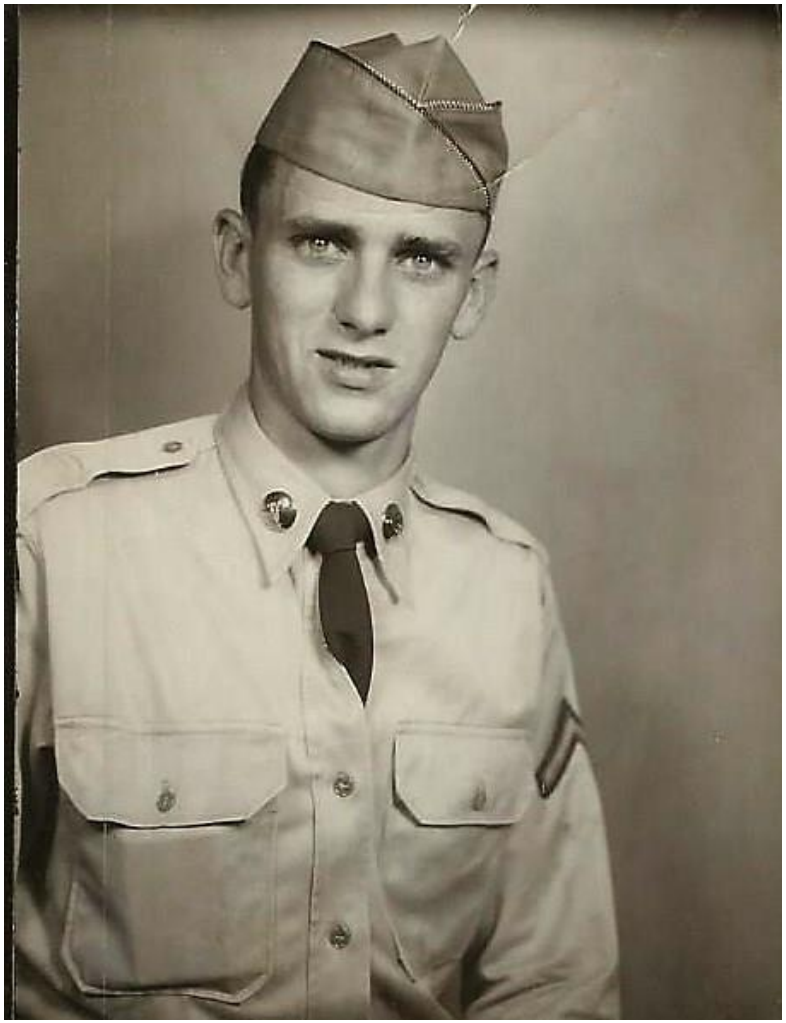
Tech 3rd Class

W.W.II

Salem Cemetery



PAUL E. WARREN



Army National Guard
1953-1961
Specialist E4
CON U.S.

Deceased

ELMER CHARLES WERNING

Army

1951-1956

Sergeant

Korea

Salem Cemetery



GENE T. WHITENER

Navy
1942-1945
Petty Officer
2nd Class
W.W. II

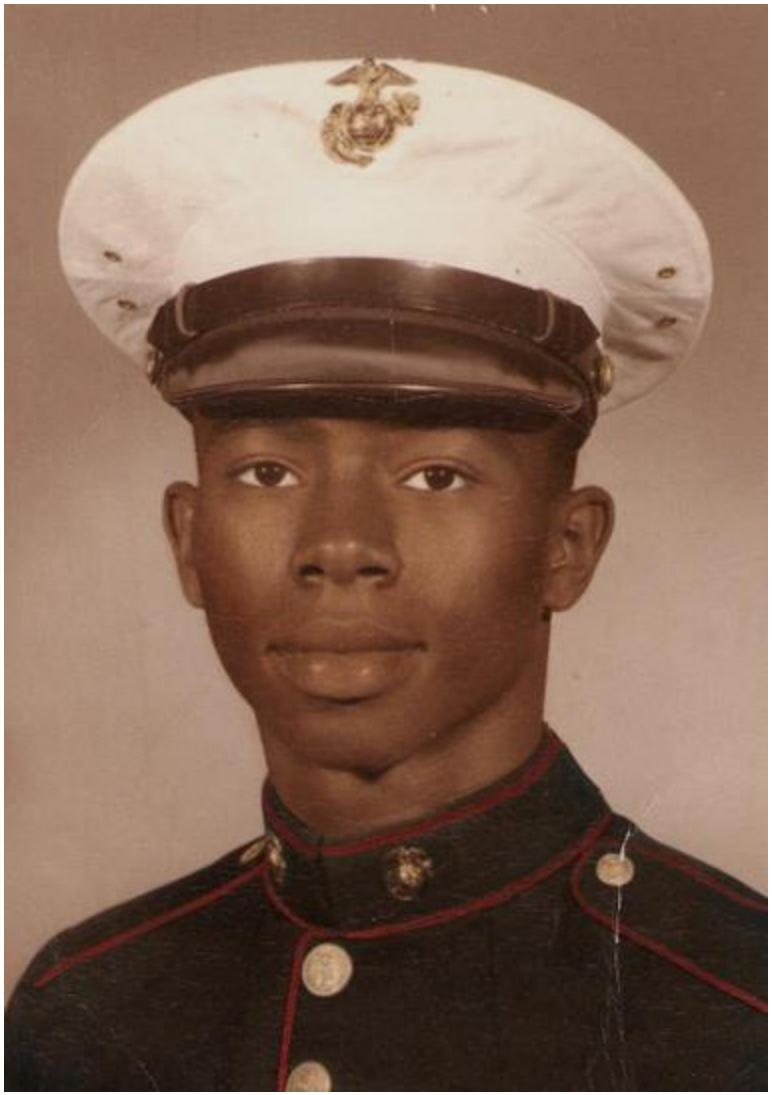
Salem Cemetery





Motto: “Always Faithful”

U.S. Marine Corp.
1957-1963
Corporal
Okinawa/
Philippines
Veterans Cemetery



WILBURN “PEE WEE” WOODS

The names of other members of Salem, who are known to be veterans, are listed on the succeeding slides.

SALEM VETERANS



- Albers, Red
- Albertswerth, Carl H.
- Boedeker, Delmer
- Boedeker, Ernest
- Boedeker, Oscar O.
- Brackman, Joseph

SALEM VETERANS

- Engelbrecht, Marvin
- Fisher, Gene
- Fox, Eldred
- Frevert, William H.
- Freund, Richard
- Gladish, Gilbert



SALEM VETERANS



- Halford, Orville
- Hilgedick, Norman
- Hillebrenner, Emil
- Knehans, Maurice
- Lefman, Rudy
- Meinershagen, Clarence
- Mensenkamp,Raymond

SALEM VETERANS



- Morstain, Wilbur H.
- Niemeier, Herman
- Opfer, Albert
- Ott, Fred
- Pevestorff, Charles
- Rabshal, John

SALEM VETERANS



- Redeker, Burnett
- Rehmsmeier, Herman
- Ridder, William A.
- Schaefer, Gilbert
- Schierioh, John
- Schlomann, Harold A.
- Schneider, Herman H.

SALEM VETERANS



- Schoppenhorst, Clarence
- Schroer, Martin
- Smith, Walter
- Starke, Henry
- Stockman, Elmer
- Stockman, Rov
- Stoecklin, Melvin

SALEM VETERANS



- Struchtemeyer, Keith
- Stuerke, Marvin
- Tagtmeyer, Gilbert
- Voss, Leonard A.
- Wegner, Charles e.
- Wehmhoener, Emil
- Woltemath, Garret