

Military service threaded through generations

By Guest Columnist Marsha Barham

Many of us have heard family stories about someone - maybe a grandparent, or a more distant relative - who served in the military at some point in American history.

In working with the participants in the City of Clinton Veterans Banner Program, I have observed love of family and country of some individuals with members who served in the military, generation after generation,

A long line of family military service, as told by James Calvert:

SFC James Calvert, U. S. Army, Iraq Veteran (nephew, cousin)
SGT Leroy Manuel, Sr., U. S. Army, 173 Airborne Brigade Vietnam, 1968-1969 (uncle)
SGT Henry Lee Hankins, Sr., U. S. Army, Vietnam 1968-1970 (cousin)
PO1 Vickie Wells, U. S. Navy, ten years of military service (cousin)

SSG Henry Wells, U. S. Army, Vietnam veteran (uncle and brother to Leroy Manuel)

CPT Antoinette Wells Archer, U. S. Army, 1978-1994 (cousin)

LTC Annette Wells Freeman, U. S. Army, military service 1978-2006, (cousin)

SGT Manderro D. Crump, U. S. Army 114th Military Police, Persian Gulf 1994-2002 (cousin)

Twin sisters served: CPT Antoinette Wells Archer, U. S. Army, 1978-1994, (sister)

LTC Annette Wells Freeman, U. S. Army, military service 1978-2006, (sister)

Numerous father and son(s) served: Capt Charles Emerson Farmer, Jr., M.D., U. S. Air Force, Vietnam, Tyndall Air Force Base (father)

MAJ Charles Emerson Farmer III, M.D., U. S. Army, Desert Storm (son)

SSG Walter G. Howell, U. S. Army, Korean Occupation 1955-1958, (father)

MAJ Paul Patrick Howell, U. S. Army, Gulf War 1985-1995, (son)

COL James "Jim" William Jackson, U. S. Army National Guard, military service 1954-1994 (father)

SFC Donald "Don" William Jackson, U. S. Army National Guard, Gulf War and Somalia, 1981-2001 (son)

CW3 Michael "Mike" James Jack-



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CW3 Jason C. Landrum, U. S. Army, 2002 to present, service in Seoul, South Korea, and Ft. Bliss, El Paso, TX (nephew)

PO2 Nathan T. Landrum, U. S. Coast Guard, 2009 to present, service in Astoria, Oregon and Petaluma, CA. (nephew)

Fathers-in-law served:

CDR Charles A. Gearhart, U. S. Navy, 1941-1965 (father to Greg Gearhart)

SA Samuel M. Gore, U. S. Navy, 1945-1949 (father to Judy Gore Gearhart, MD)

The Veteran Banners will be seen on Memorial Day 2020, honoring our veterans, on the light poles that line the Clinton Parkway from Springridge Road to Northside Drive, and also on the light poles that line Highway 80 from Springridge Road to Clinton Raymond Road.

If you have interest in the City of Clinton Veteran Banner Program, the order form can be downloaded at clintonms.org/veterantributebanner. For questions, email visitorcenter@clintonms.org. The deadline for submitting all forms to be included in Veteran Day 2020 is Friday, August 28, 2020.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Marsha Barham serves as the director of the Clinton Visitor Center.

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