

Veterans 2025

First Presbyterian Church Honors its Veterans

Members - Living and Deceased*

J. Michael Ackerman - Staff Sgt., 7-16 Support Group, Air Force, Kuwait

John Akers* - 1st Lieutenant, pilot 457th Bomb Group, 8th U.S. Air Force, 1942-46, England, POW, Purple Heart,
Bronze Star Medal for Valor

Tom Bartels - 1st Lt, 241st Transportation Company, Qui Nhon Vietnam 69-70, 2nd Lt Ft Lee Virginia, Ft Sheridan IL, 68-69

Stephen G. Beverly* - L. Corporal, U.S.M.C., MWSS 371, Logistic Vehicle Systems Operator, Yuma, AZ, Iraq-2 tours, 2002-05

Charles A. Chapin* - Captain, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, 1st Marine Division, 1942-45, Pacific /Okinawa/China, Commemorative letter

Jerry Cole* - CWO, Helicopter Combat Support, Squadron 7, Task Force 77, Navy, 1966-73, Southeast Asia

Gary Cooper - Staff Sgt., 8/88-7/95 4 yrs. USAF and 4 yrs. IL A.N.G., 3 years in the Netherlands

Clark Cunningham – Air Force from 1990-2012

James T. Dove, MD* - Lt. Cmdr., USPHS, 1969-71

Douglas S. Freyder* - Lt (JG)USNR, CIC Officer, USS Mt McKinley AGC 78/52-12/55, Ribbons: Korean Service,
United Nations Service, National Defense Service

Dr. Harry E. Grant* - Lieutenant, U.S. Navy WWII, Asiatic Pacific

Daniel J. Greer - Spec 5, U.S. Army, 1966 through 1968, Vietnam campaign

Herbert Haaker* - Major, Air Corps Communications Security, Alaska Air Command, U.S. Air Corps, 1942-46, Alaska-Yukon

Gerald Heckler* - SKT3C, Navy Supply Depot, Navy, 1945-46, South Pacific, Guam

Richard F. Herndon* - 1st Lieutenant, 121st Evac. Hospital, Army, Korea

William Hey* - Private 1st Class, Co. I 406 Infantry, 102nd Infantry Division, Army, 1942-46, Europe/Germany, Purple Heart

Leigh Amanda Janik - S. Sgt., Military Police Corps, Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, U.S. Army

Glenn Kniss* - Private, WWII, 90th Infantry Division, Bronze Star, P.O.W.

Byron Luers* - Lcdr, U.S. Naval Reserve retired, 20 yrs., U.S.S. Valley Forge (CVA-45) flagship on line in Korean Conflict

Joseph W. Maddox* - Staff Sgt., Tank Destroyer Batt/Theater Hdq/Army War College, U.S. Army, WWII, Europe

George Michael - Special Agent Sgt., 502nd Military Intelligence, BN, Kunsan Air Force Base, U.S. Army, Korea 1967-68, Army 1966-69,
Little Rock Field Office, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Sam Ralsh Noble - U.S. Army Staff Sgt., WWII, Pacific Theatre

Charles Northrup* - Lieutenant Colonel, Air Force, 1941-46, South Pacific

Clark Olson - SP4, 29th EUAC Hospital, Army, 1958-60

Mike Orr - RM2, Communication Center-Chief of Naval Operations, Pentagon, U.S. Navy, 1969-73, Pentagon, Washington

Dr. Emmett Pearson* - Captain, U.S. Army Medical Corps, WWII, South Pacific

Brian Pfeifer – Navy, 1988-1994

Hiram S. Phillips* - Lieutenant, Air Force navigator, Korea

Louis P. Prather* - Seaman 1st Class, Navy, 1945-46; CPLI Battery B 90th FA BN, Army, 1951-53, Korea

Dick Risku* - Corporal, Headquarters Area Service Command, Army Air Force, WWII, Philippine Islands

Henson Langdon Robinson* – Lieutenant WW1, Army Reserves, Executive officer, Administrative head of Schools and Training in the Office
of Strategic Services; father of Sally Robinson

Duane Slater* - Private 1st Class, Marine Air Corps, 1946-47, Pacific

Melvin Slusser* - 1st Class Petty Officer, USS Jason ARH-1, U.S. Navy, 1948-52, Japan/Korea

Peter Steva - E4, U.S. Air Force, Guam & New Mexico

Paul Stromdahl - Specialist 4th Class, U.S. Army, 902nd Military Intelligence Group, Washington DC, 79th Heavy Equipment
Maintenance Battalion, Long Bien, Vietnam, Missouri Army National Guard, Staff Sergeant, 1140th Military Police Company,
205th Military Police Battalion, Kansas City, MO

Garrison Taylor – Navy, Son of Amy Taylor

James Taylor* - California Army National Guard

John S. Watson - Sergeant, Company Command, U.S. Marines, 2001-2006, Secretary of Navy Commendations

Relatives of Members and Friends – Living and Deceased*

Justin Akers - 101st Special Airborne, Army, Served 7 years, Iraq-2 tours; grandson of John & Ann Akers

Leroy J. Berkel* - Sergeant, U.S. Army, WWII, 119 Infantry Regiment 30th infantry division Europe, Bronze Star, Purple Heart,
father of Jan Hill

Charles Berkel – Navy, submarine duty, sibling of Jan Hill

Michael A. Bernasek* - Sergeant, U.S. Army, 1942-45, WWII, European & African Theaters, father of Mick Bernasek

Orville Burnett - U.S. Navy, grandfather of Gary Cooper

Tom Beverly - E5 Petty Officer 2nd class, U.S. Navy, Seabees, Construction Mechanic, NSW-G1, UCT-1, 2000 -06

J. Bradley Campbell - Staff Sergeant, Air Force, son of Mary Maddox

Judge Briggles* – family of George Michael

Russell Cooper - U.S. Army, father of Gary Cooper

Bart Deady – Chief, U.S. Navy; brother of Joe Deady (and many more on the Deady side going back to the Civil War)

Austin Dhom – Army Reserves, nephew of Keith Dhom

Brady Dhom – U.S. Air Force, son of Keith Dhom

J. Alfred Frederick - Radar Operator, Co. F 28th Infantry, U.S. Army 1944-45, participated in the liberation of the Wöbbelin
concentration camp near the city of Ludwigslust, Germany, father of Jeri Frederick

James A. Greer* - Major, U.S. Army, 1941-45, father of Daniel J. Greer & Helen Cox and grandfather of Betsy Cox

Harold Guither – U.S. Navy, grandfather of Caitlin Deady

James L. Hancock, M.D. – Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy, Fleet Forces Surgeon, 1981-present, Purple Heart, son of Mary Maddox

Keith Holder* - Army, served in Vietnam, brother of Kim Holder and Michael Birch

Robert F. Immel* - U.S. Navy during WWII, father of Bob Immel
Steve Immel - U.S. Army served in Vietnam, brother of Bob Immel
Darrel D. Joyce* - served during the Korean Era in Anchorage Alaska, father of Kathy Joyce
Sherwin Kroll - Specialist 3rd Class, U.S. Army Hospital Lab, Ft. Carson, CO.
Robert J. Linderman - Seaman 2nd Class, U.S. Navy, WWII, Pacific, USS Iowa & Missouri, On Missouri when peace treaty was signed, Victory Medal, Philippines Liberator 2 stars, Asiatic Pacific 6 stars, American Theater Medal, father of Sandra Linderman Finney and Charles F. Linderman
Vic Linderman - U.S. Army, husband of Cheryl Linderman
William MacDonald* - Sergeant, 303rd Company Military Police Corps, Colonel 1st Army Headquarters, 132nd Battery, Army, 1917-19, France; father of Mary Jane MacDonald
Jacob Palmatier* - Corporal, KIA, Iraq, February 24, 2005, son of David and Margie Palmatier
Mac Phillips – 1st Lieutenant, U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard, infantry, 1955-67, father of the Rev. Susan Phillips
Hayden Pfeifer – PV2, Army, son of Bliss White
Pat Randle – U.S. Navy, Karen Broquet’s son in law
Hardin L. Rimbey* - Corporal, Battery C 868th Field Artillery Battalion, Army, 1943-46, Austria-European Army/ Patton’s Army, 2 Purple Hearts; father of Linda Wheal
Robert Schafer – U.S. Army, SPC4, Operation Desert Shield/Storm; fiancé of Betsy Cox
Bradley R. Schwermin - Sergeant, Marine Corp., FSSG, 1st & 3rd Marine Divisions, 4 years of service, Camp Pendleton, California, Alasad, Iraq, Okinawa, Japan; son of Nancy Schwermin
Michael T. Schwermin - Sergeant, Marine Corps, CSSG3, 3rd Division, 4 years of service, Kaneohe, Hawaii; son of Nancy Schwermin
Howard D. Sims* - Lt. Commander, Naval Reserves, 1958-1962, USS Mills based in Newport, Rhode Island, Marines, 1953- 1955, Office of Naval Research in Chicago, 1960-1962, father of Lisa J. Sims
Matthew A. Sorenson – 7th Marine Division, First Force Support Group–Somalia, son of Jan Hill
Norman P. Stromdahl – U.S. Navy, Petty Officer First Class, Aviation Radioman, 1941 to 1945; father of Paul Stromdahl
Christopher P. Stromdahl– U.S. Navy, Petty Officer First Class, Interior Communications Electrician, 2000 to 2004, Iraq War, Navy Commendation Medal, Surface Warfare Specialist Insignia; son of Paul Stromdahl
Judge Stanley Thomas* - U.S. Army, So Pacific, Circa 1942-3, family of George Michael
Robert Warren VonBehren* - Seaman 2nd Class, U.S. Navy, 1945, Pacific; brother of Lou VonBehren*
Ryan John VonBehren- grandson of Lou VonBehren*
Donald E. Wheal - Sgt. Major, 847th Field Artillery Battalion, Pacific1945-47, Korean War 1950-52; father of Chris Wheal
Joshua L. Wheal - Specialist, Charlie Battery 3-27th Field Artillery, 18th Airborne Corps, U.S. Army, 2001-03, United States; son of Chris & Linda Wheal

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To those members of this church and congregation who gave their services to this country in the World War.
As listed on the plaques located in the Narthex.

George Albert Armstrong*	Everett E. Germain*	Ogden B. Munroe*
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William A. Baker*	Robert Lee Greiner*	Adeeb Najim*
Joseph Dean Bixby*	Fervis F. Hamilton*	Leslie Arthur Neil*
Harold M. Bowcock*	Philip W. Hanna*	Adam Nelch*
Robert Wade Bradish*	William Wright Harts*	Frank E. Northcott*
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Willard Bunn*	Charles Goin Lanphier*	Harold L.G. Smith*
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George Edward*	Angus Finley Macleod*	Philip Lee Watts*
Robert B. Edward*	Alexander B. Macpherson*	Frederick Wenzel*
Frank L. Edwards*	Robert Frank Marshall*	Richard H.L. Whalen*
Frank J. English*	Franklin H. McKelvey, Jr.	Ernest Clifford White*
Karl R. Ennenga*	Kenneth McKenzie*	Alta B. Wignall*
John W. Faulds*	Leverett B. McFarlane*	John Williams*
Harrison D. Fischer*	Gilbert G. Miller*	Porter Williams*
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