

HUG A G.I. DAY

APPRECIATE AND HONOR US MILITARY SOLDIERS ON MARCH 4

Among other traditional days such as Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day that are celebrated to recognize and honor the service and sacrifice of soldiers in the United States Armed Forces, the Hug a GI day has its own significance. Since 1996 American citizens have identified March 4 as Hug a GI Day to honor and appreciate the services of the members in US military. Even though it is not a national holiday, every year on March 4th citizens of US celebrate this wonderful day to remember and respect American soldiers past and present. As it is the only date on the calendar that sounds like a military command "march forth" this particular day has been selected as a token of tribute to the army people.

Jefferson County would like to acknowledge our current employees and County Board Supervisors who have served and who are currently serving in the US Military. The following few pages acknowledge these employees and includes the branch they served in, the years that they served and any additional information they shared. Currently, 32 employees have completed this information, which is over 5% of the County workforce! If anyone has been missed, PLEASE contact Human Resources so we can update your personnel record.

Jefferson County would like to encourage all of you to reach out to these individuals and thank them for their invaluable service to our country. While a hug is the theme for the day, I think a handshake and sincere thank you is also appropriate! The County has prepared small 'care packages', including a handful of chocolate hugs and other items from our Veterans Service Office, for these service members. Thank you!

JEFFERSON COUNTY EMPLOYEES SERVING IN THE U.S. MILITARY

<u>Employee Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Military Branch</u>	<u>Years Served</u>	<u>Additional Information</u>
Asmann, Gene	Veterans Service Office	Air Force	1983-2003	"Not much to tell. It went by so quickly. I spent a total of 10 years away from my family on temporary duty (TDYs). The last TDY, stationed me on a British island, where I (literally) fished for my dinner after the aircraft were accounted for after their bombing missions."
Babcock, Paul	County Board District 29	Air Force, Active and Reserve	1959-1965	
Bondurant, Scott A	Sheriff's Office	US Navy	1989-1997	Pearl Harbor, HI; Concord, CA Naval Weapons Station Military Police; Desert Storm Vet.
Brook, Chris	Sheriff's Office	Army	2005-2009	
Buchanan, Ron	County Board, District 6	Army Air Corps (Now, Air Force)	March 1945 - Nov 1945	Served at end of WW II. Chanute Air Force base in Rantoul, IL.
Calvi, Jerome (Jerry)	Human Services	Army	1967-1969	Infantry.
Christensen, Walt	County Board, District 30	US Army	1969-1975	Volunteered for the draft in the fall of 1969. "I was on active duty from November 1969 to September 1971. Aside from training, I spent the entire time at the Nevada Test Site, Mercury, Nevada. Like all assigned there, I worked as support of nuclear weapons testing. It was the most surreal place I've ever been. Chock full of incongruities. The Jefferson County Board is somewhat less surreal."

Counsell, Al	County Board, District 10	Army & Army Reserves	1965-1971	Drafted in 1965. Heavy Equipment Mechanic in Germany from 1965- 1967. Served additional 2 years in Active Reserve and 2 years in Inactive Reserve.
Duesterhoeft, Yvonne	Veterans Service Office	Air Force	1986-1991	"I was stationed at Rhein-Main Air Base in Germany (co-located with the Frankfurt International airport). My official job title was "Administrative Specialist" in a communications group - however, I had the good-fortune to be assigned annually on TDY (temporary duty assignment) as the head costume designer for USAF-Europe's "Showcase" travelling variety show for four seasons. The last season coincided with Bob Hope's last world tour in 1990/91 during Desert Storm—and I was very honored to meet him (and Beverly Clooney!) I'll also never forget when the Berlin Wall came down in November 1989 - that was a really momentous time to be in Germany! My hat's off to my fellow Veterans who had all-expense paid tours to the not-so-nice places - I'll try to make it up to them as their County Veterans Service Officer."
Garcia, Chad	Sheriff's Office	Marine Corps & Army National Guard	1988-1992 (USMC) 2001-2006 (Army Nat'l Guard)	USMC - Desert Storm 1990-1991. US Army Nat'l Guard - Operation Iraqi Freedom 2003-2004.
Gosh, Michael J	Sheriff's Office	US Air Force	1985-1989	Security Police.
Hacht, Jason	Sheriff's Office	Army & Army National Guard	1991-1993 (Army) 2001-2006 (Army Nat'l Guard)	Served in U.S. and Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom). Armor Crewman in the Army and Combat Engineer in National Guard.
Hake, Marsha	Health Department	Army Nurse Corps	1972-1974	Madigan Army Medical Center-Tacoma, WA.
Kircher, Allan R	Central Services	Army	1973-1978	Achieved rank of Sgt. E5. Stationed Friedberg, Germany. Unit placed second in 100-mile Speed March (over 3 days, carrying 20# pack) in Nijmegen, Holland Netherlands.
Klemke, Tom	Sheriff's Office	US Army and Army Reserves	9 years	Served 1 year for OIF/OEF in Iraq. Served at Camp Bucca, near UM Quasar, Iraq and Baghdad.

Leavens, Art	Human Services	Navy	1977-1981	Served aboard the USS Independence CV62 and at Dam Neck, VA (Va. Beach).
Mode, Jim	County Board, District 20	Wisconsin Army National Guard	1959 - 1964	Spent 18 months on active duty. Discharged with a rank of Sergeant E-5.
Nesthus, Brian R.	Sheriff's Office	US Navy	Active duty 1982-1990 Navy Reserve 1999-2001	Culinary Specialist 1 st Class (SW). Stationed at N.A.S. Chase Field, TX 83-86, then Guided Missile Destroyer USS Luce 86-90. Navy Achievement Medal, Good Conduct, Sea Service Medal, Leading Petty Officer for S-2 Division, Surface Warfare Specialist, Officer of the Deck (in Port), on Board USS Luce DDG-38. Honorable Discharge.
Olson, Ole	Sheriff's Office	Army	1988-1991	Hurricane Hugo Relief, 1989, Mount Pleasant, SC; Desert Storm, 1990; Desert Shield, 1991.
Parker, Jeffrey A	Sheriff's Office	US Air Force	1983-1988	Stationed in Grand Forks, N.D. and RAF Greenham Common, United Kingdom. Provided security for classified government resources as an Air Force Security Specialist.
Rue, Michelle L	Circuit Court	Coast Guard	1991-1994	Coast Guard Communications Station, New Orleans, LA. Served as a top-secret Telecommunications Specialist for the 8 th District.
Schuenke, Douglas	Highway	Army	1968-1975	
Schultz, Dick	County Board, District 28	Army	1969-1972	Served in Viet Nam from October 1969 to October 1970.
Seidel, Joe R	Sheriff's Office	Army	1984-1987	241 st Military Police Company, Fort Monmouth, NJ.
Tietz, Augie	County Board, District 4	US Navy	1955-1959	ACW3 Airborne Air Controller aboard AWAC WV-2 Lockheed Super constellation. Home base Barber's Point Hawaii, Operating base Midway Island. Flew DEW Line - Distant Early Warning line between Midway Island and Adak, Alaska and back. Average flight time 17 hours. Still communicate regularly with crewmates.

Ward, Jon Blair	Corporation Counsel	Wisconsin Army National Guard	2004- Present	Served entire military career as a judge advocate in the Wisconsin Army National Guard JAG Corps. Deployed to Kosovo in the Balkans from November 2011 until September 2012 serving as the Command Judge Advocate (chief legal counsel) for the 157 th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade Headquarters.
Weber, Brian	Human Services	US Coast Guard	1977-1979	Search and Rescue; Law Enforcement Boarding's; Aids to navigation; Admiral Aide/Driver. Duty in Honolulu, Hawaii and Monterey, California.
Wehmeier, Benjamin	Administration	Army & Army National Guard	1999-present	Served Active Duty 1999-2003; Army National Guard 2003-present; and Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2008.
Wolff, Matthew R	Sheriff's Office	US Marine Corps	1994-1996	Military Police Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA.
Worzalla, Tammy	Finance	Army Reserves & Army National Guard	1991-1997	
Zastrow, Daniel J	Highway	US Navy (Seabees)	1980-1987	Equipment Operator "A" school following high school stationed at Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 302 Subic Bay, Philippines for 2 years. Then to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion-4 in California, deployed 9-months at a time to Sigonella, Sicily; Adak, Alaska; and Guam. Operated various equipment. Honorably discharged as an Equipment Operator 2 nd Class Petty Officer.
Zentner, Carlton	County Board, District 26	Army	1954-1955	Served in Korea.



Thank you!