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Representative Beth Kerttula

Alaska State Legislature District 3

HB 277

Sponsor Statement

"An Act naming the Charles Gamble Jr. - Donald Sperl Joint Use Facility in Juneau."

Charles Gamble Jr. and Donald Sperl were two young men from Juneau who served their country in Vietnam. Tragically, both of them were killed in the line of duty within 20 months of each other. Both men had lived in Juneau their entire lives and attended Juneau-Douglas High School before joining the United States Army and being deployed to Vietnam.

The Joint Use Facility/ UAS Student Recreation Center/ National Guard Readiness Center is currently under construction and is slated for completion in July of this year. The facility was built with federal, state and university funds for a total of \$16.3 million.

Naming the joint use facility after Charles and Donald will show our respect for their dedication to our country and honor them for their valiant service. Their names will live on as a reminder for all of true patriotism.

Presented by: Assembly
Introduced: 04/11/2005
Drafted by: J.W. Hartle

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2306

**A Resolution Requesting that the Army National Guard Name
the New National Guard Readiness Center After Donald W.
Sperl and Charles F. Gamble, Jr.**

WHEREAS, Juneau-Douglas High School graduates Donald W. Sperl and Charles F. Gamble, Jr., died serving our country in the Vietnam war; and

WHEREAS, both of these two Juneau residents are listed on the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, and are the only two soldiers listed from Juneau, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army National Guard and the University of Alaska Southeast are building a joint UAS Student Recreation Center and Alaska Army National Guard Readiness Center in Juneau; and

WHEREAS, the National Guard will have to name the new "Readiness Center" facility; and

WHEREAS, it would be appropriate to name the new facility after these two young men who gave their lives for their country.

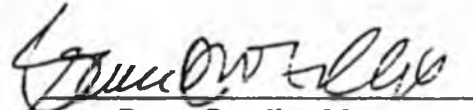
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. The Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau respectfully requests that the U.S. Army National Guard name the new Alaska Army National Guard Readiness Center in honor of these two Juneau men, Donald W. Sperl and Charles F. Gamble, Jr.

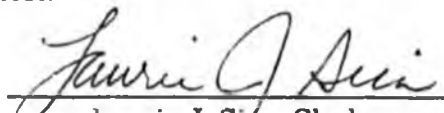
Section 2. Copies of Resolution 2306 shall be provided to the University of Alaska Southeast and the Alaska Army National Guard.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 11th day of April, 2005.


Bruce Botelho, Mayor

Attest:


Laurie J. Sica, Clerk

**STATE OF ALASKA
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Relating to an Alaska National Guard Armory in Juneau.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the Alaska National Guard has maintained armories across the state of Alaska since 1959; and

WHEREAS the Alaska National Guard protects the people and infrastructure of our state, with 84 armories and readiness centers that provide rapid access to all areas of the state; and

WHEREAS the steep mountains, deep waters, open oceans, and inland channels of the southeast area of Alaska create a challenging environment for emergency management, making it essential that emergency workers understand the climate, culture, and coordinates of the area; and

WHEREAS the persons serving in the Alaska National Guard in the southeast area of Alaska are neighbors, coworkers, and friends who dedicate many hours of their busy lives to perfecting their military and emergency readiness skills; and

WHEREAS Juneau was the first Alaska city to have a National Guard unit, and the Alaska National Guard's main armory in the southeast area of Alaska has been located in Juneau since the current armory was constructed in 1960, and

WHEREAS the Alaska National Guard armory in Juneau provides the only battalion headquarters for all of the southeast area of Alaska; and

WHEREAS having a Juneau armory greatly improves the Alaska National Guard's ability to recruit and retain personnel in the state's third largest and capital city; and

WHEREAS the Alaska National Guard armory in Juneau is now located on property owned by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, and the City and Borough of Juneau and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority have worked together to provide a new site for a National Guard readiness center; and

WHEREAS the National Guard is also considering constructing a joint facility with the University of Alaska Southeast, and the facility would improve the capacity of both the Alaska National Guard and the University of Alaska Southeast to fulfill their missions in a manner that is cost-efficient for both;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports building a new Alaska National Guard Armory in Juneau and calls on the National Guard Bureau to make the project a high priority; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature calls on the United States Congress to make appropriations to fund a new armory in Juneau, in keeping with the national interest.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald Rumsfeld, United States Secretary of Defense; General Eric K. Shinseki, U.S. Army Chief of Staff; Lieutenant General Russell C. Davis, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Major General Roger C. Schultz, Director, Army National Guard; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Paula Cadlente

From: Lindegaards [Dock3050@pci.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2005 12:33 PM
To: Sen. Kim Elton
Subject: Naming the new armory here in Juneau

Dear Senator Elton,

Eric and I are both in favor of honoring Charles Gamble and Don Sperl, by naming the the National Guard Armory after our two Vietnam War heroes. Don and Charlie are our hometown boys, and gave their lives for our service, our freedom, and the embetterment of Vietnam. They honored their families, and their whole community. We would like to return that honor, by not forgetting them, and the values for which they stood. Please represent our wishes to name the new National Guard Armory, the Sperl-Gamble Armory.

Sincerely yours, Bunny & Eric Lindegaard

Aurora Hauke

From: Arlene Crumrine [arlenec@alaska.com]
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2005 2:25 PM
To: Rep. Bruce Weyhrauch; Sen. Kim Elton; Rep. Beth Kerttula
Subject: Sperl-Gamble Center

Dear Bruce, Kim and Beth:

As chairperson of the Juneau-Douglas 40th class reunion (this year), I would like to ask you support to help get the new National Guard Armory named for two of our classmates who died in Viet Nam. Both of them died shortly out of high school. Don was in our class and Chuck was a good friend. All of us who have lost loved ones, either by war or some other senseless tragedy, would love to have their names on a building. (Obviously I can't do that for my grandson but we did get his name up by the crossing where he was killed.) Again, I ask for your support in helping us with this project.

Thank you,
Arlene Crumrine



Alaska State Legislature

Official Business

State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

April 29, 2005

Representative Paul Seaton, Chair
House State Affairs Committee

Dear Representative Seaton,

As co-sponsors of HB 277, an act naming the Charles Gamble, Jr. – Donald Sperl Joint Use Facility in Juneau, and in honor of Vietnam Veterans Recognition Week, May 1- May 7, 2005, we ask that you waive this bill from your committee. We ask for this waiver simply to enable the legislature to pass this non-controversial legislation during a time when its passage can complement our recognition of Vietnam Veterans. These gentlemen both died as a result of their service in Vietnam and we should honor them appropriately.

We thank you for your attention to our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Thomas".

Rep. Bill Thomas

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Beth Kerttula".

Rep. Beth Kerttula



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Vietnam Veterans Recognition Week

VFW Posts worldwide will host Vietnam Veterans Recognition Week May 1-7, 2005. An array of activities are planned during the week to recognize Vietnam veterans and their families. For ideas and helpful hints in organizing your event, click on the links at right.

Related Links:

- > Vietnam Veteran Week Brochure
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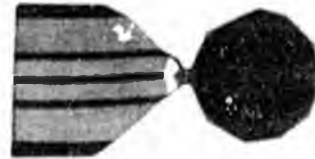
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Your Service Made a Difference

This Certificate of Recognition is Proudly Presented to:



Presented during VFW's Vietnam Veterans
Appreciation Week, May 1-7, 2005

In recognition of your service during the Vietnam War, the
Veterans of Foreign Wars presents this certificate as a token
of its respect.

Vietnam Veterans Recognition Week, May 1-7



Vietnam veterans
(clockwise from front
center) James Glavin,
Eddie Brooks, Paul
Connors, Don Bayer and
Frank Brinson. They were
featured in the April 1997
issue of VFW magazine.

KICK-OFF: VFW Loyalty Day, Sunday May 1, 2005

Help recognize the more than 3.4 million veterans who served in the Vietnam War during this recognition week. Their service to our country is an important part of our history.

- **Host an open house at your Post.** Invite Vietnam veterans and their families. Put VFW memorabilia and awards on display. If your Post can't accommodate a large group, find a location that can. You may need to obtain a permit.
- **Have a recognition dinner or lunch.** Host a Post dinner or lunch to honor Vietnam veterans and their families.
- **Present Citations to Veterans.** Present the citation on the back page of this brochure to Vietnam veterans. Make copies at your local copy shop VFW leaders should sign them.
- **Invite the community to participate in the ceremony.** Share the experience by inviting the public to be part of the recognition at your Post. People you will need or should consider as speakers are: the Mayor and other elected officials, a local military leader and the media.
- **Set up interviews.** Invite Vietnam veterans to be interviewed and video or audio tape their interview for the Library of Congress's "Veterans History Project." (For more information on the Veterans History Project call 1-888-371-5848 or (202) 707-4916 Or visit their Web site at: www.loc.gov/tallhilf/vets/)
- **Request a proclamation.** Have the Governor, mayor or selectman issue the proclamation on page 2.
- **Start promoting your event at least four to six weeks in advance.** Follow our sample press release on page 2 and send a typed news release to local news media and your local church, school or business bulletins in your community. Two weeks before the recognition week, send the suggested editorial/letter to the editor of your local newspaper.
- **Ask local news media to highlight members contributions to the community all week.** Prepare a list of Vietnam veteran speakers to be interviewed by the media. Use your Post or a local memorial location for the interviews.
- **During the week, promote "VFW Veterans in the Classroom" activities at local schools.** Form a panel of veterans who served in Vietnam and people who can talk about the homefront experience during the war. Make copies of the educational insert and distribute to teachers. While at the school, present a US flag for display that will honor Vietnam veterans.



Note: This brochure is available on the VFW Web site: www.vfw.org starting February 2005. Register your Post activity on line or send a note to VFW's Citizenship Education Department, 406 W. 74th St., Kansas City, Mo. 64111. Describe your activity and provide a contact name and phone number.

Proclamation

Whereas,

This nation is kept strong and free by the loyal citizens who preserve our precious American heritage through their positive patriotic declarations and actions, and

Whereas,

All loyal citizens should make it their duty to inspire complete patriotism among all of our peoples, and

Whereas,

We urgently need a vigorous display of true red, white and blue Americanism, thus convincing friends and foe alike that our nation is firmly united for self preservation, now

Therefore,

I (name of official and title), of the City/State of (name of state), hereby concur with the Congress and President of the United States in designating the first day of May as Loyalty Day, celebrated annually for over fifty years throughout the nation, and I urge every individual, school, church, organization, business establishment and household within my official jurisdiction to publicly reaffirm their strong allegiance to our Flag and Country through active participation in patriotic programs being sponsored and recognize the start of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Ladies Auxiliary "Vietnam Veterans Recognition Week," May 1-7, beginning on this Loyalty Day, May 1, 2005.



Official

Veterans of Foreign Wars
NEWS RELEASE
Contact Information

Name:
Phone:

For Immediate Release
Community invited to

VFW Recognize Vietnam Veterans Event

Date:

VFW Post

announced today that a Recognize Vietnam Veterans event will be held at _____ on Loyalty Day, May 1, at _____.

A spokesperson from the VFW said this event is one of hundreds that will be held this week by VFW and Ladies Auxiliary VFW members nationwide and overseas as part of VFW's Vietnam Veterans Recognition week, May 1-7, 2005.

"This is an excellent opportunity for the VFW to let our communities know that our Vietnam Veterans continue to serve our country and will continue to make the VFW the nation's leading veterans organization," said _____.

Editorial

(Send this to your media two weeks in advance of the week off.)
The Veterans of Foreign Wars is designating May 1-7, 2005, as Vietnam Veterans Recognition Week.

More than 3,403,000 American military personnel served in Vietnam and in Southeast Asia during the war. The service of our armed forces reflected the true dedication they held to America, to freedom and to human rights. Vietnam veterans, will tell you they fought for one reason: freedom.

Vietnam veterans often bore the brunt of a nation angry and divided by the war. Despite being treated with disrespect and derision upon returning home, and slighted by a nation that appreciated victory more than honorable service, Vietnam veterans proudly knew they fought the good fight, and their cause was a just one.

Vietnam veterans can be proud of their legacy, especially the vow they made to ensure that future generations of veterans will always receive the assistance and appreciation they earned.

Notwithstanding the stereotype sometimes depicted by Hollywood and in the media, the majority of those who served in Vietnam returned home and put the war behind them. Some became doctors or lawyers. Some became teachers or social workers. Some chose to run for political office. All in all, they made a decision to make a difference, to do what they could to make the world a better place.

The contributions Vietnam veterans have made to America and to society are endless. They deserve nothing but respect and admiration for their dedication to service and country.

SPEECH

(Greeting/Salutation)

For many long years, from February 20, 1961 to May 7, 1975, members of our armed forces fought on behalf of the South Vietnamese people.

Today, we have the opportunity to not only pause and reflect, but to remember and honor the memory of the more 58,000 men and women who gave so much — the ultimate sacrifice for freedom's sake.

During VFW's Vietnam Veterans Recognition Week, we also need to use this occasion to honor and remember the more than 3,403,000 military personnel who served in the republic of South Vietnam or elsewhere in Southeast Asia in support of the U.S. military operations in Vietnam.

Because of the actions of Vietnam veterans, the flame of freedom burns brighter today than ever before throughout the world. The tradition of service demonstrated by those who served during the Vietnam War provides lasting testimony to the indomitable and tenacious spirit that resides in the heart of our Vietnam veterans.

Vietnam War veterans were everyday people made extraordinary by events beyond their control. They did their duty not out of bravado or boldness, but out of a sense of duty and because they had a deep and abiding love for their country. Quite simply, they believed in the promise of the American dream and the essential goodness of America.

Vietnam veterans fought to preserve democracy and freedom, not just here in America, but for all freedom-loving people around the world. The freedom and prosperity we enjoy today is in large part, guaranteed by all of those who served so honorably in Vietnam.

All of us need to be forever thankful to all of them for their unselfish devotion and for their courageous willingness to put their life at risk.

We honor them because we appreciate what they have given us. Without their contributions the world would be a much different place ... a darker place. Our Vietnam veterans performed the highest form of public service. They are one of the reasons we stand apart from the rest of the world as a nation. When it all came down to it, they stood strong, and when it was needed, they answered the challenge.

Vietnam veterans are worthy of every praise, monument and memorial that we could offer. But the best way to honor the Vietnam veteran is to help them honor the vow they made to ensure that every new generation of veterans are appreciated and receive the dignity and respect they have earned; to see to it that every veteran receives the benefits and entitlements they deserve is one way of maintaining a link to the thousands of men and women who helped to secure so many blessings for us.

At this time, I would invite all Vietnam veterans in the audience to please stand or raise your hand to be recognized. (Start clapping when the veterans rise.)

The most generous honor we could bestow to the Vietnam veteran is to use the many opportunities that are afforded us to rededicate ourselves to our country, to America's veterans and to their families.

It is time for the nation to give our Vietnam Veterans their due and thank them for their noble efforts and achievements.



Map courtesy of the West Point Museum Collections, United States Military Academy



Vietnam Warriors

A Statistical Profile

Confusion reigns when it comes to numbers and the Vietnam War. Listed below are some figures that may help sort out fact from fiction in many media reports concerning veterans.

IN UNIFORM AND IN COUNTRY

- Vietnam Vets: 9.7% of their generation.
- 9,087,000 military personnel served on active duty during the Vietnam era (Aug. 5, 1964 - May 7, 1975).
- 8,744,000 personnel were on active duty during the war (Aug. 5, 1964 - March 28, 1973).
- 3,403,100 (including 514,300 offshore) personnel served in the Southeast Asia Theater (Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand and sailors in adjacent South China Sea waters).
- 2,594,000 personnel served within the borders of South Vietnam (Jan. 1, 1965 - March 28, 1973).
- Of the 2.6 million, between 1 and 1.6 million (40-60%) either fought in combat, provided close combat support or were at least fairly regularly exposed to enemy attack. 15% were in combat units.
- Another 50,000 men served in Vietnam between 1960 and 1964.
- 7,484 women (6,250 or 83.5% were nurses) served in Vietnam.
- Peak troop strength in Vietnam, 543,482 (April 30, 1969).

CASUALTIES

- Hostile deaths: 47,418.
- Non-hostile deaths: 10,811.
- Total: 58,229 (includes men formerly classified as MIA and *Magapuez* casualties). Men who have subsequently died of wounds account for the changing total.
- 8 nurses died — 1 was KIA.
- Married men killed: 17,539.
- 61% of the men killed were 21 years old or younger.
- Highest state death rate: West Virginia — 84.1 per 100,000 males (national average in 1970: 58.9).
- Wounded: 303,704 — 153,329 hospital-

- ized + 150,375 injured who required no hospital care.
- Severely disabled: 75,000 — 23,214 100% disabled; 5,283 lost limbs; 1,081 sustained multiple amputations.
- Amputation or crippling wounds to the lower extremities were 300% higher than in WWII and 70% higher than in Korea. Multiple amputations occurred at the rate of 18.4% compared to 5.7% in WWII.
- Missing in Action: 2,338 (at war's end).
- Prisoners of War: 718 (114 died in captivity).

DRAFTEES VS. VOLUNTEERS

- 25% (648,500) of total forces in country were draftees (66% of U.S. armed forces members in WWII were drafted).
- Draftees accounted for 30.4% (17.7% of combat deaths) in Vietnam.
- Reservists killed: 977.
- National Guard: 703 served; 22 KIA.

RACE AND ETHNIC BACKGROUND

- 88.4% of the men who actually served in Vietnam were Caucasian (includes Hispanics); 10.6% (27,000) were black; 1% belonged to other races.
- 86.3% of the men who died in Vietnam were Caucasian; 12.5% (7,241) were black; 1.2% belonged to other races.
- 170,000 Hispanics served in Vietnam; 3,070 (5.2% of total) died there.
- 86.8% of the men who were killed as a result of hostile action were Caucasian; 12.1% (5,711) were black; 1.1% belonged to other races.
- 14.6% (1,530) of non-combat deaths were among blacks.
- 34% of blacks who enlisted volunteered for the combat arms.
- Overall, blacks suffered 12.5% of the deaths in Vietnam at a time when the

- percentage of blacks of military age was 13.5% of the total population.
- Religion of dead: Protestant — 64.4%; Catholic — 28.9%; other/none — 6.7%.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS

- 76% of the men sent to Vietnam were from lower middle/working class backgrounds.
- Three-fourths had family incomes above the poverty level. 50% were from middle-income backgrounds.
- Some 23% of Vietnam vets had fathers with professional, managerial or technical occupations.
- 79% of the men who served in Vietnam had a high school education or better when they entered the military service (63% of Korean War vets and only 45% of WWII vets had completed high school upon separation).

WINNING & LOSING

- 42% of veterans who saw heavy combat strongly believe the war was lost because of lack of political will.
- Nearly 75% of the general public agrees that it was a failure of political will, not of arms.

AGE & HONORABLE SERVICE

- Average age of the Vietnam War GI: 19 (26 for WWII).
- 97% of Vietnam era veterans were honorably discharged.

PRIDE IN SERVICE

- 91% of actual Vietnam War veterans and 90% of those who saw heavy combat are proud to have served their country.
- 66% of Vietnam vets say they would serve again if called upon (pooled in the 1980's).
- 87% of the public now holds Vietnam veterans in high esteem.

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From the pages of VFW magazine.

Vietnam Vets in the Public Eye

Successful In Every Field

Some 3.4 million Americans served in the Vietnam War. Many of them came home to make exceptional contributions in their chosen professions. Profiled here are just a few of the Vietnam veterans who are perhaps better known to the general public. But they are just a sampling of the tens of thousands of the war's vets who have made an outstanding difference in their communities. Despite the negative stereotype perpetuated by the media and Hollywood for decades, Vietnam vets have always played a positive role in the development of their nation.



COLIN L. POWELL
(1937-) b Harlem, N.Y.
Secretary of State

Secretary of State since Jan. 20, 2001. Colin Powell is credited with energizing the morale of that Cabinet department and advancing U.S. interests abroad. As chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (1989-1993), he was regarded as

the most powerful and popular ever. He also was national security adviser (1987-89) and was chairman of the National Security Council's policy review group.

During his first tour in Vietnam, Powell was an adviser to the 2nd Bn., 3rd Inf. Regt., 1st ARVN Div., and later assistant adviser on the division operations staff. From July 1968 to July 1969, he was executive officer of the 3rd Bn., 1st Inf., 11th Inf. Bde., Americal Div., based at Duc Phu. Later, he served on the division operations and planning staff at headquarters in Chu Lai.

Powell also chaired America's Promise—The Alliance for Youth, dedicated to mentoring disadvantaged youth, from 1997-2000.



FREDERICK W. SMITH
(1944-) b Marks, Miss.
Businessman

Founder of Federal Express. Fred Smith runs the world's largest express transportation and logistics company. Beginning in 1971, it now operates in 215 countries and has \$26 billion in sales. He was essentially the creator of

overnight delivery.

Smith's first tour (March 1967-April 1968) in Vietnam was with companies I, L, and K of the 3rd Bn., 5th Marines, 1st Marine Div., as a rifle and mortar platoon leader and K Co's commander. Returning to Vietnam, in October 1968, he flew 200 missions with Marine Observation Squadron 2, based at Marble Mountain, until July 1969. He earned a Silver Star, two Purple Hearts and a Navy Commendation Medal for valor.

He has been actively involved with the WWII Memorial (co-chairman) and Vietnam Veterans Memorial. He also is a member of the CATO Institute. Smith was named CEO of the year by *Chief Executive* magazine in 2004.



JAMES V. KIMSEY
(1937-) b Washington, D.C.
Businessman & Philanthropist

A corporate trailblazer who helped shape technological trends, James Kimsey founded America Online, the world's most widely accessed online service. Today, he is chairman emeritus, as well as chairman of Kimsey Foundation, a

philanthropic institution devoted to assisting disadvantaged youth in Washington, D.C.

Kimsey was a company commander in the 82nd Airborne Division in the Dominican Republic in 1965. From 1965-66, while stationed near Duc Pho in Vietnam, he led a district advisory team and constructed and ran an orphanage. On his second tour, 1968-69, he was assistant to the commanding general of special operations at MACV, where he oversaw projects in the field.

On the board of 54 non-profit groups, Kimsey also annually donates millions of dollars to many charitable causes. He is co-chairman of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund's Corporate Council.



JAMES H. WEBB, JR.
(1946-) b St. Joseph, Mo.
Writer

Characterized as "one of the four or five most important writers in this country," Jim Webb has written seven books. His first, *Fields of Fire* (1978), sold 1 million copies.

He also is a contributing editor to *Parade* and a frequent contributor to the *Wall Street Journal's* editorial page. He won an Emmy for covering the Marines in Beirut.

A platoon leader and then commander of D Co., 1st Bn., 5th Marines, 1st Marine Div., Webb fought in the An Hoa Basin from March 1969 to February 1970. He earned the Navy Cross, Silver Star, two Bronze Stars (for valor) and two Purple Hearts.

Webb served as Navy secretary (1987-88), as well as assistant secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs (1994-87). He also was the first Vietnam vet House Veterans Affairs Committee counsel.



DENNIS FRANZ (SCHLACHTA)
(1944-) b Maywood, Ill.
Actor

Known best for his role as Detective Andy Sipowicz in the police drama *NYPD Blue*, Dennis Franz has been in six other TV series and several TV movies. Since 1978, he has acted in 17 films. He

won four Emmy awards for best actor on *NYPD Blue*, which has featured Vietnam veteran characters.

A member of recon platoons in D and E Cos., 1st Bn., 505th Inf., 3rd Bde., 82nd Abn Div and HHC and E Co., 1st Bn., 506th Inf., 101st Abn Div., Franz fought in Vietnam from May 1969 to April 1970.

A "genuine Hollywood rarity," Franz has won Screen Actors Guild and Golden Globe awards for his acting. He received VFW's Hall of Fame Award in 1998 for serving as national chairman of the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans. In 1999, he was honored with a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame.



JACK SMITH
(1945-2004) b Paris, France
Journalist & Media Consultant

Until his death, former national ABC News correspondent Jack Smith ran a consulting firm that advised Internet companies on how to communicate with clients and the public. During his 25 years (1976-2001) at ABC, he won

notoriety, especially as a technology reporter.

Arriving in Vietnam in September 1965 with the 1st Cavalry Division at An Khe, Smith served with C Co., 2nd Bn., 3rd Bde., 7th Cav Regt., as a rifleman. He was severely wounded at Landing Zone Albany during the Battle of Ia Drang Valley that November, earning a Bronze Star. He left Vietnam in August 1966.

Smith had hosted shows on The Discovery Channel, A&E Biography and The Learning Channel, including a six-part series on Vietnam in 1997-98. He was instrumental in promoting the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in its early stages, as well as other veterans causes.



VIC SNYDER
(1946-) b Medford, Ore.
Congressman and Physician

Doctor, lawyer and public servant, Vic Snyder currently serves Arkansas in the House of Representatives. He sits on the National Security and Veterans

Affairs committees. VA medical care is a primary focus; elderly health needs, Social Security and education are top priorities, too.

Snyder served in Vietnam as an administrative clerk with HQ Co., 1st Marine Div., in Da Nang and An Hoa from March 1968 to April 1969. He earned the Navy Achievement Medal for treating a wounded Marine under fire.

Training at VA hospitals, Snyder later worked in emergency rooms and as a family doctor in central Arkansas for 15 years. He also participated in humanitarian medical missions to Thailand, Honduras, Sierra Leone and Sudan where he cared for war refugees.



WALTER H. ANDERSON
(1944-) b Mt Vernon, N.Y.
Publisher/Editor

Chairman, CEO and publisher of *Parade* since 2000. He was editor of the world's largest circulation magazine (77 million) for 20 years. Throughout his career, he has helped steer the popular Sunday publication to phenomenal editorial and advertising success.

Anderson arrived in Vietnam in

March 1965. Stationed around Da Nang, he was a sergeant with a Radio Relay and Construction Team assigned to Marine Air Group 26. His unit established communications at Chu Lai. He returned home that December. "What I am today is a result of the Marine Corps," he once said.

An award-winning journalist, he is highly respected in his field. He is the author of four books. Under his direction, *Parade* published many articles about and by Vietnam vets. Anderson worked with the New York Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program from 1984-89, which focused on employment.

A champion of literacy, he is a spokesman for general educational development, as well as an accomplished public speaker.



J. CRAIG VENTER
(1945-) b Salt Lake City, Utah
Scientist (Biochemist)

For his pioneering work as a "gene mapper," J. Craig Venter is credited with "jump-starting a biological revolution." *Time* named him runner up for "Man of the Year" for helping crack the human genetic code—one of the most important scientific milestones of the century.

A scientific dynamo, Venter has

founded four research institutes and one foundation since 1992. Their scope of research includes human genome mapping, biological energy alternatives, pharmaceutical development and possible cures for cancer. He is currently focusing his research on discovering new species of marine life by sampling water from every ocean in the world.

Venter served in the Navy from 1965-68. He was a medical corpsman stationed at the U.S. Navy hospital in Da Nang from July 1967 to August 1968.

One of the most cited scientists in biology and medicine, Venter has authored some 222 research articles. He is a prominent member of several scientific societies and his work has garnered many prestigious scientific awards.

ers running back (1970-80), he was one of the team's leading ground gainers and played in four Super Bowls.

Bleier served as a rifleman with 1st Plt., C Co., 4th Bn., 31st Inf., 196th Light Inf. Bde., Americal Div., from May to Aug. 20, 1969, when he was wounded in both legs in the Hiep Duc Valley. He battled for two years to overcome his wounds.

He is active on behalf of charitable groups such as the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and International Special Olympics. And he is a member of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial National Sponsoring Committee.

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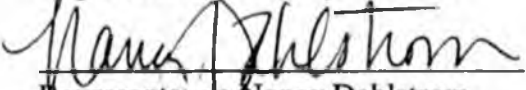
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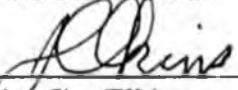
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