

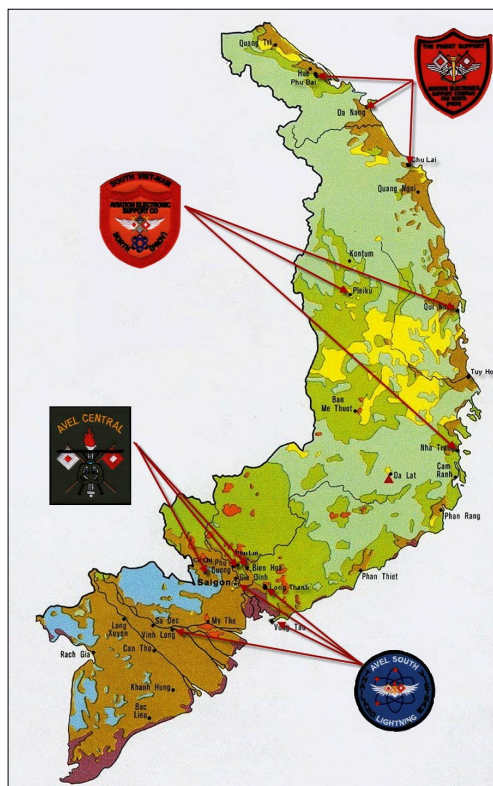
Celebrity Vietnam Vets

Glenn Ford

Glenn Ford was born in Canada, where his father was a railroad conductor. The family moved to California when Ford was eight, and he grew to think of himself as an American. He attended Santa Monica High School, where he appeared in several school plays. His first professional role was in a stage production of Lillian Hellman's melodrama *The Children's Hour*.

He became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1939. In 1941, months before Pearl Harbor was attacked, Ford joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary, where he was on duty some evenings and occasional weekends. Already a movie star, he asked for "regular duty", to be treated as one of the guys, not a celebrity

Ten months after Ford's portrait of a young anti-Nazi exile, the United States entered World War II. After playing a young pilot in his 11th Columbia film, *Flight Lieutenant* (1942), Ford went on a cross-country 12-city tour to sell war bonds for Army and Navy Relief. In the midst of the many stars also donating their time – from Bob Hope to Cary Grant to Claudette Colbert – he met the popular dancing star, Eleanor Powell.



The two soon fell in love; they attended the official opening of the Hollywood USO together in October. Then, while making another war drama, *Destroyer*, with Edward G. Robinson, an ardent anti-Fascist, Glenn impulsively volunteered for the United States Marine Corps Reserve on December 13, 1942. The startled studio had to beg the Marines to give their second male lead four more weeks to complete shooting.[9] In the meantime, Ford proposed to Eleanor Powell, who subsequently announced her retirement from the screen to be near her fiancé as he started boot camp.

Ford recalled to his son that Bill Holden, who had joined the Army Air Corps and he, "talked about it and we were both convinced that our careers, which were just getting established, would likely be forgotten by the time we got back ... if we got back."

He was assigned in March 1943 to active duty at the Marine Corps Base in San Diego. With his Coast Guard service, he was offered a position as an officer, but Ford declined, feeling it would be interpreted as preferential treatment for a movie star and instead entered the Marines as a private. He trained at the Marine base in San Diego, where Tyrone Power, the number-one male movie star at the time, was also based. Power suggested Ford join him in the Marine's weekly radio show, *Halls of Montezuma* broadcast Sunday evenings from San Diego. Ford excelled in his training, and was named "Honor Man" of the platoon and promoted to sergeant by the time he finished.

Awaiting assignment at Camp Pendleton, Marine Corps base, Camp Lejeune, Ford volunteered to play a Marine raider – uncredited – in the film *Guadalcanal Diary*, made by Fox, with Ford and others charging up the beaches of Southern California.

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Frustratingly for Ford, filming battle scenes was the closest he would ever get to any action. After being sent to Marine Corps Schools Detachment (Photographic Section) in Quantico, Virginia, three months later, Ford returned to the San Diego base in February 1944 and was assigned to the radio section of the Public Relations Office, Headquarters Company, Base Headquarters Battalion, where he resumed work on Halls of Montezuma.

Unfortunately – just as Eleanor, now his wife, was expecting the birth of their child, and Ford himself was looking forward to Officers Training School – he was felled by inexplicable abdominal pain and hospitalized at the U.S. Naval Hospital in San Diego with what turned out to be duodenal ulcers, an affliction for the remainder of his life. He was in and out of the hospital for the next five months, and finally received a medical discharge on the third anniversary of Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1944. Though his time in the Marines was without the combat duty he had been hoping for, Ford had been serving his country for longer than it had technically been at war.

Unusually for a World War II veteran, most of whom were only too happy to be finished with the war, Ford joined up for yet a third time in 1958. He entered the U.S. Naval Reserve, was commissioned as a lieutenant commander and made a public affairs officer – ironically, the very position he had portrayed the previous year in the successful comedy *Don't Go Near the Water*. During his annual training tours, he promoted the Navy through radio and television broadcasts, personal appearances, and documentary films.

Ford continued to combine his film career with his military service and was promoted to commander in 1963 and captain in 1968, after he went to Vietnam in 1967 for a month's tour of duty as a location scout for combat scenes in a training film entitled *Global Marine*. In support of Democrat President Lyndon Johnson's escalation of the Vietnam War, he traveled with a combat camera crew from the demilitarized zone south to the Mekong Delta. For his service in Vietnam, the Navy awarded him a Navy Commendation Medal. He finally retired from the Naval Reserve in the 1970s at the rank of Captain.



Ford suffered a series of minor strokes which left him in frail health in the years leading up to his death. He died in his Beverly Hills home on August 30, 2006, at the age of 90.

WELCOME HOME, GLENN



Vet Charity Scams BUSTED!

Federal and state law enforcement agents this summer carried out a sweeping crackdown on charities that allegedly sought to bilk people under the guise of helping veterans.

Older Americans particularly are targeted by phony veterans charities, according to Lois Greisman, an official at the Federal Trade Commission: "We know older adults are very generous, and some of the scammers have lists and are targeting older consumers." The FTC and state officials announced this summer more than 100 actions against sham charities accused of cheating donors out of millions of dollars.

The organizations-some of which also claim to aid active-duty military-use names such as Act of Valor, Medal of Honor, Saving Our Soldiers and Vets Fighting Breast Cancer to fool people into making donations, authorities say.

While no tally of stolen donations was released by the FTC, just one group called Help the Vets defrauded Americans of \$20 million intended for wounded and disabled veterans between 2014 and 2017, the commission reports. "The harm here is enormous" Greisman says. "Think of the legitimate charities deprived of money that could be put to good use."

Law enforcement officials say these fraud disclosures should not discourage worthy donations. "The vast majority of charitable organizations do good and important work," says Nebraska Attorney General Doug Peterson. He urged Americans to look up charities' records so they can "donate with confidence:"

Be careful who you donate to.....

Plan to build the Vietnam War Education Center on the National Mall is abandoned!

WASHINGTON – An effort to establish a Vietnam War education center on the National Mall was abandoned Friday after 17 years of planning and \$23 million in donations already spent.

The board of directors of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund announced Friday that it would "terminate efforts to construct a physical building on the National Mall," according to a news release.

Jan Scruggs, who led the project to create the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in the 1980s, conceived the idea for an education center in 2001.

The Education Center at the Wall was intended to be a gathering place for tour groups to learn about the Vietnam War and the memorial itself – its history, design and the controversy surrounding it – before visiting the wall.

"We know many veterans and supporters are disappointed in this outcome," John Dibble, chairman of the board, said in a statement. "We also are disappointed that the early enthusiasm and support did not result in a completed building.

Dibble said the project "has faced many difficult challenges" and funding for it "simply has not materialized." The idea grew in scope during the last 10 years, Dibble said. The original estimate put the project at \$40 million. The latest concept was for a 40,000-square-foot building, including a courtyard, estimated at \$130 million.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund had so far raised about \$45 million. Of that, \$23 million was spent on construction design, planning the exhibits, outreach about the project and other preliminary work, the group said. Another \$17 million was set aside for construction. That money "may be returned," after the board speaks with the donors, according to the news release. The remaining \$5 million was committed but never received.

Last week, the military news website Task & Purpose revealed some past and present board members considered the project a hopeless cause with no exit strategy.

On Friday, a website for the education center was scraped clean except for a message saying the board ended the project, with a link to the news release. Instead of building a physical location, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund wants to focus on creating more educational online resources.

Former Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, an early supporter of the education center, said in a statement that he thought the board made the right decision.

I donated towards it. I wonder how many of us did.....



Vietnam War Veteran Employees Honored Landstar joins the nation in thanks to Vietnam veterans

Recently, Mike Cashner, Vice President of Government Services, helped to pay tribute to four longtime Landstar employees: recently retired John Gibson of Government Operations, Don Van de Laar of Expedited Truck Operations, Jerry Mahanay (*Avel Central, Phu Loi*) of Operations - Domestic Air, and Paul Rondeau of IT-Voice Communications.

Each served in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and was honored as part of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration program, detailed below.

Thank you to Mike for bringing the program to Landstar, and a very big thank you to John, Don, Jerry, and Paul for your service!



HOW MUCH DID YOU MAKE IN 1971?

PL 91-656, 91st Congress, 2nd Session

Monthly Basic Pay and Allowances

Effective: 1 January 1971

Rank	Cumulative Years of Service ^{1/}														Personal Money Allowance	Basic Allowance for Subsistence	Basic Allowance for Quarters		
	Under 2	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 26			With Dependent	Without Dependent	
CNO ^{2/}	3,000.00															333.33	47.88	201.00	160.20
O-10	2,111.40	2,185.80				2,269.50		2,443.50		2,618.40		2,793.30		2,967.60		183.33	47.88	201.00	160.20
O-9	1,871.40	1,920.60	1,961.70			2,011.20		2,094.60		2,269.50		2,443.50		2,618.40		41.67 ^{3/}	47.88	201.00	160.20
O-8	1,695.00	1,745.70	1,787.40			1,920.60		2,011.20		2,094.60	2,185.80	2,269.50	2,361.00				47.88	201.00	160.20
O-7	1,408.20	1,504.20			1,571.10		1,662.60		1,745.70	1,920.60	2,052.60						47.88	201.00	160.20
O-6	1,043.70	1,147.20	1,221.90						1,263.30	1,463.10	1,537.80	1,571.10	1,662.60	1,803.30			47.88	170.10	140.10
O-5	834.60	980.70	1,047.90				1,080.30	1,137.90	1,213.80	1,304.70	1,379.70	1,421.10	1,471.20				47.88	157.50	130.20
O-4	704.10	856.50	914.40		930.60	972.30	1,038.30	1,097.10	1,147.20	1,197.00	1,230.30						47.88	145.05	120.00
O-3	654.30	731.10	781.20	864.90	906.00	938.70	989.10	1,038.30	1,063.80								47.88	130.05	105.00
O-2	524.40	622.80	748.20	773.10	789.30												47.88	120.00	95.10
O-1	450.60	499.20	622.80														47.88	110.10	85.10
O-3E				864.90	906.00	938.70	989.10	1,038.30	1,080.30								47.88	130.05	105.00
O-2E				773.10	789.30	814.20	856.50	889.80	914.40								47.88	120.00	95.10
O-1E				622.80	665.10	690.00	714.60	739.80	773.10								47.88	110.10	85.20
W-4	666.30	714.60	731.10	764.40	798.00	831.00	889.80	930.60	963.90	989.10	1,022.10	1,058.00	1,137.90				47.88	145.05	120.00
W-3	605.70	657.00	665.10	673.20	722.40	764.40	789.30	814.20	838.80	864.90	897.90	930.60	963.90				47.88	130.05	105.00
W-2	530.40	573.60	590.40	622.80	657.00	681.90	706.50	731.10	756.60	781.20	806.10	838.80					47.88	120.00	95.10
W-1	441.90	507.00	549.00	573.60	598.50	622.80	648.30	673.20	698.10	722.40	748.20						47.88	110.10	85.20

Rank	Cumulative Years of Service ^{1/}														Basic Allowance for Quarters			
	Under 2	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 26	One Dependent	Two Dependents	Three or Dependents	Without Dependent
E-9 ^{4/}							756.90	774.30	792.00	809.70	827.70	843.90	888.60	975.00	184.20	120.00	120.00	85.20
E-8						635.10	652.80	670.20	687.90	705.30	722.10	740.10	783.60	870.90	172.20	130.80	120.00	85.20
E-7	399.00	478.50	496.20	513.60	531.30	548.10	565.50	583.50	609.60	626.70	644.10	652.80	696.60	783.60	161.40	122.10	114.90	75.00
E-6	344.10	417.90	435.00	453.00	470.40	487.50	505.20	531.30	548.10	565.50	574.50				150.00	104.70	110.10	70.20
E-5	297.30	366.00	383.70	400.50	426.60	444.00	461.70	478.50	487.50						138.60	95.70	105.00	70.20
E-4	249.90	312.90	330.90	356.70	374.40										121.50	92.70	105.00	60.00
E-3	180.90	252.30	269.70	287.40											105.00	81.60	105.00	60.00
E-2	149.10	208.80													105.00	72.30	105.00	60.00
E-1 +4mos	143.70	191.10													105.00	63.90	105.00	60.00
E-1 -4mos	134.40														105.00	60.00	105.00	60.00



Woman finds Vietnam War vet's photos in her ceiling and then tracks him down

LIGHTHOUSE POINT, Fla. (Tribune News Service) — For a quarter of a century, an envelope filled with military photographs from the Vietnam War era lay tucked away in the ceiling of a home in Lighthouse Point.

The long-forgotten photos found new life after a worker replacing the kitchen ceiling found the envelope resting on insulation, where they must have fallen after being stashed in the attic.

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Curious, homeowner Monique Bourassa Fuchs opened the envelope. Inside were 64 photos she'd never seen before along with yellowed newspaper clippings, two military badges and a letter from the late FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to Robert D. Wells. The letter, dated July 9, 1969, advised him to apply for a special agent position when he returned home from his military travels.

"I thought, 'Oh my God, I need to find the owner,'" Fuchs, 65, told the South Florida Sun Sentinel on Wednesday. "I really would like to find the family. Because these are not my photos."

A quick call to the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office — which confirmed Wells bought the house in July 1993 and sold it in May 1994 — and a search of voter rolls did the trick.

Robert Wells, a captain in the U.S. Marines when he left the service in December 1972, now lives with wife Barbara in Delray Beach. He had no idea the photos had gone missing. Wells said he was "flabbergasted" someone had gone to so much trouble to find him over some old photos.

And Fuchs was thrilled to learn Wells was only a county away.

"This is so cool," she said. "I tried for a week to find him. And you did that in one day!"

Speaking of photos.... If you have photos of your time in Vietnam please send them so we can add them to the website!

IN-COUNTRY



WELCOME TO 1969...'70...'71...'72...'73.....



IN-COUNTRY



YOU JUST HAVE TO KNOW WHO TO ASK!

NEW AVEL, AVIONICS AND VIETNAM VETERANS REGISTERED

Renner, John A. (SP4)
CMR 495 Box 1106
APO, AE. 09034
491604449250
23rd Artillery Aviation, Phu Loi, Long Binh: 1970-1971
johnarenner@gmail.com
MOS: 35L20, but worked the flight line
Army Retired: SFC

TAPS

None Reported

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Bob Madore, 22139 N Van Loo Dr. #0, Maricopa, AZ 85138

All Avel Gathering/Reunion 2018

This years gathering/Reunion will be held in Huntersville (near Charlotte), North Carolina. AS of this News-
letter we have 61 people attending including 33 vets and 28 guests. I expect more to register as the summer
progresses.

October 18 - 21, 2018

Country Inn & Suites

16617 Statesville Rd.
Huntersville, NC 28078

We have a room block from 15 - 24 October but please reserve your room as soon as possible if you think you are coming. You can always cancel your reservation without cost 48 hours before check-in.

They have 3 handicap rooms and one has already been reserved.

Call 704-895-6565 and tell them you are with the Avel Vietnam Reunion. If you have any problems call Jack McCabe at 847-778-3473.



Events Planned

If you are flying in please note that there is no shuttle from the airport to the hotel. However, when you have made your flight arrangements we will pick you up at the airport when you arrive and drive you back for your return flight.

The hotel is just a short 30 minute (when traffic is good) to downtown Charlotte. Information of attractions and activities in Charlotte and the surrounding area will be forthcoming.

Wednesday, 17 October

Early bird arrivals will be treated to dinner at the McCabe's house on their deck.
Our house is a short 25 minute drive from the hotel.

Thursday, 18 October

Ft Jackson hold basic training graduations on Thursday morning at 09:00.
Those who would like to go will be car pooled.
For those interested we will car-pool to Port City Club in Cornelius for dinner

Friday, 19 October

Ladies luncheon at Red Rocks Café, Birkdale Village. We will provide transportation
John Veers Martini Golf Outing: Verdict Ridge Golf & Country Club, 11:00. Cost is \$44.00/per person. We can bring our own beverages on the course.

Saturday, 20 October

We will bus to two or three wineries for tasting and lunch. All costs paid by the Avel Reunion.
Final group dinner at the hotel in the Hospitality Room

Sunday, 21 October

Transportation to the airport will be provided by Jack and others with cars for those who need.

We will have a hospitality room with complete beverages and snacks throughout the event.

Cost of the Reunion is \$70.00/person payable to Avel Reunion

Mail checks payable to "Avel Reunion" to Jack McCabe, 2120 Augusta National Dr., Denver, NC 28037

DOES YOUR UNIFORM STILL FIT?

We received a few photos and want MORE! Send them to my email and I will publish them in the next Newsletter! [Send them to jmccabe51@gmail.com](mailto:jmccabe51@gmail.com).



Gold Star monument planned for families in Florida

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Ashley Lukasiewicz envisions a place where her children, ages 3 and 5, can reflect on the sacrifices they have made for their country.

The kids are young, but they know their father, a Marine pilot, died helping others. They are growing up without him because of his dangerous 2015 mission, which saved many lives.

Suzi Fernandez would like a quiet place where she can connect with other parents whose sons and daughters died while fighting with the U.S. military in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere.

The local woman recently joined forces with others who have lost loved ones while they were serving in the U.S. military. The group hopes to bring a monument to Gold Star families to Pensacola. "We are part of a club and it's a club that you don't want to be in," said Fernandez.

Her son, Air Force Staff Sgt. Forest Sibley, was killed in Afghanistan in 2015 when the team he was with was gunned down at a vehicle checkpoint by men wearing Afghan National Defense and Security Forces uniforms.

Lukasiewicz's husband, Marine Capt. Dustin Lukasiewicz, was killed during a 2015 humanitarian mission following an earthquake in Nepal.

The two women have forged a bond through their work to bring the Gold Star family memorial to Pensacola. They want the community to know more about the loved ones they lost and the sacrifices made by the families of those who serve.

"I think this monument is something that almost puts a face to the names. These people were real and they left behind real families. We are real people and we were left behind," Lukasiewicz said.

While Pensacola's Veterans Memorial Park has many memorials to the fallen, it does not have many tributes to the living, said retired Marine Lt. Col. David Glassman, a member of the park foundation.

"In my opinion, this should be a catalyst for the community to know that these Gold Star family members are living among us that are part of our community," he said.



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