

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

November 11, 2022

SEATTLE DISTRICT  
HONOR BOOK





On Veterans Day our Nation honors the great Americans who stood ready to give life itself on behalf of freedom in service to our country. More than 40 percent of the Corps of Engineers' workforce is made up of veterans. Add to them our active duty, those serving in the National Guard and Reserve, and the family members serving or

who served, and we have much to honor this day.

The day chosen – the 11th day of the 11th month – honors the day in 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words:

“To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations...”

The original concept was a day for parades and public meetings with a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m. On May 13, 1938, the 11th of November in each year became a legal holiday – a day dedicated to the cause of world peace and thereafter celebrated and known as “Armistice Day.”

It honored World War I veterans, but after World War II required the greatest mobilization of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen in the Nation’s history and

after American forces fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at veterans service organizations urging, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word “Armistice” and inserting “Veterans.” With the legislation approval June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

In the Seattle District Honor Book pages, you will see the names and photos of many district and family member veterans. Providing the information was voluntary, so not everyone is included. You’ll also see active-duty military, DA civilians who currently serve in uniform – in the National Guard or Reserves, and family members serving as well.

I encourage everyone to take this opportunity to get to know each other more closely. I believe understanding or knowing more about each other can only make us a better team than we already are.

I will leave you with this...it is important we honor and thank those who selflessly served our country and risked their lives to protect our freedom. President John F. Kennedy said, “As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

Those in these pages definitely lived by them and continue to do so as members of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, including our family members. Join me in celebrating our Veterans for their legacy of honorable service and dedication to our nation.

Very Respectfully,

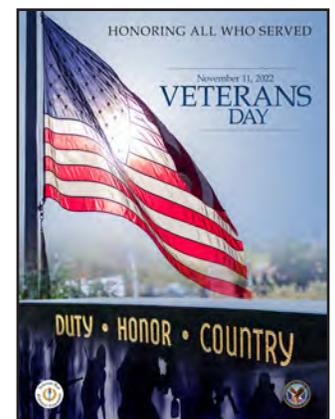
COL Alexander “Xander” Bullock  
52nd Commander and District Engineer  
Seattle District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

“Delivering Strong for the Pacific Northwest!”



## About the Cover

The Seattle District’s Honor Book cover art is created from the Veterans Administration 2022 Veterans Day poster. The VA has been creating a Veterans Day poster since 1978. To view VA’s poster gallery visit: [www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/gallery.asp](http://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/gallery.asp)



# District active duty Soldiers, Family



**Col. Xander Bullock**  
Commander



**Lt. Col. Ceilo Biering**  
Deputy Commander



**Navy Cmdr. Michael Smith**  
Jalita Smith's husband



**Maj. Cherise Lao**  
Chief of Staff



**Maj. Michael Filizetti**  
Officer in Charge 34th FEST-A



**Capt. Tori Connell**  
Chris Brixey's wife



**Capt. Aurora DeAngelis-Caban**  
Program Manager



**Capt. Jason Hu**  
Contracting



**Navy Lt. Matt Morris**  
Lori Morris' son



**Capt. Mark Schneider**  
Cost Estimating



**Capt. Ryan Ybarra**  
Sonya Ybarra's



**Capt. Tyle Tripop**  
Project Engineer



**Chief Warrant Officer Michael Weisenbaugh**  
Bill Dowell's cousin



**Sgt. 1st Class Cristin Baughman**  
Noncommissioned Officer in Charge 34th FEST-A



**Sgt. John Ignozza-Seymour**  
Tom and Susan Seymour's son



**Sgt. Thomas Seymour III**  
Tom and Susan Seymour's son

# Current Guard, Reserve members



**Brig. Gen. Mark Slominski**  
Air Force Reserve



**Maj. Jonathan Daley**  
Air Force Reserve



**Maj. Anne Holdener**  
Army Reserve



**Maj. Charles Idle**  
Army Reserve



**Maj. Katherine LaPonte**  
Army Reserve



**Maj. Lars Nastrom**  
Army Reserve



**Capt. Chris Brixey**  
Army Reserve



**Capt. Thomas Seymour**  
Army Reserve



**Staff Sgt. Bryan Brodt**  
Army Reserve



**Tech. Sgt. Tyler Luke**  
Air National Guard



**Petty Officer 1st Class Neil Usefara**  
Navy Reserve



**Sgt. Victor Ramos**  
Army National Guard

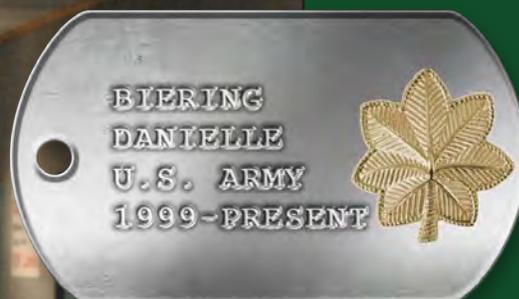


Commander





# Deputy Commander



**Pictured with wife Danielle who is the 1st Corps Deputy for Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Program at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.**



**Navy Cmdr. Michael Smith, Jalita Smith's husband, heads the Dental Department aboard the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz, whose homeport is Naval Base Kitsap, Washington.**



# Chief of Staff



**Pictured with husband Daniel**





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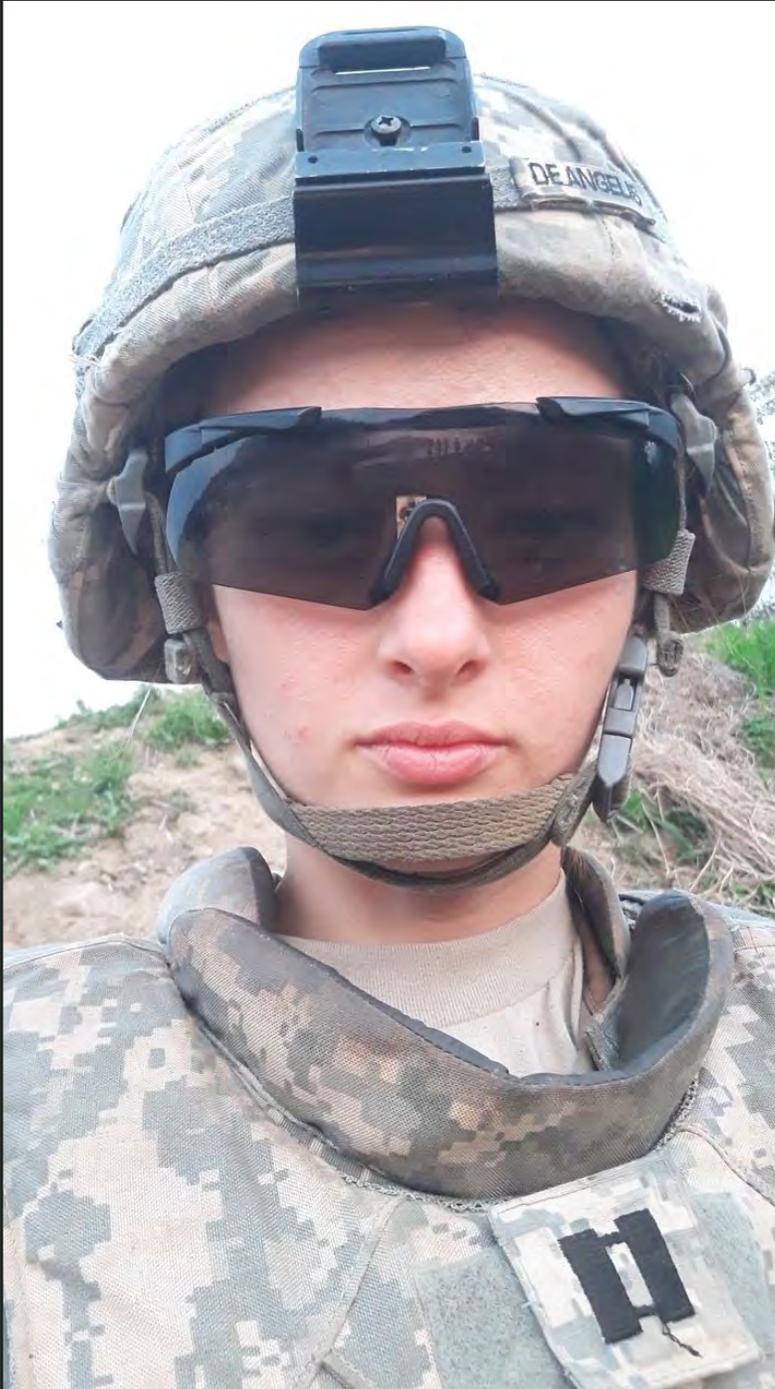




**Capt. Tori Connell, Chris Brixey's wife, serves as Officer in Charge, 5th Security Force Assistance Brigade, Joint Base Lewis-McChord.**



# Project Manager



**She also serves as  
the Emergency Levee  
Rehabilitation Program  
Assistant Supervisor.**



# Contracting Officer





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**Navy Lt. Matt Morris, Lori Morris' son, is a Naval Aviator stationed at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida.**

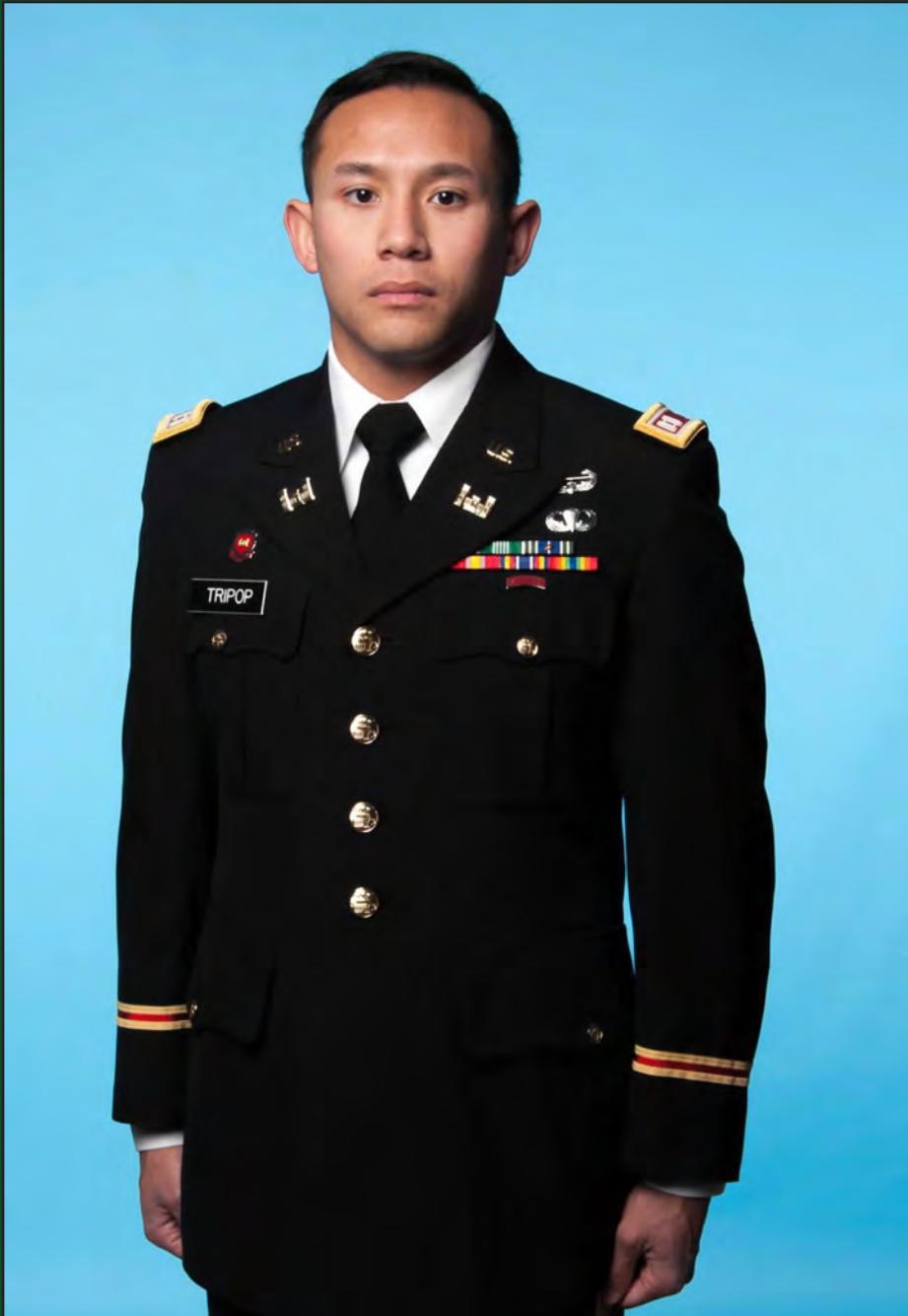


**Cost  
Engineer**





# Project Engineer



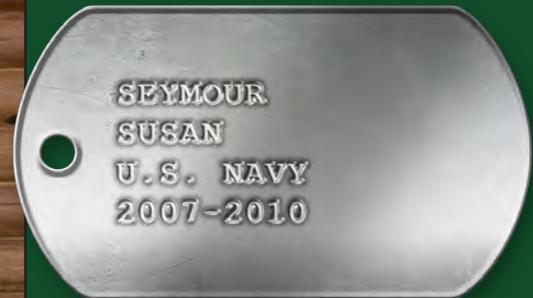
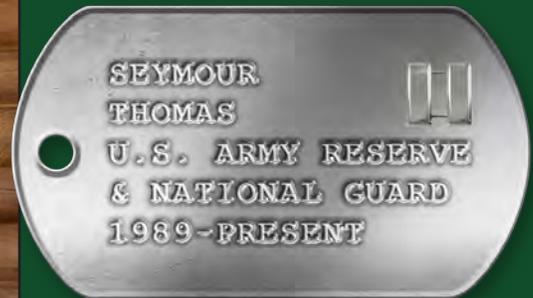


**Chief Warrent Office Mike Weisenbaugh, Bill Dowell's cousin, is Boat Forces and Cutter Operations Advisor for Sector Puget Sound in Seattle.**

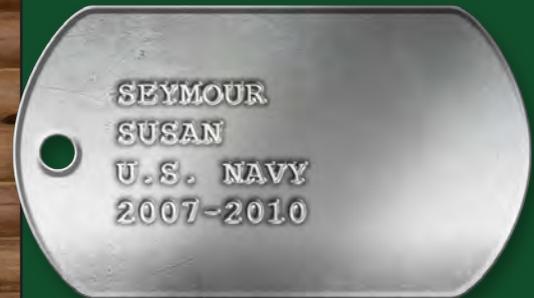
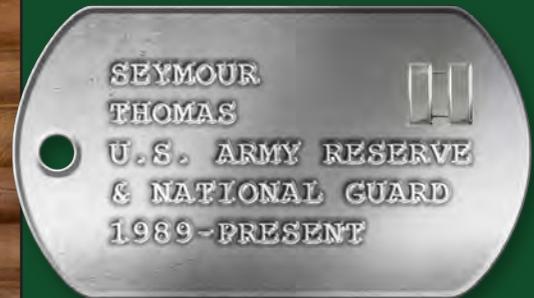


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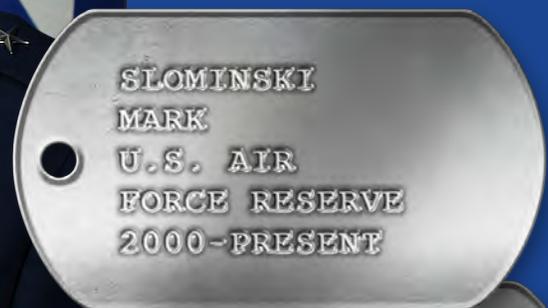
**Army Sgt. John Ignozza-Seymour, front left, Tom and Susan Seymour's son, serves as a Cyber Operation Specialist, 780th Military Intelligence Brigade, Army Cyber Command, Fort Meade, Maryland.**



**Army Sgt. Thomas Seymour, front right, Tom and Susan Seymour's son, serves as a Technical Engineer, 10th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia.**



**Brig. Gen.  
Mark Slominski  
Air Force Reserve**



**Mark is Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, Air Force Material Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.**



# Maj. Jonathan Daley Air Force Reserve



DALEY  
JONATHAN  
U.S. AIR  
FORCE RESERVE  
2013-PRESENT

DALEY  
JONATHAN  
U.S. AIR FORCE  
2000-2013

**Jon is Individual Mobilization Augmentee for the  
Commander, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron, Dyess Air  
Force Base, Texas.**



# Maj. Anne Holdener Army Reserve



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U.S. ARMY RESERVE  
2016-PRESENT

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ANNE  
U.S. ARMY  
2009-2010



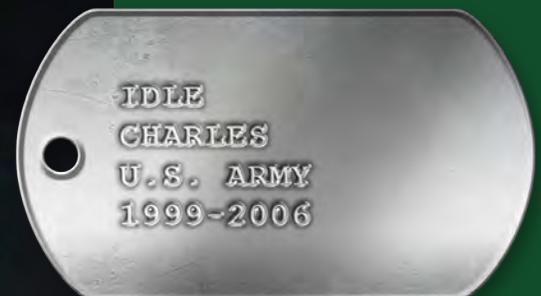
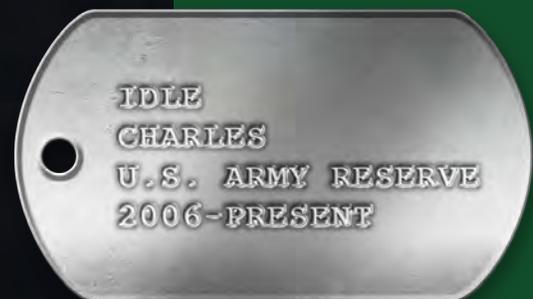
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ANNE  
U.S. ARMY  
NATIONAL GUARD  
2010-2016

HOLDENER  
ANNE  
U.S. ARMY  
NATIONAL GUARD  
2001-2009

**Anne is the Transportation Officer for the 63rd Readiness Division, Mountain View, California.**



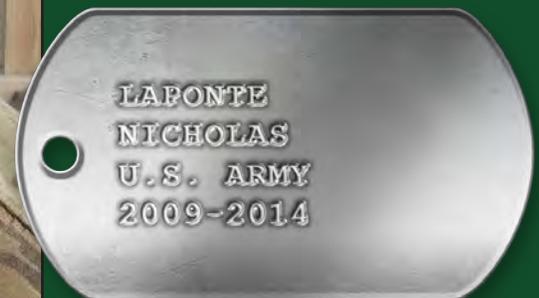
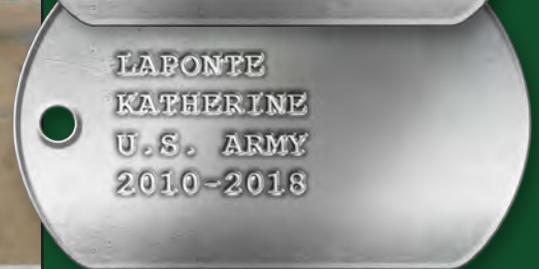
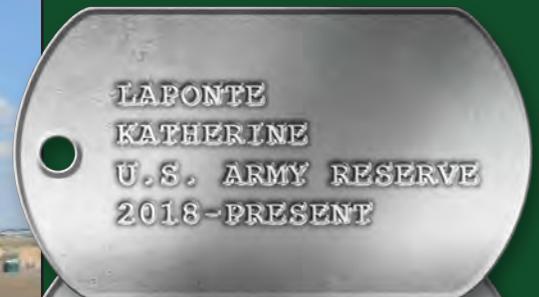
# Maj. Charles Idle Army Reserve



**Charlies is an Individual Mobilization Augmentee with the South Pacific Division Contracting Office, San Francisco, California.**



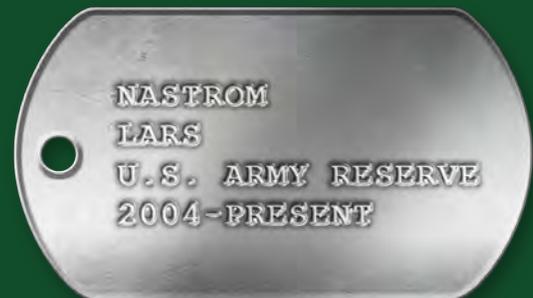
# Maj. Katherine LaPonte Army Reserve



**Katherine is a Team Chief with the 2-364th Training Support Battalion, Joint Base Lewis-McChord. She is pictured with her husband Nic.**



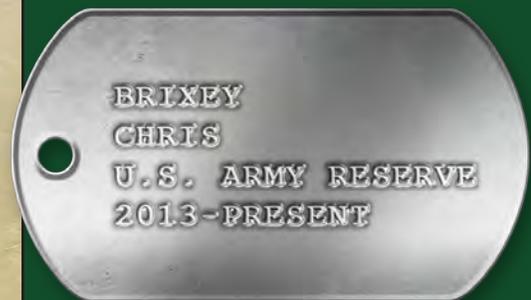
# Maj. Lars Nastrom Army Reserve



**Lars is an Individual Mobilization Augmentee with Northwestern Division, Portland, Oregon. He is pictured with his wife Joanie.**



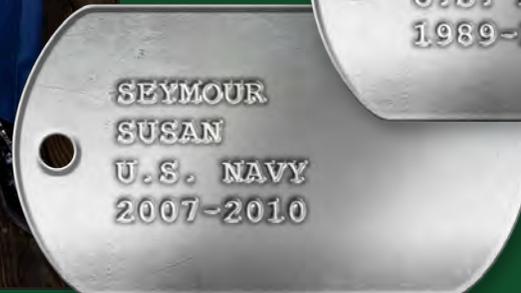
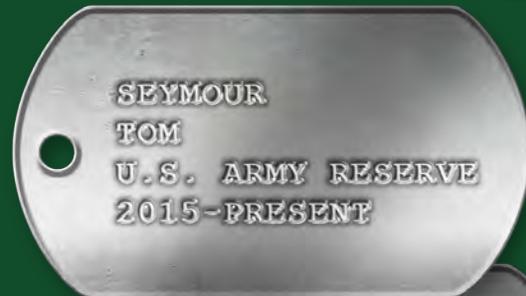
# Capt. Chris Brixey Army Reserve



**Chris is Commander,  
671st Multi-Role  
Bridge Company,  
Clackamas, Oregon.  
He is pictured with  
his wife Tori, an Army  
Captain**



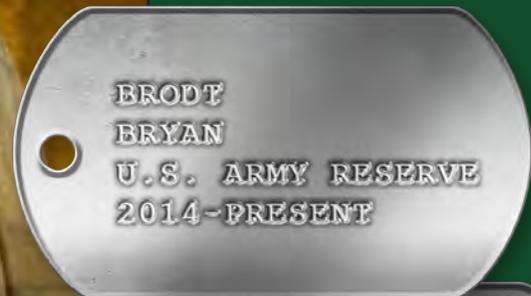
# Capt. Thomas Seymour Army Reserve



**Tom is an Environmental Engineer Officer, 589th Engineering Detachment, FEST-A, Kaiserslautern, Germany. He is pictured with his wife Susan and their son's John, left, and Thomas, both Army Sergeants.**



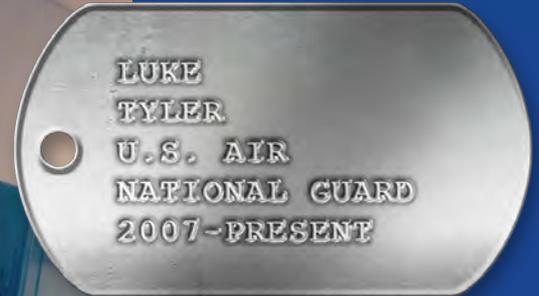
# Staff Sgt. Bryan Brodt Army Reserve



**Bryan is Engineer Sergeant and Liaison for the 385th Transportation Battalion, Tacoma, Washington.**



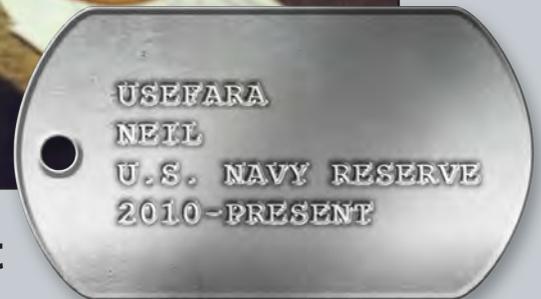
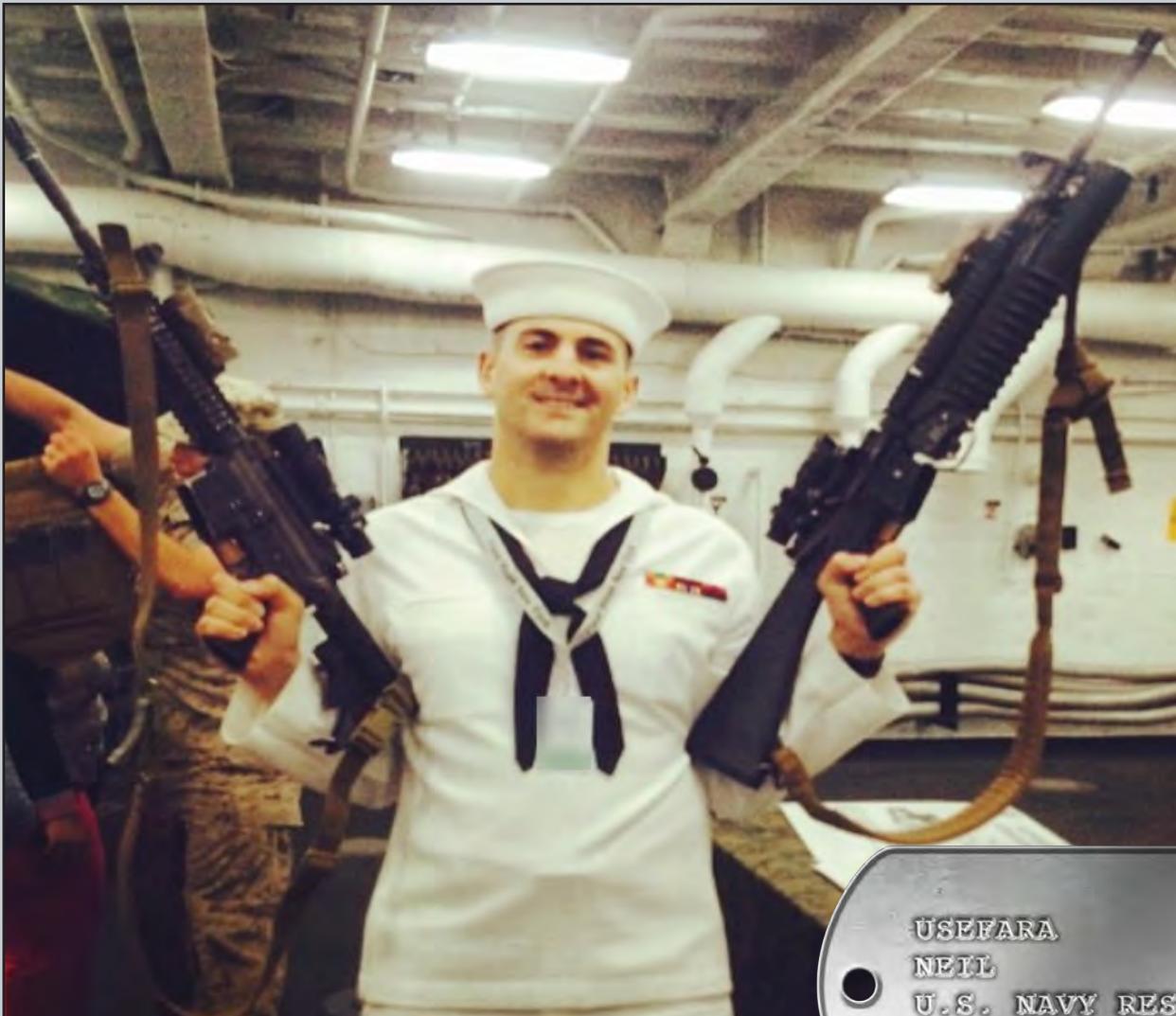
**Tech. Sgt.  
Tyler Luke  
Air National Guard**



**Tyler is a Geospatial Imagery Analyst with the 194th Intelligence Squadron, Camp Murray, Washington.**



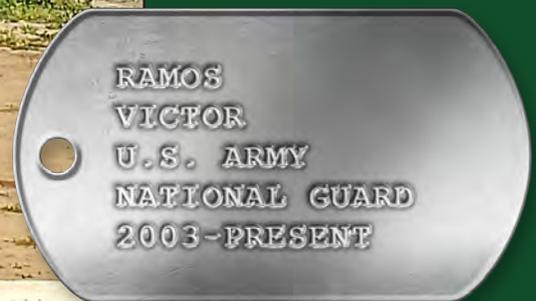
# Petty Officer 1st Class Neil Usefara Navy Reserve



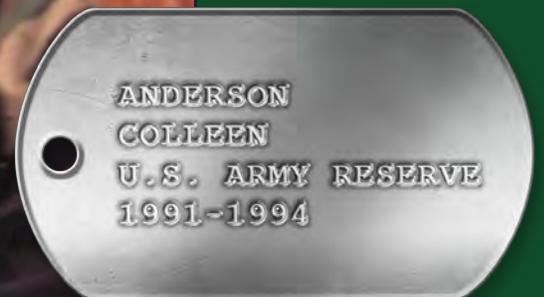
**Neil is an Aerographer's Mate, Fleet Survey Team, Navy Reserve Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, Naval Oceanic Office, at NASA Stennis Space Center, Mississippi**



# Sgt. Victor Ramos Army National Guard



**Victor is a Technical Engineer Surveyor,  
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 898th  
Brigade Engineer Battalion, Marysville, Washington.**





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**Capt. Aurora DeAngelis-Caban's brother**



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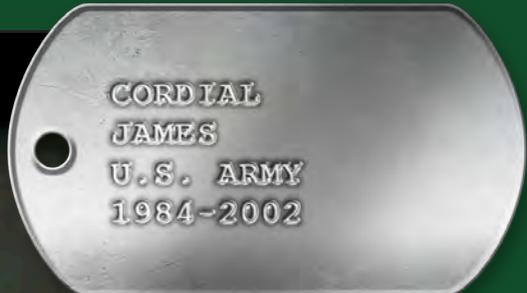
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**Also pictured is Henry Coward, her grandfather, who served in the British**

**West Indies Regiment, a British Army unit formed from British West Indies colonies volunteers. He began his service in 1915 and served in both WWI and WWII.**





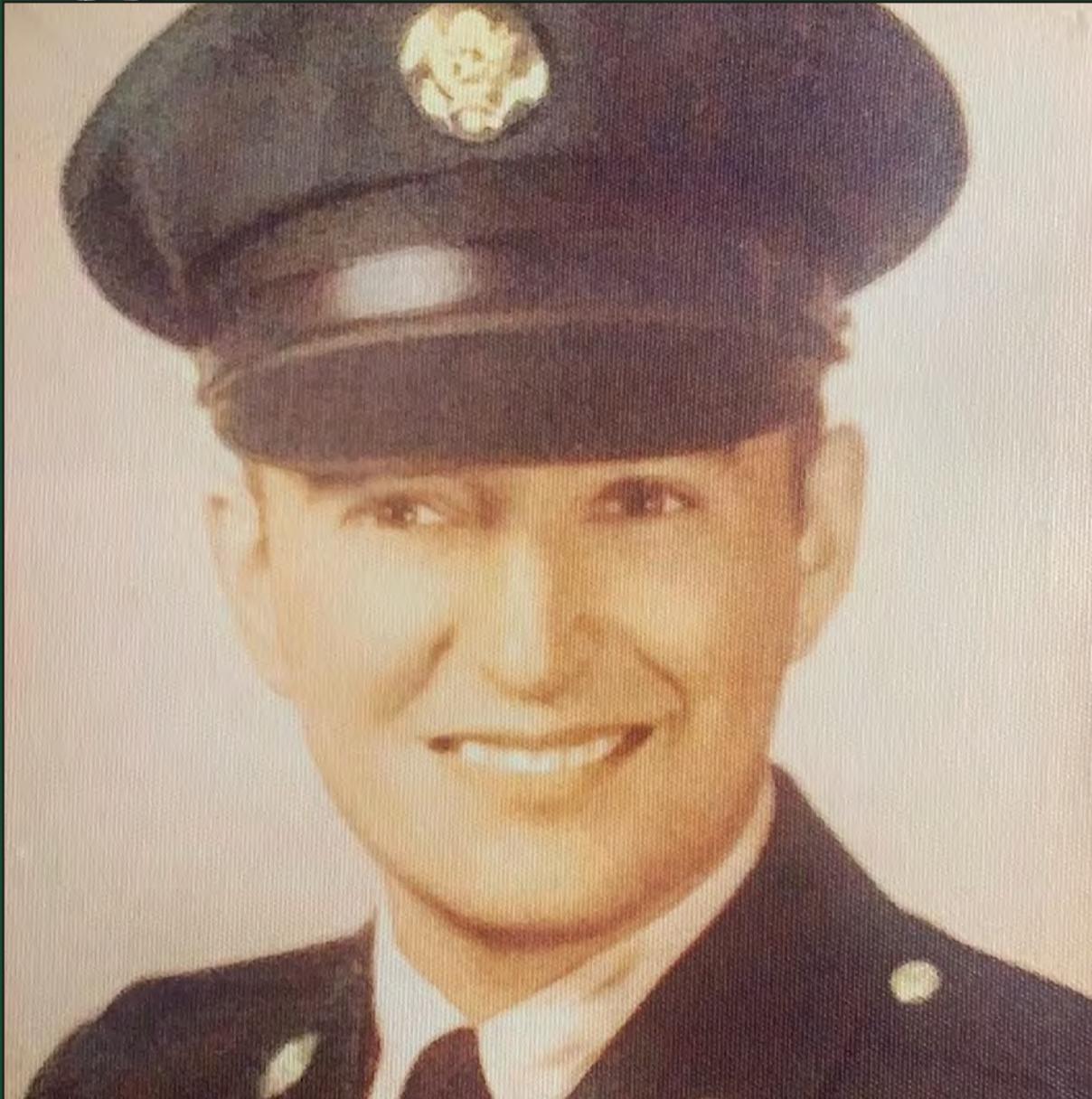
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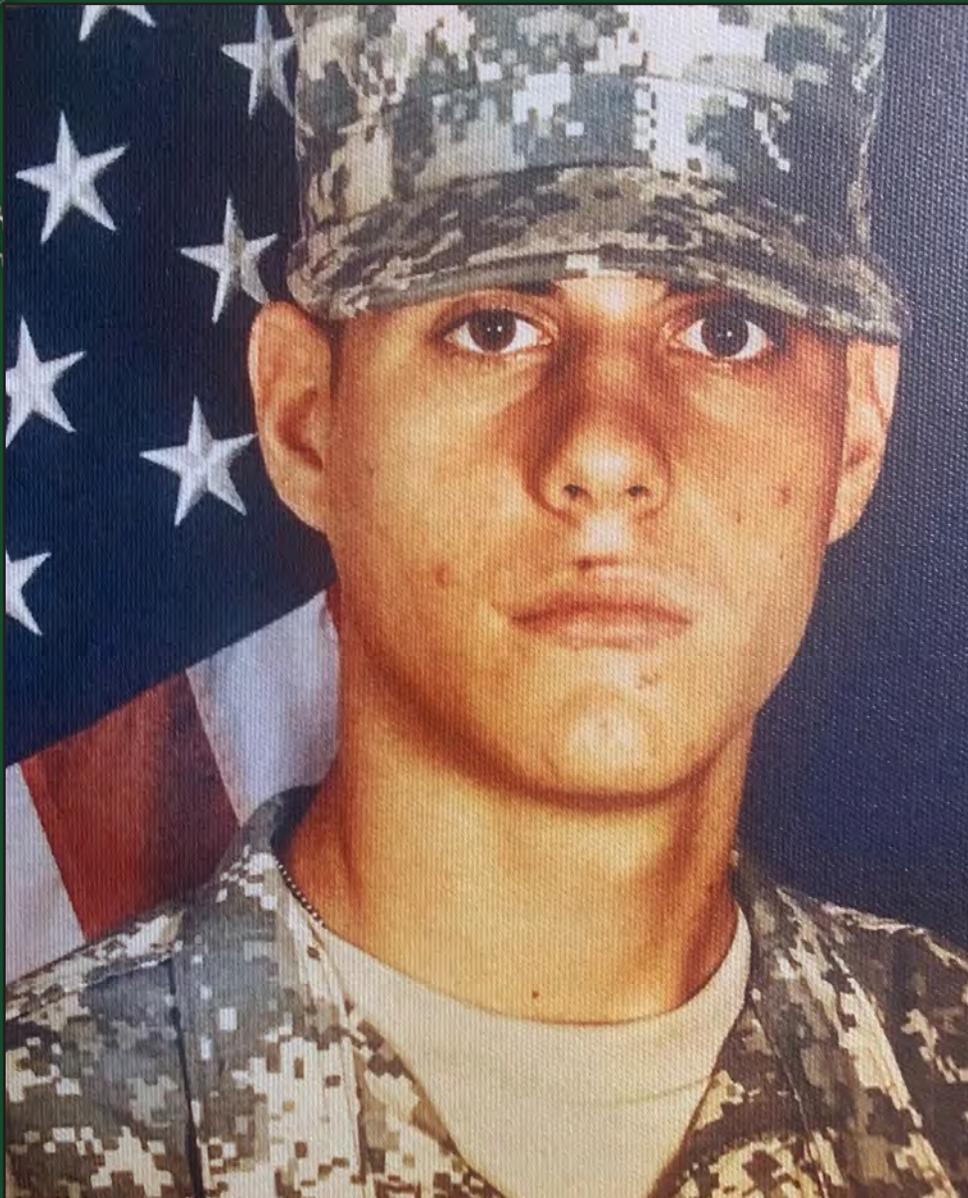
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**Darwin Porter's grandfather**



**Capt. Aurora DeAngelis-Caban's grandfather**



**Capt. Aurora DeAngelis-Caban's cousin**



*In Loving Memory*



**Bill Dowell's  
uncle, left, and  
great uncle**



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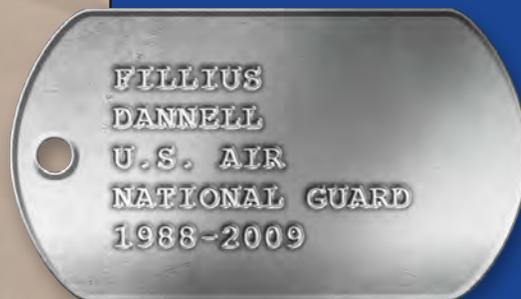
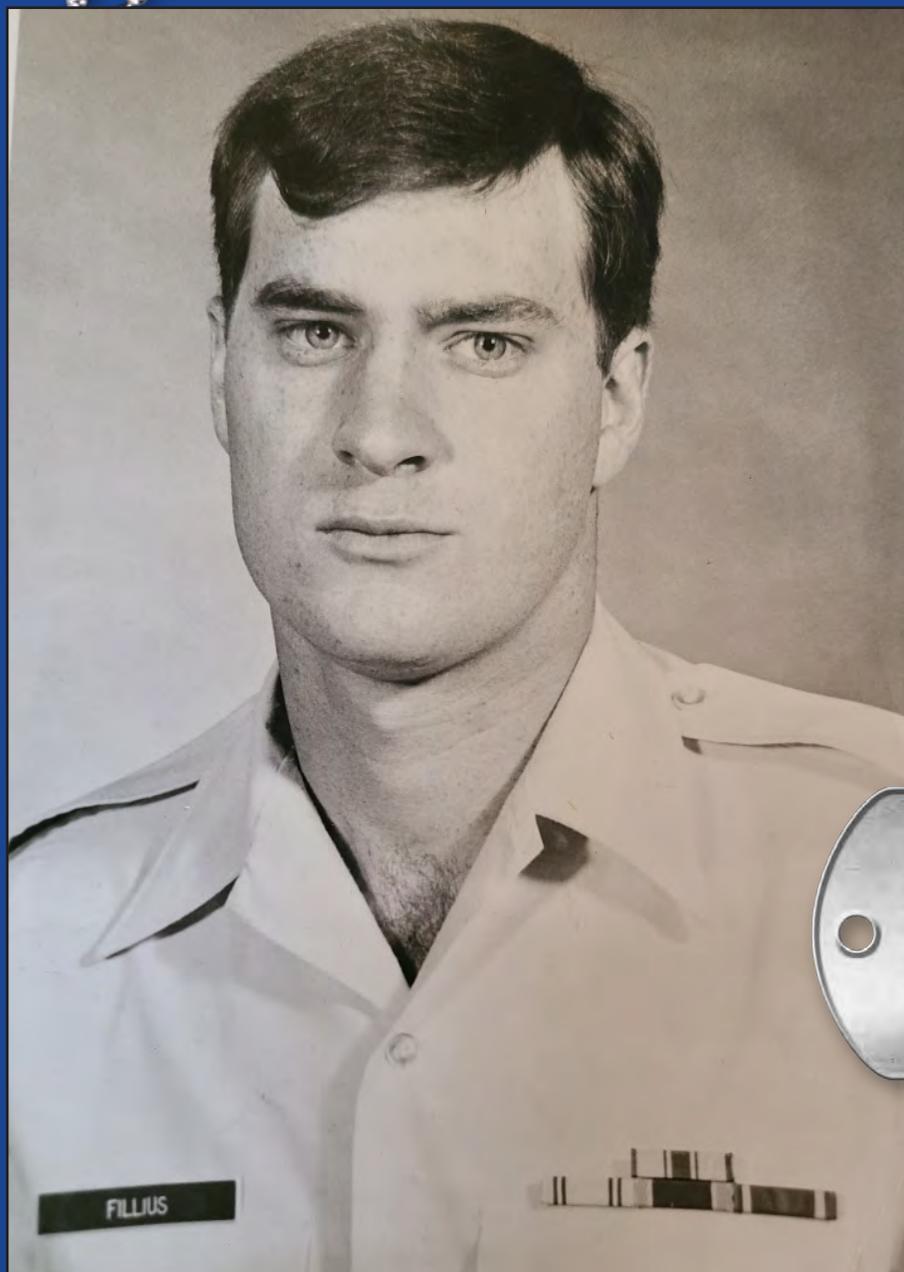








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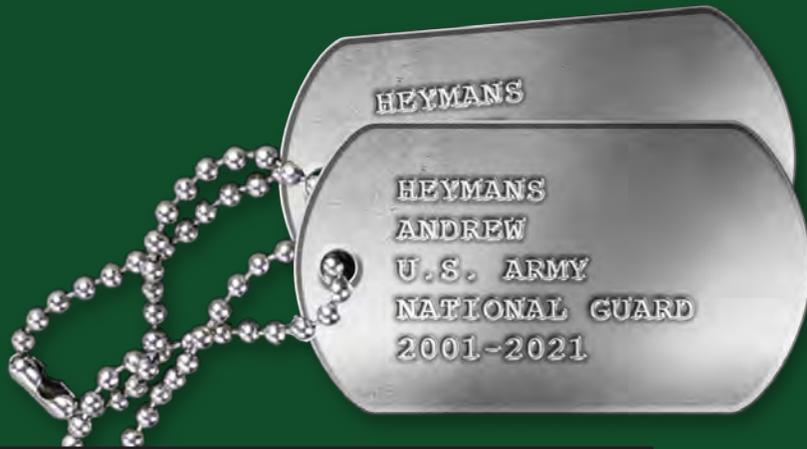
**Dannell Fillius'**  
husband











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**John Hicks' father**





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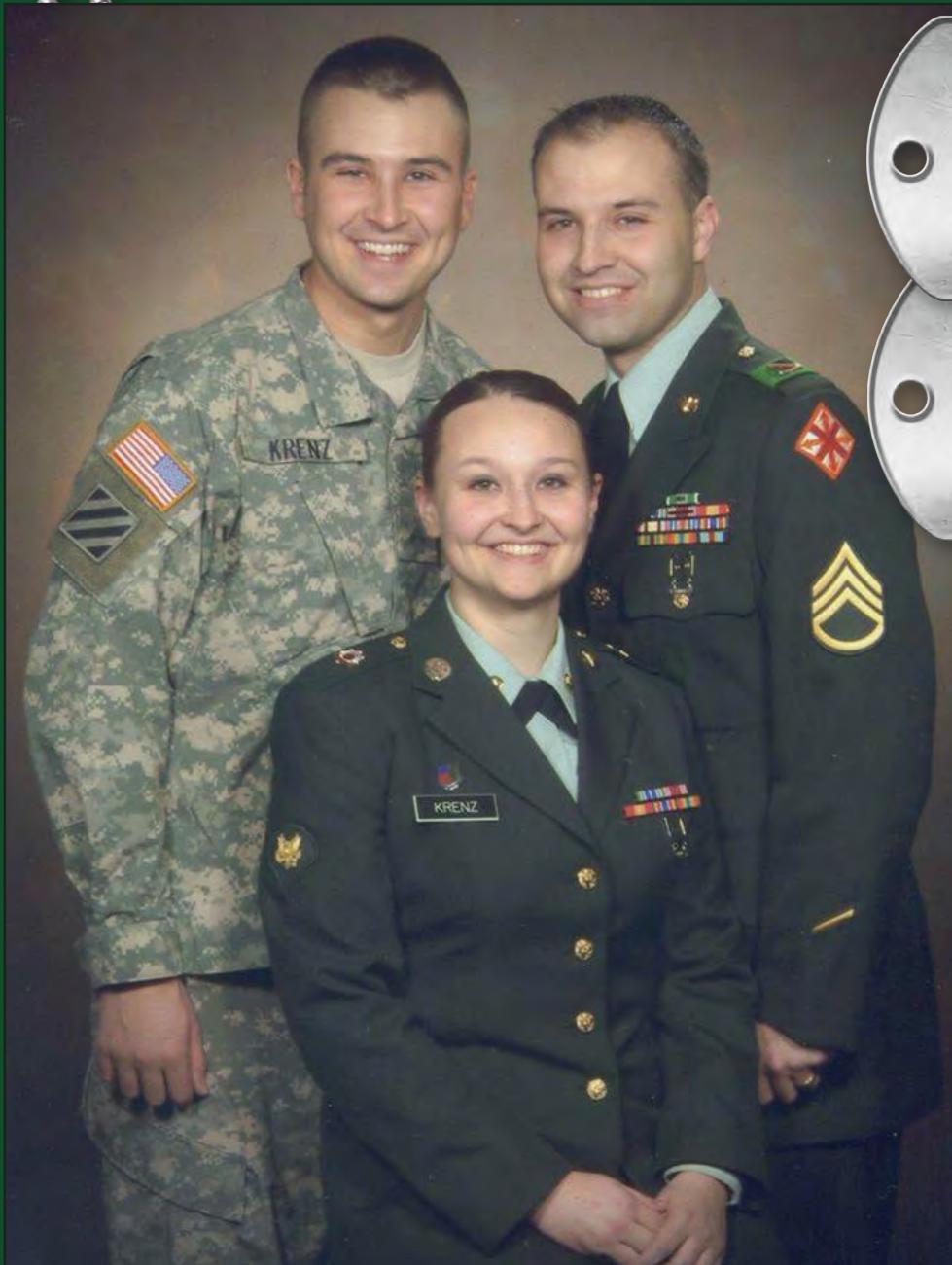




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**Susan Weber's grandfather**



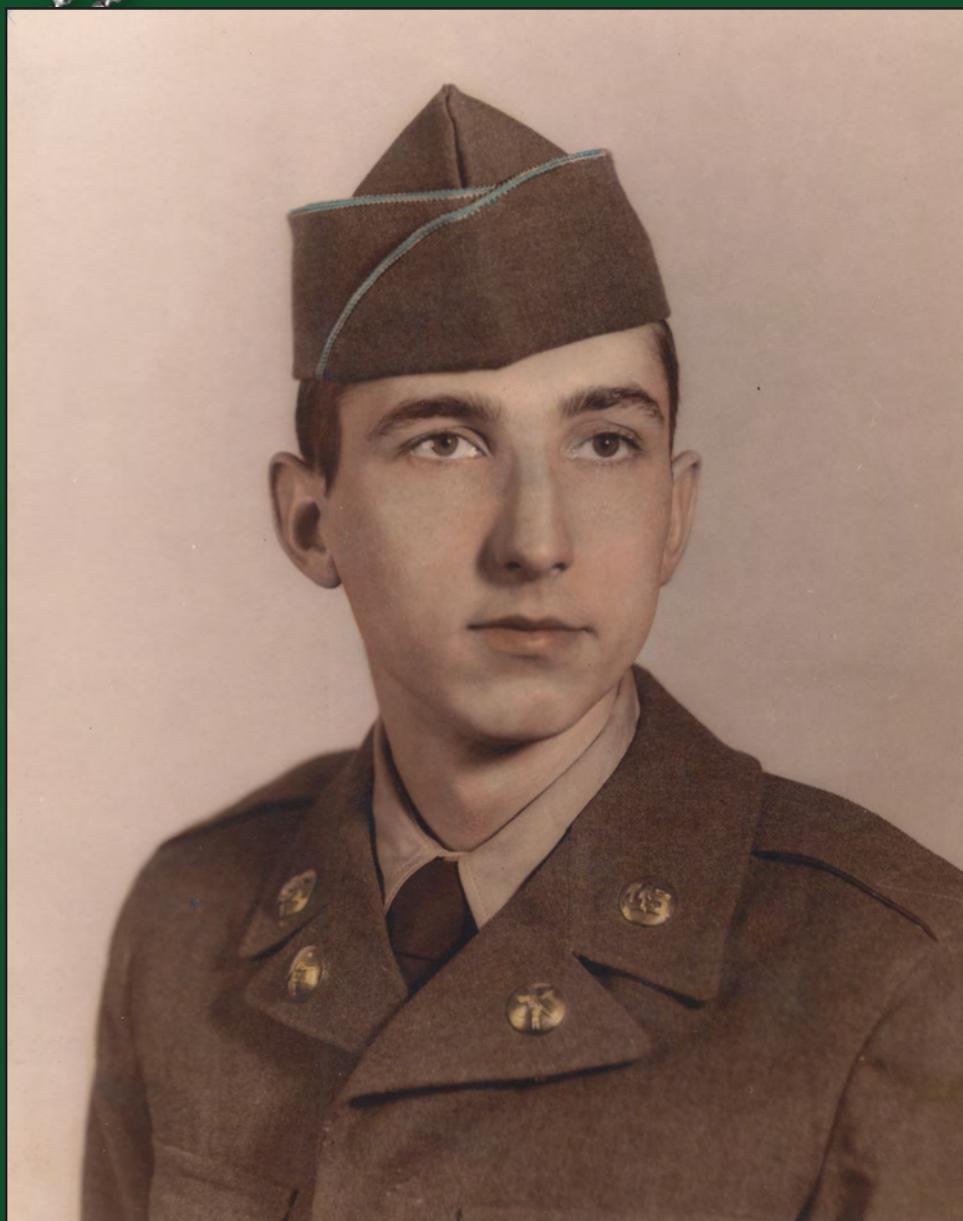
**Pictured with  
brother David,  
left, and sister  
Elisabeth,  
center**







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**Amy LeFebvre's  
father**



**Shannon  
Jones'  
father**









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**Patricia Fatherree's  
nephew**







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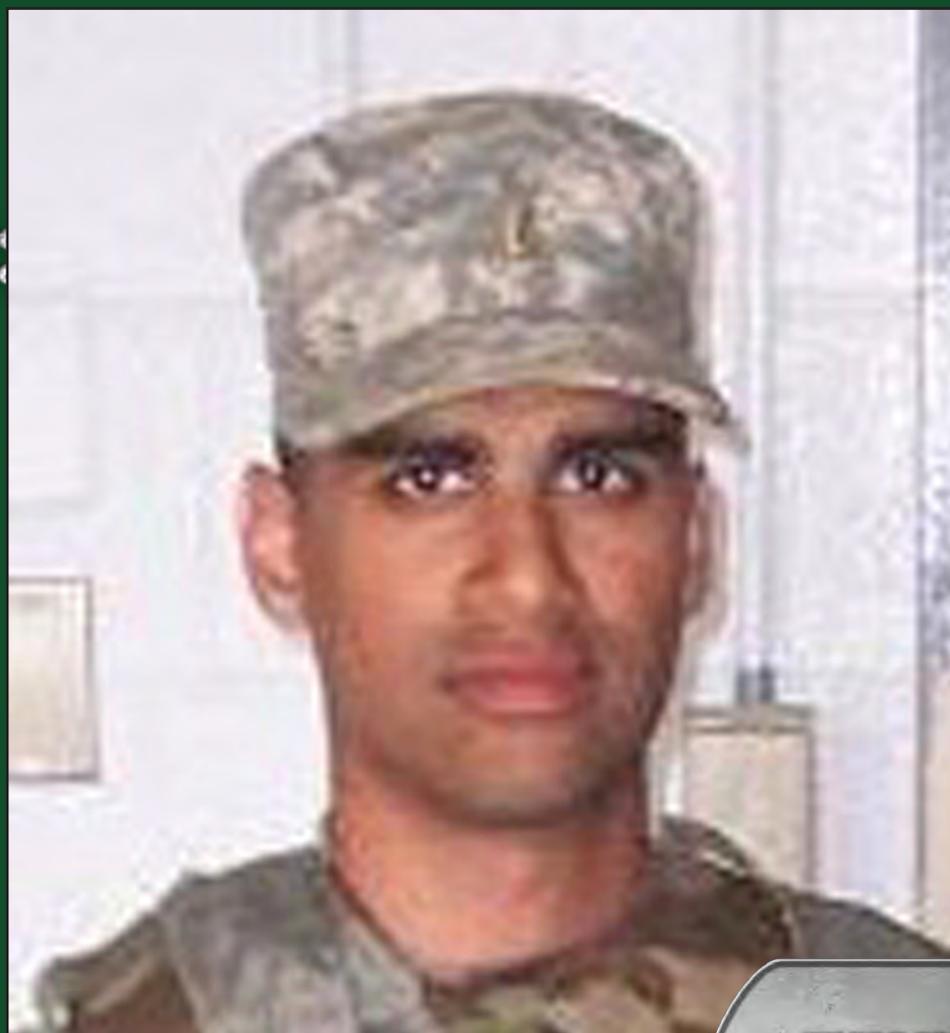






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**Anil Nisargand's son**

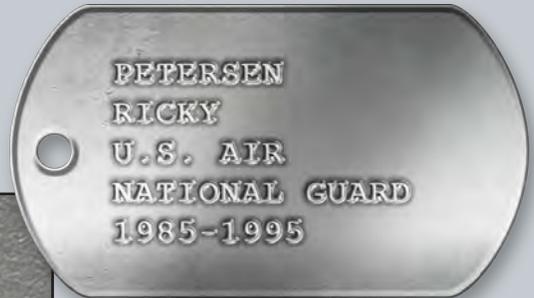




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**Pictured with  
best friend  
Rachel**









**Capt. Aurora DeAngelis-Caban's cousin**

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**Kolby James'  
grandfather**



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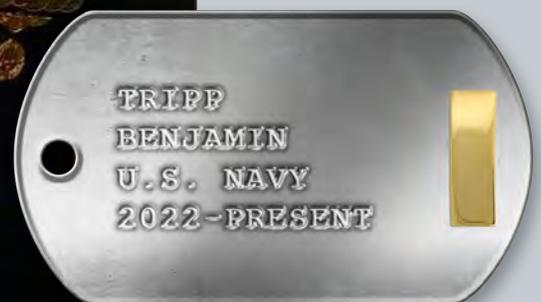
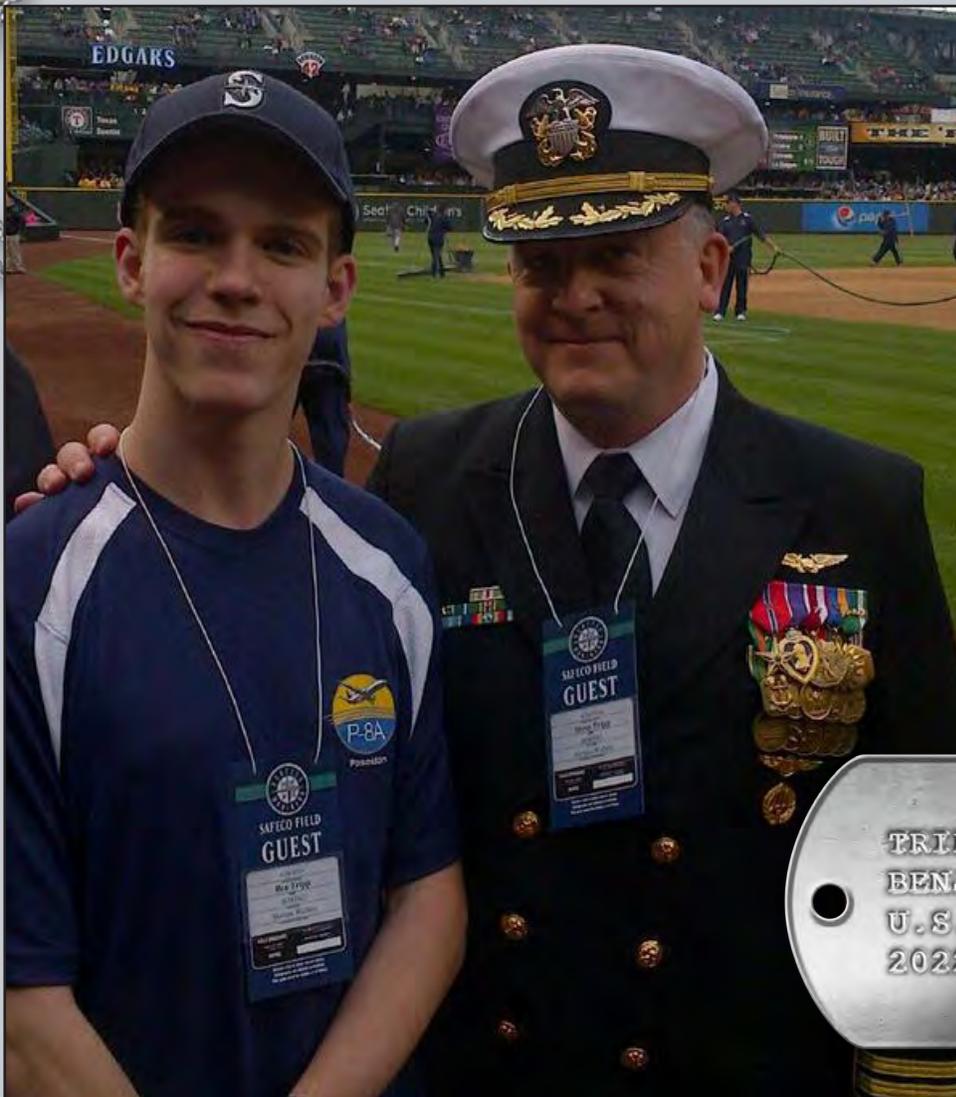


**Curt Stepp's  
wife**





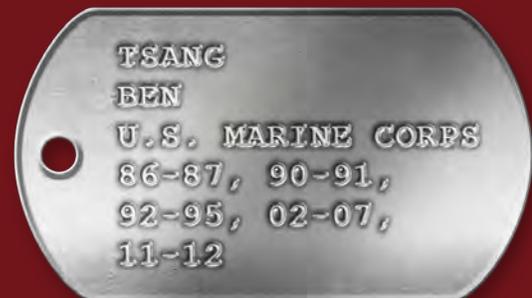




**Darwin Porter's partner, Steve is pictured with his son Benjamin who completed Officer Candidate School in July and is a newly commissioned Surface Warfare Officer.**



**Shelly Trulson's husband, Scott is also a Lock and Dam Operator at Hiram M. Chittenden Locks.**



**Ben spent five active tours while in the Reserves**

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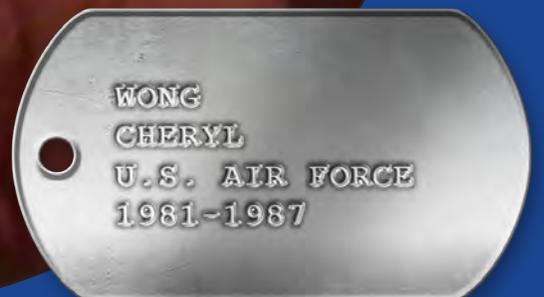


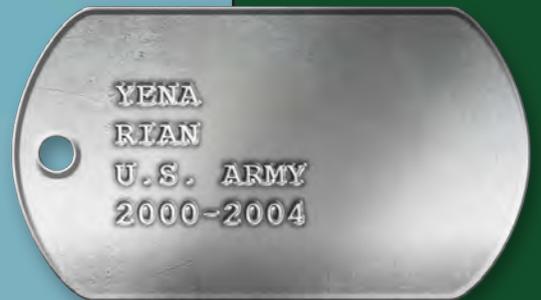
**Bill Dowell's  
uncle**





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**Susan Weber's stepfather**

**POW ★ MIA**



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