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William T. Davis

United States Army

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Bill was always interested in the military. He played Army with plastic soldiers, had an Army electric train set, and played Army outside with his friends. His favorite actor was, of course, the Duke, the ultimate fighting man.

He wanted to join the marines at age 17 and get his GED in the military. His mother threaten to tell the recruiter about his asthma if He joined the military before graduating high school. Meanwhile Bill ran into a friend who had joined the Army paratroopers and was very impressed with the uniform. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on a 120 delayed entry program. He would leave 2 weeks after graduation, June 19, 1967. The enlistment was 3 years and he was guaranteed to be assigned to Airborne Infantry. While attending Airborne school at Fort Benning, a Special Forces soldier addressed the training company to recruit for the Green Berets. After Airborne Bill took the test and passed. Training was long and difficult but he graduated in 1969. He was a Radio Operator and cross trained as a medic. He was assigned to 3rd Group stationed at Fort Bragg. Bill wanted to see some of the world and volunteered to go to Viet Nam. He was assigned 5th Group, and went to Viet Nam, to Command & Control South. After he got top secret security clearance, Bill was sent on missions in the Central Highlands along and inside the Cambodian border. He was a radio operator for a team of Americans and Montagnards from the Rhade Tribe. He earned the Combat Infantry Badge and the Army Commendation Medal. He is proud of his service in Viet Nam, but he found out he was not John Wayne or Audie Murphy. He established life long friends that he sees even now. While in Viet Nam he contracted malaria and dysentery but came home without injuries. Bill was honorably discharged in 1970. He was hired by the Missouri Highway Patrol. He contracted hepatitis almost right away.



In the early 1980s he decided to join the 12th Special Forces Group (reserve unit). A couple of A teams were assigned in St. Louis at that time.

While in the reserves, opportunities came up to continue training. Bill attended the Airborne Jump Master

school and earned his Master Wings. The reserves sent him to Korea and Alaska. In Alaska he was involved in training the Inuit Scouts. As a member of a 12- man team, close friendships were made, and reunions happen periodically.

The 12th Group in Chicago disbanded, and Bill took a break in the reserves. Bill learned of a training unit starting up in Jefferson Barracks. He joined the 75th Training Division in 1999. He enlisted for 6 years, hoping to reach his 20-year mark. In 2005 the unit was mobilized and sent to Fort Riley, Kansas to train National Guard and Reserve Unit troops going to Iraq and Afghanistan. He was promoted to Master Sergeant and was assigned as the NCOIC of Convoy Security Training.

Bill retired from the Patrol in 1999. He was hired by St. Peters Police Department and totally retired in 2007 from the army and the police department.

Bill was active in the Big Brother Association, and the Patriot Guard. He is currently active in his church, volunteering for anything they need.

He is married to Anne, has 2 children, Jimmy and Jamie and 2 stepchildren, Emily and Andrew.