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Ken Lahnar

United States Army

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Ken Lahnar grew up always wanting to be in the Army. He had an older brother who lost his life in WWII, so Ken knew he could never be in combat. He volunteered in September of 1978 and did his Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training as a 64 Charlie - Truck Driver at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Ken drove quarter ton jeeps, 22 1 /2 ton M-911 Tractor Float which hauled tanks at his 1st duty station which was Fort Hood, Texas. Ken then changed his MOS when he was selected to be the Battalion Clerk who worked for the Lt. Colonel. Ken already knew how to type and went to school as a 71 Lima - Clerk/Typist.

The 2nd Duty Station was at Camp Howze, Korea through May 1980. Ken did a one year tour of South Korea with the 2nd Infantry Division as the Battalion Clerk which developed into Jag Clerk which took care of general correspondence and Secret Clearance. He received the Army Commendation Medal for his Korean tour.

Ken had a fifty year career with a Commercial Airline at Lambert Airport, St. Louis. He has been married for 43 years, has three children, nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He gained respect for the U.S. while servinq and has been a U.S.O. volunteer since 2020.