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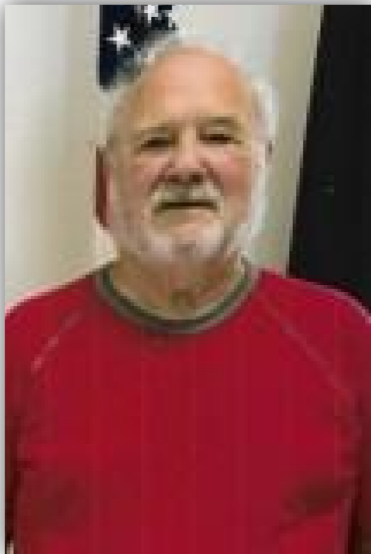
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GEORGE WILLIAM "PETE" HELLWIG
UNITED STATES ARMY
AUGUST 1969 – AUGUST 1971
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George William "Pete" Hellwig joined the service in August 1969. He enlisted with a draft notice in his back pocket and chose the Officer Candidate School (OCS). He went to Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, for basic training and was then sent to Ft. Benning, Georgia, for OCS School. Upon arrival, he was informed that the class was filled and it was too late for him to join the program. He spent two weeks getting outfitted only to be notified that the Army had overestimated the number of officers needed, and therefore, Pete was released from the OCS program.

Pete was given a choice of regions to serve and he chose to serve in a geographic region of Fort Carson, Colorado. While stationed in Fort Carson, he served in the payroll department and received several commendations for his service while in the Army.

After serving two years he was released from the Army and went back to graduate school. After school, Pete worked in making metal in the production industry,

The best piece of advice he can give to recruits is "When crawling under barbed wire with active bullets flying over your head, keep your head down."

Pete was married while serving in the Army. He and his wife had three children, a son who resides in the Kansas City area, a daughter who is a practicing doctor in this local area, and another daughter who is employed in the film industry in Chicago, Illinois.

Pete is active in his community volunteering at the local senior center.