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ALBERT PUTT
UNITED STATES ARMY
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SPECIALIST (E-4)

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Albert Putt enlisted in the US Army at the Kansas City, Missouri, Military Entrance Processing Command (MEPS). In October of 1978. He arrived at Fort Dicks in New Jersey for basic training. He was part of the very first co-ed basic training unit. He completed career training at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and graduated as a 52D Power Generation Repairman. He learned to work on vehicles, generators, jeeps, bulldozers, and everything in between.

Albert was enlisted for 11 years. During that time, he was stationed at several bases including Fort Sill, Fort Belvoir, Fort Hood, Fort Bragg, and Fort Riley. He completed four overseas tours that consisted of one tour in Germany and three tours in Korea.

He enjoyed his job and excelled at his duties. He received the Expert Rifle and Grenade Medal, the Korean Service Medal, and was awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal four times. He also received a prestigious award from President Reagan and was recognized for driving over two million miles without a single accident. He received this award twice, bringing his zero-accident record to four million miles.

His favorite part about military service was all the traveling he was able to do. He took advantage of MAC flights and visited every continent except Antarctica and Africa. He most enjoyed visiting Singapore, Australia, and Korea. While spending a total of eight years in Korea, he met his wife. He went on numerous TDYs (temporary duty locations)

and got to experience many countries and cultures.

After eleven years of service, Albert left the military and attended the Cordon Blue Chef School for three years. The last year of school was spent in Paris training with renowned chefs. While he enjoyed Chef School, the expense was significant (\$1800 for a set of knives), and school was overwhelming while he simultaneously worked seven days a week for twelve to eighteen hours a day. He transitioned to construction after completing his third year of school.

For the past twenty years, Albert has been working in carpentry and construction. He currently is retired and takes on construction work as time allows and is the caretaker for Camp Valor Outdoors' tiny home village for homeless veterans.

Albert is proud of his time in the military and is happy to have served. Even now, in his retirement, he is still giving back to our country by assisting CVO tiny home community residents. He helps with laundry, meals, and transportation to Veteran Administration (VA) appointments. He has four sons and two daughters, ages 40 to 47.

He has three grandkids, two boys who are 16 and six years old, and one granddaughter, who is five. Albert enjoys seeing or talking to his kids and grandkids whenever possible.

