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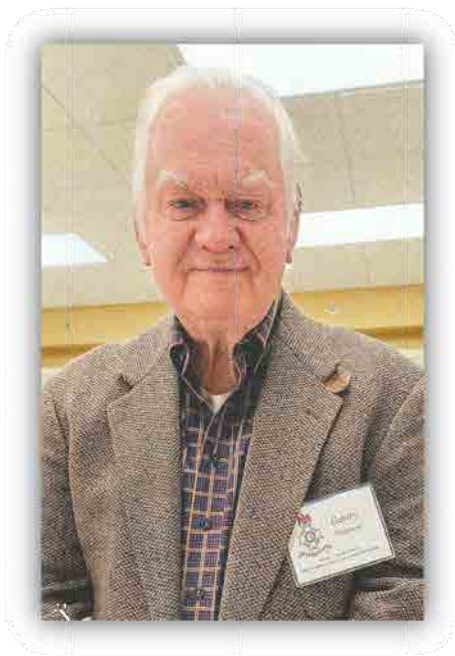


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GENTRY THOMASON
UNITED STATES ARMY
JANUARY 1968 – 1970
SECOND LIEUTENANT

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Gentry Thomason was born on June 24, 1940, to Fred and Nancy Thomason in Liberty, Missouri. Commerce for his energetic play on the football field.

He attended San Diego State College for two years and ran at the fullback position on the Freshman team. He suffered a broken leg in practice the following Spring and continued his studies for another year. He then returned to his hometown of Liberty and attended William Jewell College where he was a defensive starter (outside corner-man) and team punter. He graduated in May of 1963 with a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Economics and Philosophy.

Drafted into the Army in January of 1964, he did his basic training at Fort Ord, California, then attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, earning a commission as a Second Lieutenant, and then completed Airborne Training (parachuting jump school). He was then returned to Fort Ord where he served out his enlistment stateside during the Vietnam Era.

When his active enlistment in military service ended, he worked for Washington Inventory Service as a management trainee and Branch Manager in their Hayward, California office. He then returned to San Diego State University where he completed work on a Master's Degree in English Literature. He wrote his Master's Thesis on Ernest Hemingway's Nick Adams short story, "The

Metamorphosis of Nick Adams." He then spent another year as Graduate Assistant at Northern Illinois University where he taught Freshman Composition and Literature courses from 1973 to 1974. Running out of G.I. Benefits, he returned to San Diego, California, and was employed by the City of San Diego as an Administrative Assistant in their Engineering Department for several years. Subsequently, he started a Window Cleaning business that he has continued to the present. In 1988, he taught Junior High and High School English for The Los Angeles Unified School District to the year 2011 including Honors and Advanced Literature and Advanced Composition classes, and was honored for three years as a Who's Who Among America's Teachers. He retired from teaching in 2011.

His published work includes his Master's Thesis, a book entitled "Rogues' Gallery," a study of the relevance of Greek Mythology to contemporary living, and "Existential Ruminations," a study of existence, eternity, God, religion, social reality, and character. He has another work in progress on the nature and fidelity of the Supreme Being.