

What was your favorite service memory?

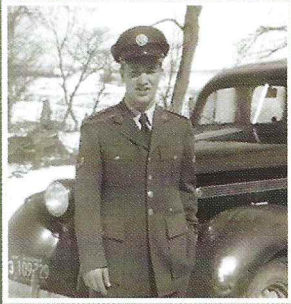
Returning home after being deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan.

How has Wisconsin VFW positively impacted your life?

I've been able to assist in fundraising for the VFW, by starting a baked potato concession stand at Country USA, and Rock USA which is located in Oshkosh, WI.

THOMAS W. JONES

POST# 8483



Air Force

When and where did your service begin?

Wisconsin Air Guard at Truax Air Field in Madison, WI; activated in 1950.

What was your favorite service memory?

Working on the planes at Chitose Air Base in Hokkaido, Japan, during the Korean War with travel to other bases to retrieve planes.

SW-2 FRANCIS A. JUCKEM

POST# 7591



Miss Saigon was 12 and I was 22, 1969. I was a Seabee MCB 53 and 10 in 1970. Steelworker welder E-5.



Son, Paul's, family enjoy my 70th. Taught welders 30 years/CWI. 'Don't do anything I wouldn't do.'

When and where did your service begin?

Aug. '68, Gulfport, MS; made E-4 in five weeks. MCB 53/10, Vietnam, then E-5, steelworker/welder Da Nang and Hue, Vietnam; fabrication/repair welding

Please describe your proudest moment or accomplishment?

During the first tour north of Da Nang, Vietnam, at Red Beach with MCB 53, I took rest and recuperation to Sydney, Australia; I had two days left when the chaplain informed me of my dad's death. I told

him they can keep him on ice. I left the home farm after 8th and 10th grade. Boot camp with the US Navy Seabees, then orders to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; what do I do there, Look pretty? I signed up for MCB 10 and back to Hue, Vietnam. Snipers, yeah, but never had to kill Vietnamese or do jungle hide and seek. Doing weld repairs and answering questions. Later, after 26 months, I'm out. I taught welding at Morton College, Cicero, IL, then MATC Mad City, WI. 30 years and CWI for welding test and documents. I enjoy traveling.

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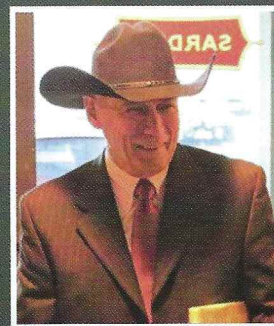
Repairs near Hue at 1:30 a.m. Snipers while repairing asphalt stacks after falling off the 16-foot ladder. I attached a 3-by-4-foot aluminum sheet on to protect me, then again, snipers; MCB 10 had 500-800 men paving roads. Walking Route 1 when the convoy passed, friend steps on landmine and died. I welded a sheep's foot on bulldozers to set off mines. Next day, Captain took pictures and surveyed equipment loaned to the Army and Marines north of Da Nang. Touring the citadel in Hue and returned in 2002, 2004, and 2015 with my second wife, T T Dang. Mekong Delta, Saigon, Hue, Hanoi, and Haiphong

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After returning from Vietnam in 1969 and 1970, many US students and friends would rather spit on us. We did our job and bagged our friends whose names are on the Wall! Now, as I get medical assistance at VA, we all proudly wear our hats and stuff. The VA helps with PTSD and other medical issues.

CPT GARY JUGENHEIMER

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When and where did your service begin?

I entered the US Army in September 1966 from Sheboygan, WI. I took my basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

Please describe your proudest moment or accomplishment?

The fact that my platoon and I, 3rd Platoon, D Co., 1/503rd Infantry

Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, served honorably and only suffered two casualties during our tour of duty in Vietnam.

What was your favorite service memory?

My service at US Military Academy, West Point, NY; I was assigned to the Office of Military Instruction and was an instructor during the academic year as well as the summer camp. I taught all classes from the period June 1970-June 1973.

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It is a good organization for continued fellowship with people who believe in the freedoms our country offers.