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Realizing 1972
and 2026 are as far
apart as 1972 and
1918



Special request from Roney Steele

Our Secretary is trying to locate the original Battalion Flag from Camp Adenir. It flew over our camp during the first deployment and suffered battle damage from the shelling we received. If you are aware of the flags location, please contact Roney. 5712 Keystone St. Philadelphia, Pa. 19135 (215) 581-8243

A 'Can Do' Golf Course Close to home: Retired Seabees create a backyard course

[A 'Can Do' Golf Course Close to home: Retired Seabees create a backyard course - WXXV News 25](#)

What started off as a simple backyard project turned into a one-of-a-kind destination for golf and comradery. WXXV News 25's Sports Director Ansley Brent sat down with two veterans as they shared the story of their "Can Do Golf Course."

After retiring from the military in 2003 and spending about 16 years working on a golf course, John Stewart eventually made his way back to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, where his wife is from and where he once served as a Seabee.

But when the golf course near his McHenry home closed in 2022, Stewart and fellow retired Seabee Daniel Huffman decided they had another option. They'd build one themselves. "We started clearing and talked about putting a golf course there. We were both equipment operators, and the Seabee motto is 'Can Do,' which is where the name of the golf course came from. That means there's nothing we can't do if we set our minds to it. I started clearing stuff and figuring out where the greens were going to go, where the tee boxes were going to go, what type of sod we were going to use, and we just went forward."

And forward they went. Now, Stewart's backyard is home to a versatile three-hole golf course complete with its own clubhouse. But creating it took far more than a vision, it took teamwork. Stewart and Huffman say the project has been just as rewarding as the rounds they play on it today. "It's a lot of fun. It's a lot of work, and it keeps me active. I'm retired, and I spend a lot of time out here, but I can't do it all myself. I've got to have help, and him being just a few miles down the road, that's my help."

September

Karl L.	Schilling
James H.	Schmidt
Edward C.	Florian
Sigmund J.	Horvath
Charles W.	Gohmert
Edward A.	Swiski, Jr.
Chuck M.	Reynolds, Jr.
Peter A.	Martin
Gordon J.	Tyler
George R.	Kern
Marlin D.	Brinkley
Paul M.	Weber
Lyle F.	Stark
Kenneth A.	Bernier
Norman	Johnson
William D.	Leppert
Robert T.	De Phillip
H. Bert	Noles
Clement A.	Michaud
Donald L.	Wolfgang
Dennis D.	Meixsell
Cdr James R	Smythe, Ret'd
John E.	Boyer, Jr.
Glenn A.	Aagard
Lawrence L.	Lamb

Roger A.	Johnson
William R.	Ward
Richard A.	Gray, II
Archie D.	Byers
Vincent	Bavaro
Gregory B.	Bernard
Robert E.	Neal
Frederick L	Bouchard
James A.	Pszenny
Peter A.	Turner
James E.	Hyland
Marcus D.	Case
Robert N.	Erbeck
Bruce F.	Owens
Terry L.	Shaffer
Gale V.	Pinkston
James H.	Barber
Francis N.	Guyette

October

Whitney C.	Blauvelt
Michael D.	Westberg
Elmer G.	Thuringer
Robert P.	Hamm
W. Patrick	Trevas
Michael A.	Bruno

William T.	Maurer
Robert A.	Graziano
Jeffery A.	Jasukonis
Roger A.	Le Blanc
Bradford A.	Elg
Frederick	Greb, Jr.
Kenneth J.	Vogel
Brian J.	Copeland
Eric V.	Dost
James W.	Soles
Raymond C.	Ballard
Terrance L.	Baker
Robert J.	Boulet
Richard A.	Oppelt
Michael E.	Krug
Robert R.	Teague
Fred J.	Carlson
William G.	Dewispelaere
Stanley A.	Walker
William E.	Manley
Rusell	Luppo
James W.	Caraway
Thomas J.	Welch



November

Donald E.	Butler
Donald J.	Mac Kinnon
Leonard W.	Pettitt, Jr.
Gary L.	Eberle
Francis P.	Pappas
Barry L.	Wren
Stephen C.	Wilson
Dale M.	Berg
H. Mike	Light
Bruce R.	Tremmel
Gilbert S.	Harrington
Marvin	Holmgren
Michael Y.	Sandborn
Clarence E.	Harris, Jr.
John A.	Haynie
Roney J.	Steele
Robert E.	Barnhart
Lawrence M.	Jessup
William E.	Johnson
Neil L.	Jensen
W. Glen	Martin
John J.	Koza
Orin D.	Nelon
Keith	Harley
Phillip D.	Bottenfield
Nelson L.	Stants

Carl Norman Adler of McClure, Ohio, whose journey of life gracefully concluded on May 19, 2026 at the age of 80.

[Carl Norman Adler Obituary \(1945-2026\) | McClure, OH](#)



Clayton James Moxley, age 79, passed away Saturday morning, July 18th 2026, at Candler County Hospital in Metter, GA. He grew up in the Denmark community and was a 1964 graduate of Southeast Bulloch High School.

MCB 53 B Comp. Both Tours [Clayton James Moxley - Grice Connect](#)



Alan Harvey Martinek [Alan Harvey Martinek Obituary | 1948 - 2020 | Alexandria, MN](#) He graduated from Glenwood High School and Alexandria Technical College in carpentry. This

was during the height of the Vietnam War and he and most of his classmates from AVTI joined the Navy Seabees to complete their military requirement. Al was a skilled carpenter and did especially fine detailed work on building cabinets and furniture. He strived for perfection and it showed in all of his work. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed four-wheeling to his special hunting places.

Richard (Rick) Addison Holmes, Jr., died peacefully on November 14th. [Richard Addison Holmes Obituary Nov 14, 2016 - Thurston-Lindberg-DeShaw Funeral Homes](#)

He grew up in a military family and spent much of his childhood on Naval bases. He started school in Panama, where his father was stationed, and his family later moved to Florida. Rick joined the U.S. Navy Seabees and served two tours in Vietnam from 1966-1969.

Jackson, Darrell Ray



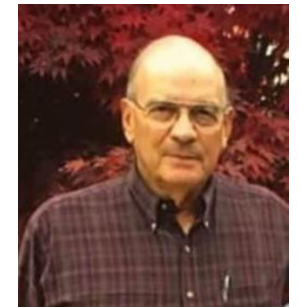
age 69, of Andover, passed away Jan. 29, 2017. Vietnam Veteran. Survived by beloved wife, Linda; children, Carrie and Brad;



stepchildren, John (Stacey) Dobratz and Jennifer Capener; grandchildren, Jeremy, Justin, Connor, Carter, Riley and Payton; sister, Betty (Ed) Frenzel; nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Interment Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Memorial service 10:30 AM Monday, Feb. 13, friends and family may gather one hour prior to service, all at:

www.Washburn-McReavy.com
Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.

[Darrell Ray Jackson \(1948-2017\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#)



George Guy "Guy" Rodgers [George Guy Rodgers \(1940-2020\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#)

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