

Who Am I?

"Name: JW Jacobs"

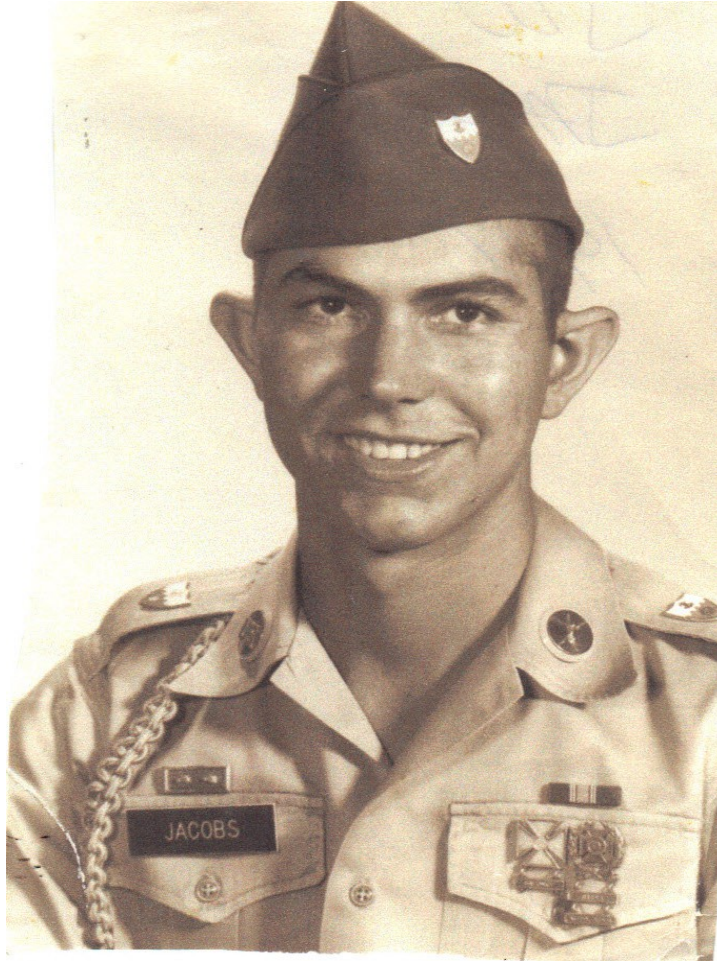
"Arrived RVN: September 1966"

"Left RVN: September 1967"

"Company: B"

"Platoon: 2nd"

"Squad: 3rd"



I was one of the boat people went over in Sept. 66. Came home Sept. 67

"I thought they used me a little to much. When B company was called on to lead I was called on to make the road through the jungle that's where my Red Ant story comes in (I was a APC driver) them things would fall on you. One day a whole ball of them fell in on me they like to have eat me up. My APC was called the little V C R if some body got stuck they would call on me. I was raised on a farm and knew how to get somebody out of the mud.

JW's wife also wrote the following:

My husband JW Jacobs and I recently had an experience that meant so much to us that he wants to share it with others.

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Mr. Springer said that there is an organization called The Viet Nam Triple Deuce, Inc. and would he like to become a member and be listed as a new find. Of course he did and we soon started getting newsletters. It seems that this group had been having reunions for a number of years. When we got our first newsletter, he saw another new find in there that he recognized. His name is Raymond E. Krnavek from Mustang, OK. An address and phone number was also included. JW called the number, but Raymond was not home. He talked to his son and later his phone call was returned. They were so happy to talk to each other. They were together from December 65 until May 67 when JW was transferred to the 93 MP Division several miles north.

Also in the newsletter was the dates of the next reunion. It was to be in the Sheraton Premier in Vienna, VA which is about 15 miles from Washington, D.C. At first we were not going to go, but after he discovered that Raymod was going, we changed our minds.

We got there a day early and did not have reservations at that hotel, but we were able to get a room nearby.

We drove on over to the hotel to see what was going on. As we were leaving the hotel, a man and a woman was crossing the street headed to the Sheraton. JW stopped and lowered the window and said "Raymond. is that you". I don't know how he knew him because they had not seen each since May 1967 in Vietnam..

Raymond and Lynn flew there and we drove so we picked them up that night and we went out to eat. The next day we checked into the Sheraton and the four of us went to D.C. to do some sightseeing. We went to Arlington Cemetery and we were able to visit Senator Roger Wicker. We really appreciated him taking time to see us.

While we were out that day, several members were placing names written on white paper to small 22 Infantry flags. Each flag had a name of one of the 22 infantry that was KIA. It was so sad to see so many flags from one unit.

As my first husband Kenneth Carpenter, was also in the 22 Infantry and was killed, there was a flag for him. The next day we went as a group to the Wall and placed flags at the foot of the panel which contained that name. JW and I placed Kenneth's flag and he and Raymond placed several flags by names of their fallen buddies. It was a very heartwarming experience.

Saturday night we had a banquet. At our table, along with Raymond and Lynn, were a World War 11 Veteran and his friend, an Iraqi Veteran and his wife and another Vietnam Veteran and his wife. We really felt honored.

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I am thankful that JW and Raymond were reunited and it was a joy to see them together. We hope we will be able to stay in contact and have already talked to him since we got home.

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To all current soldiers and to all that have served, Thank you and May God bless you.

If you see a veteran or a soldier, just take a moment to thank him or her. I am sure they will appreciate it.

PS. If you see JW, ask him about his red ant story.

Brenda Jacobs



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JW Jacobs on right, Raymond Krnariak on the left at D.C. Reunion.JPG (893x595)



JW Jacobs, 1966.JPG (685x1002)



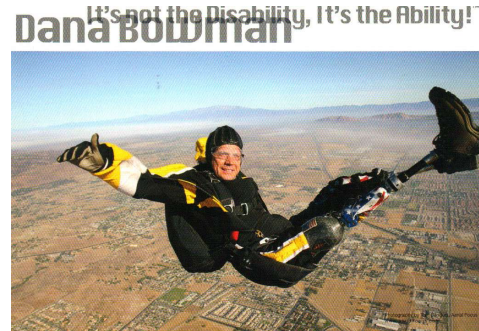
Kenneth Carpenter, KIA January 2, 1968 -3rd Bn, 22nd at FB Burt.JPG (467x400)



Memorial Huey picture 1.JPG (878x574)



Memorial Huey picture 2.jpg (878x580)



Motivational Speaker and Veteran, Dana Bowman.JPG (1048x718)

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MEMORIAL

For Huey Helicopter

And Monument

At Vietnam Veterans' Corner

Prentiss County Courthouse

December 7, 2007

2:00 p.m.

Vietnam Huey Memorial Flyer Page 1. JPG (625x965)

Program

Welcome.....J.W. Jacobs

Pledge

InvocationBrother Walter Downs

National Anthem.....Amber Gilley

"God's Own Lunatics"

RemarksJ.W. Jacobs

GuestBilly McCoy

GuestGeneral Harold Cross

GuestGary Breedlove

Recognition.....Brother Walter Downs

Gold Star Mothers

Gold Star Wives

Families of the boys killed in action

Viewing of Monument

Sponsors

Gary Walker

Ken Nicholson

Ronnie Jourdan

Wal-Mart

U-Save

B&B Concrete

Dry Run Nursery

Earl Owens

Randy Calvary

Ray Livingston

Jumper Oil

Travis Childers & Board of Supervis

Roger Smith & Board

James White Tire Store

Dennie Richardson

McMillan Funeral Home

Buddy Smith & Crew

Acco

Brown-Line Printing, Inc.

All the Inmates

Vietnam Huey Memorial Flyer Page 2 & 3.JPG (1435x975)

HELICOPTER TO BE PLACED ON SQUARE

Within the next few days, a helicopter from the Vietnam War era will be placed on the southeast side of the Prentiss County Courthouse square. J.W. Jacobs, a Vietnam War veteran, said that type helicopter was one of the most frequent used to rescue soldiers. It will be refurbished. Jacobs and his wife, Brenda, met with Chancery Clerk Travis Childers and representatives of the National Guard last week to go over final details. Jacobs said he wanted to thank all who have helped with the project and especially Rep. Billy McCoy, General Cross, Col. Michael Gilpin, Col. Sonny Watkins, the Booneville Mayor and Board of Aldermen and the Prentiss County Board of Supervisors.

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Vietnam Huey Memorial News Article

Quoting JW Jacobs.JPG (850x976)



Vietnam Memorial Buttons and Patches. JPG (656x857)