



CURRENTLY SERVING

- Brian Colby, II** Living in Pensacola, FL working as a flight training pilot. U.S. Navy
- Rob Currie, Maj** Currently attached to NATO, Geilenkirchen, Germany. U.S. Air Force
- Matthew Halweg, SGT** GSTC 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Utah National Guard
- Bill Jones, SGT** Aviation Tech on the Osprey. Currently in San Diego where he awaits possible deployment. U.S. Marine Corps (Bill is the grandson of Bill and Peg Jones.)
- Bob Jones, LT** Logistics Officer stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Tacoma, WA. U.S. Army (Bob is the grandson of Bill and Peg Jones.)
- Doug Lofreddo, SGM** Wisconsin Army National Guard assigned to Joint Force Headquarters in Madison.
- Nick Mathwig, 1LT** Transportation Corps, 2nd Infantry Division, South Korea. U.S. Army
- Julie Miller, LCDR** Civil Engineering Corps. Currently deployed to Rota, Spain. U.S. Navy. (Julie is the daughter-in-law of Pastor Kirk and Faith.)
- Rob Putrino, LT** Special Forces, U.S. Navy
- James Roberts, 2LT** 14 STUS, Columbus AFB, MS. U.S. Air Force
- Hudson Tomblin, A1C** Intelligence Analyst, 115th Fighter Wing, Air Force National Guard
- Mike Tomblin, CW4** 1st of the 147th Aviation Battalion. Blackhawk (helicopter) Pilot. U.S. Army
- Ian Weller, LT** Cryptologic Warfare Officer, U.S. Navy

PREVIOUSLY SERVED

Harry Argue, 1LT	U.S. Army 1968-1970
Bob Bakke	U.S. Army 1954-1956
David Baltes	U.S. Army 1945-1947
Dennis Bear, PO2	U.S. Navy 1958-1963
Bob Bennin, SPC	U.S. Army 1966-1968
Tedd Cash	U.S. Air Force 1956-1960
Andy Currie	U.S. Army 1968-1969
Richard Dortzbach	U.S. Army Reserves 1964-1971
Steve Doty, AE2	U.S. Navy 1970-1976
Paul Dowding, Sp.-4	U.S. Army 1972-1974
Steve Dunai, Col	Wisconsin Air National Guard, Honorably Retired
Gordon Faust, MSgt	U.S. Air Force and U.S. Air Force Reserve 1950-1992, Honorably Retired
Robert Feller	U.S. Army
Thomas Fitzgerald, SSgt	U.S. Air Force 1965-1969
Vaughn Frye	U.S. Air Force 1971-1977
Werner Gade, AZ2	U.S. Navy 1979-1986
Gregory Goar, Lt Col	U.S. Air Force, Honorably Retired
Sean Green, Sgt	United States Marine Corps 2007-2013
Margaret Hicks	U.S. Army 1983-1986
Patrick Hicks	U.S. Army 1985-1990
Lisa Jansen	U.S. Army National Guard 1988-1994
Todd Jansen	U.S. Navy 1983-1993
Anthony (Chip) Jones	U.S. Marine Corps 2010-2014 (Grandson of Bill and Peg Jones)
Bill Jones	Wisconsin Air National Guard 1957-1963
Charles F. Koranda, CW5	U.S. Army, 1967-1998, Honorably Retired
Paul Larson, Capt	U.S. Air Force 1973-1975
Sandy Legwold, LTC	U.S. Army, US Army Reserve, Honorably Retired
Scott Legwold, BG	U.S. Army, Wisconsin Army National Guard, Honorably Retired.
James Malone	U.S. Army 1972-1976
Mark Mathwig, COL	U.S. Army/Wisconsin Army National Guard, Honorably Retired
Dale Mayer	U.S. Army 1965-1967

Richard McVicar, Jr., MSgt	115th Fighter Wing, Wisconsin Air National Guard, Honorably Retired
Jim Meyer, A1C	U.S. Air Force 1966-1970
Torger Mikkelsen, 2Lt	Wisconsin Army National Guard, 1967-1972
Kirk W. Morledge, CDR	Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy, Honorably Retired
Rick Mueller	U.S. Navy 1992-2000
Victoria Musser	U.S. Air Force and U.S. Air Force Reserve 1991-1995
Larry Nummerdor, SPC	U.S. Army 1968-1970
Ray Obel, LtCol	U.S. Air Force
Keith Penniston	U.S. Navy Reserves 1954-1960, Active 1955-1957
John Pierce, Capt	Pilot, Air National Guard 1986-1999
Bill Pohlson, Sgt	U.S. Army 1960-1965
Jim Price, 1LT	U.S. Army 1957
Jeff Quinto, SP5	Indiana Army National Guard, 1970-1976
Jack Reed	U.S. Army 1956-1958
Chuck Rehm	U.S. Army 1969-1970
Thomas Rider, LTC	U.S. Army 1989-2013, Honorably Retired
Jess Robinson	U.S. Navy
Ralph Roepke, AT-3	U.S. Navy 1953-1961
Steve Sash, CPT	U.S. Army 1971-1973
Sheldon Schall, E-5	U.S. Army 1970-1971
Bruce Schewe, SMSgt	U.S. Air Force, Honorably Retired
Ed Schlappi	U.S. Army 1969-1971
Bob Somermeyer	U.S. Navy 1971-1975
Jim Steffenhagen, Sp.-4	U.S. Army 1966-1967
Doug Tomlinson	U.S. Air Force
William Werner	U.S. Army 1956-1958
Tim Wright	U.S. Navy 1988-1990



*Those who have served their country in uniform
have essentially written a check to the Nation for
any amount up to and including their lives.
We must remain mindful of their sacrifices
and the sacrifices of their loved ones.*

-Unknown

Our wreath-layer today is Veteran and Church Member Ralph Roepke



Ralph joined the Navy during the Korean war in April of 1953. The next 15 months would find him in school -- three months of basic training at Great Lakes, IL, two months of Prep school in Norman, OK, and then on to Aviation Electronics Technicians school near Memphis, TN. After graduation Ralph was assigned duty with Airborne Early Warning Squadron One (VW-1) at Barbers Point, HI.

After reporting for duty at VW-1 Ralph was assigned to the radar shop, which also meant he was a member of one of the flight crews. In July of 1954 when he arrived at VW-1 they were flying converted B-17's. Early in 1955 the Navy started to swap out the B-17's with Lockheed's new Super Constellation. VW-1 also had a base location in Japan and flight crews deployed to Japan for three months each year. During his 28 months with VW-1 he completed 3 deployments; extended periods of time were spent in Guam, Okinawa, the Philippine Islands, and Formosa.

In Oct. 1956, Ralph was transferred to the Fleet Air Electronics Training Unit Pacific located at North Island, CA. On the way there he went home to Wisconsin, married Sally, and they flew to California together. They lived in Coronado a short distance from the North Island Navy Air Station. Upon receiving his discharge from the Navy in March of 1957, they returned to Wisconsin.

As a Korean war veteran Ralph was eligible to apply for a Badger Honor Flight to Washington DC. During the Fall of 2016 Ralph's daughter Susan Gade, with Sally's help, got the ball rolling. In May of 2017 he went on the Badger Honor Flight with his son Jeffrey as his escort. It was a wonderful and emotional experience that will never be forgotten.

Sally and Ralph have been married for 64 years, have 2 children, 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

