

Korean War Veterans feature Left out several Aspinwall Veterans

As I began working on the Korean era Veterans I forgot to check the Aspinwall database. Since Manning and Aspinwall have a unique connection, the Veterans from that community will be included in the Manning Veterans' book.

#36 Engelbert Brandt (1 picture and a formal write-up)



Engelbert Wendelin "Bert," son of Joseph and Katharina (Mueller) Brandt, was born June 19, 1925, near Gray, Iowa. He attended school in Aspinwall. After his schooling, he farmed on the family farm near Aspinwall.

On April 15, 1946, Bert and two other men from Crawford County were inducted into the Army. They left Denison for Fort Snelling, Minnesota, for boot camp training.

Bert was sent to several other locations, one being Camp Polk, Louisiana. In March of 1947 he was honorably discharged.

On March of 1951, being short of a full year of service he was called back during the Korean War. He was sent to Korea and served as a medic. Bert was honorably discharged December 1952 with the rank of Corporal.

Bert's brother, Joseph Brandt, Jr., also served in Korea in 1957. Their father, Joseph Brandt, Sr., born April 13, 1889, was conscripted into the German Army and served for the required time, Joe immigrated to the United States in 1913 from Bavaria, Germany.

Joseph Sr.'s brother, Engelbert, who did not immigrate to the United States, was killed in France during WWI while fighting in the German Army. "Bert" was named in remembrance of his uncle, who the family remembers as a "fallen hero" who only lived to be 21 years old.

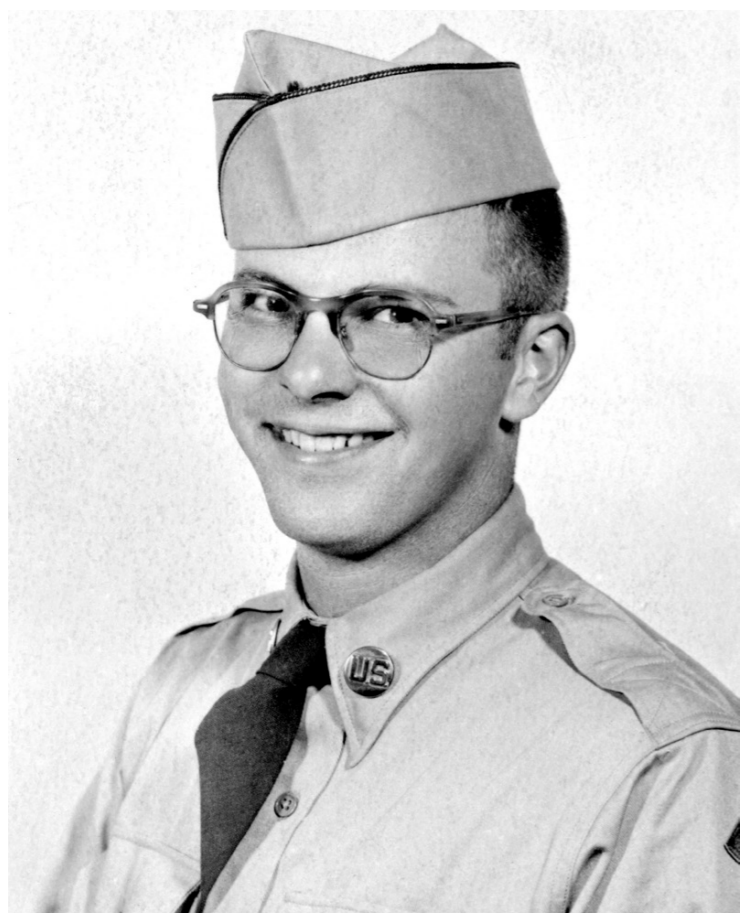


Joseph Brandt, Sr. who served in the German Army

While the Manning Veterans' history book is about the men and women who served for the United States of America, we are including pictures and information about those men who served in the "Old Country" to show the unique situation that would arise years later for the citizens of the area and their European (especially German) ancestry.

Some Manning men of German ancestry would have potentially fought against some of their relatives in Germany during WWI and WWII...no specific cases are known where actual direct fighting between relatives occurred where a US soldier was shooting at a German soldier from the same family line, but this would have been on the minds of those who fought for both sides - that they could kill an uncle, cousin, or brother who was fighting for the "other side."

#37 Richard Clark (1 picture and a formal write-up)



Richard M. "Dick" Clark graduated from Manning High School in 1949. He entered Iowa State University in the fall of 1950.

Dick was sworn into the U.S. Army September 11, 1952, at Fort Omaha, Nebraska. He was sent to Camp Crowder, Missouri, for a week of physicals, I.Q. tests, uniform fitting and jobs that were very different from life on the farm. He left Camp Crowder by troop train to Fort Bliss, Texas, near El Paso, where he was given eight weeks of Infantry Basic and eight weeks of Light Anti-Aircraft Basic.

One month after Dick finished basic training he went to Fort Sam Houston to Food Service School for four months. Then he was sent back to Fort Bliss where he had the privilege of participating in the Guided Missile Battalion as a Cook and Assistant Mess Sgt. From there he went to cook for West Point and ROTC summer encampments. Dick's last 13 months in the Army were spent as First Cook and Assistant Mess Sgt. at Logan Heights Officer's Club at Fort Bliss. Dick was discharged September 10, 1954, at Fort Bliss, Texas.

#38 Gene Ehrichs (several pictures, formal write-up, other documents, and military information)



Gene John Ehrichs was born in Aspinwall in 1934, a son of Louie and Clara Ehrichs. He attended the Aspinwall School, and graduated from Manning High School in 1952. His brother, Glenn, served during WWII.

Gene enlisted in the Air Force March 20, 1953, and received his basic training in the southern states of Texas, Arizona, and Florida. He was a reconnaissance pilot, serving in the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Gene was stationed in Germany and France for three years; returned to the states to Camp Adair near Corvallis, Oregon, where his brother and family lived; next to a base in Mountain Home, Idaho; then to Sumter, South Carolina; then to England. He was in Korea for 14 months in 1965, and served two different tours in Vietnam.

Lieutenant Colonel Ehrichs retired and was discharged June 30, 1973, at Duluth, Minnesota.



Gene standing in front of a plane that we are not sure of the exact model...which appears to be TA-354 but there may be a letter ahead of the T. In my notes it is described as a T6G plane. Hopefully an Air Force expert will be able to help.



Gene, 3rd from left at Bryan Air Force Base, Jet Fighter School 1955

We are trying to figure out what the various military abbreviations stand for that we found on Gene's discharge papers under medals and honors he received. Anyone who can help with this will be greatly appreciated.

AM SO G-224 2AD 65 (Airforce Medal?) Airmen's medal?
AM W/10lc So G-315 2AD 6 (Airforce Medal with ?? Airmen's medal. 10lc is one oak leaf cluster
DFC SO G-231 PACAF 65 Distinguished flying cross - pacaf is pacific air forces which means he was is south pacific

DFC 2100c SO G-191 2AD 66 Distinguished flying cross 2100c?

AFCM SO G-2 13AF 66 Airforce Commendation Medal
AFCM W/10lc SO G-53 12 AF 68 Airforce Commendation Medal With with one oak leaf cluster

AFCM W/20lc SO GB-1 23 AD73 Airforce Commendation Medal With 2 oak leaf clusters - the rest??

BSM SO G-1349 7AF 71 B Service Medal? bronze service medal maybe

AFLSA w/40LC AFM 900-3 air force longevity award with 4 oak leaf clusters (they receive one award every 4 years for honorable service)

GCM AFM 900-3 Good Conduct Medal. They receive them every 3 years of honorable service.

SAEMR AFM 900-3 unknown

AFEM AFM 900-3 Air force expeditionary medal?

VSM w IBSS AFM 900-3 ?something? service medal

AFOUA W/20lc AFM 900-3 Air force outstanding unit award with 2 oak leaf clusters

RVCM AFM 900-3 unknown

WCB AFM 900-3 unknown

SWCM AFM 900-3 unknown

NDSM W/IBSS AFM 900-3 unknown

AFLSA w/40lc AFM 900-3 unknown

GCM AFM 900-3 unknown

SAEMR AFM 900-3 unknown

AFEM AFM 900-3 unknown

VSM w/IBSS AFM 900-3 unknown

AFOUA w/20lc AFM 900-3 unknown

WCB AFM 900-3 unknown

SWWCB AFM 900-3 unknown

NDSM w/IBSS AFM 900-3 unknown

Education section:

AFFS PRIM AND BSC PTL TNG Airforce boot camp?

AFFS FTR F-84 ABCWNS Airforce Flight Training? F-84 was a fighter?

USAF ADV FLY CSH TACH RCH INDOC CRSE US Airforce Advanced Fly Crash Tactical ?? indoctrination course?

USAAFTS WPNS CENTER US Airforce Weapons Center?

INTERCEPT DIRECTION (SAGE) Weapons Interception Training?

AIRCREW FAMIL RF4C CRSE Aircrew Familiar RF4C Course, RF4 jet?)

RF4C ACFT COMMANDERS CRSE RF4C Aircraft Commanders course

SURVIVAL TRNG CRSE Survival Training Course

PACAF JUNGLE SURV. Pacific Jungle Survival Course

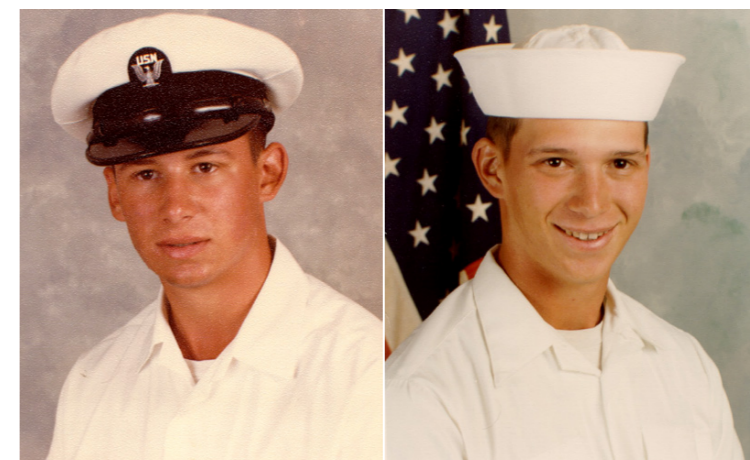
Gene passed away in 1981, so there is no way to ask him what these honors and education classes stand for. This is why it is imperative that Veterans take some time to talk about and define their service...especially when it will be used in the Manning Veterans' history book.



Wedding August 21, 1955



Gene John Ehrichs, Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force, is shown in the cockpit of this jet. A Reconnaissance Pilot, he served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and was stationed in Germany and France.



Gene and Pat had three sons, two of which also served. Mark on the left was a Machinist Mate / Engineering Laboratory Technician in the nuclear Navy. During the majority of his 8.5 years in the Navy, Mark was stationed on the U.S.S. Casimir Pulaski (SSBN 633).

Brian served in the Navy and Marine Corps. He enlisted in 1980, served in Iraqi Freedom and advanced into biomedical in the late 1980s. More details will be included in the book.