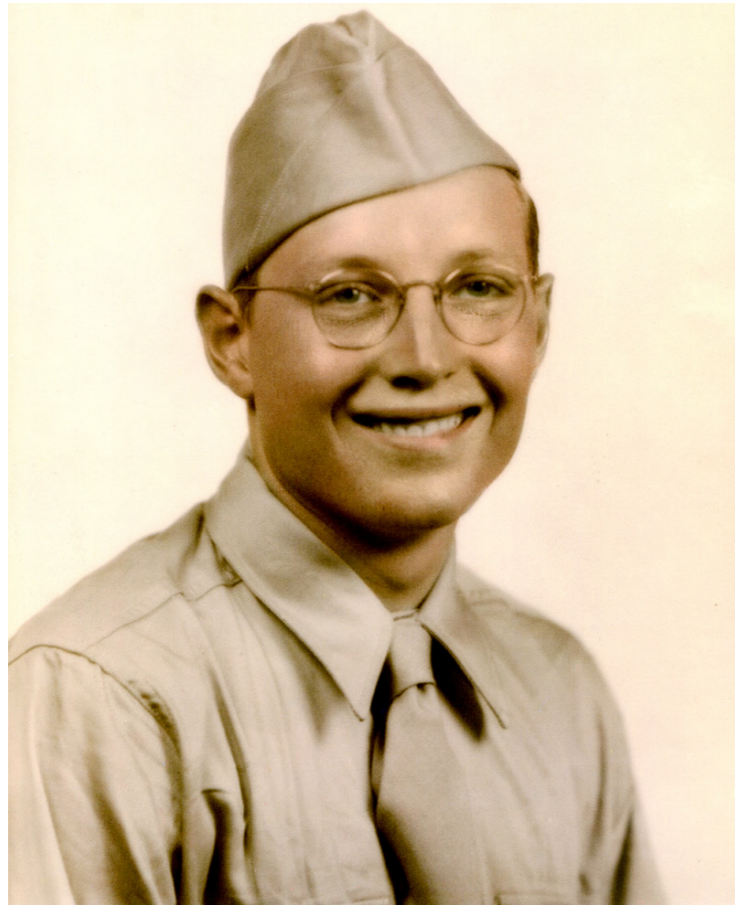


**Post WWII / Pre-Korean War Veterans
Kienast and more**

#5 Harvey Kienast (1 picture, very little information)



I have Harvey's discharge papers and will eventually spend some time to write up his information in story form.

For now I'll just post a few of facts about Harvey and the Kienast family.

Harvey, son of John and Emma (Braun) Kienast, was born September 5, 1924, in Audubon County. He graduated from Manning High School in 1944.

Harvey enlisted in the Army on June 11, 1946, and took infantry school basic training at Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

In July 1946 he was transferred to Battery D-19 Field Artillery Training Battalion at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

He was a field lineman with the 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion and served state-side under the 82nd Airborne Division. He received the Parachutist badge and was qualified to handle a 30 caliber M-1 Rifle.

Harvey was issued a lapel button and received the WWII Victory medal. He was discharged December 10, 1947, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, with the rank of Tech 5.

Veteran Family history

Harvey's father served in the Army during WWI and his other brothers, Maynard, Elmer, Harvey, Leroy, and Leland all served in the armed forces; all will be featured in the Manning Veterans' history book, under their respective eras.



John Kienast WWI



Leland, LeRoy, Maynard, Elmer, Harvey, Gilbert, Emma



*Zelda Ehlers & Harvey Kienast wedding
They had five children: Vickie, Linda, Lori, Ronald, and John*



Like a lot of Veterans from the Manning area, they grew up on a farm. The Kienast family farmed for years in Lincoln Township, Audubon County, and in 1941 moved to a farm south of Manning.

As I commonly state in these articles, very few of the non-military related pictures will be used in the Veterans' book. I use these other pictures now to show the reader family connections and encourage them to submit not only military pictures but other Manning connected pictures so they can be used in future stories about the over-all Manning family history.

The goal now is to get as many military related pictures and information as I can, interview Veterans who live locally and once I start laying out the Veterans' book I'll have to put the information I have at that time into story form.

I prefer to have a Veteran or family member of a Veteran put the information into story form but most of the time I'm lucky to just get some information and pictures.

For those Veterans who I sit down with and interview, I'll have a much more detailed and thorough story, and more captions for pictures. For the rest of the Veterans I'll have to do my best to gather what I can and put the information in story form.

I'm always reaching out to anyone who can help me with the Veterans in their family. Even if someone submitted information and pictures to me years ago, I'll gladly accept more information they may have found since then.

#6 Woodrow Kortum (no pictures, some basic information)



Kortum brothers: Maxwell, Chester, Woodrow, Leroy, Joseph

The only reason why I have a civilian picture and some information about Woodrow is because a Kortum descendant from Oregon e-mailed me the information.

Because most of the old-time families have died out in the Manning area...I have no one to go to and ask. There are two Kortum descendants who live in Manning, Virginia Johnson and Leroy Dammann, but they are so far removed from the older generations that they don't have much Kortum information or any pictures.

So if you are reading this article and do not live in Manning but have Manning pictures and information, please contact Dave Kusel.

manningveterans@davidkusel.com
712 653-3259 - with answering machine

Information provided Joseph Swallow.

Woodrow Wilson Kortum, son of Jacob F. Kortum - Spanish American War)

Woodrow was born November 25, 1912, in Manning, and died February 23, 1999, in San Diego, California. He married Margie Thompson and they have two children: Kathleen and Robert.

Notes about Woodrow:

Woodrow served with the Department of the Navy, beginning in November 1946 when he accepted a position at the Advance Base Depot, Port Hueneme, as a temporary railroad conductor. He worked at this position almost one year before being laid off due to a reduction in force.

In 1956 he returned to civilian service as an electronics mechanic in the Technical Service Department, Electronics Shops Division, Naval Air Missile Test Center, Point Mugu.

During the next three years he was often detailed as a member of the special CORVUS Task Group to San Nicolas Island (SNI).

In 1960, Woodrow was promoted to electronics technician and transferred to the Range Operations Department, Test Communications Division on SNI. Two years later he was

promoted to GS-11, Electronics Maintenance Technician (Radio).

In 1967 he was promoted to supervisor and worked in various key positions including microwave, command destruct and fixed ground radio wireless remote control systems. Since 1973 he had been supervisor in charge of all radio frequency communication functions on SNI.

When Woodrow Wilson Kortum was born on November 25, 1912, in Manning, his father, Jacob, was 42 and his mother, Daisy, was 30. He married Margie Valeda Thompson and they had six children together. He then married Evelyn Macyl Rule on June 9, 1970, in Las Vegas, Nevada. He died on February 23, 1999, in Fallbrook, California, at the age of 86, and was buried in Riverside, California.

#6 Alvin Kuhse (no individual pictures, very little information, other than what a buddy of his provided)



Back: Donn Kelsey, Jim Farrell, Glenn Kuhse, Willis "Whitey" Lohmeier; Front: Alvin Kuhse, Charles "Tuffy" Schumann

Notes from Donn Kelsey:

"This photo was taken at the U.S. Naval Submarine Base, New London, Connecticut in the Fall of 1948. We were all attending the Naval Submarine School.

One of the officers attending the school was a lieutenant named Jimmy Carter...yes, the future President Jimmy Carter."

Donn had no specific memories of ever speaking to Lt. Carter or being under his command.

"One of the training exercises required us to make escapes from a depth of 50 feet with only a small Momsen Lung on our chests for oxygen and a rope to control our ascent to the surface. We just about lost Tuffy but he finally made it. We trained at sea each week and it was tough going at times, but being all together made it easier. My ear drum ruptured and I didn't turn in to Sick Bay, the guys covered for me so I didn't get kicked out of the school. After graduating in the spring of 1949 the Kuhses got on the same sub at New London, I became a crew member on the USS Remora SS 487 at Mare Island, California, and the other three went to the Sub Base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, to join their subs."

"Another little story was about our going to sea down the Thames River. There was a drawbridge that had to open in order for us to pass and the Skipper would toot our horn in order to get their attention to raise it. Sometimes we would have to wait awhile BUT when we returned the skipper said, "The crew is eager to get to town," so would give a toot but not slow down and if the bridge was not up he would dive until our decks were awash and we'd go right under it."



*USS Piper submarine entering Malta in 1950
On board is Alvin Kuhse and Glenn Kuhse*

#7 Glenn Kuhse (1 picture, very little information)



I was last in contact with Glenn by e-mail in 2011. I tried that address but it bounced back.

Hopefully one of Glenn's family members or one of his buddies reads this article will let him know I would like to get back to him because I have a number of questions to ask.

This is a heads-up to anyone who has e-mailed me in the past and now has changed their e-mail address...please send me your new one - I may have found new stuff about your family.