



Jane (Miller) Beasley passed away in 2011

#63 Jack Mohr, Jr. (1 picture, formal write-up)



Jack enlisted in the Marine Corps at Omaha, Nebraska, in June 1954. He took twelve weeks of basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California; then shipped out to El Toro MCAS, California; Kaneohe Bay MCAS, Oahu; and then to the Navy Ammo Depot at Hastings, Nebraska, for discharge. Jack enlisted in the Air Force in 1958 at Omaha, Nebraska, and drew his Air Force issue at Lowry AFB, Colorado, where he started his Air Force career as an Administrative Supervisor at the Base Adjutants Office.

He was transferred to Base Operations in Sondrestrom AB, Greenland; Chief Electronics and Maintenance Office with the Montgomery Air Defense Sector, Gunter AFB, Alabama; Standardization Office with the Chief of Maintenance, Spangdahlem AS, Germany; Congressional Inquiry Division with The Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, DC; Comptrollers Office with the 366 Combat Support Gp, Da Nang AB, Vietnam; Administration Office with the Air Force Retraining Gp, Lowry AFB, Colorado; Detachment Administration with Air Force Recruiting Service, Denver Office.

Jack served in combat at Da Nang AB, Vietnam, in 1969. He received four Air Force Commendation Medals, six Marine Corps/ Air Force Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Technical Sergeant Mohr retired from the Air Force in September 1975.

Jack commented: "It was certainly an honor to serve our great country, and I would do it again in a heartbeat. A big thanks to all the men and women who have served our country."

Jack and his family made their home in Colorado and he worked for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Denver for twenty-one years, retiring in August 1996.

#64 Robert Mohr (no pictures, only obituary)



Jack Mohr with his children

Robert Dean Mohr was born December 2, 1928, in Manning, the son of George and Christina (Sonksen) Mohr. He graduated with the Manning High School class of 1947.

Bob served his country in the United States Army from 1951 to 1953 during the Korean War and was stationed in Germany for 14 months.

On August 16, 1953, Bob was united in marriage to Myra Schroeder at the Manning Lutheran Church. To this union six children were born: Randal, Ricky, Monica, Mark, Robin, and Marcy.

Bob worked briefly at the hatchery in Manning before managing grain elevators in the communities of Audubon, Manning, Grand Junction, and Oakland, Iowa. He later became part owner of Walt's Tire & Muffler in Oakland until selling out and going to work at Fullerton Lumber in Oakland until retiring. Bob also owned and operated Mohr's Barbeque and Catering. Myra passed away on October 3, 1996.

#65 Emmett Mullen (no pictures, only obituary)

Emmett Francis, son of Emmett Francis and Mabel (Houlihan) Mullen, was born June 22, 1931, at St. Catherine's Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska. When he was young, Emmett lived in Texas and Oklahoma. His family settled in Denison, Iowa where he graduated from Denison High School in 1949. He then worked at Hallett's Bootery in Denison.

From 1949 to 1951, Emmett served in the Army National Guard.

On April 13, 1953, Emmett was united in marriage with Donna Terwilleger at Defiance, Iowa. Emmett and Donna made their home in Manning where they owned and operated the Manning Bootery. They had three children: Thea, Marty, and Rourke.

Emmett passed away on October 11, 2005. Military Honors were provided by the American Legion Post 22 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3517.

#66 Billie Gene Nelson (1 picture, only obituary)



This picture came from the VFW box of photos found stored there a number of years ago. It was labeled as Bill Nelson but confirmation is needed to make sure.

Billie, son of Oliver and Bernice (Olsen) Nelson, was born August 5, 1931 at Harlan, Iowa. He graduated from Harlan High School in 1949.

In 1952 Billie entered the United States Army. After returning home from basic training he was united in marriage with Marilyn Popp on January 21, 1953, at the Popp family home south of Manning. After their marriage Billie spent the next 19 months in Korea.

When he returned from the service they farmed, for a short time after which Billie worked for the Manning Creamery Company for many years and later for Blue Bunny. He then worked for Pacific Adhesives and Rural Water before his most recent position as Water and Waste Water Superintendent for the City of Manning.

Billie was a loyal and dedicated member of the Emil Ewoldt Post 22 of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3517 where he was Past Commander of both. In addition Billie was a Past Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Iowa District 6.

He also served 18 years as a member of the Manning Fire Department. Billie died in 1989.

They had six children: David, Todd, Scott, Jane, Sara, and Barbara.



Bill 1971-72 American Legion Commander



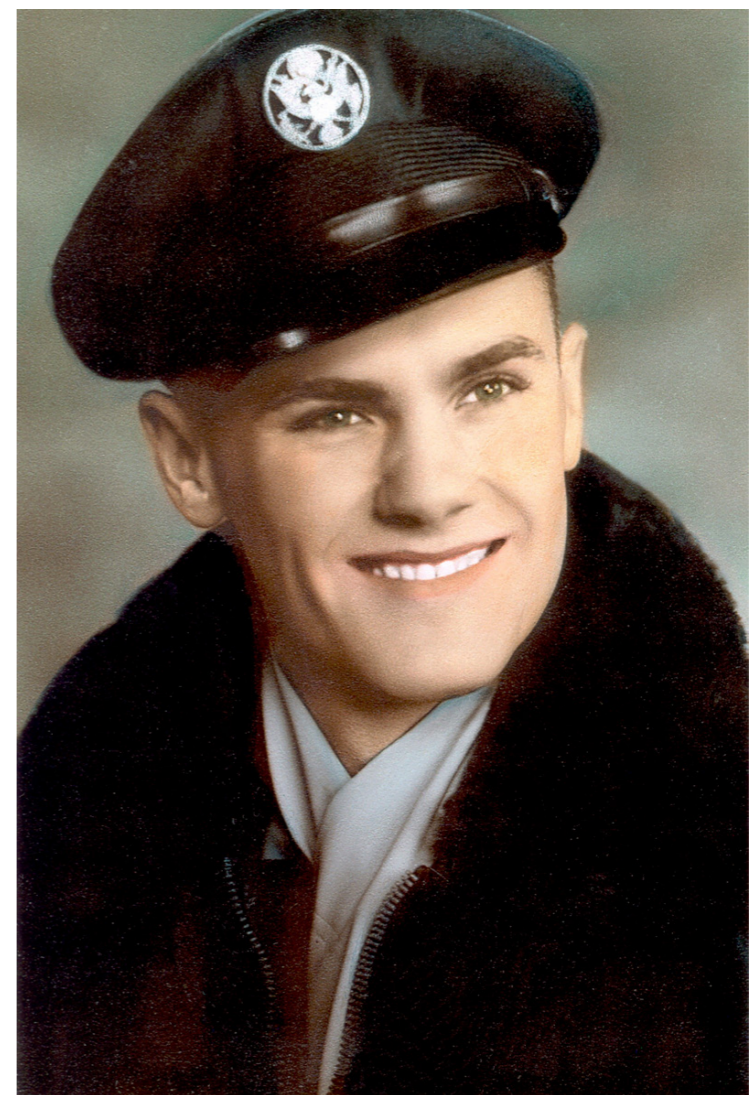
Bill 1980 VFW Commander

#67 Donald Dean Newell (no pictures or information)

The only information I have about Don is what is engraved on his tombstone in the Manning Cemetery.

1934 - 1960
Iowa Sergeant Battery B
75th AAA Battalion Korea

#68 Wesley G. Nulle (many pictures, formal interview)



Quick bio:

Wesley was inducted into the Air Force on December 27, 1950. He trained at Lackland Air Force Base and then went to school for Aircraft and Missile training. Wesley worked and flew on C-47 and C-59 aircraft. His job was to haul supplies to the tracking station for missiles and help to build the early warning system in northern Greenland and the Arctic area. Airman 1st Class Nulle was discharged on September 17, 1954.

Interview with Wes Nulle conducted by Dr. Rexanne Struve on December 13, 2011

The United States was involved in the Korean Conflict and I was close to being drafted. I wanted to join the Air Force. My family was living in Charter Oak then, so on December 26, 1950, the day after Christmas, seven of us all went together to enlist in the Air Force. We were split up and some of us got put in a different outfit. At the time there was such a group of men down there, that they needed a person to run a typewriter. And I ended up being the victim to run the typewriter to process these men into the service and on to the other base where they would go to school. So as a result, I never got basic training. In about six months, we were getting caught up and I was asked to go to school. They asked me what school I wanted to go to and I said I wanted to be an aircraft mechanic. So anyway, I ended up at Shepherd Air Force Base at Wichita Falls, Texas. And it was a school of about eight months, I believe it was. Upon graduation, I went to Chanute Field, Illinois. So then, I was supposed to go to engine specialist school there and they came through and picked four of us to go to rocket school. We were to be trained for the big rockets for space exploration. So as a result of that, I ended up at Patrick Air Force Base in Florida, which was part of Cape Kennedy. And anyway, when I got down there, I ended up going back to work on aircraft again.



Patrick Air Force Base in Florida

They needed runways and radar systems built down in the Caribbean Sea for tracking stations to watch these rockets when they were fired. It ended up that I got to be a flight mechanic there. We hauled a lot of material down to build these runways and radar sights. I hadn't had any college training and you really needed college training to be a pilot. Some guys tried it, didn't make it and some guys did make it. I was there for a year.

I was then transferred to the Northeast Air Command (a system of air bases) and I ended up at a base in northern Greenland, at Thule Airbase. The base was brand new the year I went up there. Then I got transferred to an airplane with skis on it for landing on the Greenland ice cap. Greenland is all ice. We were building the DEW Line, Defensive Early Warning System, which was scattered from Alaska to the east side of Greenland, with radar sites set up every so often across that area. And that was to keep track of Russia in case of an attack or something. So I spent a year up there, about 500 miles north of the Arctic Circle. Up there, four months of the winter would be total darkness and in the summer, in the light season, we had four months of total sunshine.



Thule Airbase - work and supply area

So when I finished my tour there, I was sent to Dover, Delaware, to Dover Air Force Base. I worked in a flight line office and then I was discharged in September, 1954.

(Rexanne asked specific questions of Wes to trigger some more memories of his military days.)

Rest and Recuperation (R&R): "I never took a three-day pass all the time I was in there. I didn't really need one. I couldn't get that far anyway, because I was more than a 1000 miles away from home."

Communication/letters home: "Our mail service was real good. In fact our mail service to Greenland was almost better than it is right here. We were able to make phone calls, but I never made any. I just didn't spend money for those things."

Wesley Nulle concluded next week.