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VETERANS DAY

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Dane Andrew Anderson—U.S. Air Force

5 years active duty

Anderson served in the U.S. Air Force as a space systems director from 1982-1987. He served in various Continental United States (CONUS) assignments and served abroad in a Joint Defense assignment in Australia. He was honorably discharged as a Captain in 1987 to begin civilian career supporting DOE at the Savannah River Site. Anderson is currently the program manager for the Site Operations Support Services contract where he has worked since February 1, 2015.



Aaron S. Boylen—U.S. Army

4 years active duty

Boylen served in the U.S. Army from 1999 to 2003. He served in the Aco 1-32 infantry, 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, NY. Boylen was honorably discharged as a Sergeant E-5. Boylen spent six months in Kosovo and received an Army Achievement Medal.



Selinde Anne Brock—U.S. Coast Guard

28 years U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Coast Guard Reserve

Brock served in the U.S. Coast Guard and U. S. Coast Guard Reserve, 1976-2007. Served in Juneau, AK; Seattle, WA; CG Sector Coos Bay, OR ; (Instructor, Coast Guard Training Center Petaluma, CA); Chief Petty Officer Coast Guard Sector Marianas Guam; CG Sector San Diego, CA; USCGC HEALY-WAGB 20 (Icebreaker) Seattle, WA (traveled to McMurdo Antarctica, North Pole); CG Sector Astoria, OR; Retired in 2007 as a Chief Yeoman. Seven years with NETL (Staff Assistant ORD).



Anessia R. Chambers—U.S. Air Force

10 years active duty

Chambers served as an active duty member in the U.S. Air Force from 1993 to 2013. She was stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, TX; Osan Air Base, Korea; Barksdale Air Force Base, LA; Langley Air Force Base, VA; Misawa Air Base, Japan; and Fairchild Air Force Base, WA. While on active duty service, she deployed in support of coalition operations in Kuwait, Qatar, and Korea. Chambers has been an administrative assistant at NETL in Sugar Land, TX for 2 years.



James (Jim) Covell—U.S. Army

4 years active duty

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Pierina (Noceti) Fayish—U.S. Coast Guard

6 years active duty

Pierina (Noceti) Fayish graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1997 with a B.S. in Marine and Environmental Science and a commission as a U.S. Coast Guard officer. She served on active duty through 2003, when she resigned her commission as a Lieutenant. During her assignment to Marine Safety Office Pittsburgh, she was honored to visit NETL as a guest speaker for Women's History Month, 2001 (see photo).

Assignments: 1997-1999 U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Madrona (WLB 302) Charleston, SC; 1999-2003 Marine Safety Office Pittsburgh, PA; various temporary stations during her Academy training 1993-1997, including the tall ship U.S. Coast Guard Barque Eagle, U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Bainbridge Island (WPB 1343), and a Tactical Law Enforcement Team. Fayish is a NEPA compliance officer with nearly 13 years at NETL.



William (Bill) Grimes—U.S. Marines

4 years active duty

Grimes enlisted in the U.S. Marines at the age of 17 and served from 1967 to 1971. He was stationed in Vietnam from 1968-1969 and at Camp Lejeune, NC in Motor Transport. Grimes is an engineering technician (project operator) employed by URS Corporation with over 30 years at NETL.



Sara Kidder—U.S. Army

4 years active duty

Kidder was a specialist E-4 in the U.S. Army. She served as an ammunition specialist at Fort Benning, GA from 2000-2004 and she served in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Kidder is an accountant in the NETL Finance & Acquisition Center and has been with NETL for 8 years.



Kelly Gurney—U.S. Air Force

4 years U.S. Air Force and 16 years Pennsylvania Air National Guard

Gurney served as a technical sergeant with the U.S. Air Force, Strategic Aircraft Command, Grand Forks Air Force Base, ND, as a B-52G and B-1B aircraft mechanic, 1985–1989. She served with the 171st ARW Pennsylvania Air National Guard Air Mobility Command at Pittsburgh, PA, KC135E & KC135R from 1989–2005. Gurney served as an aircraft mechanic (crew chief) and production controller. She is a Desert Shield veteran and was activated and deployed to numerous assignments. She retired in 2005, but still maintains her traditional guardsman status. Gurney worked at the Department of Homeland Security, TSA for 3 years prior to coming to NETL where she has worked for over 8 years. Gurney has a total of 29 years of federal service.



John Lawson—U.S. Army

11 years U.S. Army with continued enrollment in the Individual Ready Reserve

Lawson served in the U.S. Army and was commissioned into the Armor branch serving in a variety of command and staff roles throughout his career from 2000-2011. Although he has retired from both active & reserve service as Captain, he has maintained enrollment in the Individual Ready Reserve. Lawson is a newly hired NETL civil service employee as the deputy chief operating officer. Lawson is pictured during a particularly rough week of combat operations within Southern Baghdad, Iraq during a continuous sandstorm. "I'm certain there is still dust in my footlockers."



Karla (Hamrick) Jose—U.S. Air Force

5 years active duty

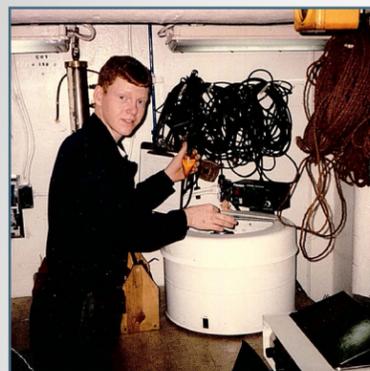
Jose served in the U.S. Air Force from 1977 to 1982 as a Still Photographic Specialist. Jose's first station was Carswell AFB in Fort Worth, TX where she performed various types of photography from crash, training, investigation, and studio. During this time, she also served as a member and team captain of the Honor Guard. Jose was later assigned to Clark Air Base in the Philippines where she served two and a half years. Jose was honorably discharged in May, 1982. Jose came to NETL in March, 2016 and is employed by PACE Enterprises, Inc. as a closeout specialist.



Arturo B. Manantan—U.S. Marine Corps

4 years active duty

Manantan served in the U.S. Marine Corps as Motor Transport Operator from 2005-2009. He was stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC with II Marine Expeditionary Force – Headquarters Group. Manantan was deployed in Iraq as part of the Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2007 and supported 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment. Manantan was honorably discharged in 2009. He received his bachelor degree in Movement Science from York College at the City University of New York. Manantan is currently working at NETL as a Human Resource Assistant with PACE Enterprises, Inc. He also coaches girls travel volleyball for Mountain Rage Volleyball Club in Clarksburg, WV.



Benjamin May—U.S. Navy
4 years active duty

May served in the U.S. Navy from 1993 to 1997 on board the USS Samuel Gompers (AD-37), USS America (CV-66), and the USS Shreveport (LPD-12). May was trained as a Boiler Technician and achieved the rating of BT-3 (3rd Class Petty Officer) before being discharged in 1997. May obtained special training for Boiler Water/Feed Water, and was assigned to the “Oil Lab.” May completed two 6-month cruises, traveling to the Persian Gulf (West Pac and Med Cruise). May obtained a position on the 50 caliber gun mount (a rarity for a Boiler Technician) during General Quarters (manning battle stations). Photos of May depict him working in the “Oil Lab”, Boiler Room, Gun Mount, and returning to port.



William J. McCutcheon, Jr.—U.S. Marine Corps
10 years active duty

McCutcheon served as a Data Systems Officer in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1983-2003. McCutcheon joined as a private and served at Parris Island. McCutcheon was selected for a commissioning program and attended the Officer Candidate School in Quantico. He completed a B.S. in computer science from the University of Pittsburgh while a Staff Sergeant and received commission to Second Lieutenant upon graduation. McCutcheon served in various assignments as a Radar Technician in North Carolina and Okinawa, Japan; Basic Officer School and Data Officer Training in Quantico, VA; Assistant Marine Officer Instructor at Carnegie Mellon ROTC, PA; Data Communications Platoon Commander in North Carolina; and IT Operations Officer for HQ U.S. Military Entrance Processing Command in Great Lakes, IL and 67 cities. He attained an M.A. in information management from Webster University. McCutcheon retired in 2003 as a Captain. He has worked at NETL since 2004 as a site support contractor, and is married to JaneAnn (Bowers) McCutcheon who also works at NETL



Cynthia (Cyndie) L. Miller—U.S. Navy

Miller served in the U.S. Navy as a Personnelman from 1980 to 1991. She was stationed in NAS Moffett Field, CA after completing boot camp and Personnelman A School in NAS Meridian MS. Miller handled reserve units and trained as the command Legal administrative liaison in conjunction with the base JAG Office. Miller was transferred to Naval Air Facilities Lajes, Azores, Portugal. Miller continued as the station legal administrative support and was assigned as detachment supply clerk. She worked closely with the U.S. and Portuguese Air Force and the U.S. Consulate office. Miller’s next assignment was at the Naval Ordnance Base, Indian Head, MD. Where she worked with EOD staff/instructors and students from all 4 military branches. Miller was privileged to work with NSCT (Red Cell) in its early days. Miller’s last assignment was onboard the USS Hunley (AS 31) homeport-Norfolk, VA as supervisor running the education and training office while also serving on the ship firefighting team. During Miller’s tour onboard the USS Hunley, the first Gulf War started on the night she was standing watch. Miller began work at NETL in August, 2014. She currently works in R&IC supporting the MEM and SEA groups.



Robert Mohn—U.S. Army
20 years active duty

Mohn enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1949 and was assigned to Fort Jackson, SC, for basic training. He was assigned to Fort Gordon, GA and attended the Radio Operations and Cryptographic Schools. Upon graduation, he was assigned to the Canal Zone, Panama as a Cryptographic Technician at the Quarry Heights Communication Center. He served in the Signal Corps, as a cryptographic officer, 1949–1969. He then served in various Continental United States (CONUS) assignments as a communications center officer, crypto officer, and motor pool officer. He was assigned as the Officer in Charge (OIC) for WAR Communications Center at Orleans, France, and at other locations. Mohn served in Korea, France, Germany, Panama, Japan, and Vietnam. He was an enlisted man until 1959 and, at the same time, served as a second lieutenant in the reserves. He retired in 1969 as a chief warrant officer, grade 3. At NETL, Mohn works in the Acquisition & Assistance Division.



Christopher J. Nichols—U.S. Navy
6 years active duty

Nichols served in the U.S. Navy from 1995-2001. He was with the Reactor Department on the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69). Nichols is a Physical Scientist in Systems Engineering and Analysis at NETL for 15 years.



Lucas Payne—U.S. Army
Enlisted in 2002 and is still active

Payne is serving in the U.S. Army and the WV Army National Guard and since he enlisted in 2002. Payne is currently serving as a Contracting Noncommissioned Officer with the 1935th Contingency Contracting Team. Payne deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Noble Eagle. Payne joined NETL in 2014 as a contract specialist in the Finance & Acquisition Center.



Michael Schellhaas—U.S. Navy

4 years active duty

Schellhaas served as a boilerman E-4 in the U.S. Navy aboard the destroyer USS Lowry DD770 from 1967 to 1971. Schellhaas served a tour in Vietnam, West Pacific Cruise from March, 1967 to October 1968. He has worked at NETL for 38 years as an electro-mechanical technician.



Joshua Sevin—U.S. Army

6 years active duty

Sevin was a U.S. Army paratrooper in the Signal Corps from 2000-2006. He was primarily stationed at Fort Bragg, NC in the 51st Signal Battalion, 35 Signal Brigade. Sevin served two tours in Iraq from April 2003 to April 2004 and again from March 2005 to November 2005. Sevin has 11 ½ years of federal service, and has been employed at NETL as a contract price/cost analyst for 2 ½ years.



Andrew J. Sivak—U.S. Army

3 years active duty

Sivak served in the U.S. Army Europe C Battery, 3rd Battalion, 84th Field Artillery as a specialist 5 Pershing Missile crewman from 1972-1975. Sivak was stationed in Neckarsulm, a city in northern Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany near Stuttgart and part of the district of Heilbronn. He received the Pershing Missile Bronze Broach for outstanding leadership and dedication to duty. He obtained the Expert Marksman medals for rifle and grenade and the Good Conduct and National Defense Ribbons. He attended the 7th Army NATO Training war-games at Grafenwoehr, Germany, and cross-trained with the German Army in small arms weapons. Sivak is currently a safety & occupational health specialist at NETL with ES&H Team. Sivak began work with NETL 27 years ago after working at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard as an industrial hygienist and as a federal safety & health specialist.



Dale A. St. John—U.S. Air Force

20 years 8 months active service

St. John served in the U.S. Air Force as a fuels specialist from September 1983 to July 1999 (8 years Fuels Lab and QC&I). He served as a budget analyst-resource advisor from July 1999 to June 2004. St. John retired as a Master Sergeant on June 30, 2004, with 20 years and 8 months of service. St. John is a financial management specialist and has been at the NETL Albany site since September, 2004.

St. John's duty assignments include: Lackland AFB TX, Chanute AFB IL, Malmstrom AFB MT, Mildenhall RAF UK, Cannon AFB NM, Eareckson AFS Shemya AK, Hill AFB UT, Aviano Italy, Sheppard AFB TX, Fairchild AFB WA.



Jay Taylor—U.S. Army Reserve

6 years active duty

Taylor served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1990 to 1996 with the 445th Medical Clearing Company in Fairmont, WV. Taylor did his basic training at Fort Hood in Texas, and he completed his Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Sam Houston. Taylor is in his first year as a Program Manager for the SAS3 contract at NETL.



Amber Tennant—U.S. Navy

Tennant served in the U.S. Navy as a First Class Petty Officer (Yeoman). She served in the Air Department on the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) and USS Nimitz (CVN 68). Other active duty stations she was assigned include NOSC Pittsburgh; NAVELSG Forward, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait; DLA Anniston Army Depot, Anniston, AL. Tennant joined NETL on October 17, 2016, as a staff assistant in TD&IC.



Jimmy D. Thornton—U.S. Army
27+ years of combined active and reserve service

Thornton enlisted in the U.S. Army on January 3, 1983, as an Infantryman, stationed at Fort Carson, CO with the 4th infantry Division and in Goppingen, West Germany with the 1st Infantry Division Forward. In 1992, Thornton was commissioned through OCS as a Field Artillery Officer. He served a large portion of his time with the 201st Field Artillery, including a 2004-2005 deployment to Iraq as part of the Operation Iraqi Freedom. Thornton served various positions throughout his enlisted and commissioned officer ranks from Infantryman to Squad Leader and Fire Direction Officer, Battery Commander to Battalion S3. Thornton retired in 2010 as a Major with over 27 years of combined active and reserve service with the U.S. Army. Thornton began his career as a student employee in 1988 at NETL, when it was known as METC. He became a federal employee in 1991, and is currently the Chief of Staff for the Research and Innovation Center.



James Tingler—U.S. Army
6 years active duty

Tingler served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps (Airborne) from 1994-1996 and 2000-2004. He served in various Continental United States (CONUS) and Outside Continental United States (OCONUS) assignments. Tingler was a Multi-Channel Satellite Platoon Leader, Node Center Platoon Leader, and Field Artillery Battalion Communications Officer (Captain). Tingler served a tour in Iraq shortly after 9/11 with the 3-27 FA BN (MLRS/HIMARS) (ABN), Fort Bragg as their SIGO. Tingler served in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Tingler began working at NETL in February 2005 and is currently employed as the Cyber Security Operations Lead. He is married to Alicia Dalton-Tingler who is also employed by NETL. Tingler is pictured just outside of Camp Doha in Kuwait.



Richard B. Valdisera, Sr.—U.S. Navy
3 years active duty

Valdisera served in the U.S. Navy as a 2nd Class Petty Officer (Flight Controls) from 1972-1975. Valdisera served in various naval operations during the Vietnam era aboard the USS Saratoga. Valdisera's primary duties in the U.S. Navy involved flight controls on the A-6 Intruder. Valdisera has been employed at NETL for 41 years.



Charles E. White, Jr.—U.S. Air Force and PA Air National Guard
8 years active duty

White served with the U.S. Air Force and the Pennsylvania Air National Guard from 1974 to 1982 as a Medical Laboratory Specialist. White attended 15 months of training at Sheppard Air Force Base (AFB) in Texas and at Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio. White was assigned to the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine Research Laboratory at Brooks AFB in Texas. Later he served in the 171st Air Refueling Wing Clinic at the Pittsburgh International Airport in Pennsylvania. White was honorably discharged in 1982 as a Technical Sergeant. White has been employed as a Business System Analyst with KeyLogic at NETL.



Jonathan (Jon) White—U.S. Army
12 years active duty

White served in the U.S. Army for 12 years. He deployed to Tikrit Iraq in 2003 under the 4th Infantry Division, and to Mosul Iraq in 2004 under 1st Infantry Division. White joined the 2nd Ranger Battalion in 2005, and deployed to Bagram Afghanistan in 2006. White has worked at NETL for 8 years as a security officer.



Nathaniel Wood, Jr.—U.S. Marine Corps
4 years active duty

Wood served as a sergeant with the U.S. Marine Corps, "C" Company, 1st Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, and served in the Vietnam War as a tank commander. Wood served from March 25, 1965 until he received an honorable discharge on March 3, 1969. Wood has an MS in education and once worked as a captain of the Security Protective Force at Forestall, DOE Headquarters. Wood is currently the Security Program Manager for DFW Security Protective Force, NETL Albany, Morgantown, and Pittsburgh.