

## THANK YOU VETERANS



To: Our 55+ Military Veterans:

Thank you for your service. We appreciate the sacrifices you made and your contribution to making our country safe!

The 55+ Ministry maintains a Registry of Military Veterans to honor military service. It is important that your experiences and stories during your service be preserved and shared not only with your family but also with friends and acquaintances, as well as future generations. This is your opportunity.

Please take one of these brochures, add your information, include a photo during your military service and return to the SMB or church office. The photo will be scanned and returned to you.

If you were included last year, but want to add or revise information, please contact me.

You may be wondering how this information will be used. The information from the registry has already been a vital part in the veteran's recognition held at the July meetings in the past few years. This information will also be available to church leaders – you know now Bro. Tony likes a good story! So be aware this information may be shared with others.

There is a list of questions attached. It is strictly offered to get you thinking and help you decide what you want to share. Participation is voluntary; feel free to share as much or as little as you feel led.

Thanks in advance for your participation. Please return the completed forms no later than the June 55+ Ministry meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contract me at (423) 802-4941.

*Janice Cate*



## VETERANS REGISTRY FORM

Full Name of Veteran: (Please Print)

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

What Dates Did You Serve: \_\_\_\_\_

Where Did You Serve: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to the SMB, the Church Office or to Janice Cate.**

**Please include:**

- **This form, signed and completed.**
- **Additional comments/stories that you want to share.**
- **A photo from your time in the military. (This will be scanned and the original returned to you.)**

**Please contact Janice Cate if you have any questions.**

**Email: [jcate@silverdalebc.com](mailto:jcate@silverdalebc.com)**

**Phone: (423) 802-4941**

## Veterans Questions

### Biographical Details

1. Where and when were you born?
2. Who are/were your parents and what are/were their occupations?
3. Who are/were your siblings? Names and genders. Which serve/served in the military?
4. What did your family think about you joining the service?
5. What were you doing before you entered the service?

### Early Days of Service

1. Did you enlist or were you drafted?
2. If you enlisted, why did you choose that specific branch of the military?
3. What/who did you leave behind when you left to serve (spouse, children, pets, etc)?
4. How did you adapt to military life, including the physical regime, barracks, food and social life?

### Your Service

1. If you served abroad, what are some memories you have of that experience?
2. If you were on the front lines, what combat action did you witness?
3. If you were not on the front lines, what were your duties?
4. If you saw combat, how did you feel when witnessing casualties and destruction?
5. Were you a POW?
6. What kinds of friendships and camaraderie did you form while serving and with whom?
7. How did you stay in touch with family and friends back home?
8. What did you do for recreation or when you were off-duty?

### End of Service/Coming Home

1. How did you get home?
2. How were you received by your family and community?
3. How did you readjust to civilian life?

### Reflections

1. How did your military service affect your life?
2. What are some life lessons you learned from military service?
3. Did your military experiences impact your views on military service in general?
4. What message would you like to leave for future generations?
5. Is there anything you have always wanted to share about your service or veterans experience that you never have?
6. What would you like people to know or remember from your story?
7. What do you wish more people knew about veterans?

**Feel free to share anything that has not been addressed in these questions.**

