

Ready to Go: Reservists of the Vietnam War Era



Allan Severson
Second Lieutenant
Ordnance Officer
Ordnance Unit
Iowa National Guard
1967-1975

I enlisted in the Iowa Military Academy's Officer Candidate School program, followed by a two-year program while I was in college. For Basic Training, I went to Fort Campbell, Kentucky. I was commissioned in 1969 and served in the unit for four years.



Elmer Vespestad
Specialist 4th Class
Army Reserves
1966-1972

I went to Fort Leonard Wood for Basic Training, then to Fort Lee, VA. My duty periods were spent at Camp McCoy, now Fort McCoy, WI. At one time we were told that we would be deployed, but that President Johnson was reluctant to send the Reserves. Instead he increased the draft. I left the Army Reserves in 1972, after my term was up.

**David Skei
394th Transportation Division
Army Reserves
1966-1973**

David went through Basic Training at Fort Jackson, SC, then completed his training at Augusta, GA. He did his duty training at Camp McCoy, WI, and was discharged in Ames, IA, in 1973.

Other Slater Area Reservists

Chuck Fausch

Gary Gibson

Jim Herman

Larry Larson

Wayne Metcalf †

Jim Nelson †

Merrill Richardson

Don Rimathe

Ed Rood

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