

Dad was snowed in at the farm. The 30-foot drifts were so hard that when you walked on them, you never even made a footprint in the snow, because it was so hard. The telephone poles were only about six to eight inches out of the snowdrifts. Mom would pack the oldest of the children and she would take them to the mile and a half road to the farm. We would walk to the farm to help dad with the chores. The snowplows had gotten stuck in the snowdrifts. There was one stuck going up the big hill and half mile west of the farm there was a snowplow stuck going down the hill. There they stayed until they had some help to get the snowplows out.

Then on top of all this snow in 1948-49 came the blizzard of 1950. This was a typical day in Nebraska. The forenoon was real mild nice weather. But, like it is always said, "If you don't like the weather in Nebraska, just wait five minutes and it will change." And change it did. By noon, the snow was blowing so hard you could not see your hand in front of your face. We were at the District 6 South school house when this blizzard struck. Dad had to go to Pierce to get my older brother and sisters from the high school and he was coming across country to District 6 South to get my brothers and sister at the country school.

Well, needless to say, Dad did not make it to the school with the car, as about five miles from school, the wind blew the car into the ditch. From there, my dad, brother and sisters had to walk to the school. To this day, I don't know how he found the school. It is very easy to get lost in a snowstorm. But, they made it to the school. Pearl had fallen down on the road and

had skinned her knees, they were bleeding pretty badly by the time they got to the school.

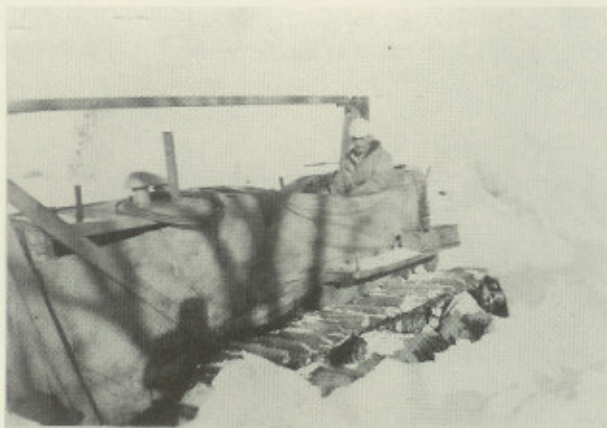
When we were in the one room schoolhouse, the wind just shook the building. It is a wonder that the schoolhouse wasn't blown away. We stayed at the school. We slept on the desks and about 2:00 a.m., we all woke up and started to play monopoly. About 4:00



Snowdrifts higher than the cars.

a.m., Delbert Seegebarth came across the fields with a tractor and wagon to get all of us kids. He could not go on the roads, as they were blown shut. He had to cut the barbed wire fence to get to us.

After we got to the farm, Mrs. Seegebarth had some hot cocoa for all of us kids. We really enjoyed the cocoa. Then we all slept on the floors or wherever you could find some place to sleep. My mom really was worried about us. This was the first and only time that my mom had a dog in the house. Shep never got back in the house since that time.



1949 - Tom Swift in Cat opening roads around Pierce.



Cat plowing open the roads after the blizzard.

DESCENDANTS IN THE U.S. MILITARY



ARNOLD
MITTELSTAEDT
World War I



MARTIN MITTELSTAEDT
World War II



ELWIN MITTELSTAEDT
World War II

OTHER RELATIVES FROM PIERCE COUNTY WHO SERVED IN THE MILITARY

WORLD WAR II

T-Sgt. Arnold Grothe
Merlin Grothe, Alvin Spreeman
Virgil Spreeman, Delbert Droescher
Leo Droescher

KOREAN WAR

Donald Ahlman
Chester H. Cox, Gary H. Cox
Ira Don Cox, Leon Rex Cox
Murray E. Cox, Donald Spreeman
Lloyd Spreeman

VIETNAM WAR

Larry Behnke, Ronald Behnke, Douglas D. Cox, Roger Cox,
Craig Droescher, Randy Droescher

DESCENDANTS IN THE U.S. MILITARY



FRANKLIN GESKE
(Was a POW in World War II)



**Staff Sgt. ROLAND OTTO
MITTELSTAEDT**
68th Army Air Corp - World War II



**LT. COLONEL ARTHUR
MITTELSTAEDT**
U.S. Air Corp - World War II



S/Sgt. HARRY MITTELSTAEDT
WWII, Korean, & Vietnam
Joined Army 6-30-46, Discharged 6-29-56.
Joined Air Force (Paratroops),
Discharged 6-14-67; 20 yrs., 11 mo., 8 days.

DESCENDANTS IN THE U.S. MILITARY



C-2 RONALD BAUERMEISTER
World War II



Tech. Sgt. LAWRENCE
MITTELSTAEDT

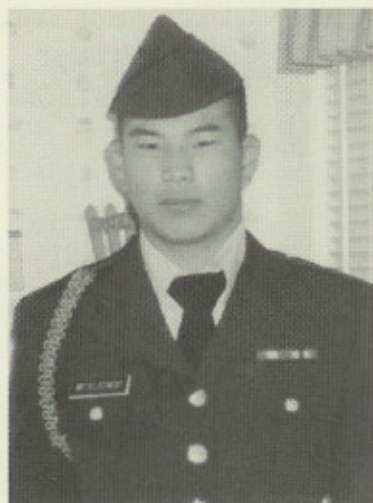


SPC 4 ROY E. MITTELSTAEDT
1965 - Vietnam

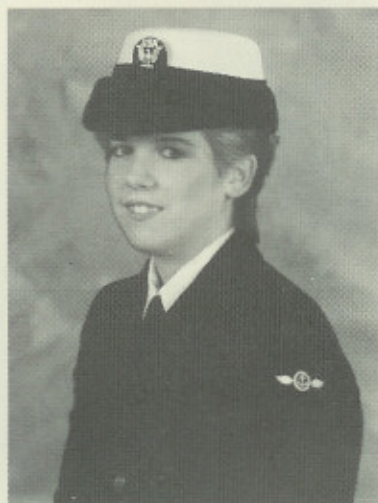


ROBERT COX
1968 - Vietnam

DESCENDANTS IN THE U.S. MILITARY



CORPORAL TONY MITTELSTAEDT
United States Army Ranger
in Desert Storm
(son of Robert & Donna Mittelstaedt)



Seaman 3rd Class
KELLY MITTELSTAEDT
U.S. Navy, stationed in Panama
(daughter of Roy & Carol Mittelstaedt)



Pvt. **ROY MITTELSTAEDT II**
U.S. Army - Iraqi Freedom
(son of Jan & Roy Mittelstaedt)



SPC PATRICIA ANN LETKE
U.S. Army - Iraqi Freedom
(grandchild of
Shirley (Mittelstaedt) and Ray Cudd)

DESCENDANTS IN THE U.S. MILITARY



Lt. Commander
MARK W. BAUERMEISTER

The son of Ronald and Marlyce Bauermeister, Lieutenant Commander Bauermeister was born in Spencer, Iowa. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from the United States Naval Academy, after which he was commissioned in May of 1990.

Following commissioning and completion of the Naval Aviation Maintenance Program Indoctrination Course, Lieutenant Commander Bauermeister reported to his first fleet assignment as Material Control Officer in Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (One One Four VAW-114). During this tour, shortly after the Gulf War, he participated in Operations RESTORE HOPE in Somalia and SOUTHERN WATCH in the Persian Gulf and Counter-Nar-

cotics Joint Task Force Special Operations in Panama. He next served as Asst. Maintenance Officer in Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Four Three (HSL-43) in San Diego, California. During this time, he completed a Master of Arts Degree in Management through the University of Redlands. He completed this tour as Maintenance Material Control Officer supervising the maintenance of 16 SH-60B helicopters.

In May 1998, he left full time active duty and affiliated with the Navy Reserve at Navy & Marine Corps Reserve Center Omaha. He served as Training Officer for Commander Naval Forces Europe Detachment 318 supporting that Command during several Annual Training periods in London, England.

In April 2001, he transferred to Commander United States Strategic Command Detachment 1362, serving as the Operations Officer. During that time, he participated in Rim of the Pacific Exercise in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. In 2004, Lt. Commander Bauermeister was selected for a 2-year full time recall as Commanding Officer of Navy Reserve Center Lincoln, where he is currently stationed.

Lt. Commander Bauermeister's decorations include: Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star in lieu of second award and various unit, campaign and service awards.

DESCENDANTS IN THE U.S. MILITARY

Alan Eugene Fields entered the Navy on the 20th of December 1982 at Recruit Training Command, San Diego, CA as a Fireman Recruit. He graduated on March 1, 1983 and was transferred to Hull Maintenance Technician Class "A" School, Treasure Island, San Francisco, CA. He learned welding, brazing, sheet metal fabrication and damage control. He was advanced to Fireman Apprentice. He graduated "A" School in May 1983 and was transferred to Naval Submarine Support Facility, New London, CT, where he worked as a Radiation Control Technician and was advanced to Fireman. In February of 1985, he was advanced to Petty Officer 3rd Class.

In June of 1985, he was transferred to the Precommissioning Unit USS Missouri (BB-63) San Diego, CA. His duties included general welding and brazing as well as testing and installation of equipment in preparation for the upcoming recommissioning of the USS Missouri (BB-63). The USS Missouri (BB-63) was recommissioned in May 1986 and he became a plankowner. He earned his Enlisted Surface Warfare Qualification while on a World Cruise aboard the ship.

He was advanced to Petty Officer 2nd Class in February 1986. He reenlisted in December of 1986. In May of 1987, he was transferred to Service School Command, San Diego, CA.

He was advanced to Petty Officer First Class Sept. 1989. He reenlisted on board the USS Prairie (AD-15) for six years. He was transferred to Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity, Long Beach, CA in January 1992. He was initially assigned to the Non-Destructive Test Lab as a NDT Inspector. He was advanced to Chief Petty Officer in May 1993 and was reassigned as the Hull Maintenance Division as the Division Officer. He was transferred in August 1994 when SIMA officially decommissioned. He was transferred to Long Beach Naval Shipyard as part of SIMA, San Diego Detachment, Long Beach. He transferred to the USS McKee (AS-41) in April 1995, was assigned to the Pipe Shop as the Leading Chief. After a year he was reassigned as the Radiation Safety Officer in the Quality Assurance Division. He transferred in Feb. 1998 to Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL. He transferred in Oct. 2001 to Shore Intermediate Maintenance Facility San Diego, CA for his final tour of duty. He was advanced to Senior Chief Petty Officer in Sept. 2002. He retired on June 30 with 22.5 years of active duty.



ALAN EUGENE FIELDS
Son of Anthony & Carol
(Bauermeister) Fields

This was first wrote in 1954

My School Days

Dear Mother,

I am going to write a short story about my school days which I will dedicate to you with love.

The first year I went to school I was six years old. Half of the year I was in the beginner grade. The other half of the year I was in the first grade.

My first teacher was Miss LeElla Docken. I liked her very well. I read a book about every day. I went to Pierce school about the first of November.

My teacher's name in Pierce was Miss Ione Anderson. My classmates were Billy and Jim. I had to stay in alot of time. At the end of the school term we went on a hike. I passed my first year.

After that I went to District 6 South. I was in the second grade. My teacher's name was Miss Franzen. My brother Richard Mittelstaedt and Bobby Seegebarth had trouble with Miss Franzen. He made Richard, Bobby and I stay in because we couldn't stay in and play with the girls. They always tried to go out of the schoolhouse, and that made her angry. When Richard had his camination, and when he passed Miss Franzen we him a pen.

My classmates were Mary and Carlin.

When I was in the third grade, my teacher's

were, Mrs. Paul Hilkeman and Miss Fuelberth. Mrs. Paul Hilkeman had alot of trouble with Wilmer. She wanted Wilmer to stand in the corner for looking up from over his book. She told Wilmer to take his book and stand in a corner. He wouldn't do it so she took him by the arm and was going to pull him to the corner. When she did that Wilmer took his book and hit her.

Then he really had to stand in the corner. The next day the one's on the schoolboard, said that they were going to get another teacher to take her place.

The other teacher was Miss Fuelberth. She finished the rest of the term.

My classmates were Carlin and Mary.

My fourth teacher was Miss J. Mittelstaedt. She hardly got her classes in every day. She got about three classes in each day. Miss Mittelstaedt gave us a long assignment every day so that she could sit by the stove and sleep. We had a longer recess every morning. When spring came we had a hike. My classmates were Mary and Carlin.

My fifth teacher was Miss C. Tyler. She was a very nice teacher. She got all of our classes in. Very seldom she didn't get our classes in. She didn't sleep like some of the others did. My classmates were John, Carlin and Mary.

My sixth teacher was Mrs. Webb. She didn't like anybody to stay in. She got all of the classes in every day. I would like her to teach another year.

My classmates are Keith, John, Mary and Carlin.

Arthur Raymond Mittelstaedt

born January 22, 1914 in Oelrichs, South Dakota, USA

Father = Otto Jarjus Mittelstaedt - - - Mother = Marie Gehm Mittelstaedt
died July 28, 1974 at Wilford Hall Hospital, (USAF) San Antonio, TX
(at that time his home was in McAllen, TX)

Moved to Hadar, Nebraska in or about October 1919

family owned and ran a garage fixing cars

Moved to Sheboygan, Wisconsin in or about April 1927

Graduated from Normal School in Wisconsin in 1935

In Oshkosh State Teacher's College – 1935 ?

Teaching at Pigeon River School, Wisconsin

Teaching at Glenbulah School – Glenbulah, Wisconsin – September 1940

Enlisted in US Army July 10, 1941

(had tried to join to get into US Army Air Corps earlier but
his nearsightedness caused him to be turned down.)

Enrolled in US Army A&M Mech. - Cpl – EM &

went to OCS (Officer Candidate School) in Florida

Maintenance Engineering School – Newark NJ – Jan. 1942

Married Gelane Merget – July 30, 1942 - St Patricks Church Adell, Wisc.

Admitted to Officer Candidate School – Miami Beach, FL - Oct. 1942

Asst Base Engineering Officer – Hq wnd Photo Recon Gp Patterson Field, Colorado
and became 2nd Lt. – Oct 27, 1942

At Engineering School, Hartford, Connecticut – July 1943

At Weight & Balance School – Yale Univ., New Haven, CT – September 1943

Tech. Insp. Hq 9th Photo Group – Will Rodgers Field, (Muscogee, OK) September 24, 1943
became 1st Lt. US Army Air Corps – April 8, 1944

became Tech Insp. 349 AAFBU - Muscogee, OK – Oct. 5, 1944

Pending Assignment – Camp Richie, Maryland – December 20, 1944

Stu Off, Int Training – Camp Richie, Maryland – January 1, 1945

(involved camping in the snow – and survival training)

Pool Officer – Camp Richie, Maryland – March 3, 1945 - - May 26, 1945

Pending Assignment – 321 AAFBU – Key Field, Mississippi – May 27, 1945

Asst Engineering Officer 379th AAFBU – Coffeyville, Kansas – June 12, 1945

later at Brainard Field, Hartford, Connecticut – June ? , 1945

Asst Air Insp (S&M) – Coffeyville, Kansas – June 1945 – October 10, 1945

at Grenier Field – Manchester, New Hampshire – November 1945

Mustered out (end of WWII) December 12, 1931 (but went into the Reserves)

Teaching at Adell, Wisconsin, Public School - January 1946

Teaching at Oostburg, Wisconsin, Public Schoo. - September 1947

Gerard born – January 27, 1948 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin (family living on farm in Adell)

Summer work at Detroit Timken Axle as inspector – Oshkosh, WI – June 1948

Teaching at Oshkosh, WI – September 1948

Graduated from Oshkosh State Teacher's College – May 1949
Working at Milwaukee St Teacher's College – June 1949
Enrolled at Marquette Univ. Milwaukee, WI – June 1949
Teaching at Milwaukee Public Schools (High School) – September 1949
Teaching at Peckham Jr. High School, Milwaukee, WI – September 1950

Received Masters degree in Education – Marquette Univ. - August 12, 1950
was inducted into Kappa Delta Pi – Education Honors Society.
Recalled to US Air Force (Korean War) – August 14, 1950
to Acad. Instructor Course – AC & SS, AU – December 1950

to Shepard AFB – Wichita Falls, Texas – January 1951
Training officer HQ Shepard AFB, Wichita Falls, Texas – June 9, 1951
became Captain, USAF – September 9, 1951
Ann R. born in base hospital at Shepard AFB – October 3, 1951

at Chanute AFB – Champaign - Urbana, IL – December 4, 1951
Instructor, Educ. Spec. Educ Training Staff Officer – Chanute AFB – June 2, 1952

transfer to Torreon AFB – Madrid, Spain – October 1954
Job was to set up a school system for the dependent children at the AFB there.
This was finished in about one and a half years.
Transfer to Ramstein AFB – Germany – May 1956
Transfer to Bitburg AFB – Germany – later in 1956

Transfer to Lackland AFB – San Antonio, TX – October 1957
sailed back to USA aboard the US Navy troop carrier Upshur
from Bremerhaven, Germany to New York
family stayed with Gelane's parents home in Random Lake, Wisconsin
family moved to San Antonio, Texas – January 1, 1958

Transferred to Greenville AFB – Greenville, Mississippi – March 1962
to head the USAF Personnel School, the Medics School & the Firefighters School
while at Greenville was sent on TDY to Korea
heading an inspection team to evaluate the Korean Air Force's training methods
was at their invitation.
(note – Greenville AFB closed down in economy measure)
Transferred to Keesler AFB, Biloxi, Mississippi – August 12, 1965
in charge of all continuing training at Keesler AFB

Retired from USAF – March 1966

Worked with an Adult Education program (STAR program)
Biloxi, MS – doing intelligence testing – April 1966
Teaching at Travis Jr. High – McAllen, Texas – September 1966
Teaching at Lincoln Jr. High – McAllen, Texas – September 1967
(Lincoln Jr High was a new school and had air conditioning – Travis did not)

Arthur R. Mittelstaedt died – July 23, 1974
(anaphylactic shock due to anesthesia during a test at Wilford Hall Hosp. USAF – San Antonio TX)