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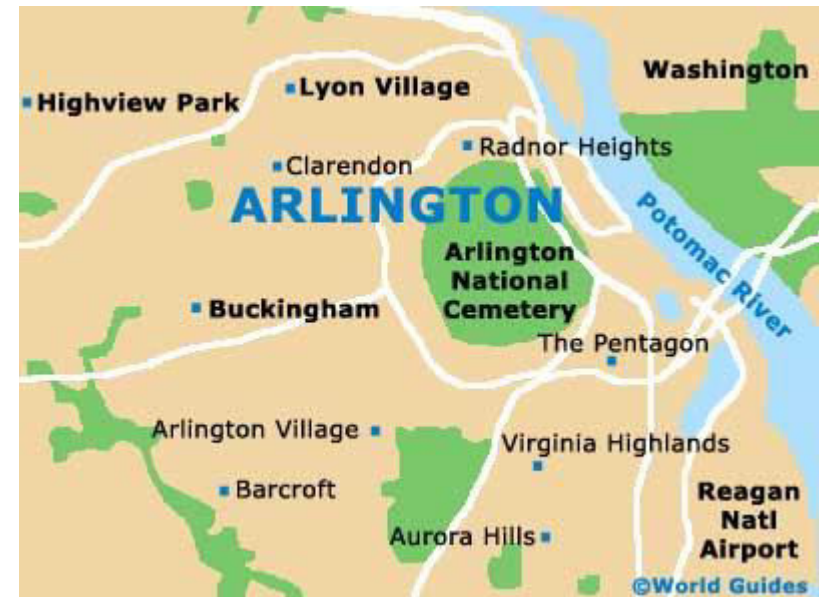
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Our reunions are always memorable and serve as a youth elixer for our group. As to our next dose of youth elixer, it will be served up by Jason and Mary Abell.

They are looking at the April 2021 window. Preliminary work has begun on holding the reunion in the Arlington, Virginia area. Assisting Jason and Mary will be Jim and Wendy Donohue.



If you have questions, suggestions, insights please feel free to contact Jason.

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<https://www.stayarlington.com/travel-planning/request-a-visitors-guide/>

January

Nathan P.	Laborde	Vietnam
William	Shehab	Vietnam
Albert J.	Lanoie	Vietnam
David N.	Mc Cord	Vietnam
John H.	Mc Intosh	Vietnam
Charles W.	Guenzel	Vietnam
Frank J.	Lavin, Jr.	Vietnam
Ronald P.	Bieri	Vietnam
Robert D.	Simpson	Vietnam
LCDR R.H.	Knauf Ret'd.	Vietnam
Stephen M.	Cutting	Vietnam
Robert W.	Kilber	Vietnam
Lyle J.	Forsythe	Vietnam
Charles C.	Iloff, III	Vietnam
Jeffrey M.	Musburger	Vietnam
Paul L.	Wertz, Sr.	Vietnam
Joseph M.	Bridgers	Vietnam
Donald C.	Jentsch	Vietnam
Dennis R.	Kiebach	Vietnam
John M.	Kearns	Vietnam
Ronald D.	Quinn	Vietnam
Randall L.	Schneider	Vietnam
Robert J.	Dupalo	Vietnam
Theodore B	Glover	Vietnam
Fred L.	Allen	Vietnam
Richard A.	Reda	Vietnam
Ross E.	Likens	Vietnam
Thomas M.	Smith	Vietnam
Donald D.	Hicks	Vietnam
Thomas J.	Van Eynde	Vietnam
Manley M.	South, Jr.	Vietnam
David C.	Hanos	Vietnam

February

Walter	Shkapich	Vietnam
Steven M	Stover	Vietnam
John M.	Scheer	Vietnam
Arthur D	Mc Collum	Vietnam
Alfred F.	Garrison, Jr.	Vietnam
Gary W.	Burch	Vietnam
Louis S.	Langford	Vietnam
John D.	Behan	Vietnam
Dana L.	Littlefield	Vietnam
Willard J	Cheirrett	Vietnam
Terry L.	Drobny	Vietnam
Robert w	Conley, Sr.	Vietnam

March

Gordon F	Ballard	Vietnam
William L	Bradley	Vietnam
Arlan J.	Marks	Vietnam
Fred S.	Kuznia	Vietnam
James P.	Casino	Vietnam
Raymond	Mc Collum	Vietnam
Robert E.	LaCasse	Vietnam
Jesse W.	Willett	WW II
Callis E.	Bridgers, III	Vietnam
Richard E	Jackson	Vietnam
John C.	Corwin	Vietnam
Charles M	Jorgenson	Vietnam
Michael	Micklos, Jr.	Vietnam
Donald J.	Strandell	Vietnam
James V.	Bartlett, Jr.	Vietnam
Leslie E.	Green	Vietnam
William C	Atkinson	Vietnam
Lane L.	Plauche, Sr.	Vietnam



Obituary for Joseph Goodballet

Joseph Goodballet, 73 year old Woodward resident, died Friday, July 5, 2019 at his home in Woodward. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at the Free Will Baptist Church with Dr. Allen Mabra officiating. Burial followed in the Elmwood Cemetery with the United States Navy providing military rites.

Joseph Edward Goodballet was born on August 4, 1945 in Princeton, Illinois to James Edward and Dorothy Ethel (Russell) Goodballet. Joe grew up in several small towns but always considered Camargo home. He attended grade school in Ft. Cobb and graduated from Camargo High School. He was inducted into the United States Navy on October 19, 1965 and served his country in the Navy Seabees during the Vietnam War until being honorably discharged in 1971.

He was united in marriage to Carol Ann Larkey on March 9, 1966 at the First Christian Church in Mooreland, Oklahoma. His father James Goodballet conducted the ceremony. They made their first home in Davisville, Rhode Island before moving back to Woodward in 1978. Joe worked as a long haul truck driver most of his life before retiring.

He was a faithful member of the Free Will Baptist Church. He loved spending time with his family, his church family and playing his harmonica at church.

Joseph is survived by his wife Carol Goodballet of the home; one son Joseph Edward Goodballet, Jr. and wife Carla of Mooreland; two daughters, Laura Adams and husband Jerry of Durant, LaDonna McAdoo and husband Kevin of Woodward; one sister Mary Hair and husband D.W. of Pond Creek, Oklahoma; one brother Charles Goodballet and wife Jody of Phoenix, Arizona; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

<http://www.billingsfuneralhomewoodward.tributecenteronline.com/obituaries/Joseph-Goodballet?obid=4746362#/obituaryInfo>

He was very proud to be a Seabee and would tell anyone who would listen! He served with MCB 53 and 58. We are proud that his son and grandson have and are serving. Joe Sr. retired a Sgt.Maj. Ok. National guard after 35 years. Grandson Joe 3 is a drill Sgt. At Fort Sill, lawton, Ok.

I am proud to be a widow, mother, and grandmother to those who serve.
Carol Goodballet

Not your mother's care package: This charity sends military equipment to US troops overseas

www.washingtonexaminer.com

The U.S. military is recognized as one of the best-equipped forces in the world, but, sometimes, troops need supplies faster than the services can send them.

This was the situation Jake Jones said he found himself in while serving in Iraq with the Marines in 2016. Before heading into Mosul to fight the Islamic State, the retired sergeant said, he realized that his unit didn't have enough rescue kits. It would take too long to get the kits through military supply lines. So, he contacted Troops Direct, [a civilian-run group](#) with a unique twist on care packages: It only provides military gear. Within days, the group sent equipment that might have taken months to arrive through government channels.

The Troops Direct shipment included a pulley system that was put to critical use.

"We actually saved a girl's life with that on that deployment," Jones told the *Washington Examiner*. "She was drowning. So, two of the guys jumped into the water — it was a 90-foot jump — and they got her stabilized and kept her above water." The troops used the pulley system to hoist her out on a spinal board.

The Troops Direct mission began 10 years ago in California, when businessman Aaron Negherbon heard from his old college friend, identified only as Calvin. A Marine Corps captain who was deployed to Afghanistan, Calvin told Negherbon that his unit desperately needed equipment. Negherbon, who was surprised Calvin couldn't get the equipment through normal channels, purchased and shipped the gear to his friend.

Negherbon, who never served in the military, began helping other troops. He mailed packages filled with tourniquets, safety glasses, gloves, ballistic helmets, and more. In June 2010, Negherbon formed the charity that he now runs full time.

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"Now, we pretty much go straight to the manufacturer and acquire that same product, but we do it with funds that we raise internally," he told the *Washington Examiner*. Sometimes, the manufacturers donate the goods.



A pallet of equipment to deploy

Last year, Troops Direct gave approximately \$1.2 million worth of equipment to service members. Negherbon, 46, said his group has helped roughly 130,000 troops in 30 countries. The group has sent boots, water filtration units, metal detectors, stretchers, and more, all of which the military supplies, but often slowly.

"It's not a failure; the military just doesn't do

things rapidly," an active-duty master sergeant named Jonathan, who asked that his last name be withheld from publication, told the *Washington Examiner*. "By the time we get the stuff we needed, it's irrelevant."

The organization says it does not support war or the politics that surround it. "We are simply about providing for our heroes in an unprecedented manner," the group states [in its entry](#) on the website of the nonprofit assessment organization Charity Navigator.

The group's effect is difficult to quantify, said the active-duty master sergeant, Jonathan. "People call them care packages, but, in reality, it's so much more," he said.

Jones, the retired Marine sergeant, now works for the group that once sent supplies to his unit. He said he remembers the drowning girl who was hoisted to safety via civilian-supplied equipment. Said Jones: "She's alive today because of Troops Direct."

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