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Accessing Veterans' records from the National Archives or National Personnel Records Center

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The National Archives in St. Louis, MO, is the official repository of millions of records for all military personnel—from all service branches—who served during the late 19th and 20th century.

Non-archival records: Records of individuals who left service less than 62 years ago are not yet archival. These non-archival records are maintained at the National Personnel Records Center, but remain in the legal custody of the military service departments. A non-archival OMPF is open to the Veteran, the next of kin or to a third-party requester who has the Veteran's written authorization. [Under the provisions of FOIA, the general public may only obtain limited information from these records.](#) Requests for non-archival records must be signed and dated.

A request for a military personnel record, archival or non-archival, should include: The Veteran's complete name used in service, Service number, Branch of service, Date and place of birth, Dates of service. For archival or non-archival requests, submit a letter or [Standard Form 180](#) with the above information to:

National Personnel Records Center
1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, MO 63138

Or, to request an archival or non-archival record via eVetRecs, [visit our website](#) and follow the steps provided.



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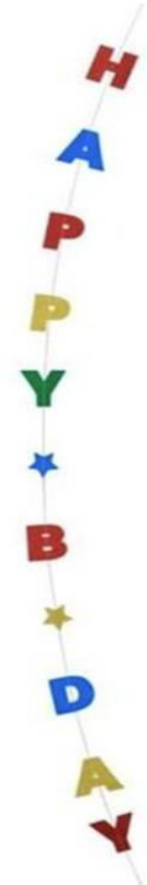
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James Bancroft Obituary 69 tour company A/F
[James Bancroft Obituary \(2023\) - Toledo, OH - The Blade \(legacy.com\)](#)

James R. Bancroft, Jr., 75, of Lambertville, MI, passed away at Hospice of Northwest Ohio on October 27, 2023. He was born on August 4, 1948, to James R. Sr. and Frances (Laney) Bancroft. He graduated from Rogers High School in 1967. He was a Vietnam Veteran in the U.S. Navy Seabees and was in the Seabees Reserves for eight years. Jim was a member of the American Legion Post 468. He also was a member of MCB 53 alumni and

the Seabee Veterans of America. He worked in construction as a drywaller and he and his first wife owned a Builders Supply Company. He also worked for TARTA as a bus driver for 13 years before he was put on disability. Jim and his second wife owned a pet store and raised exotic birds. He worked at the Toledo Humane Society and as a manager at In & Out Mart where he retired in 2011. Jim enjoyed hunting, fishing at Lost Peninsula Marina, farming, and working his apple orchard. After retiring, he enjoyed golfing with his brother.



William Alfred Simmons Jr.
<https://www.arkansasonline.com/obituaries/2023/dec/14/william-simmons-jr-2023-12-14/>

William A. Simmons Jr, age 87, passed away on December 11, 2023, in Conway, Arkansas. Bill graduated from the Naval Academy as well as Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He served with MCB-71 and MCB-53 later serving as Commanding Officer for MCB-1. After retiring from the Navy, Bill served the town of Sanford, Fla., first as a city engineer and later as city manager. Upon retirement from Sanford

in 1998, Bill relocated to Greenbriar, Ark.



William Scott Sparkman
 Passed away at the age of 81, on February 14, 2022.
[William Scott Sparkman Obituary \(1940 - 2022\) | Pomerene, Arizona \(echovita.com\)](#)

UT2 68 and 69 Bravo Company. I worked with Sparky, he had the strongest forearms in the Battalion. He said it was from milking cows by hand, all his life, on his farm.



Oscar Chappell
 Both tours A/F Company
 Up north near the rock crusher and Khe Sanh
 With Lt. Ivy
[James Oscar Chappell Jr. \(1946-2024\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#)

You can read his story at the bottom of our Vietnam web page.
<https://mcb53.com/pagevietnam/vietnam.html>
 Texas gentleman through and through.



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