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Rubbing coffee grounds on your naked
body prevents
cellulite. Aaaaannnd
... banned from
Starbucks.



MINI REUNION

Jason Abell

We had the clock that was to be given to Ralph at the reunion, unfortunately Ralph passed away. So we waited until the time was right. We contacted Linda and she was available the first Saturday in March. Mary and I, Dennis and Peggy Kiebach, Jim and Wendy Donohue, Dennis and Nadine Meixell got together to present it. Linda with family joined us. In the pictures are her son Ralph and daughter Justine. She was blown away that Bob Drake had made the clock and that we all took the time to honor Ralph. Plus we were able to have a small reunion.





Vernon Gerald Wright, a resident of Princeton, NJ, since 1972, died peacefully at home, surrounded by family, on May 3, 2015, at the age of 90. Mr. Wright, who was born in Port Neches, TX, had lived in Beaumont, TX; Port Credit (now Mis-sissauga), Canada, and Winchester and Lincoln, MA before moving to Princeton. He was a graduate and registered civil engineer, educated at Rice University and the University of Texas. He later completed the

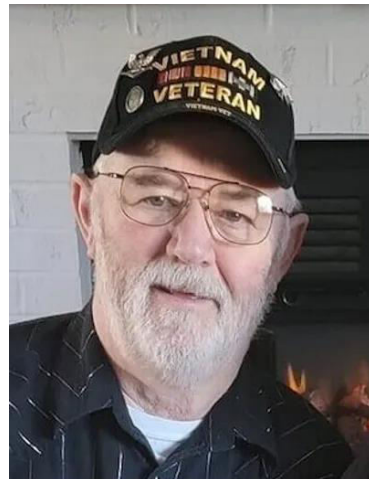
Advanced Management Program of the Harvard Business School. Mr. Wright served as a Civil Engineer Corps officer, attached to a Seabee Combat Pontoon Battalion with MCB 53 in the South Pacific during World War II hostilities and then participated in the first postwar atomic bomb tests at Bikini Atoll. He was awarded the Navy Commendation Award for his contribution to those tests. His professional career was spent in the engineering and construction industry.

Randall Lloyd Schneider

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<https://www.desmoinesregister.com/obituaries/dmr/120794>

Des Moines - Randall L. Schneider, 75, passed away at home on February 25, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on January 1, 1947, to Lloyd and Irma Lavaughn Schneider in Norfolk, NE. He had 2 brothers; Don his older brother and Jim his younger brother. Randy grew up in Pilger, NE which is where he started his family. He served in the Vietnam War as a Navy Seabee. Upon returning, he met the love of his life, Chris Hargens, and never left her side from that moment on. They were united in marriage on October 16, 1971,



in Norfolk, NE and together they had 3 sons. Randy moved his family to Iowa in the mid-70s.

The life lessons he passed to his kids are shown every day in all of us. Be it bartering, making deals, saving money, building, fixing, fishing, sports, to how to be a gentleman around adults and how to treat people of authority. He made sure when one of his son's met a new person, they shook their hand tight and told that person who you are. He instilled a witty sense of humor in his children so they could interact with anyone from any walk of life so you could relate to them which made making friends easy.

Gary William Burch, born Feb. 6, 1947, to Foster and Nellie Burch both of Morgantown, passed in his home on Feb. 28, 2022. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Tewana "T.J./Janie" Burch; sons, Bryan Burch and wife Heather, and Jason Burch and wife Stephanie; step-grandsons, Casey and Logan Merrill; and grandson, Wesley Burch. He is also survived by his siblings, Nelson and Sue Burch, Fred Burch and Willis and Sherry Burch, along with several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews. After graduation, he and his best friend, Earl Strang, enlisted to join the service as U.S. Navy Seabees. During their service, they served two tours in Vietnam from 1968-69. Gary was part of the Mobile Construction Battalion 53. After his



service, he joined the Carpenters Union, where he helped build the Cumberland Mine in Kirby, Pa. After its completion, he remained there with the UMWA, where he retired after 30 years. Gary is a Life Member of the Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 306 in Morgantown, where he served as president for several years. He was also a life member of VFW Post 548 of Morgantown, volunteering his time to the "Honor Guard" to salute fallen soldiers and their families.

<https://www.dominionpost.com/2022/03/01/gary-burch/>

Veterans History Project interview with Gary [Complete Interview](#)



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Burke R.	Anderson	VIETNAM
Thomas J.	Bourke	VIETNAM
Ralph I.	Coleman	VIETNAM
Mitchell L.	Dunbar	VIETNAM
William P.	Davis	VIETNAM
James E.	Dance	VIETNAM
David R.	Marks	VIETNAM
Charles J.	Maitland	VIETNAM
Charles W.	Manstream	VIETNAM
Joseph L.	Zimmerman	VIETNAM
Robert D.	Mattlin	VIETNAM
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J. Oscar	Chappell, Jr.	VIETNAM
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Arnold B.	Krane	VIETNAM
James W.	Buehler	VIETNAM
Gerald C.	Groon, Jr.	VIETNAM
Alan R.	Shark	VIETNAM

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Homer J.	Stephens	VIETNAM
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Thomas E.	Trent	WWII
Craig T.	Estes	VIETNAM



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Ramon E.	Hastings	VIETNAM
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M. Eugene	Swaim	VIETNAM
Billy N.	Van Kirk	VIETNAM
Robert F.	Bardecki	VIETNAM
Larry M.	Dennis	VIETNAM
William A.	Simmons	VIETNAM
Ronald E.	Wentworth	VIETNAM
James W.	Mason	VIETNAM
Paul S.	Church	VIETNAM
Thomas C.	Leonards, III	VIETNAM
Larry L.	Beckett	VIETNAM
Frank C.	Hosinski	VIETNAM
Ronald L.	De Ronde	VIETNAM

John P.	Heinstadt	VIETNAM
Bruce S.	Patterson	VIETNAM
Edward B.	Durand	VIETNAM
Warren C.	Frederickson	VIETNAM
Randy R.	Humphrey	VIETNAM
William P.	Smith	VIETNAM
Raymond A.	Reed	WWII
Donald Gary	Peel	VIETNAM
Andrew G.	Sanyo	VIETNAM
Scott D.	Ross	VIETNAM
John S.	Krewsky	VIETNAM
William S.	Humphreys, Jr	VIETNAM
William L.	Bosemer	VIETNAM
Charles A.	Rowland	VIETNAM



John D.	Johnson, Jr.	VIETNAM
Robert	Kanar	VIETNAM
Glenn	Ruffner	VIETNAM
Edmond M.	Thompson	VIETNAM
Larry A.	Weber	VIETNAM
Leslie R.	Wiener	VIETNAM
L.V. (Jake)	Mason	WWII
Kevin	Kelly	VIETNAM
Victor M.	Colon-Ortiz	VIETNAM
Michael T.	Fennema	VIETNAM
Charles A.	Fiorello	VIETNAM

David R.	Bush	VIETNAM
Edward P.	Lemons	VIETNAM
Robert S.	Meyer	VIETNAM
Christopher	Heidgerken	VIETNAM
Paul	Glasser, Sr.	VIETNAM
Philip N.	Saverino	VIETNAM
William H.	Schuster	VIETNAM
Daniel J.	Merklin	VIETNAM
Michael J.	Craparo	VIETNAM
David R.	Gallop	VIETNAM
Ronald H.	Fuerstnau	VIETNAM
A. George	Milton	VIETNAM

HONOR FLIGHT SHIFTS TO VIETNAM VETERANS Sept. 30 to Oct. 2

In a nod to the relentless march of time, Honor Flight San Diego — started in 2010 to thank local World War II veterans — is shifting its attention to those who served in the Vietnam War. The nonprofit organization announced Friday that its fall trip to Washington, D.C., will launch a “new era” by reserving its 100 seats for veterans of the Navy Seawolves, a helicopter squadron credited with completing 78,000 missions in Vietnam, many of them in support of special forces. Future trips will be offered to other vets in San Diego County, which is home to about 60,000 people who served in Vietnam.

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