

Vietnam era veteran and retired reservist

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I served my country in the US Army on active duty from 1966-1969. I continued serving in the active Reserves until 1995. I enlisted. My education and aptitude led me to officer training soon after boot camp.

My father worked in the Railroad world, so I was very familiar with that world. When transportation was offered to me as my MOS, I jumped at the opportunity and was assigned to Ft.

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The March on Washington for Peace in Vietnam, gathered around 250,000 protesters in D.C. to advocate for an end to the Vietnam War. It was organized by various anti-war and counterculture groups.

One of my most memorable events was guarding the Pentagon during the hippie March on Washington. I recall the divisiveness at the time along that line but recognized that we were all about the same age, and "piers". It has stuck with me.

I have used my career, both in the private sector and Reserves, to bring people together and help them grow together. I hope I have enriched many lives.

I will miss the Sunflower community. But I know Ft. Huachuca is the right move for Kathy and me.

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