

## ALL GAVE SOME; SOME GAVE ALL

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This weeks veteran is Gary Nave.

Gary was hired by Staleys, later to become Tate & Lyle, after graduating from Assumption High School in 1965. In 1966, he was drafted to serve in the U. S. Army. At the time, he thought being sent to Fort Ord, CA, rather than Fort Leonard Wood, MO, for basic training was a blessing because it would enable him to see part of California. But, during his eight weeks of training, his unit was never let out of their area because of previous problems with meningitis. They always had to sleep with the windows open.

For advanced training, Gary was sent to Fort Sam Houston for ten weeks to become a medic. He wanted in communications, but to choose your own MOS required a three year commitment which he didn't want to make. He also wanted to go to Airborne School, but decided to accept his assignment to the Army hospital in Japan.

Gary was assigned to the 106th Army General Hospital, Yokohama, Japan, where the wounded from Vietnam were treated. After initially serving in all the hospital wards as a get-acquainted time with the hospital, Gary was permanently assigned to the orthopedic ward. His tour of duty at the hospital was to be eighteen months, but because of the Tet Offensive and the lack of medics, he was extended another two months. It was a 1500 bed hospital but it was usually overfilled. During Tet, there were beds in the hallways. He did all the duties of a nurse; give medicine, give shots, treat wounds, etc. The medics could not take medicines from storage. A nurse had the keys.

After being discharged in 1968, Gary went back to work for Staleys because of an agreement with the government that guaranteed veterans their jobs would be there when they returned. He then took a leave of absence from work to get his BS degree at Southern Illinois University using the G. I. Bill. He worked 42 years at Tate & Lyle as a lab analyst in quality control, instrumentation mechanic, and a boiler operator. He is married to the former Nancy Ohl.

Thank you, SP 4 Ward Specialist Gary Nave, for what you gave for us.