

ALL GAVE SOME; SOME GAVE ALL

This week's veterans are Vincent and Mark Zuber.

Vinnie graduated from Newton High School in 1954. He attended Eastern Illinois University for two years before being drafted into the Army. After processing at Fort Leonard Wood, he was sent to Fort Benning, Georgia, for basic and advanced training to train as a unit with the 3rd Armored Division. His unit was the 7th Cavalry whose mission was to scout enemy positions and survey their strength and movements. The 7th is known as General Custer's unit that fought at the Battle of Big Horn.

In February of 1958, Vinnie and his unit were sent to Bamberg, Germany, as part of the NATO forces protecting Germany from attack from the Warsaw Pact forces. Vinnie made the most of his free time by visiting many famous cities of Europe: Paris, Rome, Stockholm, and London. He attended the World's Fair in Brussels (Expo 58), Belgium that was held from June to October in 1958. It was the first major World's Fair after WW II.

Vinnie returned to Fort Sheridan, Illinois, to be discharged in September of 1959. After his return, he taught school on a provisional certificate at a private school. He really liked teaching so he enrolled at Eastern Illinois University to continue his education to become a math teacher. He taught at Assumption High School and Central A&M for 31 years. He retired as a full-time teacher in 1994 but continued to teach part-time for two more years. He had worked part time for GSI while teaching and was full-time after teaching until retirement in 2007. Known to his students as Mr. Zuber, he positively touched their lives. He gave of his time and energy to make them better math students and better people. It was a privilege to have him as a teacher.

On August 19, 1961, he married his wife, June Keller Zuber. They have seven children: Ron, Mark, Mike, Pam, Steve, Tom, and Bob, and eight grandchildren. Vinnie is also famous in Assumption for the fabulous landscaping around his home.

Vinnie and June's son, Mark, joined the Navy in October of 1981. He had graduated from Assumption High School in May of 1981. After basic training at Great Lakes, he was sent to the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Memphis, TN.

Upon completion of his training, he was assigned to the aircraft carrier, *USS Saratoga (CV-60)* which at the time, was undergoing the most extensive overhaul ever given a ship at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. She was one of four Forrestal - class super-carriers built in the 1950s. After a "shake down" cruise in the Gulf of Mexico, the *Saratoga* was deployed from her homeport in Mayport, FL, to join the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean in April of 1984. Her second departure from Mayport to the Mediterranean was in August of 1985. Because his enlistment was up in October of 1985, Mark was flown home before the mission was completed. Mark was a mechanic for support equipment aboard ship.

Mark is employed at GSI and has one daughter, Brittany,

Thank you, Specialist E-4, Vincent Zuber, and 2nd Class Petty Officer, Mark Zuber, for what you gave for us