

ALL GAVE SOME; SOME GAVE ALL

This week's veteran is Carl Corzine.

Carl graduated from Assumption high School in 1950. In January 1953, he enlisted in the Army for three years. Carl was sent to Fort Riley, Kansas, for basic training. Upon completing basic, he was sent to Fort Devens, Massachusetts, for six months training at Morse Code Interceptor School.

After completing the Morse Code training, Carl was transferred to Herzogenaurach, West Germany, and assigned to the Army Security Agency, Europe. He was stationed in a wooden building in a forest surrounded by barbed wire and German guards. His unit's job was to monitor all Russian, Polish, and East German military communications. He had a Top Secret clearance.

After spending six months at Herzogenaurach, Carl was sent to Berlin for two years. While in Berlin, he was located in an old German barracks named Andrews Barracks. The Germans had built the barracks as a military academy in 1873. Beginning in 1934, it housed the *Leibstandarte SS Adolph Hitler*, Hitler's personal bodyguard unit. In 1945, it was taken over by the United States and named Andrews Barracks. While in West Berlin, his unit continued to monitor military transmissions.

Carl really enjoyed his stay in Berlin. The Berliners were very kind and grateful towards the Americans because of the Berlin Airlift from June 1948 to May 1949. The airlift had provided food, fuel, and other supplies to the Western sectors of Berlin when the Soviets cut off access by all land and water routes. In 1954, there was still a lot of rubble left from the destruction that Berlin suffered during WW II

While in Germany, Carl took advantage of leave time to visit other parts of Europe: Paris, England, and Scotland. He had a good friend who had relatives in Ireland. He traveled several times with his friend to Ireland for visits.

After Carl's discharge from the Army in December 1955, he returned to Assumption to farm and work at the First National Bank. He worked at the bank for forty-seven years, many as President.

Marilyn Hoskins and Carl were married in 1957. They have one son, Michael, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Thank you, Specialist 2 Carl C. Corzine, for what you gave for us.