

# VETERANS DAY



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The Office of Administrative Services is proud to honor and recognize the U.S. Military Veterans within OAS in this special issue of the *Forward Focus* Newsletter. Originally established as Armistice Day by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919 to honor the fallen soldiers of World War I, this national holiday was expanded to what we now know as Veterans Day in 1954. Veterans Day gives the American people the opportunity to pay tribute to all those who have served in our Armed Forces. We encourage you to read through the stories of some of OAS's veterans in this issue.



## **Glen Aleo**

*Assistant Director  
Maintenance and Utility Services*  
**Navy: 1985 - 1989**  
**Navy Reserve: 2003 - Present**

Glen joined the Navy in 1985 and served four years of active duty as an electrician on a guided missile cruiser. The events of 9-11 made him consider reenlisting and after the Iraq War began in 2003, Glen recounts that he “got this

surge of patriotism and felt like I could still contribute to the effort, so I went to see a recruiter”. At the time, Glen had been working at USF as a maintenance technician and, not wanting to quit his job, asked the recruiter about opportunities in the Navy Reserve. With his background, the recruiter suggested the Navy Seabees, the combat engineers of the Navy, who were looking for construction electricians. Four months later Glen says he was “in the desert” on the first of two one-year deployments. In Iraq, he was part of a Seabees reconnaissance team, attached to a Marine Corps unit. Their job was to evaluate bridges “because if you want to disable a bridge, you send in the people that build bridges”. Glen says during those long deployments you really miss home.

Glen is still in the Navy Reserve. He says that at 56 years old most people in the

military are younger than him, but he feels like he can still contribute and loves the opportunity to serve. Currently, he is a member of the Honor Guard. This role, Glen says, “gives me the opportunity to bid farewell to Navy veterans that have passed, I get to learn about their service and really get a lot out of being on the Honor Guard, it is a real privilege”.

The thing that Glen would like his coworkers across Administrative Services to know about his service in the Navy and Navy Reserve is that he is grateful for being able to serve. “I loved every minute of it”, Glen says, “I loved the camaraderie. I’ve had the opportunity to work with amazing men and women over the years, a lot of them are heroes who very, very much impressed me.” Glen says that as a member of the military, regardless of what branch you were in, it’s like a family.





**Sandra Fraizer**  
*Administrative Specialist*  
*Facilities Management*  
**Air Force: 1980 - 2001**

Sandra is a veteran of the United States Air Force, where she served for over 20 years. She had a great career, with lots of training and countless hours out in the snow and in bunkers. One thing Sandra would like her coworkers in OAS to know about her military service is that joining the Air Force was the best decision she ever made. Sandra was 25 and trying to figure out her next steps in life when her boyfriend at the time (who would later become her husband) talked her into joining the Air Force, promising to follow her wherever she went. That promise was kept, and they traveled the world collecting memories and building a life together.



**Teresa "Teri" Mennie**  
*Parking Enforcement Specialist*  
*Parking & Transportation Services*  
**Coast Guard: 2016 - 2021**

A USF Alumnae, Teri decided to join the Coast Guard after obtaining her degree in Criminology. With their large component of law enforcement it was a great fit. Teri spent the majority of her service in security operations for a ship yard in Baltimore where she focused on base access, vehicle inspections, emergency response, and events coordination. Her favorite memory of her time in the Coast Guard was when she joined the team to escort the remains of astronaut John Glenn from Dover Air Force Base to Arlington National Cemetery. John Glen was the third American in space, and the first American to orbit the Earth. Teri is proud of her time in the Coast Guard as it made her feel a part of something bigger than herself.



**Lawrence "Ray" Miller**  
*Interim Director - Emergency Management*  
*Assistant Director - Facilities Services*  
**Air Force: 1989 - 2013**

Ray Miller had a distinguished career in the Air Force, but when asked about his favorite part of his service he had this to say - "I feel fortunate to have served in the United States Air Force for 25 years. The military molded me into the man I am today, so it isn't easy to pick one thing. I worked at the White House, served in every war since Desert Storm, traveled the world, and lived on a tropical island; but most of all, I value the camaraderie and deep friendships I developed while serving."





## **Carolyn Glover**

*Custodial Worker  
Facilities Services*  
**Army: 1975 - 1989**

Carolyn joined the Army after she and her friend decided to join together, but at the last moment her friend backed out. Despite this, Carolyn continued on and ended up with her then-husband in Germany for four years at a joint base that housed nearly all branches of the military. As a clerk typist she enjoyed meeting all the various types of people and the family environment the Army brought. One of her favorite memories was in Germany where she saw rain, snow, sleet, and hail all in a single day!



## **Raymond Mensah**

*Director  
Parking & Transportation Services*  
**Air Force: 1995 - 1999**

Raymond joined the military as a way to serve and give back while also being able to finance further education. After visiting an Air Force base he fell in love and joined. Raymond was stationed at Charleston Air Force Base where he focused on personnel logistics as well as orientations. His favorite memory during his service was spending time in the cockpit of a C-17 transport aircraft while flying to Panama where he was able to see the Panama Canal.

## **THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS IN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Antoin Roberts	Army
Carolyn Glover	Army
Charles “Jordan” Hamilton	Marine Corps
Chris Martin	Air Force
Cyntel Allen	Army
Frederick “Scot” Berrian	Air Force
Gerardo Fernandez	Army
Glen Aleo	Navy
John Courtney	Army
Jose A . Tirado Denizard	Army
Lawrence “Ray” Miller	Air Force
Louis Frazier	Army
Raymond Mensah	Air Force
Rob Baynard	Army
Robert Gonzalez	Air Force
Ronald Aul	Navy
Sandra Frasier	Air Force
Teresa “Teri” Mennie	Coast Guard
Thomas Bradley	Air Force
Tim “Buzzy” Budzban	Navy
Tomas “Tommy” Ramirez	Army

