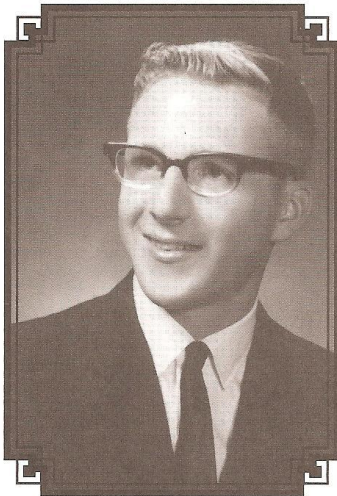


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David C. Barnard
Spec 4 U.S. Army
04/26/51 – 08/07/72

David Charles Barnard, Special Fourth Class, U.S. Army was killed August 7, 1972, while serving his country. David was highly respected by those with whom he served. His duty at the time of his death was that of chief Enlisted Aide to the Commanding General, Major General William R. Desobry, U.S. Army Armor Center and Fort Knox, Fort Knox, Kentucky.



David served as personal Aide to Major General Desobry and his family. As personal chef, David prepared, with the staff he managed, meals for many military and world leaders. One of the last meals that David managed and served was a private party for the Joint Chief's of Staff of the United States military. At the close of the meal, General Westmorland, who was chairman of the Joint Chief's, personally requested one of David's signature blueberry pies to take back to Washington, D.C.

Major General Desobry sent a Lieutenant Colonel and a Major as his envoys to the funeral that was held in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

They brought and presented to Raymond and Emma Barnard, David's parents, The Army Commendation Medal. The commendation reads:

"Specialist Fourth Class David C. Barnard, United States Army, distinguished himself by outstandingly meritorious service while serving as an Enlisted Aide to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Armor Center and Fort Knox, at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Performing with an uncompromising devotion to duty and a rare professional zeal, he earned the unqualified respect and admiration of members of the Commanding General's family and staff. Working long and tedious hours, he set an example that inspired his associates to strive for maximum achievement. The loyalty, initiative, and will to succeed that he demonstrated at all times materially contributed to the successful accomplishment of the missions of the U.S. Army Armor Center. His exemplary performance of duty was in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Army."

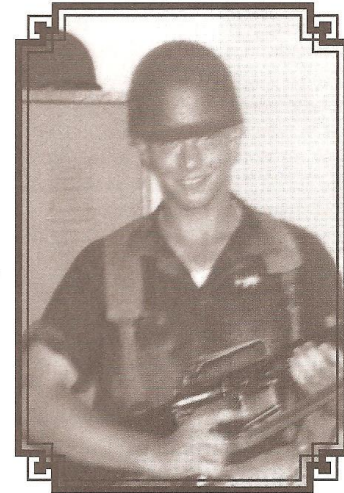
Major General Desobry, his family, and the officers of his command held a service of remembrance for David. This is a tribute usually reserved only for officers of high rank. The high honor and respect given by David's superior officers was a great solace for the Barnard family.

David was born April 26, 1951, and passed away August 7, 1972. He was survived by his parents, Raymond and Emma; six brothers; three sisters; his maternal grandmother; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. He graduated from Sevastopol High School in 1969 and

attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison for two years. He will be forever missed by his family, friends, and fellow servicemen.

Edward R. Bieri
Pfc U.S. Army
10/13/50 – 09/05/71

A young Door County soldier was listed as one of the nation's Labor Day holiday casualties. Private First Class Edward Bieri, the son of Bruce and Lorraine (Jorns) Bieri, R#3 Sturgeon Bay. Pfc Bieri's death was reported to have occurred at Hendersonville, Tennessee, while on military leave.



Born October 13, 1950, Eddie graduated with the class of 1968 from Sevastopol High School. Motorcycles and working on the family farm took up a good share of his time and sparked an interest in mechanics that allowed him to display his mechanical skills in working at various repair facilities prior to entering the military.

Ed enlisted in the U.S. Army on June 11, 1971, and was assigned to

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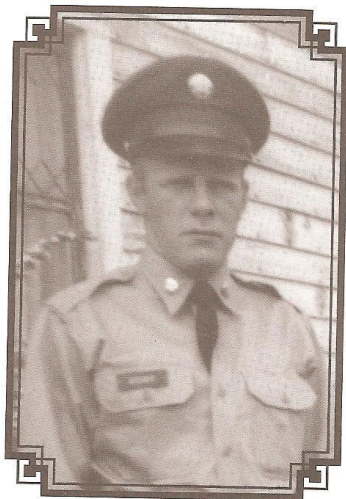
Fort Campbell, Kentucky. While on leave his death by drowning was reported as occurring on Sunday, September 5, 1971. Services were held at St. Johns Lutheran Church in Valmy, with Rev. Richard Werner officiating. Davis Mortuary was in charge of local arrangements. Edward Bieri was 20 years old.

His parents survive, as does one brother, Robert; three sisters, Phyllis, Sharon, and Kristine; along with grandmothers Mrs. Martha Jorns and Mrs. Elsie Bieri both of Sturgeon Bay. One sister Carol Colombo preceded him in death.

John T. Husby
Pfc U.S. Army
01/28/42 - 12/30/64

Word was received of the sudden death of Pfc John T. Husby at Fort Ord, California, on December 30, 1964, the result of poisonous effects on his system.

He was born at Sturgeon Bay to Elmer and Ellen Husby on January 29, 1942. John was a 1960 graduate from Sevastopol High School where



he played football and qualified for the state finals in wrestling. He went to work for the University of Wisconsin Experiment Farm immediately following graduation.

John was drafted into the Army and began his military service on March 19, 1964, receiving his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, prior to his assignment to Fort Ord, California.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Husby; three brothers, Peter and Mark of Milwaukee, and Morris of R#2 Sturgeon Bay; three sisters, Mary and Cathy of Kewaunee, and Mrs. William (Margaret) Sampone of Sturgeon Bay; one niece and one nephew. John Husby was 22 years old.

Funeral services were conducted on January 5, 1965, at St. Michael Catholic Church in Jacksonport, Rev. Albert Beausoleil, OMI officiating. Burial was in the parish cemetery. Davis funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

William C. Johnson
Petty Officer
1st MD U.S. Navy
06/14/38 - 01/12/70

Information received reported the death of William C. Johnson, Petty Officer 1st MD, U.S. Navy who died at Oak Harbor, Washington, on January 12, 1970. William had spent 14 years in active service with the Navy. No cause of death was given. He was 31 years old.

William Johnson was born in Chicago, Illinois, on June 14, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnson. He was a graduate of Gibraltar High School.

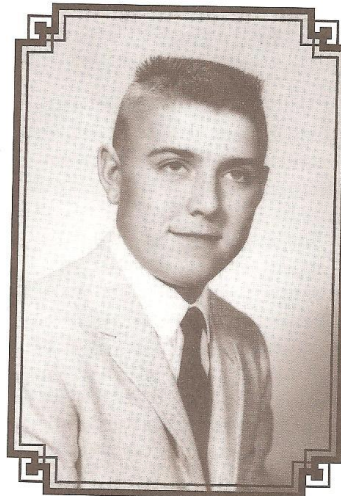
Survivors include his mother Mrs. Alice Johnson Cummings; his stepfather Vernon Cummings of Baileys Harbor; Grandfather Alex

Johnson of Ellison Bay; one brother, Robert A. Johnson of Milwaukee; two stepbrothers, Allen B. Cummings, Milwaukee, and Richard W. Cummings, Baileys Harbor, now serving with the U.S. Army in Vietnam. His father and one brother preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at St. Michael Catholic Church in Jacksonport on January 17, 1970, with the Rev. Tremblay OMI, officiating. A Naval reserve unit from Green Bay acted as honorary guards and pall bearers. Full military services followed at the church cemetery.

Gary A. Leimbach
Spec 5 U.S. Army
11/30/43 - 10/22/67

Gary A. Leimbach, a Sturgeon Bay army man who had recently returned to the states after serving in Vietnam was killed in a car



accident in Tacoma, Washington, on October 22, 1967. Gary had returned to Fort Lewis, Washington, after a seven day furlough. A fellow soldier who was driving the vehicle

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was also killed in the accident.

His service was in the Army, and in Vietnam he was a Jeep Operator, with the rank of Spec 5. Gary was scheduled for separation from service in April 1968.

Gary Leimbach was born November 30, 1943, to Arnold and Martha Leimbach in Sturgeon Bay. He was raised in the Egg Harbor area of Door County. A member of the Zion Lutheran Church, West Jacksonport, he graduated from Gibraltar High School with the class of 1961.

Surviving are his parents; one sister, Sharon of Sturgeon Bay; the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Charles Honold of Baileys Harbor; and the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Mary Polzin of DePere. Services and burial for Gary Leimbach took place at Zion Lutheran Church in West Jacksonport.

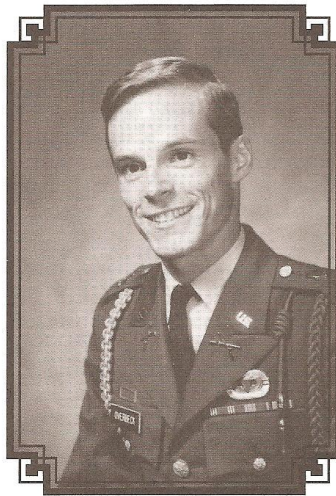
Philip M. Overbeck 1st Lieutenant U.S. Army 10/17/47 – 06/10/70

The Vietnam War claimed its fifth Door County victim when it was learned that 1st Lieutenant Philip M. Overbeck lost his life on June 10, 1970.

The 22-year-old officer, a paratrooper serving with the 173rd Airborne Brigade of Company B-4, 503rd Infantry, was killed by an explosive device in Binh Dinh, S. Vietnam. He was posthumously awarded the Silver Star for Valor and Dedication to country, the Purple Heart, and Combat Infantryman Badge.

A 1965 graduate of Sturgeon Bay High School, Phil was known for his leadership and fast cars; and while in school and prior to military service, he helped maintain the family owned Bonnie View

Orchards. Lt. Overbeck volunteered for the draft in 1967 and was first assigned to Korea. On qualifying for Officers Candidate School, he was returned to the states and upon graduation achieved the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. His immediate assignment to Fort Benning was



to train as a paratrooper and soon thereafter received "jungle warfare" training in Panama. On assignment to Vietnam with the Airborne, he was advanced in rank to 1st Lieutenant and promoted to serve as the Executive Officer for the Company.

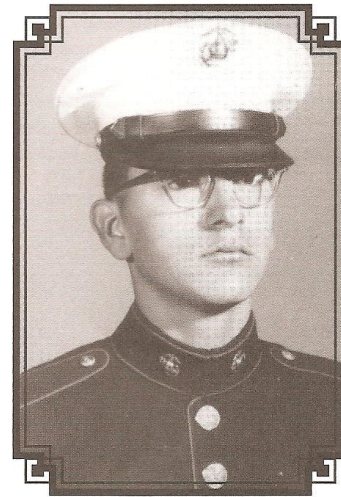
Phil Overbeck was scheduled for release in August, which included nine months of service in Vietnam. Survivors include his mother Mrs. Fred (Thea Jay) 'Tiz' Peterson of Sturgeon Bay; father Henry Overbeck; three brothers, William (Carol) Overbeck of Sturgeon Bay, Charles Overbeck of Texas, and Michael Overbeck at Camp Pendleton, California; three sisters, Mrs. David (Margi) Stafford of Iowa, Elizabeth and Jennifer at home.

Both William and Charles are veterans of Vietnam; Michael,

currently serving with the U.S. Marine Corps, escorted the casket home from Oakland, California. Complete military funeral services were held at Hope United Church of Christ in Sturgeon Bay. Full military graveside services followed at Bayside Cemetery to honor the fallen soldier.

Richard E. Perez Lance Corporal USMC 12/02/48 – 09/06/69

Richard E. Perez, Lance Corporal, United States Marine Corps was killed in action in Vietnam on September 6, 1969. Recorded as Door County's fourth fatality of the Vietnam War, it was reported that he was killed by a fragmentation grenade in Quang Nam province, S. Vietnam.



Rick, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thorsten Williamson, Washington Island, was a member of A Company, Third MP Battalion. He was scheduled to leave Vietnam September 22, 1969, and would have been discharged in about a month.

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Rick was 19 years old.

Richard was born in Pasadena, California, on December 2, 1948, and with his parents moved to Washington Island in 1965. He graduated from Washington Island High School in 1967.

Survivors include his parents; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ayers, Island; three brothers, Mario serving aboard the carrier Wasp out of Boston, Mass., Kenneth and Monty at home; three sisters, Beverly, Bonnie, and Becky at home.

Funeral services were held at Bethel Church with nearly the entire island population attending. A Marine honor guard provided military graveside services. Burial was in the island cemetery.

Dan L. Pfister Sfc U.S. Army 04/17/35 – 06/18/68

Door County's first casualty in Vietnam is Sergeant First Class Dan L. Pfister, 33, of Sturgeon Bay.

His wife, Jacquilyn, received notice of his reported missing in action, then later that he was wounded in combat, and within the same day that his body had been recovered in Binh Thuan, S. Vietnam.

Born at Jacksonport on April 17, 1935, to Casper and Ethel Pfister, he was married to Jacquilyn Benson on August 27, 1955. Dan enlisted in the Army in 1955 and was assigned to an advisory team as a medic in the country of Vietnam.

Full military burial rites were held for Sfc Pfister at Bay View Lutheran Church with the Rev. Myron Medin officiating. Burial was in Bayside Cemetery, Sturgeon Bay. Local honorary pall bearers and guards were Bernard Fish, Floyd Fish, Alvin Fish, Steven Benson, Roger Smith, William Benson, Joe Mortenson,

Bill Goll, Virgil Vertz, and Ray Whipple. A color guard was furnished by Sturgeon Bay American Legion, Amvets, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and World War I Barracks. Davis Mortuary was in charge of funeral arrangements.



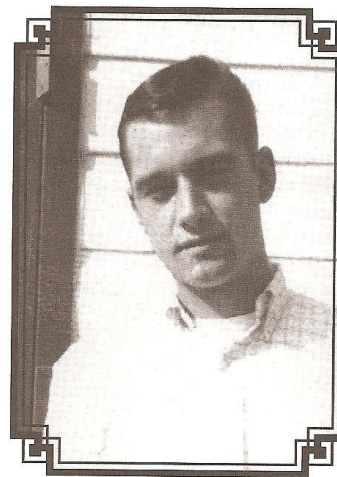
Survivors along with his wife are a daughter, Pamela Jean; two sons, Steven Dan and Kevin Dean; his father Casper; four brothers, Harvey, John, Roy, and Frank; four sisters, Alice Kohls, Virginia Krause, Betty Cesar, and twin Doris Krueger. Mother Ethel preceded him in death in June 1963.

David R. Schaefer Sergeant U.S. Army 02/09/48 – 05/01/69

Roy R. and Helen (Rohr) Schaefer, R#3, Sturgeon Bay, received notice that their son Sergeant David Schaefer had been killed May 1, 1969, becoming Door County's third fatality of the Vietnam War.

Dave, a 1966 graduate of Sevasto-

pol High School continued working for uncle Ray Henschel on the farm, and later worked for Chet Gauger heating prior to military service. A '62 Chevrolet Corvair commanded a lot of his attention while others owned muscle cars, a pride of the time. Drafted into the army he reported for duty on March 17, 1968. Dave was a member of the Ninth Infantry Division and received his basic training in Kentucky. He was also stationed at Fort Ord, California, and Fort Carson, Colorado, before receiving his assignment overseas, leaving this country February 26 and arriving in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam, on or about March 1, 1969. Killed in action, the young soldier was 21 years old.



Survivors include his parents; three brothers, Steve, Rick, and Mark all at home; and paternal grandmother, Mrs. Nellie Schaefer. Funeral services were held on May 12, 1969, at Davis funeral home and at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church, with burial in the parish cemetery, Institute, the Rev. Bernard Geimer officiating.

Sergeant Schaefer was awarded several medals posthumously for

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his short time in Vietnam; two of the nations highest decorations for valor in combat, the Silver Star and a second Silver Star with First Oak Leaf Cluster. The first was for picking up an armed Vietcong grenade from beneath a wounded soldier and hurling it away, where it exploded shortly thereafter. The second was for courageously leading an attack against a Vietcong bunker where he took machine gun fire that cost him his life. Also awarded were the Bronze Star and Bronze Star First Oak Leaf Cluster for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial flight in support of combat forces, and the Purple Heart.

Ronald R. Schley
SSgt U.S. Air Force
09/09/40 – 03/05/65

Sgt. Ronald Schley, U.S. Air Force was killed on March 5, 1965, in Zweirbrucken, Germany, while stationed with the armed forces. The notice of his death as received by his parents of East Maplewood indicated that death



was the result of a car crash on the Autobahn.

Born on September 9, 1940, the son of Raymond and Esther (Schmeling) Schley, Ron attended East Maplewood grade school. Helping on the family farm while attending school and through graduation from Algoma High School in 1958 did not allow for much free time. Soon after graduating, Ronald enlisted in the Air Force and was assigned to basic training at Lakeland Air Force Base, California. On completion of that training he was stationed at Moses Lake, Washington, for four years; and about a year and a half later, was transferred to Germany.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon; two daughters, Dawn and Tracey now in Germany; his parents, the Raymond Schleys of RR#6 Sturgeon Bay; and three brothers, Allen, Daniel, and Lee, all at home.

Funeral services were held at St. Peters Lutheran Church, Forestville, with the Reverend Edward Gade officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

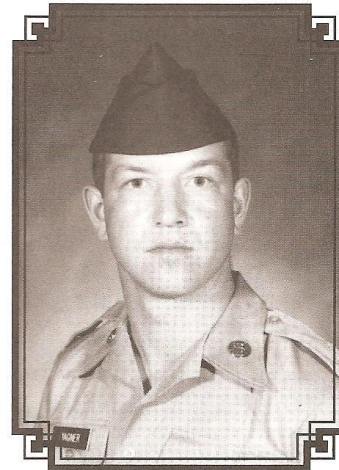
Randall W. Wagner
Corporal U.S. Army
02/19/48 – 11/27/68

The son of Ralus and Norma (Bink) Wagner, Randall was born February 19, 1948, in Sturgeon Bay. Raised in rural Egg Harbor, Randall attended Sevastopol High School, graduating in 1967, and was on the wrestling team and a member of the Lettermen's Club.

Following graduation, Randy was drafted into the Army on April 15, 1968, receiving basic training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He was assigned overseas on September 12, 1968, as a member of the First Battalion, 327th Infantry, 101st

Airborne Division.

He was killed in action by a demolition bomb on November 27, 1968, at Thua Thein, S. Vietnam, becoming Door County's second fatality of the Vietnam War. Army Cpl. Wagner lied in state with an honor guard at Stoneman Funeral Home, Sturgeon Bay, where funeral services were also held, with Rev. Kenneth Boettcher officiating. Burial was in the Egg Harbor town cemetery with full military rites at graveside. Randall Wagner was 20 years old.



Survivors of Randall Wagner include his parents; three brothers, Ralus Jr., Robert, and Rodney; sisters Paula, Patsy, Peggy, and Patty; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Joseph (Elizabeth) Bink; and paternal grandfather William Wagner. One sister, Pamela, preceded him in death.

Corporal Wagner was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, The National Defense medal "highest achievement in hostile territory – the highest order of air discipline."

