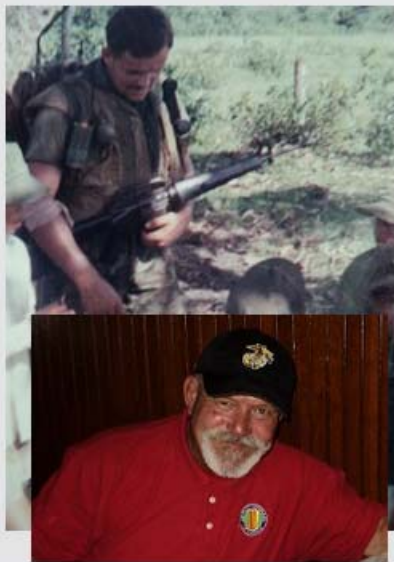


WISCONSIN HONOR ROLL

SALUTING WISCONSIN'S VETERANS

*Thanking and recognizing
the Wisconsin men and women
who served our country*



NAME: Bob Pfeifer

BRANCH OF SERVICE: U.S. Marine Corp

My story is a simple one. My three sisters and I grew up in a happy, German-Catholic family in the 1950's and 60's on the North side of Milwaukee. We knew our father was a decorated Soldier who served in Germany and France during WWII, but he never talked about it. On August 18th, 1968, my world was rocked, when my brother in law, John F. Sullivan, was killed in the Mekong Delta, in South Vietnam.

I realized that although I loved my country, I really hadn't done anything to show it. With John giving the ultimate sacrifice, in my own naive way, I decided to join the United States Marine Corps. In November of 1968, I was sworn in. After boot camp, Infantry Training Regiment and radio school, I was stationed to Radio Platoon, Communication Company, Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division, DaNang, Vietnam. What I remember the most, were the kids we met on patrol. Regardless of the country, the kids always made it worthwhile. I came home in August of 1970.

I started working with and for our Vets soon after I came home. I was married by then, and had a family. Several years later, with all my sons grown, and three of them fathers, I found I had more time to give, and our Vets is where I wanted to become more involved. I have worked and volunteered with many groups, and in 2008, I joined with the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight program. I love it for so many reasons, mostly, because I lost my father in 1992, and he would have loved it. I know how proud he would be, knowing I am helping his "brothers and sisters". I see a little of him in every WWII Vet I help and talk to. Such humble heroes! One of my biggest accomplishments was getting my buddy from Vietnam, John, Piontkowski, involved as well. I plan on working for, and with these proud Warriors until I can't anymore. I want to thank the Wisconsin Honor Flight program, who nominated me for this honor, and the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, for giving me the opportunity to tell my story.

We are thankful to Bob Pfeifer for his brave service to our country, and we are proud to honor him as a member on our Wisconsin Honor Roll.