Lakewood invites you to be part of the Veterans History Project

When Lakewood was founded as a city in 1954, many of its original residents were veterans and their families. The city’s appreciation for military duty in service to our country was strong then, and has continued to be strong in every generation since. When the city renovated and expanded its Veterans Memorial Plaza in 2015, commemorative bricks were laid around the memorial so that veterans with a connection to Lakewood could be remembered and honored.

Now, to accompany the bricks and the memorial, the city is initiating an online Veterans History Project where the stories can be told of those veterans and active-duty military service members whose names appear on the commemorative bricks, or who otherwise have a Lakewood connection.

If you would like to tell the story of a Lakewood-connected veteran or active-duty service member close to you, here’s how:

- Review the questions on the back of this flyer, gather the information and select and scan a photo.
- Visit our information page at www.lakewoodcity.org/lakewoodveterans
- At the bottom of the information page, click on the link to the online submission form. Complete the form and upload the photo.

If you don’t have Internet access, or need assistance, help is available. You can schedule an appointment to bring your information and photo to the Weingart Senior Center, and a volunteer will complete the online form for you and scan and upload the photo.

Where: Weingart Senior Center
Card Room/Library
5220 Oliva Ave., Lakewood

When: Thursday, June 9
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 11
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Call: Joanne Teran at city hall to schedule your appointment
562-866-9771, extension 2123

Bring: Information on your veteran
(see worksheet on other side) and one photo of the veteran (will be scanned and returned to you)

Sergeant First Class Jeff W. Frasher

Branch of service
Army

Dates of service
March 1997 - still serving Active Duty

Location(s) of service and/or conflicts

Medals earned

Reflections on this veteran’s military service
Submitted by Sheri Harris
After basic and AIT, Jeff’s assignment was Aircraft Maintenance Repairer Fort Drum, New York. Jeff went from surfin in California to snow in upstate New York, spent the Millennium on guard duty in war torn Bosnia, witnessed the famous sandstorms in Iraq and the bitter cold of Afghanistan. Jeff has sat on the steps of Saddam Hussein’s Presidential Palace in Tikrit, and felt the warm breezes of Hawaï while playing golf. He has stood at the local pub in FOB, while being responsible for the repair and maintance of the Army’s helicopters. Jeff’s favorite is the Chinook – it’s a work horse!

Jeff is currently a Helicopter Maintenance Instructer at the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence, Fort Rucker, Alabama where he lives with his wife and three children of which two were born while he was serving in combat zones. Being the family member of an American soldier can be difficult but rewarding.

Jeff lives southern Alabama – it’s almost California!

Jeff’s grandparents were original Lakewood homeowners, buying one of the “new” homes on Edgleyfield Street in 1954. Jeff’s parents bought and moved into the Edgleyfield house when Jeff was 18 months old. Jeff grew up in Lakewood, attending Woodruff Christian Elementary and graduated from Mayfair High School in 1998.

Brick location number
A.18.4
Veterans History Project Worksheet

STEP ONE: Assemble this information and select (or scan) a photo of the veteran.

For online submissions: It’s helpful to type the veteran’s information into a document before you access the online form so you can just copy and paste it into the form fields.

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<th>YOUR NAME</th>
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What is your relationship to the veteran whose information you are providing?

- Family member
- Friend
- Self

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| - Army
| - Marine Corps
| - Navy (including merchant mariners who served in WWII)
| - Air Force
| - Coast Guard

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What is the veteran’s connection to Lakewood? Write a sentence or two explaining the connection.

Has a brick been purchased or installed in the Lakewood Veterans Memorial for this veteran?

- Yes - Brick location number, if known*: ___________
- No *if not known, we will look it up
- I don’t know

Are you providing a photo?

- Yes
- No (we will use the branch seal, if no photo)

If scanning, save file as .jpg and name it with veteran’s last name, rank, first name. Example: JohnsonSgtDavid

Reflections on this veteran’s military service (maximum of 400 words).

Use a separate sheet to write any reflections or comments about the veteran’s military service, what it meant to them and their family, and their connection to Lakewood (maximum of 400 words).

STEP TWO: To submit online, go to www.lakewoodcity.org/lakewoodveterans and click the link to the submission form at the bottom of the page. Enter the information and upload the photo you scanned and saved according to the requirements above.

If you can’t submit online, a volunteer will help you. Call Joanne Teran at 562-866-9771, extension 3123 to make an appointment at the Weingart Senior Center. Bring the information requested above and a photo of the veteran with you.

STEP THREE: We will notify you when the Lakewood Veterans History Project website is online and your story is uploaded. The time frame will depend on the number of entries received.