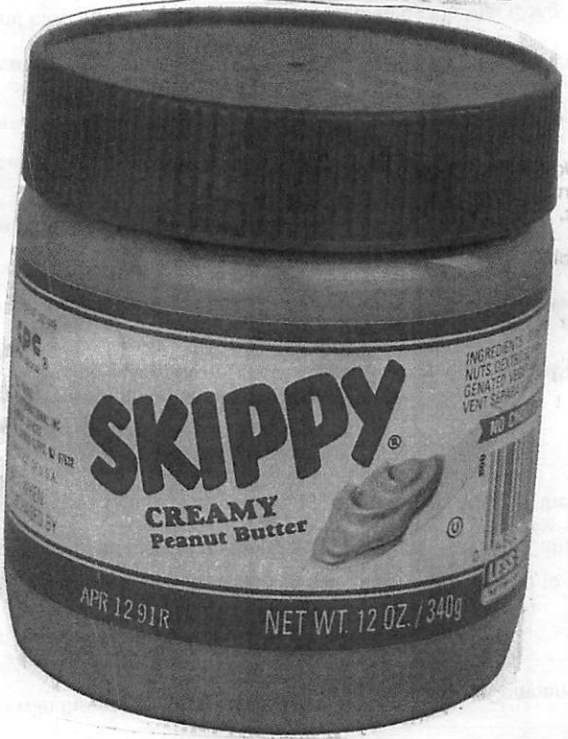


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# Treated with respect now: Brothers only recently began talking about service in Vietnam

By LORI POTTER  
Hub Staff Writer

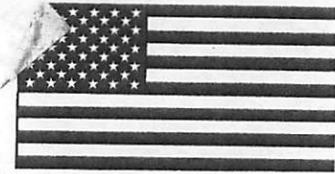
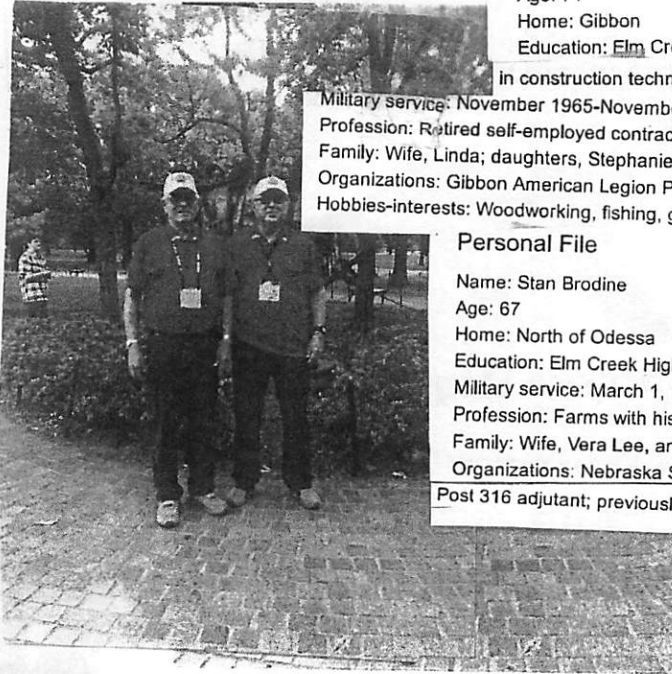
## Personal File

Name: Greg Brodine  
Age: 71  
Home: Gibbon  
Education: Elm Creek High School graduate, 1964, and attended Central Community College in Hastings  
in construction technology and drafting after military

Military service: November 1965-November 1967; in Vietnam, April 1966-April 1967  
Profession: Retired self-employed contractor; previously worked at ABC Drug, Bob's SuperStore and for Union Pacific Railroad  
Family: Wife, Linda; daughters, Stephanie Schuster of Omaha and Lacey Leonard of Gibbon; and four grandchildren  
Organizations: Gibbon American Legion Post 310 sergeant at arms  
Hobbies-interests: Woodworking, fishing, gardening and driving his restored 1952 Willys Jeep in parades.

## Personal File

Name: Stan Brodine  
Age: 67  
Home: North of Odessa  
Education: Elm Creek High School graduate, 1968, and attended Kearney State College  
Military service: March 1, 1971-April 1972; in Vietnam, July 1971-April 1972  
Profession: Farms with his brother Brad  
Family: Wife, Vera Lee, and son, Lance of Orlando, Fla.  
Organizations: Nebraska State Fair Board, Nebraska Veterans First Board and Elm Creek American Legion Post 316 adjutant; previously 23 years on the Buffalo County Fair Board



Stan Brodine, courtesy

Brothers Greg Brodine of Gibbon, left, and Stan Brodine of rural Kearney were part of a May 1 Hero Flight taking 652 Nebraska veterans to Washington, D.C., to see their Vietnam Veterans Memorial and other military-related sites. The Brodines hope to keep in touch with other

**KEARNEY** — Every day for the past 50 years something has triggered a memory for Greg Brodine of his year, April 1966-April 1967, as a combat engineer for the U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry Division in Vietnam. He pauses when hearing the CHI Health Good Samaritan AirCare helicopter fly overhead. At basketball games, the Gibbon veteran looks for a seat at the top of the bleachers where he can have his back against the wall. For years, only his family and two employers knew he had served in Vietnam. "It was because of the hatred by people in the United States when you came home," Greg said. "Spitting on soldiers and calling them baby and women killers ... People hated the war, but we were just doing our job." He didn't even talk about the war with his younger brother Stan who served in Vietnam with the Army's 981st "Hell on Paws" Sentry Dog Company from July 1971-April 1972. "When I came home, I never talked about it either," Stan said. The brothers said they get most emotional when hearing Taps or the national anthem, especially on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Some emotional weight was lifted on May 1 when the Brodines and 650 other Vietnam War veterans from Nebraska were flown from Omaha to Washington, D.C., for a day trip to see the Vietnam War, Korean War, World War II, Iwo Jima and Lincoln memorials and Arlington National Cemetery. "We are treated with respect now," Stan said, describing the veterans' overwhelming receptions in Washington and when they returned home at the Lincoln airport. "I never shook so many hands in my life."

## The draft

**Men — boys, really — of the Brodines' generation had no choice about military service.**

The brothers were drafted, assigned to Army specialties, and sent to Vietnam after minimal training and two weeks at home. Stan's service started on March 1, 1971, with basic training at Fort Leonard Wood. While attending military police school at Fort Gordon, Ga., he was pulled out to train for eight weeks in Okinawa as a sentry dog handler.

Stan met Shyska, a 5-year-old German shepherd, when he arrived at a Cam Ranh Bay base in Vietnam. He said it took him three days just to enter the kennel because Shyska was trained to go after anything that approached him and still had a strong connection to the previous handler.

"These dogs saved thousands of lives. Their eyesight is better. Their hearing is better and so is their sense of smell," he said.

## Front lines

Greg was constantly on the move in Vietnam's Central Highlands near the Cambodia border with various infantry companies of about 130 men each.

He had been relieved to avoid being sent to Army Airborne School. Then, in Vietnam, he was taught by 1st Cavalry Airmobile unit members to rappel down ropes from helicopters.

"Most of the time they helicoptered me into someplace," Greg said. "Other times we had to 'hump' in, and one time a tank took us as far as it could go."

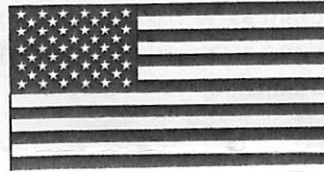
Combat engineers cleared trees to make helicopter landing pads. They also cleared and blew up tunnels and bunkers occupied by the Viet Cong. "One week, we captured 17 of them," Greg recalled.

Then, civilians were cleared from nearby villages, which were burned or blown up to ensure there was nothing for the Viet Cong to use, he said.

Greg periodically returned to a forward operating area for supplies and to rest. "I might be hauled in, set up my tent and dig a foxhole, and then get orders to go out," he said about the never-ending work.

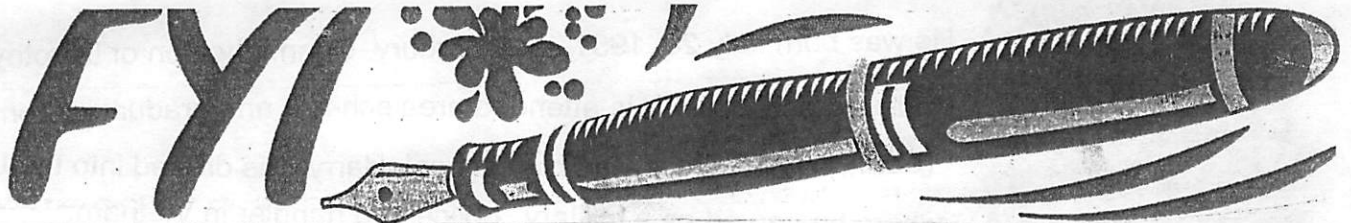
## Dale Carlton 981<sup>st</sup> 68-69

Dale A. Carlton, age 67 of Spring Lake, passed away on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at his home. He was born on October 8, 1949 to Paul and Elaine (Neigh) Carlton in Saginaw, MI. Dale was a graduate of Douglas MacArthur High School in Saginaw. He received his B.S. degree from the University of Michigan in Sociology and Social Work. Dale was a proud veteran of the United States Army, serving during the Vietnam War. He retired from the State of Michigan as a social worker. Dale loved serving the Lord, fishing and vacationing in Jamaica. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, the former, Susan Moore; son, Troy (Joan) Carlton; daughter, Lisa (Josh) Badour; grandsons, Dylan and Devon; granddaughters, Ashlynn and Brooklynn; sisters, Diana Alles, Ellen (John) Propp; brother, Edward Carlton; sister-in-law, Maryann Moore; brother-in-law, David (Joyce) Moore, and numerous nieces and nephews. VISITATION for Dale will take place on Thursday, July 27, 2017 at The Spring Lake Chapel, 213 E. Savidge St. (616-842-6100) from 2:00-4:00 pm & 6:00-8:00 pm. A FUNERAL SERVICE for Dale will take place on Friday, July 28, 2017, at Grace Lutheran Church (2651 Shettler Rd.) at 2:00 PM with visitation an hour prior to services. VISITATION will take place at 2:00 at Roselawn Memorial Gardens (950 N. Center Road, Saginaw, MI 48638) with entombment at 3:00 pm on Saturday, July 29, 2017. For a more lasting memory, donation's in Dale's name can



be made to the American Cancer Society

Feel free to share a memory with the family at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com)



Dear Fellow alumni members; This past weekend August 5-6, 2017 at a Vietnam Dog handlers Association (VDHA) board meeting in Houston, Texas Ernie Ayala 212<sup>th</sup> 67-68 was appointed Vice President by the new President, John Harvey, who became president when Perry Money passed away. I am making this announcement for two reasons. One, many of our alumni members are also VDHA members. The other reason is lend moral support to Ernie. He is embarking on a higher position of authority and responsibility that he did not actively pursue. Being a good team player he reluctantly accepted the job knowing he may not be very far from having to step up to greater responsibilities. Please keep him in your prayers and thoughts. Ernie told me the Sentry Dog Alumni continues to be first in his heart.

Gary Smith 981<sup>st</sup> 71-72



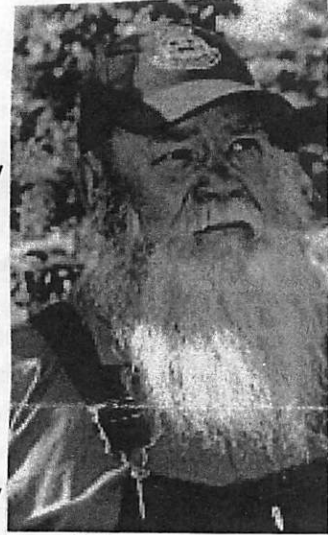
# OBITUARIES

It is with deep sympathy for the family and friends that I am posting the following death notices: VDHA PRESIDENT PERRY MONEY DIES by Ernie Ayala, VDHA VP Units

Perry Money took over the VDHA at the end of 2015 and never stopped working for Military Working Dogs memory and active duty dogs and their handlers. From the Day he took over the office as president he hardly spent one month at his home in Yadkinville, North Carolina.

I followed his whereabouts as he was the only president who ever emailed all his goings and comings to the board of directors. In his last month of life he had gone To Wisconsin and Illinois to help presentations of War Dog Memorials. He was home in July hosting a BBQ luncheon for children who were interested in the War Dog story and made friends with them and their teacher. He was scheduled to attend a VDHA Board meeting August 4<sup>th</sup> in Houston, TX when he started feeling weary from all the travel. His doctors scheduled him in for an operation on his lungs when he sent us all this message. "Will not be able to join you in Houston. John Harvey will take over the reigns for me in Houston and for the next month. If all goes well, the doctors said I can return next month with a clean bill of health".

The following day we received this message from his daughter, 'My dad passed away last night. He fought a good battle and tried to stay with us but he lost his fight'. Perry served as a USMC booby trap and mine detection dog handler. His MWD Missy will be there to greet him as he crosses the rainbow bridge. He leaves behind his wife, Josie and burial was arranged on his cabin property after services at Gentry Funeral Services in Yadkinville, North Carolina.

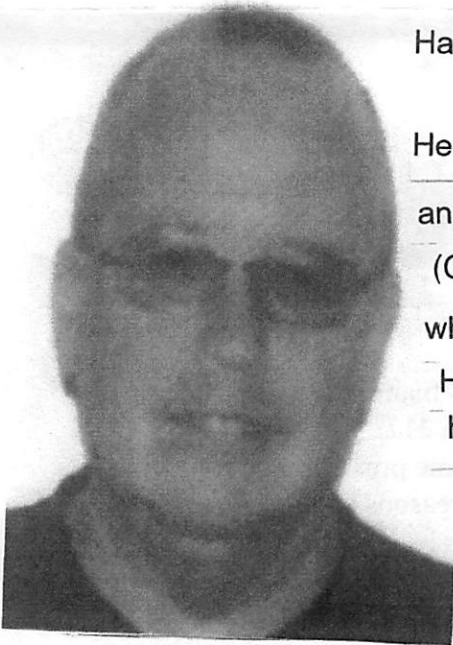


Perry C. Money

Harry W. Costick, 65, of Hinsdale died suddenly on July 3, 2017.

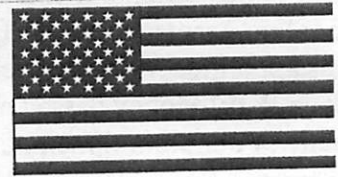
He was born July 26, 1951, in Waterbury, Conn., the son of Dorothy (Davidson) and James Costick. He attended area schools and graduated from Thomaston (Conn.) High Following high school, Harry was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served as a military police dog handler in Vietnam.

He was stationed at Fort Lewis in Washington State and honorably discharged in March of 1972.



Harry W. Costick

Arthur Przybyl



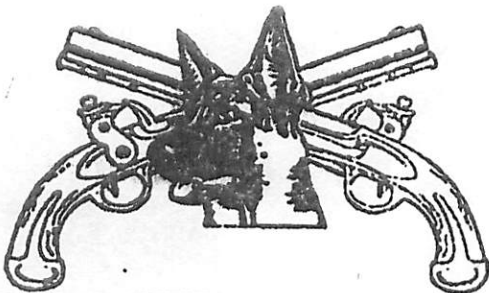
I wanted to write and let you know my father, Arthur K. Przybyl, passed in February this year. He served in 212th MP Company in 65/66.

If anyone wishes to contact me with anything related to his time in Vietnam they can do so at this email address.

Thanks,

Ryan Przybyl <[ryan.przybyl@gmail.com](mailto:ryan.przybyl@gmail.com)>

Ryan Przybyl.



# The High Ground



a place for all of us.

## Letters from our Alumni

June 20, 2017

David Keeton  
402 Division Street  
Union City, MI 49094



Dear David,

### Military Working Dog Tribute at The Highground

We are in need of financial assistance to complete the Military Working Dog Tribute at The Highground. Costs for lighting, landscaping, pavers, etc. have exceeded our estimates. We have raised in excess of \$140,000 but the costs to complete the tribute are \$150,000. The committee members have pledged to donate an additional \$2000, so we are asking fellow dog handlers and interested people to help us make up the \$8,000 shortfall. The tribute is beautiful and is located directly behind the liberty bell. When driving in from the west on Hwy 10, it is the first tribute you see. I have included several photos of the completed tribute. It is truly an impressive memorial. Once the tribute is completed, memorial stones can be purchased with the handler's name and his dog which will be placed on the side of the tribute directly below the sculpture. The entire sculpture will be lit in the evening as will the stones with the handlers' and dogs' names. It is an impressive addition to The Highground. If you should require additional information or have questions please feel free to contact me!

Sincerely,

Michael Olson, Committee Member  
981st M.P. Sentry Dog (Nha Trang 1969-70)  
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Please make checks payable to The Highground  
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*My eyes are your eyes  
To watch and protect you*

*My ears are your ears  
To hear and detect the evil minds  
in the dark*

*My nose is your nose  
To scent the invaders to our domain*

*And so you may live  
My life is also yours*

### 18<sup>th</sup> MP BDE/MACV VIETNAM SENTRY DOG ALUMNI

The following is from Diane Verola, concerning John Zimmerman 212th 66-67. I am at a loss of words. All I can offer is please keep John and Diane in your prayers and thoughts.

I just wanted you to let you know that John's cancer came back. If you remember, he got hit last year around this time. As a matter of fact, he had surgery to remove the tumor on his birthday, July 31. Last year the doctors found a tumor called a plasmacytoma pressing on his spine and he had the surgery to remove it. That tumor is the multiple myeloma tumor.

He was doing really well since then; the scans and blood work were clean until the end of June. The last pet scan showed some abnormalities and they did a bone marrow biopsy that confirmed it.

John started treatment this past week. It's going to be a long road, but God willing the treatment will send him into remission. He has to take one drug by mouth every day for 14 days and then stop for 7. In addition he has to take a baby aspirin and an anti viral drug every day. Once a week he has to have a shot and a dose of steroids. Then, once a month he has to take another drug via a drip in his arm. In October, they will harvest his stem cells and the treatment will continue.. In January, he goes to the hospital and they will give him a heavy duty dose of chemotherapy and implant the stem cells. He will have to be in the hospital for about three weeks for this. After that, he will have to be very careful for a few months because his immune system will be very weak. Again, God willing, this will send him into remission and he will be good as new.

I know it has only been one week, but so far so good. You know John, he's a fighter and his spirits are good, but I'm sure he'd love to hear from you, so if you get a chance, please give him a call. John. 516-431-5245. Home 516-578-8017. Cell

In the meantime, I will be in touch. Hope all is well with you and your families. It sure was a good time in San Antonio. Take care,

Love, Diane Home: 631-587-2033 Cell: 631-383-2695

PS: Please pass this on to anyone else that you think should know. I have been in touch with Lee Ruth and Rhaunal Williams via their wives, but I don't have contact information for anyone else. You guys all seemed so close, so I'll leave it at that. Thanks.

JOHN ZIMMERMAN

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