

Senior Citizen



The most commonly heard statement at Retirement parties is that “I will miss the people that I have worked with” and this was also one of the things that I thought about when my days as an employee were nearing an end. However, after retiring, I joined the Columbus Ambassadors even though I didn’t know a lot of the members. Some were “legendary”, meaning that I had heard their name or stories of them and of their reputation throughout the years.

After getting to know these retirees and their spouses, I came to know that they were Good Georgia Power People with whom I had a lot in common. They were a fun and enjoyable group to be around. Fellowship with a good group of people is the best part of the Ambassador experience.

The monthly meetings offer a good lunch, as well as an opportunity to visit with old friends and fellow employees. The motto of the Ambassadors is “Caring and Sharing” for and with each other. As we age, this becomes more important. The programs at the monthly meetings keep us updated about Georgia Power Company, our Company benefits, the community and many are just plain “fun” programs.

Before retiring, I remember thinking about how much fun the Ambassadors have. They were always traveling somewhere. That is one thing I have really enjoyed. My wife, Evelyn, and I have been on many trips - both State sponsored and local chapter sponsored. We have made friends with Ambassadors from all around the state through these travels.

The Ambassadors have a Retreat each April at Epworth By the Sea in Saint Simons which brings Ambassadors together from all over the state. It’s a great time to renew old friendships and reminisce about old times with Georgia Power. There are no meetings that you have to attend, but there are many fun activities offered. Usually there is one or two short excursions available as well as a blood draw and a health fair complete with various vendors attending. Fun activities include horseshoe and bean bag toss tournaments for both ladies and gentlemen in which everyone is invited to participate. Yes, there’s even Bingo! There is a “hospitality” room (known as the “Ellie Room”) which is open daily with soft drinks and snacks. It provides a place to relax, reminisce and socialize with other attendees. In the evenings, there is quality entertainment in the main auditorium including comedy performances, musical programs and even humorous entertainment offered by some of our own members. It’s always a fun time there!

All in all, membership in the Ambassadors has allowed me to maintain relationships with fellow retirees, to make new acquaintances and has helped me to alleviate the feeling of “Missing the People”. It has allowed me to keep up with what is going on in the Company that I worked with for so long and has given Evelyn and me the opportunity to travel to places that we probably never would have visited to on our own.

THAT’S WHAT BEING AN AMBASSADOR MEANS TO ME!

Bob Davidson
State 2nd Vice President





Community Impact

Savannah

Georgia Power Company has a long standing tradition of supporting our armed forces, both stateside and overseas. The Savannah Ambassadors recently took part in a USO project where they provided baked goods for the charity which will be sent to the troops serving overseas. They had a tremendous amount of goods donated by the chapter. Thank you Savannah for providing a little taste of home to those who have to be away from their homes, defending our country and our freedom.





Community Impact Altamaha

And the building of ramps continues! As of July 12, the Altamaha Ambassadors have built fifty ramps for those in need in their community. That's fifty people who before the ramp, had no safe access in and out of their home. Thank you Altamaha! Keep changing your community one ramp at a time!





Community Impact Through Partnerships

Metro South

Metro South Ambassador members, Garnett and Peggy Grubb along with Larry and Zann Hayes joined the Metro South Citizens Chapter for a service project at the Midwest Food Bank in Peachtree City. The group assembled, bagged and packed over 500 bags of black-eyed peas for distribution to charities in over forty counties in Georgia. In total, the team bagged 525 pounds of food which equals 6,300 servings that will help feed the hungry. Way to go! Way to go!





Community Impact Through Partnerships Golden Isles

Members of the Golden Isles Ambassadors joined the Brunswick Citizens chapter at the recent Glynn County Relay for Life event. The team raised \$3000 for the event. Brandon Willis and Courtney Willis were the team captains this year. Thanks Golden Isles and Brunswick Citizens!



Altamaha

Although not with a Citizens Chapter, the Vidalia Chick-Fil-A has formed a special relationship with our Altamaha Ambassadors. On each ramp build day, they provide breakfast for the builders. This month, the crew happened to visit the establishment on the restaurant's "Dress Like a Cow" campaign. The crew and staff of the restaurant took a picture together which was posted on the restaurant's Facebook page along with a "Thank You" to the Ambassadors for all that they do in the community.





State Travel

On June 20th, Ambassadors from all over the state traveled to the Canadian Rockies. The travelers visited many points of interest, including Banff, Butchart Gardens, Lake Louise and of course the Rockies. A great time was had by all. Here are just a few pictures from the adventure. A huge “Thank You” to State Travel Administrator, Lois Duncan, for arranging such a terrific trip!





Salute to our Ambassador Veterans

This month, we celebrated our country's freedom with Independence Day. The celebrations would not have been possible without those in our Armed Forces who have made or are making daily sacrifices so that we may all be free.

In July 2015, the Senior Citizen was dedicated to our Ambassador members that were Veterans of the Armed Forces. The response was tremendous to say the least. We were asked once again to do a salute to our veterans. Stories and pictures were gathered from those willing to talk about their experiences from across the state once more and we are very happy to share those with you. We hope you enjoy them.

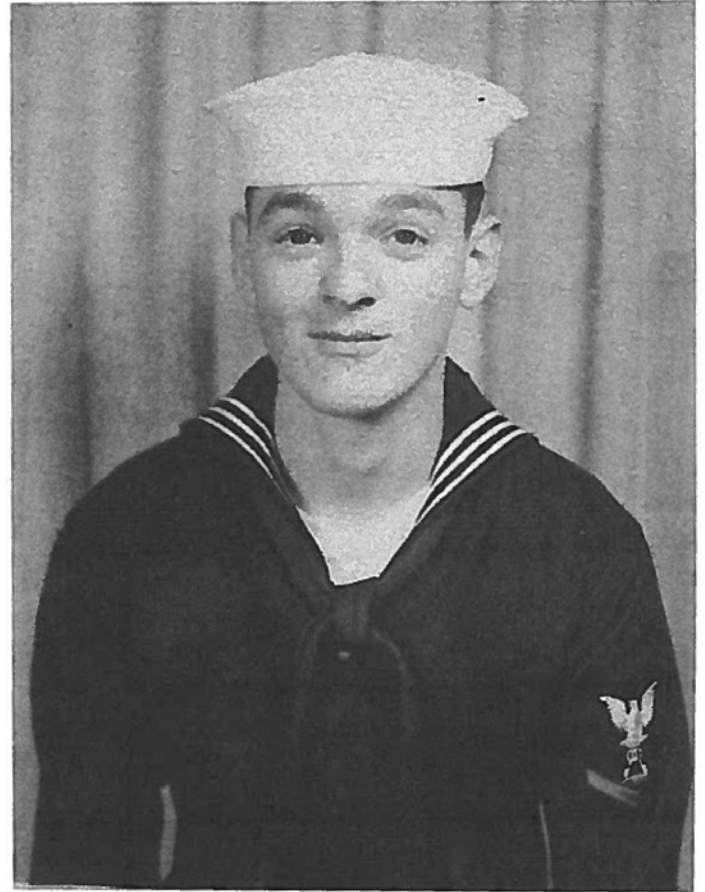
Remember also to thank the veterans and those that are currently serving in the military for what they do each and every day. Because of them, we are free.





Salute to our Ambassador Veterans

Jerry L. Johnson of the Statesboro chapter, served in the US Navy from 1965- 1969, during the Vietnam Era He went to boot camp in San Diego, California His first duty station was Naval Submarine Base, New London, CT. Later, he was assigned to a commissioning crew, in the Supply Div.as a Petty Officer 3nt Class, with the USS VOGE DE-1047, a Destroyer Escort at Boston Naval Shipyard. After 2 years aboard, he was transferred to Destroyer, USS WILLIAM R. RUSH DD-714, Newport, RI.



**Mr. Willie Powell
Altamaha Chapter**



**Mr. Rusty Sears
Altamaha Chapter**



Georgia Army National Guard

Rank: Chief Warrant Officer Four

January 1970-September 2010
(40 yrs. and nine months)

Job Description:

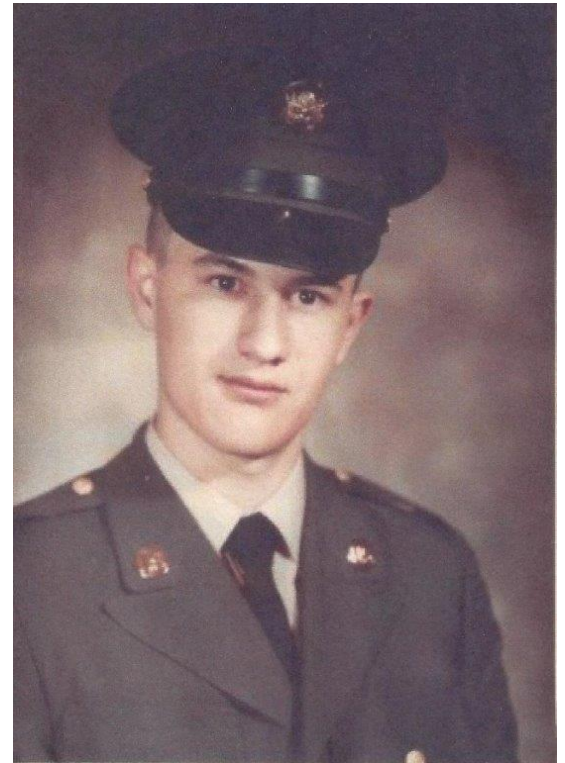
- 762A Support Supply Technician, 148th Supply Battalion, Forsyth, GA
- 915A Wheel Veh Maint Technician, 148th Support Battalion, Forsyth, GA
- 920B Supply Systems Technician, Det 2 HQ STARC (State Area Readiness Command), Fort Stewart, GA

Duty Assignments:

- 176th MP Battalion, Forsyth, GA
- 148th Support Battalion, Forsyth, GA
- Det 2 HQ STARC, Fort Stewart, GA

Awards and Decorations

- Meritorious Service Medal
- Georgia Commendation Medal
- ARCAM
- NDSM
- GNGSM



Mr. Frank Smith
Altamaha Chapter



U S Army Corp of Engineers

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

July 1966 - July 1969

Unit Combat Leader, Construction Officer

Duty Assignments:

- Fort Stewart, Hunter Army Airfield, Vietnam

Theater of Service:

- Vietnam, 93rd Engineering Battalion Construction

Awards and Decorations:

- Bronze Star

Description of Military Career:

- Built gunnery ranges, warehouses, power plant, heliport and airport



Mr. Miles Webb
Altamaha Chapter

Air Force (Air National Guard)

Rank: Airman 3rd Class

Dec. 19, 1963 through Dec. 18, 1969 (6 years)

Job Description:

- Metals Processing Spec. ABR53230

Duty Assignments:

- Support 165th Camron, GAANG Savannah municipal airport

Theater of Service:

- 165th Camron GAANG

Awards and Decorations:

- Small Arms Marksmanship Ribbon

Description of Military Career:

- Six years in ANG Savannah Municipal Airport GA.



Mr. Tim White
Altamaha Chapter



Mr. Gaylon Waters
Altamaha Chapter

United States Army

Rank: Specialist 4th Class, Sargent

1967 thru 1970

Job Description:

- Infantry Combat Specialist EOD (Armor)

Duty Assignments:

- Ft. Hood Texas, Fort Jackson, South Carolina, Vietnam

Theater of Service:

- Chu Lai, DaNang, A Shau Valley, Dong Ha, Hue, LZ Baldy, LZ Rider in South Vietnam.

United States Army

Rank: Specialist 5th Class

June 1970 thru February 1972

Job Description, Occupation:

- 62L20 Construction Engineers

Duty Assignments:

- Vietnam



Mr. Frank Gorley
Altamaha Chapter



Mr. Thomas Wilkes
Altamaha Chapter

U.S. Navy/U.S. Air Force

Rank:

- Navy-Machinist Mate 2nd Class
- Air Force- SMSGT

Navy 1952-1956

Air Force 1957-1977

Job Description:

- Navy- USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Aircraft Carrier
- Air Force-Turner Field, Albany, GA
- Air Force-Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal
- Air Force-Hunter AFB, Savannah, GA
- Air Force-Fairchild AFB, Spokane, WA
- Directed to cross train to Munitions, Lowrey AFB, Denver, CO
- Air Force-Ching Kwan Taiwan, Hurlbert Field, FL.
- Air Force-Nha Trang Air Base, Vietnam
- Air Force-Otis AFB, MA
- Air Force-McClellan AFB, Sacramento, CA
- Air Force-Homestead AFB, FL

Awards and Decorations

- Bronze Star
- Numerous others from both branches



United States Army

Rank: Specialist 5th Class

Feb. 1969-Dec. 1971

Job Description:

- 31L20 (Radio Relay/Carrier Repair)

Theater of Service:

- 1st Infantry Brigade, 5th Mechanized Division
- 75th Support Battalion
- 298th Signal Company Camp Red Devil Quang Tri, South Vietnam, Khe Sanh Combat Base, Lang Vei
- Fire Support Base A4 and C2



**Mr. Joel Thomas
Altamaha Chapter**

Awards and Decorations

- Nation Defense Medal
- Army Commendation Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal

Thomas completed his eight weeks Basic Training at Fort Benning, GA. He then was at Fort Gordon for fifteen months at Radio Operating and Repair School. Thomas served one tour in South Vietnam where he was stationed at Camp Red Devil Combat Base. He participated in Operation Lam Son 719 February-March of 1971 in support of ARVN's campaign into Laos against the North Vietnamese Regular Army. He also spent six months at Fort Hood, Texas.



United States Navy



Mr. Bill Stovall
Altamaha Chapter

Rank: Boiler Tender Second Class (E5)

11/09/1960 to 11/06/1964 on active duty.
Eight years in the Reserves

Job Description:

- Boiler Tender 2nd Class-operated and maintained the ships boilers and auxiliary equipment for the main propulsion plant

Duty Assignments:

- Basic Training, USNTC San Diego, CA
- "A" School Great Lakes NTC, Chicago, IL
- USS Herbert J. Thomas DDR 833, Long Beach, CA
- USS Black DD666, San Diego, CA

Theater of Service:

- Home Port: Long Beach, CA
USS Herbert J. Thomas DDR833
- Three trips, cruises to the Western Pacific

United States Army Reserve

Rank: Specialist 5th Class

December 1970 thru December 1977

Job Description:

- Cook

Duty Assignments:

- Army Reserve, New Port News, Va. & Rome, Ga.



Mr. Gregory Burkhalter
Altamaha Chapter



United States Navy

Rank: ENT-2

December 1971-January 1976

Job Description

- Reactor Operator Submarine Duty

Served:

- USS BN Alexander Hamilton
- USS AD 19 Yosemite

Awards and Decorations

- Nation Defense
- Good Conduct

Description of Military Career

- Electronic Technician
- Reactor Operator



Mr. George King
Altamaha Chapter

James G. Stuart-Heart of GA

Branch: U.S. Army

Highest Rank: (E-6) Staff Sergeant

Duties: Rifleman

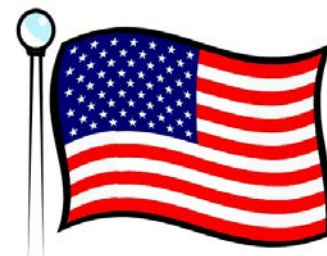
Stations: Korean War (3 Years)

Robert F. Bryant-Heart of GA

Branch: U.S. Navy

August 1956 to August 1962

Stations: USS Johnston





Brooks Bailey-Heart of GA

Branch: U.S. Army

March 1958 to March 1960

2 years active

4 years Army Reserve—Signal Corps

Duties: Cryptography-Coded Message Operator

Stations: 3rd Army HQ, Ft. MacPherson
Atlanta, GA

Beverly Dixon-Heart of GA

Branch: U.S. Army

1953 to 1955

2 years active

4 years Army Reserve—Signal Corps

714th Tank Division 3rd Army

Stations: Fort Jackson, SC
Fort Benning, GA

Homer “Lannie” Haygood Heart of GA

Branch: U.S. Air Force

July 1963 to July 1967

Highest Rank: (E-4) Senior Airman

Duties: Military Police Squadron

Stations: **Lackland AFB**
San Antonio, TX
Hunter AFB
Savannah, GA
Norton AFB
San Bernardino, CA

Honorably Discharged

Gary Kimbell-Heart of GA

Branch: U.S. Army, GA National Guard

1968-1974

Highest Rank: (E-6) Staff Sergeant

Duties: Military Police Battalion

Stations: Fort Jackson, SC
Fort Benning, GA
Fort Lee, VA
Washington, D.C
Athens, GA

Honorably Discharged



Earl Spell-Metro South

I joined the Navy in April, 1967, after I lost my student deferment. (The draft was in high gear.) I was not as fast as Forrest Gump, and was too tall to hide in a foxhole!! I reported to the Armed Forces Entrance & Examination Center in Atlanta (now Atlanta City Hall –East). The Navy flew me to San Diego, CA for Boot Camp, and then sent me to aviation electronics school in Memphis, TN. I was lucky enough (a recurring theme for my Navy career) to be assigned a rating of Training Devices Technician; one of the only few Navy rates that were not on ships. In April, 1968, I was assigned to the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Glynco Naval Air Station just outside of Brunswick, GA (MY HOME TOWN!!!!). Our section maintained a Carrier Air Traffic Control Center radar simulator. The computers and buffer unit could simulate up to 36 aircraft and provide signals to 6 radar scopes, enough to train a complete crew of air traffic controllers in a six week class.

From my boyhood days, I could remember the blimps flying over, and the giant wooden hangers. The hangers were torn down during my tour. Glynco Naval Air Station has since has been converted to the Glynn-Brunswick Municipal Airport, and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

I completed my tour in May, 1971, and returned to college to study, not to play!! I joined Georgia Power - Power Generation in September, 1972, at Plant Hatch.

Thank you to all of our veterans!



It is because of you we are free!



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Interested in Becoming a Georgia Power Ambassador?

Georgia Power Ambassadors is a network of retirees and their spouses committed to caring and sharing within their communities through active volunteerism and community support.

The purpose of the organization is to promote a means of friendly association, foster continuing fellowship and provide service to the community, while maintaining communication between retirees and Georgia Power. Support from our Ambassadors is vital in helping Georgia Power be "A Citizen Wherever We Serve."

Membership allows you continued association with Georgia Power and connection to over 2,000 members in over 19 chapters statewide. There are service project opportunities, travel opportunities and company information updates available, so why not join today?

For more information on membership and chapter locations, please contact the State Ambassadors Office at 404-506-7000 or 1-800-442-8158.

We look forward to seeing you at a meeting soon!





2016 Chapter Leadership

Chapter	President	Meeting Schedule
Altamaha	Jim Cherry	4 th Thursday
Athens	Ray Holton	1 st Thursday
Augusta	James Ford	2 nd Tuesday
Columbus	Suzanne Corley	3 rd Monday
Golden Isles	Tean Jackson	3 rd Tuesday
Heart of Georgia	Felix King	3 rd Wednesday
Metro Central	Peggy Grubb	2 nd Tuesday
Metro East	Robert Purcell	4 th Wednesday
Metro North	Tom Powell	2 nd Thursday
Metro South	Earl Spell	2 nd Monday
Metro West	Carol Paschal	2 nd Monday*
Northeast GA	Jane Bingham	4 th Wednesday
Rome	Steve Nance	2 nd Wednesday*
Savannah	Diana Hodges	4 th Tuesday
Sinclair-Oconee	Sam McChesney	2 nd Wednesday
South Georgia	Charles Smith	3 rd Tuesday**
Southwest Georgia	Tommy Norman	3 rd Thursday
Statesboro	Verna Bennett	3 rd Wednesday
West Georgia	Russell Spence	1 st Tuesday

- **Meeting every other month beginning with even months*
- ***Meeting every other month beginning with odd months*