

SOTC – OPERATION BARNABAS
Veteran of the Month Prayer Card

May 2023

David Watt



US ARMY - ENLISTED - 1975 – 1982

COMMISSIONED: 1986-1998

David grew up in Oakland County Michigan. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1975 and completed his Basic Combat Training at Fort Bliss, TX. He then stayed at Fort Bliss for Advanced Individual Training for Vulcan Gunner. He was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, KY.

In 1976 his unit was on standby for several days on the tarmac, loaded, and ready for deployment to Korea in support of Operation Paul Bunyan. The incident was de-escalated and the unit was not deployed. During his enlistment, he received recognition as the top senior gunner for his battalion. He completed his enlistment contract and was honorably discharged in 1979 and placed on Reserve status until 1982.

Under the GI Bill David attended Arizona State University and in 1986 he was commissioned back on active duty as the top cadet graduate of his class. He received numerous awards and decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal.

He retired in 1998 with the rank of Captain.

After the military, he was self-employed for several years as a professional photographer and owned a laundromat and motel. In 2010 he went to work for the federal government. In 2019 he retired from The Department of Homeland Security as a Fraud Detection and National Security Officer.

David and Debbi moved to Palm Coast in 2020. They will have been married 38 years on May 25, 2023 and have been blessed with two children and six grandchildren. David and Debbi are both members of the SOTC Altar Guild. David is also part of the SOTC Safety Team.