

Join the service

Chad Evans

M53 Chad T. Evans is a nine-year Navy veteran now stationed in Norfolk, Va., with the Helicopter Miner No. 14 Unit.

Previously he was on the USS Cleveland for four years in which he completed two westward trips around the globe called west pacts. He was also deployed to the Persian Gulf twice.

He was in Puerto Rico for three years and has been back in Norfolk for two years.

He joined the National Guard before he graduated from Lenora High School and joined the Navy in 1994. He is the third generation to serve his country. His father, Karol, served in the U.S. Army in the Vietnam conflict and his grandfather, Ed Evans, served in the U.S. Army in World War II.

His mother is Joan Evans of Oberlin and he has one sister Kristy of Oberlin.



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Travis Green

Travis Green is an air traffic controller and aviation warfare specialist 2nd class petty officer currently stationed at Naval Air Station in Lemoore, Calif.

He and his wife Alicia and two sons Tristan and Zackery live in Fresno.

His former duties have been at Tactical Air Control Squadron Twelve in San Diego, deployed on USS Boxer (LHD-4) for six months and in Okinawa, Japan for six months.

His parents are Rose and Bruce Eskew of Oberlin and John and Cheryl Green of Grand Island, Neb.



Travis Green

Brandon D. Johnson

Brandon D. Johnson, son of Larry and Glenda Johnson of Jennings, is serving aboard the USS Memphis based out of Groton, Conn.

He graduated from Prairie Height High School in Jennings in 1999 and entered the U.S. Navy in June after serving his senior year in the reserves.

He graduated from boot camp in August of 1999 at Great Lakes, Chicago, and was transferred to South Carolina where he was educated as a nuclear machinist mate and then went on to finish his nuclear training. He is serving aboard, the Memphis, a nuclear submarine, and expects to be deployed soon.

His parents said that ever since he was in eighth grade, he has wanted to serve in the military, but it had to be the navy. He is single.

"We are very proud of our son," his parents said.



B. Johnson

Russell James

Russell James is serving as a linguist in the U.S. Marine Corps in Augusta, Ga. and although there is no talk of deployment yet, it is still a possibility.

He is the son of Larry and Terri James of Norcatour.

Mr. James said his son graduated from Decatur Community High School in 2000 and enlisted in the Marines. He said Russell always wanted to be in the military. He has an uncle and great uncle who are retired Army.

Russell graduated from boot camp nearly three years ago and went on to study foreign language at The Presidio in California, graduating in September 2002.

He was transferred to Goodfellow Air Force Base in Texas and in November 2002 he was chosen as the outstanding student of the month. He and his wife Christeen have lived in Augusta since January, when Russell was transferred to Fort Gordon, an Army base. Mrs. James said the forces intermingle a lot and there have been other facilities he has been stationed at that haven't been Marine Corps bases.

Mr. James said his son enlisted for eight years, but he thinks he will probably serve 20 so he can retire. He wants to get a master's degree in criminal justice and pursue a career in that field.



R. James

David Johnson

Major Dave Johnson, a 1986 graduate of Decatur Community High School, has been serving in the Army National Guard since 1986. He is in the 1st Battalion, 161st Field Artillery, where he serves as administrative officer.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, his battalion has been busy. In September 2002, he mobilized 200 members of his battalion for a force protection mission at Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth. In January of this year, an additional 109 soldiers were called for a force protection mission at McConnell Air Force Base and Forbes Field Air National Guard Base.

On July 27, he will report to Fort Leavenworth for a 10-month course at Command and General Staff College. He was one of 16 soldiers in the Guard selected for this course.

He is the son of Beth Johnson of Norcatour and the late Charles Johnson. He married Jennifer Groebe in May 2002, and they have two children. They live in Great Bend.

Shane Harris

As a member of the special forces Shane Harris is currently serving in the Iraqi Freedom War.

He graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1990 is assigned to a base in Kentucky, but is serving overseas.

He and his wife Heather have two boys, Jude and Justice.

He is the son of Carolyn Shirley and Dan Harris, both of Colby. Doris Fringer of Oberlin is his grandmother.



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