

Veterans of First Lutheran Church

Black, Jennifer served in U.S. Army 1990-1998

28th Signal Battalion, PA National Guard, stationed at FT. Gordon, GA. 1991. Signal Corps Officer, planned and supervised communication networks. Served state side doing 1st Gulf War.

Black, Mark served U.S. Army 1988-1997

112th Infantry Regiment, PA National Guard stationed Ft. Benning, GA 1988-1997. Infantry Officer, trained and lead soldiers in ground combat operations. Served state side doing 1st Gulf War.

Briggs, Kristine served U.S. Airforce 1983-1987

Basic Training, Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX; Lajes Field AFB, Terceira Island, Azores, Portugal 1984-1986; and Offutt AFB, Omaha, NE 1986-1987. Telecommunications-monitoring and maintaining communications between U.S. and Europe. And surveillance and monitoring of mainland U.S. security defenses.

Goga, Ed served in U.S. Army 1975-1978

Stationed Missouri and California 1975-1976 and Germany 1977-1978, Worked in construction. Served doing the U.S. Bicentennial Celebration in 1976.

Lacko, Joseph Judson served U.S. Airforce 1962-1966

Stationed at Keesler AFB Mississippi. Airborne Radar Repair, Medical Lab Tech. Was nominated to service radar on Air Force One.

Maust, Chris, served in U.S. Army 1978-1981

Stationed Frankfurt, West Germany, repaired station communications, working on landline phone communications. Served during Iran's Hostage, and Russian invasion of Afghanistan 1979.

Sakerka, John served U.S. Army 1971-1973

Stationed at Ft .Bliss TX 1971-1972, and Schofield Barracks, Hawaii 1972-1973. Squad Leader of Chaparral Missile Launcher used to shoot down enemy aircraft.

Ulanich, Jeffery served U.S. Army 1969-1970

Served in Vietnam at Camp Evens as a combat Medic. Was on Hamburg Hill in the Jungle taking care of 70 men. **Awarded the Bronze Star with Valor.**

Members Currently Serving in Armed Forces

Black, Nathaniel serving in U.S. Army joining 2023

Now serving - 1st. Cavalry Division at Ft. Hood TX. Serving as a Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic. Was deployed to Poland for 7 months.

Black, Wesley serving U.S. Army joining in 2025

82nd Airborne Division serving as Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic and has been Airborne Qualified

Luketich, Jonathan, U.S. Army joining in 2021

Commissioned as Military Police Officer through the Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, GA 2021. Executive Officer and Platoon Leader of Military Police Battalion, Ft. Bliss, TX. 2023. Earned his Master of Science in Legal studies from Penn West University in 2025. Awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense service Medal, Army Service Medal, and German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Silver)