

Proposed by Jim Klocke for Veteran of the Year

Rickard A. Jensen First Sergeant US Army Retired

I served in Army Aviation from 1 Nov 71 to 30 Nov 92

My duty Stations include, Ft Lewis, Wa, Ft Eustis, Va , Ft Benning, Ga, Lane Army Heliport, Republic of Vietnam, Ft Leavenworth, Ks (not in the prison, HA HA), Ft Carson, Co (twice), Fliegerhorst Kaserne Germany, Ft Hood, Tx, Ft Wainwright, AK, and Ft Polk, La

After all our children left the nest, Cerise and I moved to Holmes Beach, Florida in 2017 to enjoy our retirement. To keep active, I began dragon boat paddling with the Anna Maria Island Dragon Boat Team. This team was seasonal and so within a year I moved to the Nathan Benderson Park Team which practiced year-round.

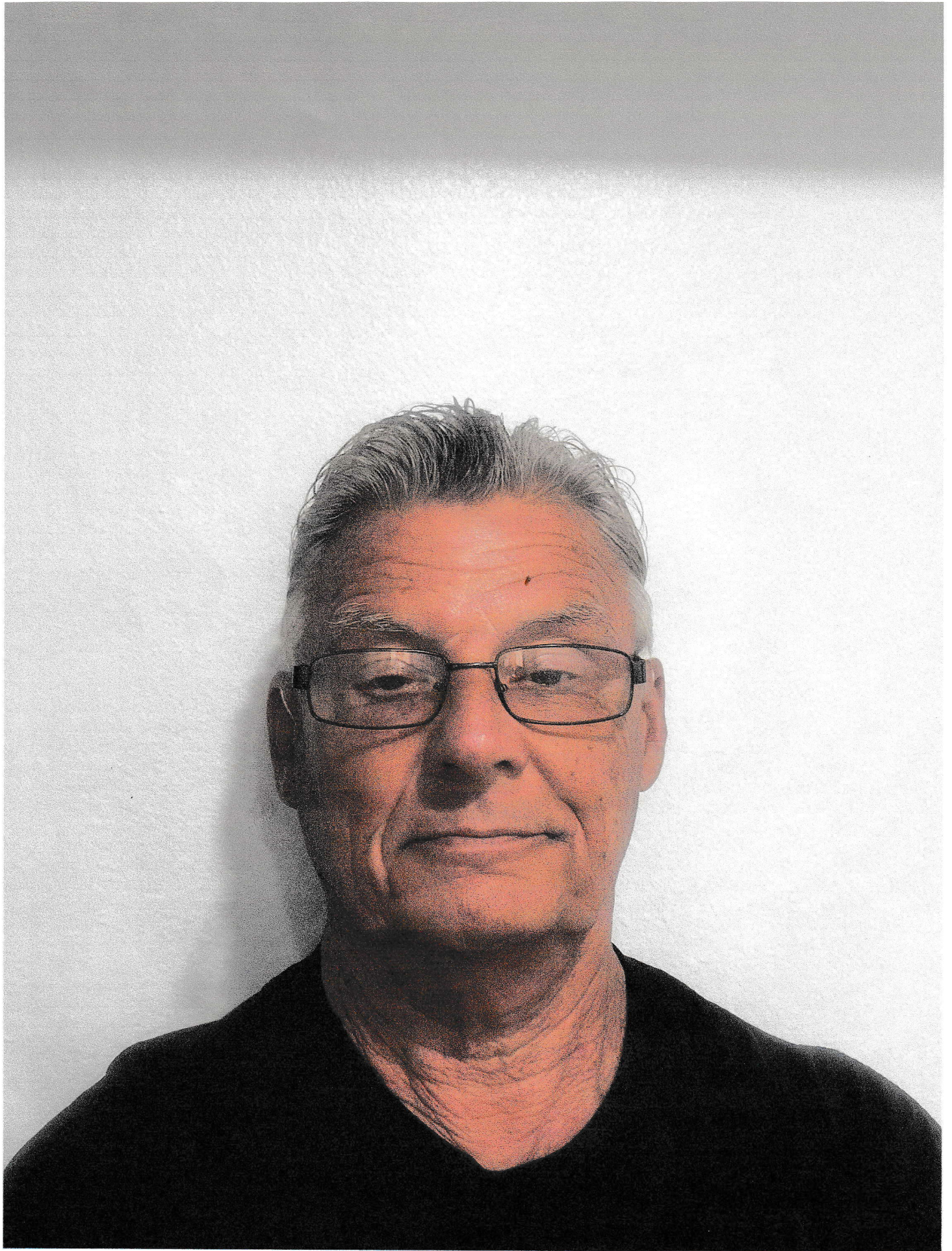
The NBP DRAGONS dragon boat team had 3 other Veterans on that team. With the high suicide rate amongst Veterans, I thought it would be a be a great idea to form a Military Veteran Dragon Boat Team. Who understands Veteran issues better than other Veterans. Military members know how to work as a team to get a mission accomplished, in this case paddle together in unison to win a race. We are comfortable with our brothers and sisters in arms. We are family. There is a calmness on the water. Most of our 25 member Team are combat Veterans. Seven are Disabled Veterans with two being total and permanent.

The NBP VETERANS have competed in 5 races and won 2 golds, 2 Silver, and 1 bronze.

It is an honor to nominate Rickard Jensen for Manatee County Veteran of the year.


Jim Klocke

Manatee County Veterans Council, Chairman



CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE SERVICE

1. NAME (Last, First, Middle) JENSEN RICKARD ALLAN		2. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH ARMY/RA		3. SERVICE NO. [REDACTED]	
4. GRADE, RATE, OR RANK MSG	4. b PAY GRADE EOB	5. DATE OF BIRTH (YYYYMMDD) 19520304	6. RESERVE Year 000		
7. a PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE DUTY SIOUX FALLS, SD		7. b HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY (City and state, or complete address if known) 715 N FREEMAN LUVERNE, MN 56156			
8. a LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND HIIC AVN BDE FC		8. b STATION WHERE SEPARATED FORT POLK LA 71459-5700			
9. COMMAND TO WHICH TRANSFERRED USAR CRTLGP (RET) ARPERCEN, 9700 PAGE BLVD, ST LOUIS, MO 63122			10. SGLI COVERAGE <input type="checkbox"/> None Amount: \$ 100,000.00		
11. PRIMARY SPECIALTY (List number, title and years and months in specialty. List additional specialty numbers and titles involving periods of one or more years.) 67Z5F00 ACFT MAINT SR SGT --3 YRS-3 MOS// 67T5F00 TAC TRANS HEL REPR --7 YRS-10 MOS// NOTHING FOLLOWS		12. RECORD OF SERVICE			
		Year(s)	Month(s)	Day(s)	
		a. Date entered AD This Period	1971	11	01
		b. Separation Date This Period	1992	11	30
		c. Net Active Service This Period	0021	01	00
		d. Total Prior Active Service	0000	00	00
		e. Total Prior Inactive Service	0000	00	00
		f. Foreign Service	0008	03	10
		g. Sea Service	0000	00	00
		h. Effective Date of Pay Grade	1990	08	01
13. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED (All periods of service) ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL 1ST OLC//AIR MEDAL FIFTH AWARD//ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL 5TH OLC// GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL 7TH AWD//MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL//NCO PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RIBBON W/NUM 3//NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL 2D AWD//OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON //CON'T IN BLOCK 18					
14. MILITARY EDUCATION (Course title, number of weeks and month and year completed) AIR FRAME REPAIRMAN, 11 WEEKS, MAR 1972//NCO ACAD GRAD, 4 WEEKS, JUN 1974//BASIC NCO COURSE, 11 WEEKS, SEP 1974//AIR CRAFT STRCTR REPAIRER CUORSE, JUN 1980//ADVANCE NCO COURSE, 6 WEEKS, JUN 1981//NOTHING FOLLOWS					
15. a MEMBER CONTRIBUTED TO POST-VIETNAM ERA VETERAN'S EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM		Yes	No	15. b HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR EQUIVALENT	
			X	Yes	
			X	No	
16. DAYS ACCRUED LEAVE PAID				0000	
17. MEMBER WAS PROVIDED A COMPLETE DENTAL EXAM AND ALL APPROPRIATE DENTAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT WITHIN 90 DAYS PRIOR TO SEPARATION				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
18. REMARKS CONTINUOUS HONORABLE ACTIVE SERVICE: 19711101-19921130//IMMEDIATE REENLISTMENT THIS PERIOD--19711101-19731213, 19731214-19770310, 19770311-19821212, 19821213-19851103, 19851104-19900118, 19900119-19921130//SUBJECT TO ACTIVE DUTY RECALL BY THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY//RETIRED 1ST GRADE 1SG//REF ITEM 13: VIETNAM TECHNICAL SERVICE MEDAL (2D CLASS)// NOTICE - THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO COMPUTER MATCHING WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OR WITH ANY OTHER AFFECTED FEDERAL OR NON-FEDERAL AGENCY FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES AND TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR, AND/OR CONTINUED COMPLIANCE WITH, THE REQUIREMENTS OF A FEDERAL BENEFIT PROGRAM.//CON'T FROM BLOCK 13: W/NUM 3//REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSS WITH PALM//REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL//VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL W/ 1 SERVICE STAR//EXPERT MARKSMANSHIP BADGE GRENADE//SEE ATTACHED CONTINUATION SHEET					
19. a MAILING ADDRESS AFTER SEPARATION (Include Zip Code) 1424 14TH STREET, LEWISTON, ID 83501			19. b NEAREST RELATIVE (Name and address - include Zip Code) CERISE L JENSEN, 1424 14TH STREET LEWISTON, ID 83501		
20. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 5 BE SENT TO IA DIR OF VET. AFFAIRS		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
21. SIGNATURE OF MEMBER BEING SEPARATED <i>Richard A. Jensen</i>		22. OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO SIGN (Typed name, grade, title and signature) WYNNE S. YATES GS07, CH, TRANSITION POINT			

SPECIAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (For use by authorized agencies only)

23. TYPE OF SEPARATION RETIREMENT	24. CHARACTER OF SERVICE (Includes upgrades) HONORABLE	
25. SEPARATION AUTHORITY AR 635-200, CHAP 12	26. SEPARATION CODE RBD	27. REENTRY CODE 4R
28. NARRATIVE REASON FOR SEPARATION FOR LENGTH OF SERVICE		
29. DATES OF TIME LOST DURING THIS PERIOD NONE		30. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 4 Initial

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1. NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) 2. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT, AND BRANCH
JENSEN RICKARD ALLAN ARMY/RA

4a. GRADE, RATE, OR RANK 4b. PAY GRADE
MSG E08



//CON'T FROM BLOCK 18: EXPERT MARKSMANSHIP BADGE PISTOL//SHARPSHOOTER MARKSMANSHIP
BADGE RIFLE//NOTHING FOLLOWS

Richard A. Jensen
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER BEING SEPARATED

Wendell E. Hayes
OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO SIGN
WENDELL E. HAYES
GS07, CH, TRANSITION POINT