

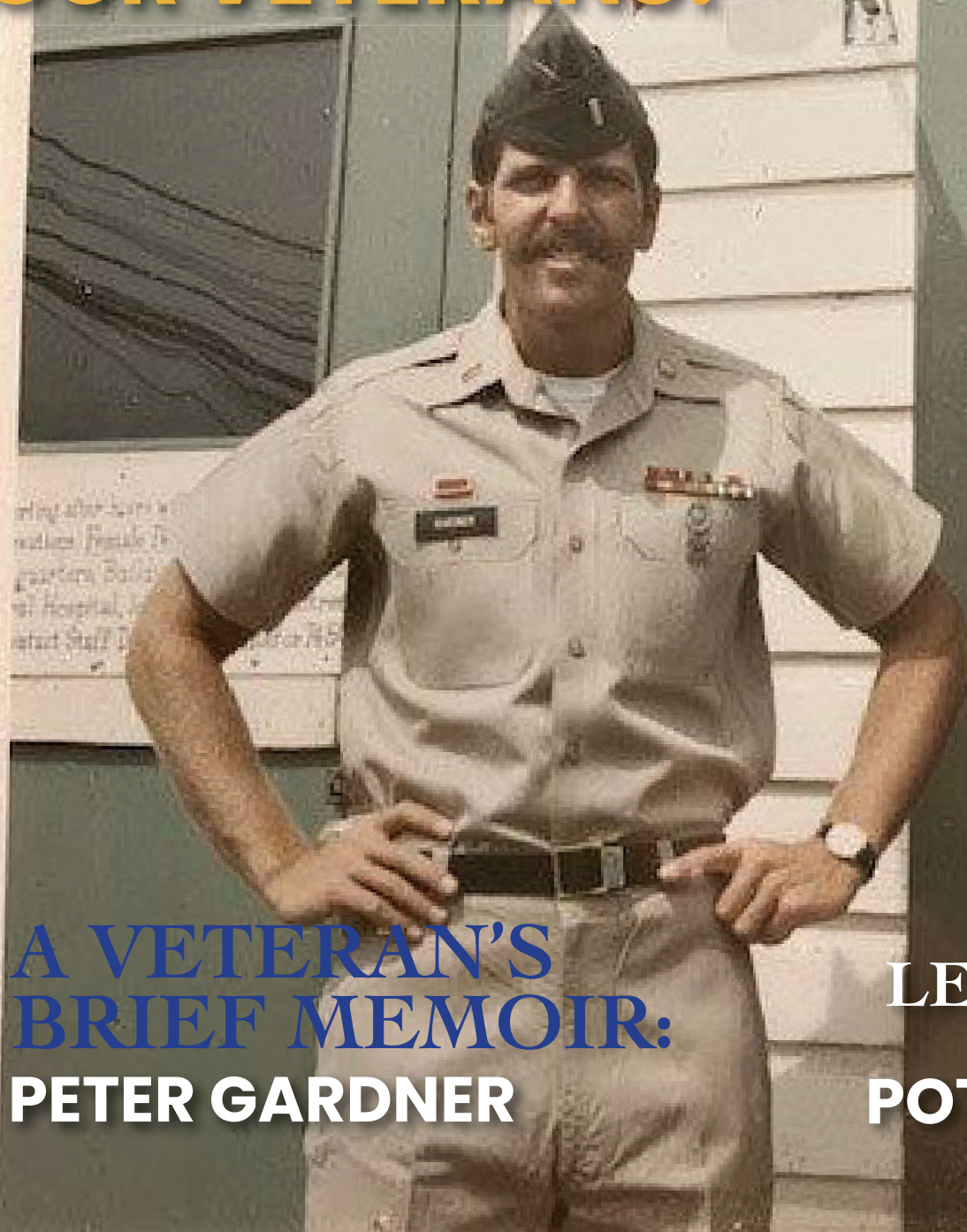
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KEHILLAT MA'ARAV'S
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**THANK YOU TO
OUR VETERANS!**



**A VETERAN'S
BRIEF MEMOIR:
PETER GARDNER**

**LET'S EAT:
SWEET
POTATO PIE**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY YOM HULEDET SAMEACH!

Elaine Albert
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Harold Erdley
Alan Fein
Hannah Ganezer
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Nicholas Mitchell

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Shelly Vedres
Susan Yuré
Judy Zucker

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY MAZEL TOV!

Michael Amster & Susan Charette
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Izzy & Marilyn Freeman
Joel & Jennifer Glaser
Leon & Doreen Lewin
Michael & Jessica Sacher

25th anniversary
7th anniversary
40th anniversary
20th anniversary
55th anniversary
41st anniversary

Sgt. Thomas M. Flanagan, grandfather of Kate Flanagan

HEADQUARTERS 26TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 26, U. S. Army

10 January 1945

SUBJECT: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To: Technical Sergeant Thomas M. Flanagan, [REDACTED]
101st Infantry Regiment.

CITATION

Technical Sergeant Thomas M. Flanagan, [REDACTED] Infantry, Company C, 101st Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an armed enemy near Bezange la Petite, France, on 22 October 1944. During the attack near Bezange la Petite by our forces, Technical Sergeant Flanagan, Company C platoon sergeant, observed a wounded man lying in a position exposed to enemy fire. Leaving his own protected position, he dashed some eighty yards to the side of his wounded comrade. He had dragged the wounded man only ten yards when sniper fire became intense. Raising the wounded man upon his shoulders, Technical Sergeant Flanagan ran the remaining seventy yards to regain his sheltered position. He then summoned an aid man and left the casualty in his care. The sniper fire had torn through Technical Sergeant Flanagan's clothing and web equipment several times but did not wound him. His courage under fire, his initiative and his commendable solicitude for a wounded comrade reflect the highest credit upon Technical Sergeant Flanagan and the armed forces of the United States.

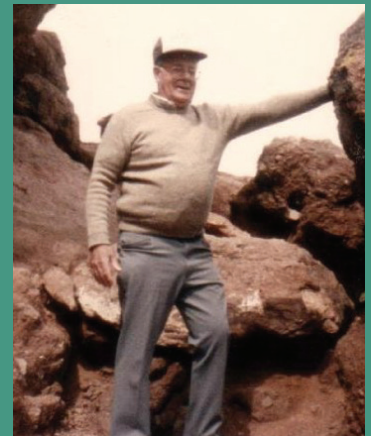
By command of Major General PAUL:

D. A. O'Brien

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Major, A.G.D.
Asst. Adj. Gen.

Classification cancelled by authority of letter Headquarters 26th Infantry Division AG 311.5 Subject: "Cancellation of Confidential Classification of Citations" dated 16 May 1945 by JOHN G.C. BROWN, Captain, 101st Infantry Personnel Officer. (12 June 1945)

Bronze Star Medal
U.S. Army, 1945



A Veteran's Brief Memoir

by Peter Gardner



By 1967, the draft was looming, and I was nearing graduation from college. The war in Vietnam had become a part of life for people like me. As expected, I received my draft notice and in September, I was inducted into the Army as a “buck private,” earning about \$82 monthly. Because of my college degree, I was eligible to attend officer candidate school after basic training. Training was a necessary nuisance; like everyone else, I did what I had to do to get on with my military obligation.

Nearly one year after my induction, I earned a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Transportation Corps and thus began the first of an additional two years of service. I went on for further training and an assignment to a stateside duty station. That first year of commissioned service was unproductive and purposeless, knowing what everyone in my circumstances knew: I was an Army officer whose sole purpose was to serve 12 months in Vietnam. Until then, everything else was prelude and I was just inventory.

Life changed in August 1969: I left Ft. Lewis, Washington and arrived in Danang, Vietnam in the northernmost region of that benighted country. (The only time I ever saw my mother cry was the night I told her I had received orders

for Vietnam.) I was assigned to a transportation company near that city's huge port. The company's mission was to “off-load” ordnance and munitions from large ships, store that cargo temporarily on a pier and then “back-load” it onto smaller vessels for further shipment to combat units in-country.

I never heard anyone discuss the purpose or the value of the war; never. Instead, we did our jobs, focused on serving our time and counting backward from 365! Despite that reality, I felt I was finally doing something significant in uniform because I knew men were getting supplies which they needed to survive and to accomplish their missions.

My roommates were from New Orleans and Abilene, Kansas, Eisenhower's hometown. Bill, the Kansan, and I would be close friends until he died in 2017. An important part of my life was lost that day. I had the privilege of delivering one of the two eulogies in his hometown church. He was a fine, mature man, always there for me, and had a great sense of humor (he had my “number”). He and his wife navigated several significant challenges with courage and grace. The last words we said to each other in person in 2016, the day of his wife's funeral, were “I love you.” By that time in my life, I had already concluded that I was fortunate to have been drafted; after all, where could a farm belt Catholic and a New York Jew become close friends for nearly 50 years?

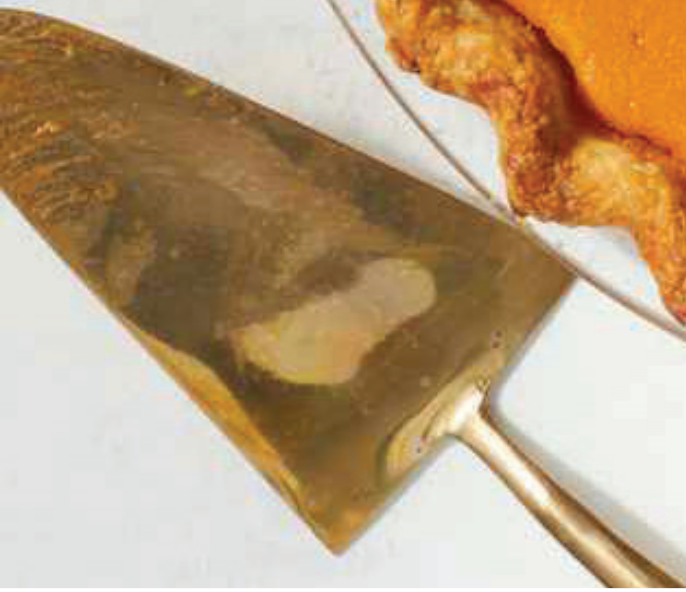
I've marked July 27, 1970, the day I returned to the US and was discharged, as the best day of my life. I went on to law school and had a good career, but never really thought about my military service until my 50s. By then, however, I had started to embrace a new reality. I'd known by my early 20s that I had many blessings: American citizenship, good health, good parents and others. But a new blessing had earned its way onto that other, longer list-- I was fortunate to have served in the United States military.

Every so often, people will say “Thank you for your service;” my reply is always “It was my honor.”

LET'S EAT!

SWEET POTATO PIE

Enjoy this
Thanksgiving
classic!



Makes: 16 servings

~ Can make ahead

~ Can freeze

Active time:

20 minutes

Cooking time:

30 minutes

Ingredients

2 large sweet potatoes

1/2 cup milk, almond or soy milk

2 prepared pie crusts

1/4 cup brown sugar

1 stick margarine or 1/4 cup canola oil

1 teaspoon cinnamon

2 eggs, slightly beaten

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1/2 cup sugar

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

Directions

1. Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Bake the unpeeled sweet potatoes for 2 hours until they are very tender when pierced with a fork and skin is loose. Remove from the oven and peel while still hot. Mash potatoes and measure out 2 cups.

Reserve remainder for another use.

2. Bake pie crusts:

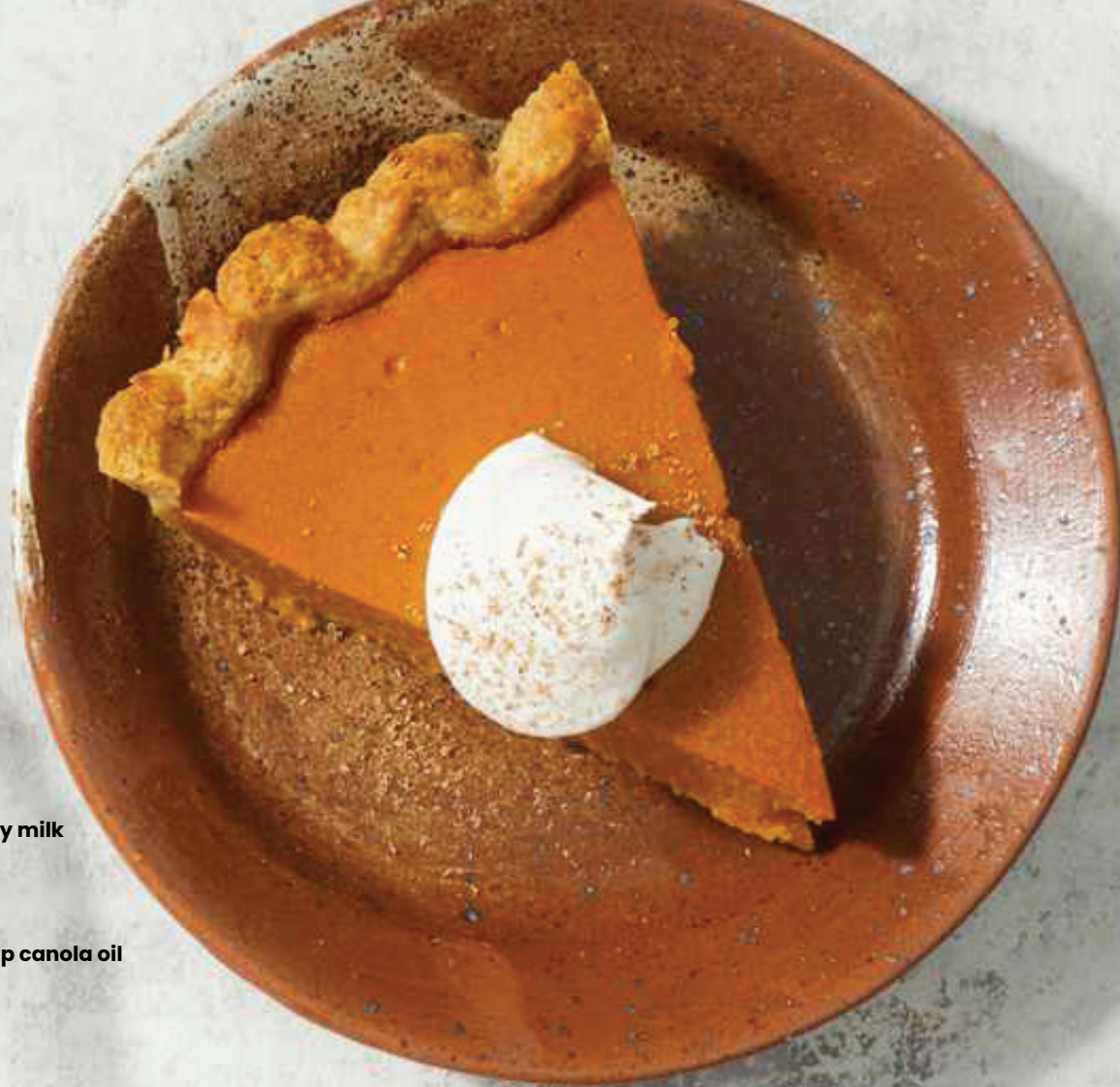
Add pie weights, dry rice or dried beans enough to fill the pan 2/3 full.

Bake in a preheated 375°F oven for 8-10 minutes or until the crust begins to brown.

Remove the pie from the oven, and lift out the paper and weights.

Lower oven temperature to 350 degrees. In large mixing bowl combine the 2 cups of potatoes, margarine or oil, eggs, sugars and spices. Beat with an electric mixer well until fluffy.

4. Pour mixture into pie crusts. Bake in preheated oven 20 to 30 minutes until custard sets and crust is browned. Turn off oven. Allow pies to rest in oven with door ajar for 30 minutes to one hour. This helps keep the crust flaky.





November 4

Ben Bennett, husband of Lolly Bennett
Gladys Rosenberg, aunt of Elaine Behnken
Theresa Behnken, mother of Howard Behnken
Ann Fink, mother of Evelyn Berger
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Faye Mutal, grandmother of Larry Israel
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November 11

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November 18

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Make a challah for your Shabbat table and for our community Bikur Cholim (visiting the sick).



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