

## Veterans Day Gathering

NOV. 11, 2015

On Veterans Day 2015, we come together to offer our appreciation and support for those members of our Pacific University community who have devoted a portion of their lives to the service of our country and to making our world a better place. We deeply appreciate their commitment to creating a global community where we can all live and learn in freedom.



### RECOGNITION *In Honor and in Memory*

Countless members of the Pacific community have dedicated a portion of their lives to service in the Armed Forces. An evolving list of Pacific people who have served is now featured in an online Wall of Honor. Among them:

★ **PAUL OSTRANDER '46** | A thoughtful student who dreamed of peace, Paul Ostrander nonetheless enlisted in the Air Corps Reserves during World War II and became a fighter pilot, ultimately flying some of the most dangerous combat missions in the European Theater. Just weeks before the end of the war in Europe, his plane went down. He died March 31, 1945, at the age of 20. A plaque in his memory remains in McCormick Hall.

★ **PAT L. WOODS '64** | A standout athlete and member of the Gamma Sigma Fraternity at Pacific University, Pat Woods went on to join the Peace Corps, where he served in Cambodia. In 1966, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, was sent to Vietnam, and, on Dec. 24, 1968, was killed in action by an explosive device in Long An Province. He was 27.

★ **BILL FORST '67** | Bill Forst dreamed of teaching foreign languages. After graduating from Pacific and earning a master's degree, though, he was drafted into service in Vietnam. He returned to a changed world — one where language teachers were in low demand and PTSD was a daily struggle. He ultimately used his passion for art as a personal therapy and a way to advocate for fellow veterans. Forst died Aug. 8, 2015, at age 70.

★ **THOMAS NEAL OD '94** | Thomas Neal came to Pacific to become an optometrist, and he used his service in the military to help pay his way. He went on to a distinguished career of service as both an Army Captain and civilian employee, serving as chief optometrist at bases in Korea, Virginia and, lastly, West Point Military Academy. He died in 2015.

▶ [pacificu.edu/WallOfHonor](http://pacificu.edu/WallOfHonor)





BILL FORST '67, SELF PORTRAIT

## READINGS

Today's gathering will feature readings from *Flashes of War* by Pacific University alumna Katey Schultz MFA '08. Inspired by her conversations with real people, these fictional short stories capture the authentic experiences of lives affected by the War on Terror. The book has been praised by the Military Writers Society of America and is now required reading at the U.S. Air Force Academy. Also available ▶ [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

## SUPPORT

From participating in tuition coverage programs to offering free counseling for veterans at Pacific Psychology & Comprehensive Health Clinic, Pacific University strives to be a welcoming place for all members of our military and veteran communities. We invite everyone to join us in identifying additional ways to offer meaningful support. ▶ [pacificu.edu/veterans](https://www.pacificu.edu/veterans)

## TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Our sincere thank you to all who participated in today's Veterans Day Gathering. We invite you to join us for coffee and conversation and to take a moment to write a note to a deployed soldier. If you would like to share ideas or stories, please contact Martha Calus-McLain '03 ▶ [martha@pacificu.edu](mailto:martha@pacificu.edu)