



POST 76 CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL



Legionnaire: Alex J. Bartolino Member of POST #76

1. Born on 1 January 1933 in Princeton, New Jersey.
2. Lived in Princeton, N.J. all my life until moving into West Windsor (Grovers Mill) in 1970.
3. Graduated from St. Paul's School in Princeton in 1947 & Princeton High School in 1951.
4. Drafted into the US Army in March 1953 & was discharged in March 1955 after having attained the rank of Staff Sergeant.
5. Took my basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey and left for Korea from New York, thru the Panama Canal and to Yokohama, Japan for processing to Korea. While in Japan and due to my previous involvement as an electrical apprentice in civilian life, I was selected to attend a four week Field Wireman course at Eto Jima, Japan, the site of the former Japanese Naval Academy. From there, I left for Pusan, South Korea in early October, 1953. After processing in Pusan, I left by train for Kunsan, Korea approximately 50 miles south of Seoul, Korea, the site of the 30th AAA Batallian placed there for protection of a US Air Force B-26 bomber base & a British fighter plane Comet Jet base.
6. While in Kunsan & after a very short time, I was made Headquarters Company Clerk & after several months in that position was made Supply Sergeant.
7. Rotated home from Korea late February 1955 & was honorably discharged from Camp Kilmer, New Brunswick, N.J. in late March 1955.
8. Immediately returned to my electrical apprenticeship with R.F. Johnson Electric in Princeton, N.J. & Local Union #269, IBEW, in Trenton, N.J.
9. After being involved with AL baseball from Little League to the senior American Legion because of my two boys for many years I finally became a member of Princeton Post #76 in about the late sixties & have been a Life Time member for many years.
10. I married Mary J. Armonia of Princeton, N.J. in 1957 & still very happily married to this date. After 45 years (2 in Military) actively working in electrical construction, I retired from Local Union #269 at the end of December, 1995.