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who served in the U.S. Air Force from 1967 to 1991.

McGlen received over a dozen medals in recognition of his service, and six months after retiring from the Air Force, he began working for the Federal Aviation Administration in South Florida.

He and his wife Maria, who made McGlen's quilt, married in January 2013. McGlen retired in April 2014, and the couple moved to Blairsville that same year.

Homer Jinks, also of Blairsville, served in Korea with the U.S. Army.

Jinks was conscripted into military service in 1953, and he served in Korea for 16 months. He said he can still recall how cold it was on night guard duty in the winter.

He received several medals for his service, and in March 2017, he and his grandson, Daniel, traveled to Washington D.C. on an Honor Flight trip.

Hugh Gwynn of Blairsville served in Vietnam in the U.S. Army.

Gwynn enlisted in the Army 1962, and he served as jump instructor at Fort Benning until he went to Flight School, after which he deployed to Vietnam from 1966 to 1967 as a helicopter pilot.

Following his time in Vietnam, he served as a rotor wing flight instructor until his honorable discharge in 1969. Then, Gwynn served with the Army Reserves from 1977 through 1987 in Monroe.

He received several performance medals, but he said he was most proud of the Distinguished Flying Cross and Bronze Star he earned while serving in Vietnam.

Gwynn and his wife Linda will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary this year, and his family business, NGB, is located in Blairsville.

Curtis Young of Blairsville served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam.

In 1965, Young deployed to Vietnam as part of a group of 38 men sent to set up a command base for other outfits.

He was assigned to the Army's 1st Air Cavalry



Photo by Shawn Jarrard

Vietnam Veteran Fred Hinage receiving his Quilt of Valor.

Division, and he managed security for officers on convoys, helicopters and in jeeps.

Young received several medals for his service, and also many letters of commendation from his commanding officers.

He worked for Blue Ridge Mountain EMC after his time in the military, and he retired after 43 years.

Fred Henige of Blairsville served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam.

Henige, formerly of Chicago, was drafted into the Army in 1968.

He became attached to the 182nd Preventive Medicine Company at Fort Sam Houston to train as a vehicle mechanic,

and he was later assigned to the 39th Combat Engineers and stationed at Chu Lai in Vietnam.

Henige was then transferred to the 511th Panel Bridge Company, which had been tasked with building and maintaining Highway 1 in Vietnam.

He was honorably discharged in 1970, and thereafter received several service medals.

Henige and his wife Carol are active in the National Veterans Awareness Organization, and they promote patriotism in schools, lay wreaths at memorials, and visit veterans in VA homes and hospitals.



Photo by Shawn Jarrard

Vietnam Veteran Haley Ray Myers Sr. receiving his Quilt of Valor.

## Bowen receives Degree from Georgia Tech

Gloria Bowen of Blairsville, GA, has earned a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

Bowen was among approximately 3,100 undergraduate and graduate students who received degrees during Georgia Tech's 254th Commencement exercises on December 15-16, 2017, at the McCamish Pavilion.

Over the last several years, locating a permanent location to host a shooting range for the Union County 4-H program has been a top priority, both for the county and for the program leaders.

Shooting sports have been an integral part of youth activities in Union County for almost 20 years, and throughout that time, the range location has changed at least five different times.

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