

Veterans Eyes

a portrait project

The Veterans Home of California in Yountville, California
July 4th, 2015

John Steven Calder

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*"You want to know where a man has been? Look him in the eyes"
- John Steven Calder*

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Dedicated to my Mom, Katie Freeman

STATEMENT

The Veterans Home of California in Yountville, California was founded in 1884.

The facility is the largest of its kind in the United States and has a population of 1200 aged and disabled veterans of World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, the War in Afghanistan and Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Several levels of care are offered to residents including domiciliary services, residential care for the elderly, intermediate nursing care, skilled nursing care, adult day health care and outpatient clinic.

The grounds of the facility include the 1,214 seat Lincoln Theater (home of Symphony Napa Valley, Orchestra Institute Napa Valley as well as a robust education program), a 9-hole golf course, baseball stadium, bowling alley, swimming pool, U.S. Post Office and a military base exchange branch store.

All of these facilities are available for use by resident veterans at no additional cost.



United States Army

Wayne Allbin

2/23/64-2/23/67



U.S. Merchant Marines/Army

Avrum Mitchell-Candell

1946-1947



United States Army

Conrad Atkins

1943-1946



United States Army

Delphine Metcalf-Foster

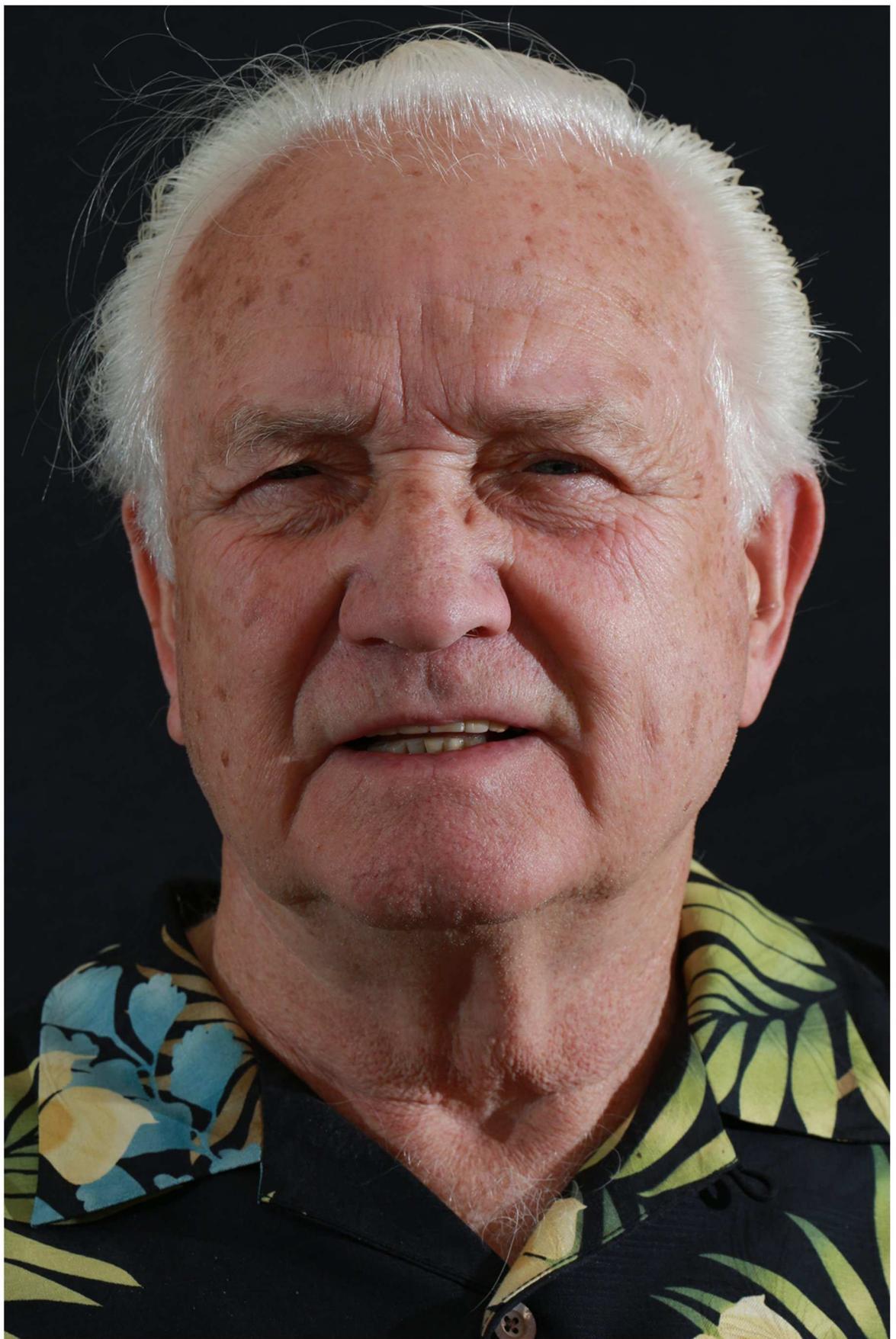
1976-1996



United States Navy

Donald Danenhower

1968-1972



United States Army

Earl Dean Popplewell

1956-1980



United States Army

Gene Ewing

1960-1962



Army Air Corp

Howard Halla

1942-1947



United States Coast Guard

Israel Bartholomew

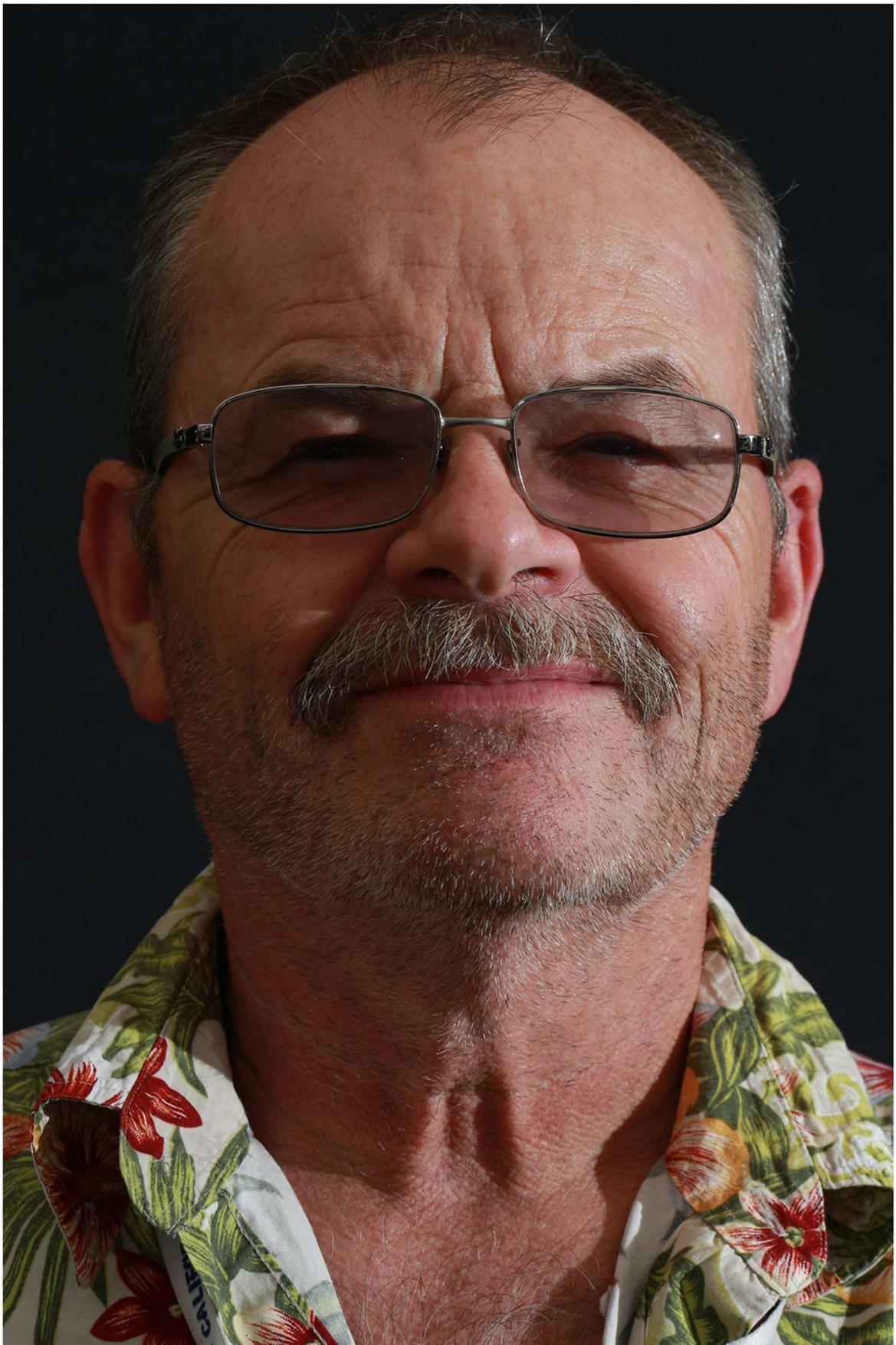
1942-1946



United States Army

Jay O'Neal

1948 - 1952



United States Navy/Army

Jeffery L. Thirnbeck

1972-2002



United States Air Force

Joe Craven

1952-1958



United States Army

Larry Griffin

1958-1960



United States Army

Louis Mailberg

1949-1979



United States Navy

Rita S. Marsden

1968-1988



United States Air Force

Roy Sandow

1970-1976



United States Army

Tina Townley

8/1971-5/1983



United States Air Force

John Steven Calder

Jul-21-1976 Feb-15-1980

About
John Steven Calder

As a disabled veteran, I have spent quite a bit of time at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Fort Miley in San Francisco where I see a lot of guys like me, Veterans.

What captures me the most is the look in these guys eyes. You know when you see someone who, as we say, "*was in the shit*".

Guys who saw things most people only see in their nightmares. That's what I want to capture with this project. Their "Eyes", that's the narrative, thats the story.

Look at these portraits and ask "what do you see"? That's the basis of my project. I give each Veteran a portrait for free, for their participation in this project.

It's my way of saying "Thank you for your service".



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