

Ernest H (Ernie) Martzen
Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army, Retired
2122 Cedar Ridge Drive
Kaufman, Texas 75142

Born on 24 June 1947 in Dinuba, California.

Resident of Texas since February 2011.

Married to the late Sandra Martzen for 55 years.
One son: Colonel E Mitchell Martzen, USAFR JAG
Father was the late Major Ernest M Martzen, USAFR
WWII USAAF C-47 Pilot who flew both D Day and Market
Garden, dropping troops behind enemy lines.

LTC Martzen served 29 years in the California Army National
Guard and 2 years in the United States Army Reserve.
The last 11 years (1987-1998) as a Military Technician at Camp
Roberts, California and the United States Property and Fiscal
Office for California, Camp San Luis Obispo, California.
Honorably retired April 1998.

Served from August 1998 to January 2011 as a Navy Civilian.
Assigned to Military Sealift Command Pacific in San Diego,
California from 1998 to March 2003. Served at Military Sealift
Command HQ in Washington DC from March 2003 April 2008.
Served at Office of Naval Research in Arlington, Virginia from
April 2008 until January 2011. Retired as a Navy on 1 February
2011.

COL Martzen's awards include two California National Guard (CNG) Commendation Medals, a CNG Medal of Merit, two CNG Commanding Generals Meritorious Unit Citations, two National Defense Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Service since retirement:

Presentations on various Memorial Days and Veterans Days at First Baptist Church in Kaufman, Texas.

Veterans Day Speaker at the Kaufman County Veterans Park on Veterans Day circa 1918.

Served as Mentor Coordinator, Kaufman County Veterans Court since circa Summer 2018.

Served as Director, (Friends of the Park) Kaufman County Veterans Memorial Park.

Scheduled to bring Veterans Day Comments on 10 November 2024 at Gray's Prairie Missionary Baptist Church.

COL Martzen is a graduate of the following:

BS, Agriculture, California State University, Fresno, January 1973

Army Basic and AIT: October 1968

California Military Academy (OCS), August 1969

Armor Officers Basic, August 1970

Infantry Officers Advanced Course, March 1984

Army Command and General Staff Course, August 1987

Naval War College, June 2008 (MA, National Security and Strategic Studies)