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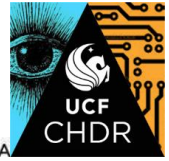
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## Donald David Ford

1944 – 2020

Specialist: Illinois Army National Guard

Company B 1-178th Infantry Division

Vietnam War

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FORM P1  
1950 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING

Illinois Cook Chicago

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THE QUESTIONS BELOW ARE FOR PERSONS LISTED ON SAMPLE LINES

FOR ALL AGES

FOR PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER

Illinois Cook Chicago

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# 1950 United States Federal Census

“1950 United States Federal Census,” database, Ancestry (ancestry.com: accessed April 13, 2023), entry for Donald Ford, Chicago, Illinois.

<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/62308/images/43290879-Illinois-184490-0033?pId=218584235>

## DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS

They don't miss a beat!

Front and center: G. Ross

Row 1: E. Washington, R. White, D. Ford

Row 2: R. Love, T. McDonald, P. Payne

Row 3: K. Olson, R. Skinner, V. Trice

Row 4: H. Anderson, K. Stuttley, F. Braidy



### 1958 Hirsch High School Yearbook Drum and Bugle Corp Picture

“U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-2016,” database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed April 13, 2023), entry for D. Ford, Hirsch High School.

[https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1265/images/33046\\_247498-00083?pId=284151467](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1265/images/33046_247498-00083?pId=284151467)



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
JOINT FORCES HEADQUARTERS  
1301 N. MACARTHUR BOULEVARD  
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702-2317

April 13, 2023

Dear Sir or Ma'am,

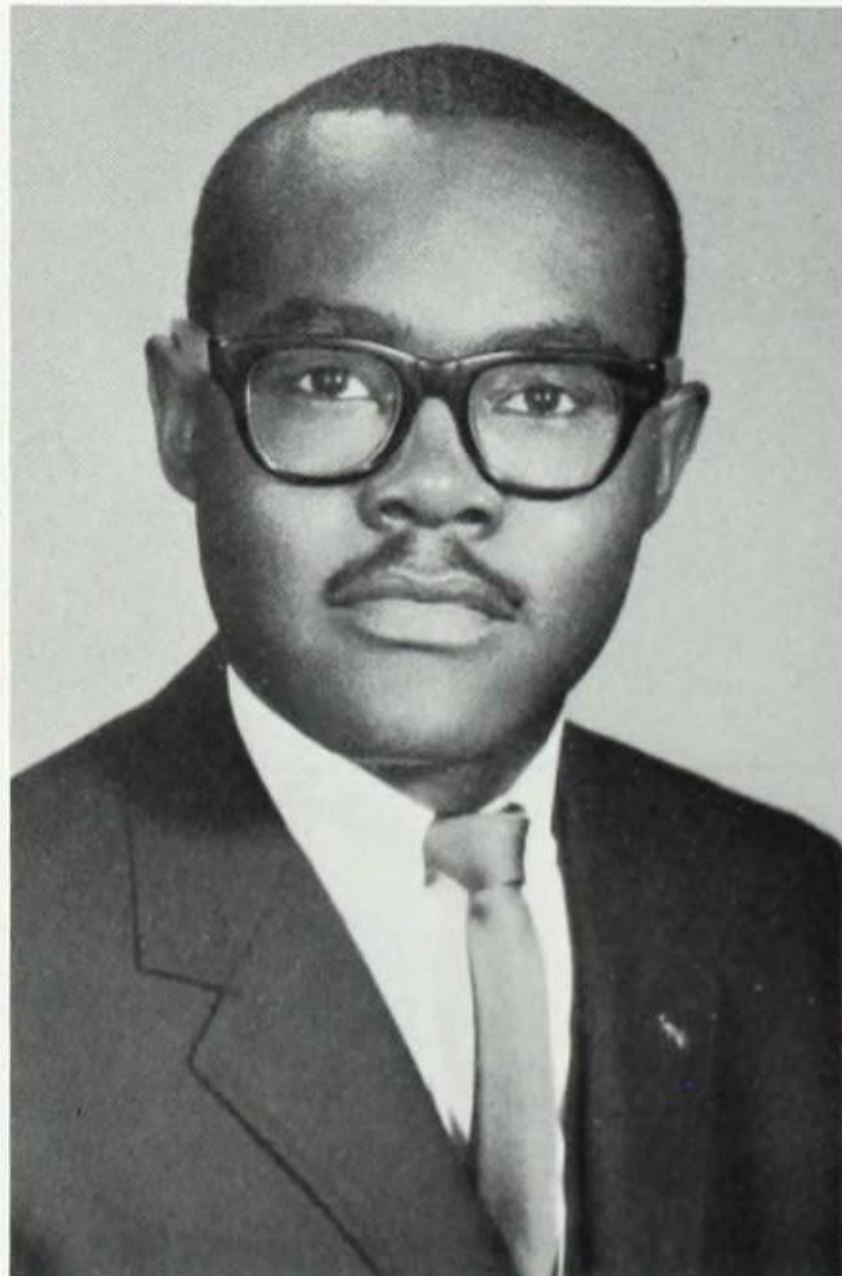
Per your request, this letter is to verify service in the Illinois Army National Guard (IL ARNG) for the individual listed below.

**Name:** Donald David Ford  
**Rank:** Specialist  
**Date of rank:** N/A  
**Pay Grade:** E4  
**Past and present duty assignments:** Co B 1-178<sup>th</sup> IN  
**Future continental United States (CONUS) assignments:** N/A  
**Office/unit name and duty address:** Co B 1-178<sup>th</sup> IN, Chicago, IL  
**Source of commission:** N/A  
**Military awards and decorations:** State Active Duty Ribbon  
**Military education:** N/A  
**Civilian education:** N/A  
**Current duty status:** Discharged  
**Initial entry date into the IL ARNG:** June 11, 1961  
**Separation date from the IL ARNG:** June 10, 1967  
**Deployment Dates and Locations:** N/A

CONNIE L. HUFF  
SFC, ILARNG  
Management Analyst

## **Donald Ford Illinois Army National Guard Service Verification**

Connie L. Huff to Alison Simpson, Chicago, IL, April 13, 2023. In possession of UCF's Veterans Legacy Program.



FORD, DONALD D.  
B.S. in *Sociology*; L.A.S.

**1966 University Yearbook Picture**

“U.S., School Yearbooks, 1880-2012,” database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed April 13, 2023), entry for Donald David Ford, University of Illinois.

[https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1265/images/1265\\_b879669-00125?pId=1443297230](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1265/images/1265_b879669-00125?pId=1443297230)

## **2021 Donald D. Ford Obituary Article**

“In Loving Memory of Donald D. Ford,” *Chicago Sun Times*, January 8, 2021, 33.

<https://www.pressreader.com/usa/chicago-sun-times/20210108/281998970090310>

This article by Chicago Sun Times, published January 8, 2021 focuses on the death of Donald D. Ford. This article explains he graduated with an MBA from the University of Chicago and continued onto a career in business. It also touches on his service, citing his time and the army and membership of the Illinois National Guard. The article then explains all who he is survived by as well as his burial arrangements.



**Donald Ford's Headstone in Cape Canaveral National Cemetery**

UCF Veterans Legacy Program, *Headstone for Donald D Ford*, photograph, 2023, Cape Canaveral National Cemetery, Mims, FL.