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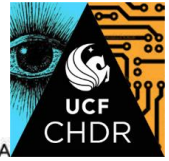
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Gerard Francis Abbett

1941 – 2022

Sergeant: United States Army

199th Infantry Brigade, 3rd Infantry, 2nd Battalion, B Company

Vietnam

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1950 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING

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1950 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING

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FOR HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD

FOR ALL PERSONS

FOR PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	RACE	SEX	How old was he or she last birthday?	Is he or she married, widowed, divorced, or separated?	What State or foreign country was he born in?	What State or foreign country did he or she last work in?	What kind of work was he doing last week?	What kind of work was he doing in the week before last?	What kind of work was he doing in the week before that?	What kind of work was he doing in the week before that?	What kind of work was he doing in the week before that?	What kind of work was he doing in the week before that?	What kind of work was he doing in the week before that?	What kind of work was he doing in the week before that?
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293	Son	M	M	5	N	Mass	Mass								
294	Daughter	F	F	6	M	Mass	Mass								
295	Wife	F	F	35	M	Mass	Mass								
296	Head	W	M	36	M	Mass	Mass								
297	Wife	F	F	31	M	Mass	Mass								
298	Son	M	M	6	N	Mass	Mass								
299	Son	M	M	1	N	Mass	Mass								
300	Head	W	M	27	M	Mass	Mass								
301	Wife	F	F	25	M	Mass	Mass								
302	Daughter	F	F	3	M	Mass	Mass								
303	Head	W	M	41	M	Mass	Mass								
304	Wife	F	F	31	M	Mass	Mass								
305	Daughter	F	F	2	N	Vermont	Mass								
306	Head	W	M	36	M	New York	Mass								
307	Wife	F	F	35	M	Mass	Mass								
308	Son	M	M	9	M	Connecticut	Mass								
309	Son	M	M	3	N	Mass	Mass								
310	Head	W	M	61	M	Mass	Mass								
311	Wife	F	F	56	M	Mass	Mass								
312	Daughter	F	F	25	N	Mass	Mass								

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315	Son	M	M	2	N	Mass	Mass								
316	Daughter	F	F	1	N	Mass	Mass								
317	Head	W	M	36	M	Mass	Mass								
318	Wife	F	F	35	M	Mass	Mass								
319	Son	M	M	9	M	Mass	Mass								
320	Son	M	M	3	N	Mass	Mass								

# 1950 Federal Census

“1950 United States Federal Census,” database, Ancestry (ancestry.com: accessed June 13, 2023), entry for Gerard Abbett, Randolph, Massachusetts.

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/158772425:62308>

**LIST OF OUTWARD-BOUND PASSENGERS**  
 (United States Citizens and Nationals)

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Sailing from NEW YORK, N. Y., 27 February, 1952  
 (Port) (Date)

S/S USNS HENRY GIBBINS bound for port of BREITENHAVEN, GERMANY

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
LINE No.	FAMILY NAME-GIVEN NAME ADDRESS IN UNITED STATES	Age (Years)	Sex (F-M)	U. S. PASSPORT No.	PLACE OF BIRTH DATE AND PLACE OF NATURALIZATION	LENGTH OF TIME PASSENGER INTENDS TO REMAIN ABROAD
	ABBETT, Dorothea L. 371 Highland Ave. Randolph, Mass	34	F	669 71	Boston, Mass.	2 Yrs
1	ABBETT, Leo G.	4	M	669 71	Newport, R. I.	2 Yrs
2	same as above ABBETT, Gerard I.	3	M	669 71	Newport, R. I.	2 Yrs
3	same as above ABBETT, Theodore S.	9	M	669 71	Newark, N. J.	2 Yrs
4	same as above ABRAMS, Evelyn M. Lodgewood Manor Lodgewood, N. J.	23	F	549 102	Dover, N. J.	2 Yrs
5	ALLEN, Helen L. 200-W B1 Camino Ave. North Sacramento, Calif.	20	F	620 06	Sacramento, Calif.	2 Yrs
6	ALLEN, David L. HUFFMAN, David L.	4	M	620 06	Sacramento, Calif.	2 Yrs
7	same as above ALLEN, Carolyn L.	2	F	620 06	Mather AFB, Calif.	2 Yrs
8	same as above ALLEN, Rembert G. R.F.D. #1 Box 236 Vienna Virginia	53	M	545 702	Lowndesville, S. C.	2 Yrs
9	ANDERSON, Doris E. 5615 Palatine Pl. Seattle, Wash.	27	F	543 774	Seattle, Wash.	2 Yrs
10	ANDREWS, Katherine E. 1409 Buchanan St. Nashville, Tenn.	36	F	501 65	Nashville, Tenn.	2 Yrs
11	ARSENAULT, Camille S. 11 Bank St. Brunswick, Maine	36	F	635 40	Brunswick, Maine	2 1/2 Yrs
12	BAUDING, Eugenie I. 1652 Adams San Diego, Calif.	26	F	541 711	San Diego, Calif.	2 Yrs
13	BARRON, Marianne E. 4449 Dixie Highway Louisville, Ky.	27	F	619 91	Louisville, Ky.	2 1/2 Yrs
14	BARRON, John M. Jr.,	5	M	619 91	Louisville, Ky.	2 1/2 Yrs
15	same as above BERTSCH, Sara L. 3512 St Johns Ave. Jacksonville, Florida	30	F	543 605	Jacksonville, Florida	2 Yrs
16	BESSERUD, Arnold I. 16-6th Ave N. W. Minot, North Dakota	34	M	547 605	Corinth, N. D.	2 Yrs
17	BIGELOW, Helen L. Box 233 Webberville, Michigan	22	F	646 85	Webberville, Michigan	Ind.
18	BINKLEY, Mertella E. Box 413 Mc Keesport, Pennsylvania	29	F	621 41	Pittsburgh, Penna.	2 1/2 Yrs
19	BINKLEY, Marlene M.	9	F	621 41	Mc Keesport, Penna.	2 1/2 Yrs
20	same as above BINKLEY, George C.	3	M	621 41	Mc Keesport, Penna.	2 1/2 Yrs
21	same as above BLANCHARD, Evelyn E. 3 Dush Ave. Newburgh, New York	19	F	273 89	Ft. Sill, Oklahoma	2 Yrs
22	BOONEY, Flora E. 1127 N. Lang Pittsburgh, Pa.	35	F	562 64	Pittsburgh, Pa.	2 1/2 Yrs
23	BOMBER, Joan 208 Sherman St. Calcutta, California	25	F	547 602	San Diego, Calif.	2 Yrs
24						
25						

**1952 USNS Henry Gibbins Passenger**

“U.S., Departing Passenger and Crew Lists, 1914-1966,” database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed June 13, 2023), entry for Gerard Abbett, New York, New York.

[https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60882/images/42155\\_333332-01704](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60882/images/42155_333332-01704)



AP Form 94-B  
(Revised 15 May 1946)

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

1. CARRIER  
**MATS 24**

2. MANIFEST NO.  
**FRF-554**

3. MANIFEST DESTINATION  
**Westover Air Force Base  
Chicopee Falls, Mass USA**

4. CABIN ATTENDANT (IF ASSIGNED)  
**554**

5 OFF  
3 WOMAN  
8 CHILD  
1 CIV.  
6 ENLIST

11  
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U. S. ARMED FORCES PASSENGERS  
U. S. CIVILIANS AND FOREIGN NATIONALS

U. S. ARMED FORCES PASSENGERS  
NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER

U. S. CIVILIANS AND FOREIGN NATIONALS  
NAME, TITLE, NATIONALITY, AGE, SEX, PASSPORT NO.

NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER COL. 1	DESTINATION AIRPORT COL. 2	STOWED BAGGAGE		PASSENGER WEIGHT PLUS CUBIC BAGGAGE COL. 5	BAGGAGE CHECK NO. COL. 6	PRIORITY IDENTIFICATION COL. 7
		PIECES COL. 3	WEIGHT COL. 4			
Abbott, Dortha, Mrs FP 66971 Age 35	US ET	4	124	156		2DE-2108-UN-11
Abbott, Theodore, Mstr FP 66971 Age 9	US ET			67		2DE-2108-UN-11
Abbott, Leo, Mstr FP 66971 Age 5	US ET			42		2DE-2108-UN-11
Abbott, Gerard, Mstr FP 69971 Age 4	US ET			40		2DE-2108-UN-11
Adamski, Jeanne, Mrs FP 62872 Age 30	US ET	5	190	165		2DE-0356-AF-11
Adamski, Dolores, Miss FP 62872 Age 5	US ET			60		2DE-0356-AF-11
Adamski, Martha, Miss FP 62872 Age 4	US ET			40		2DE-0356-AF-11
Adamski, Paul, Mstr FP 62872 Age 1	US ET			30		2DE-0356-AF-11
Souls, Mable, Mrs FP 18757 Age 28	US ET	4	98	130		3DE-4214-OF-11
Souls, Gregory, Mstr FP 18757 Age 5	US ET			50		3DE-4214-OF-11
Souls, Cheryl, Miss FP 18757 Age 4	US ET			38		3DE-4214-OF-11
Hicks, Dana, Maj AO 912532	US ET	3	65	210		2D-0355-AF-11
Shaver, Arlo, Capt AO 814145	US ET	2	97	178		2D-1720-RF-11
Davis, Ernest, Capt AO 2044999	US ET	2	97	175		2D-1720-RF-11
Bryant, Florence, LTJG 509145 W	US ET	2	56	120		3D-2120-UN-11
Green, Albert, Lt 20796 A	US ET	2	120	165		2D-1720-RF-11
Brown, David, Mr FP 7602 Age 26	US ET	2	58	155		3D-0637-AF-11
Anderson, Maurice, S/Sgt AF 14329280	US ET	1	25	165		3D-0609-AF-11
West, John, M/Sgt AF 18051516	US ET	1	39	156		2D-1970-AF-11
Wood, Guy, T/Sgt AF 12116228	US ET	2	100	140		2D-1720-RF-11
Ross, Anthony, S/Sgt AF 36631800	US ET	1	38	167		2E-2550-AF-11
Russ, Mary, M/Sgt AA 8102953	US ET	2	65	146		3D-0609-AF-11
Boydett, James, T/Sgt 4189332	US ET			154		2E-2529-UN-11

TOTALS: 7 COND'T, 8 COND'T, 9 COND'T, 10 COND'T

11. STATION PREPARING: **FRF** 12. PLANE NO.: **0406** 13. TRIP NO.: **A-116**

14. ROUTE OF PLANE: FROM **FRF** TO **GER** **PRK** **vi** **RAF** **STY**

15. MANIFEST PREPARED BY: **Giles, Donald O., A/CO**

16. ALL PASSENGERS AND BAGGAGE LISTED ON THIS MANIFEST HAVE BEEN LOADED

17. ALL PASSENGERS AND BAGGAGE LISTED ON THIS MANIFEST HAVE BEEN RECEIVED EXCEPT AS CIRCLED AND NOTED ON REVERSE HEREOF

SIGNATURE AND RANK OR TITLE: **29 November 1952** DATE

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## 1952 Arrival Record

“Massachusetts, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists, 1820-1963,” database, Ancestry (ancestry.com: accessed June 13, 2023), entry for Gerard Abbett, Chicopee, Massachusetts.

[https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8745/images/41260\\_322731-01365](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8745/images/41260_322731-01365)

## **PFC Abbett Wounded in Vietnam News Article**

“PFC Abbett Wounded in Vietnam,” *Capital* (Annapolis, MD), November 6, 1967, 17.

<https://www.newspapers.com/article/the-capital/126279250/>

This article by The Capital published November 6, 1967 focuses on PFC Abbett being wounded in Vietnam. It states, “Pfc. Gerard F. Abbett, 19 formerly of Annapolis, was wounded in South Vietnam recently, where he had served for three months, it was learned from a Department of Defense communique. Abbett, son of Mrs. Bernard R. King, of 268 Hilltop La., suffered from a shrapnel in the elbow when an enemy hand grenade exploded, the letter said. The young soldier, who entered the service last March, is serving with the 199th Infantry.”

## **Combat Badge News Article**

“Abbett Gets Combat Badge in Vietnam,” *The Capital*, December 26, 1967, 12.

<https://www.newspapers.com/article/the-capital/126279327/>

This article by The Capital published December 26, 1967 focuses on Abbett receiving a combat badge in Vietnam. The article states, “The Combat Infantryman Badge, mark of distinction for the fighting soldier, was awarded to PFC Gerard F. Abbett in Vietnam. Pvt. Abbett, son of Mrs. Dorothea L. Abbett, is assigned to Company B, 2nd Battalion of the 199th Infantry Brigade’s 3rd Infantry as a machine gunner. CIBS have been awarded since late in World War II for sustained contact against an enemy in ground action. The badge is a blue rectangle with a silver rifle mounted on it and a curved wreath at the top. Subsequent awards are represented by stars... in the center of the wreath. Pvt. Abbett’s father, Theodore H. Abbett, lives at 151 Walden St., Cambridge, Mass.”

NAME OF GROOM		NAME OF BRIDE		AGE		MARRIAGE				REGISTRAR	STATE		
				GR	BR	CO	MO	DA	YR	CO NUMBER	FILE #		
MEARS	CARM	A	CORBY	CATHEEN	A	21	20	19	11	21	74	19 49774	146697*
WILSON	SCOTT	B	CORBY	CATHEEN	A	17	17	70	03	20	71	70 9969	25335
EDEN	VAN	N	CORBY	CHRISTIN	C	29	28	27	11	24	74	37 12410	139056
SKOLIK	MICHAEL	D	CORBY	DEBORAH	J	24	23	19	06	02	79	19 15329	57554
BENNETT	MERVIN	N	CORBY	FELICE	C	53	49	27	11	13	71	50 1452	149893
MOAK	CLYDE	M	CORBY	GILMA	H	34	30	13	12	05	71	13 4043	152446
HANSON	KENTON	L	CORBY	JANE	E	24	23	50	06	19	71	50 754	73920
MORRISON	DAVID	H	CORBY	JOY	R	18	18	30	09	23	73	30 9893	120485*
NEUMANN	STEPHEN	K	CORBY	KITTY	J	24	26	40	03	16	79	40 8969	25215*
JORDAN	LAWRENCE	A	CORBY	KRISTINE	L	20	19	34	03	04	76	34 648	23837
SMITH	DALE	W	CORBY	MICHELLE	L	25	19	15	06	23	76	15 1164	52542
RHODES	FEN	C	CORBY	NANCY	H	42	40	42	11	26	77	30 12343	128343
MARIN	MARIO	G	CORBY	NANCY	J	21	19	36	08	25	79	36 3182	107556
CEJNER	RANDALL	P	CORBY	SUE	E	22	23	58	09	04	71	58 192	125119
RIOS	GILBERT	C	CORBY	SUSAN	J	21	21	34	06	18	78	34 2144	60758
MCCLURE	JOE	M	CORBY	THERESA	G	20	21	56	03	30	74	56 716	28657
WOLFF	RONALD	P	CORCA	MAY	L	27	26	07	04	28	73	07 912	33284
WALSH	THOMAS	W	CORCE	KRISTINE	R	29	25	27	10	07	72	60 6624	132578
ROWEN	MARLEY	P	CORCEL	CHRISTIN	M	26	26	43	05	26	79	04 342	39438
KASHERSKY	WILLIAM		CORCELL	MILDRED	L	51	48	35	06	18	77	27 1009	57957*
INGRAM	BUDDIE	C	CORCELL	MILDRED	L	45	42	35	05	16	71	35 112	67926*
BRACK	BARRY	A	CORCES	CATHRYN	L	22	24	70	09	06	73	70 40856	114041
VASQUEZ	SERGIO		CORCHADO	FEVE	L	23	15	70	07	29	73	70 34759	102263
FLORENTINO	ARTHUR	C	CORCHADO	MARIA	L	20	20	70	11	24	73	70 53689	154385
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SEYFFERTITZ	REINHARD	W	CORCHERO	STEPHANI	D	29	22	31	02	25	73	34 5485	28308
HOLE	THOMAS	C	CORCHERO	VICKI	L	20	19	43	08	04	79	43 5503	111015
BIRT	ELLSWORT	D	CORCHNOY	BARBARA	R	27	22	19	11	02	75	19 49191	141206
ANGELINI	JOHN	J	CORCHNOY	BEVERLY	S	28	24	70	12	30	71	70 60385	168053*
HILLIS	LUTHER	D	CORCILIOUS	VIRGINIA	L	23	21	19	06	04	77	19 20582	54507*
ROLDAN	DAVID	R	CORCILIOUS	VIRGINIA	L	20	18	19	10	19	74	19 44705	124558
VILLALOVOS	JESUS	C	CORCIO	ANA	O	19	21	19	08	07	76	19 27768	88058
FARRUGGIA	ROSARIO	C	CORCIONE	STORIA	G	55	34	70	06	11	71	70 22509	60230
ABBETT	GERARD	F	CORCIONE	LOU AINE	A	29	26	09	05	13	78	43 3023	64441
AUGUSTINE	BARON	R	CORCODIL	ETHA	L	30	25	70	01	30	73	70 3007	9756
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KRENZER	THOMAS	A	CORCOLES	LIPJA	M	23	21	90	02	13	72	41 347	21005
STACEY	RUSSELL	A	CORCOL	PHILLIS	A	26	31	19	05	26	79	19 19107	73400*
TALAVERA	PEDRO	C	CORCOL	MARGARIT	A	21	20	19	06	30	79	19 20027	73503
NOUROT	MICHAEL	C	CORCOR	ANN	C	25	22	7	11	23	74	48 1034	160757
MASON	STEVEN	W	CORCORAN	ANNE	B	24	27	30	09	22	79	30 10587	105869
WILKES	WILFRED	G	CORCORAN	AINE	T	20	18	10	02	05	72	10 4133	11577
ERICKSON	MARK	S	CORCORAN	BENITA	M	25	27	36	07	30	77	36 2602	97038*
MICEK	STANLEY	B	CORCORAN	BERNICE	E	59	50	70	07	31	71	70 33340	97504*
STUDER	DENNIS	E	CORCORAN	BILLIE	J	24	20	37	09	16	78	37 9006	107440
GARNER	JOHN	F	CORCORAN	CAROL	D	25	25	70	09	30	72	70 47129	135082*
OSTERMAN	MICHAEL	A	CORCORAN	CAROL	L	23	22	30	08	03	74	30 7814	96566
SKANCE	JOHN	B	CORCORAN	CAROLYN	K	26	25	90	08	12	72	90 4246	112791
MONAHAN	PATRICK	J	CORCORAN	CLAIRE	B	64	59	01	05	28	77	61 2594	50816
REDIGER	JOHN	A	CORCORAN	COLLEEN	M	21	19	43	07	26	75	43 4335	83532
HOUNIHAN	DANIEL	N	CORCORAN	COLLEEN	M	27	24	34	11	11	78	34 4485	129178
NASH	CLYDE	G	CORCORAN	COLLEEN	R	47	33	19	04	25	74	19 14528	46157
HAYWARD	DOUGLAS	R	CORCORAN	COLLEEN	S	44	44	38	11	18	76	38 4967	131887*
BLECHA	EDWARD	W	CORCORAN	CYNTHIA	L	25	22	34	06	16	73	34 6716	68583
GREEN	BARRY	L	CORCORAN	DANA	M	27	17	19	07	31	76	19 27306	84824
DAVIS	RALPH	H	CORCORAN	DARLENE	L	22	22	30	05	22	71	30 3925	50806
STAKICH	DANIEL	P	CORCORAN	DEBORAH	A	23	23	41	02	13	72	41 372	21060
ERNEST	MELVIN	E	CORCORAN	DEBORAH	F	24	20	43	09	15	73	43 6179	125435
HEBERT	MICHAEL	L	CORCORAN	DEETE	M	21	18	36	07	04	77	36 2025	76099
BOYD	JOHNNY	L	CORCORAN	DEVON	M	19	20	80	04	22	72	80 3896	45331

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## Gerard Abbett and Lorraine Corcione Marriage Index

“California, U.S., Marriage Index, 1960-1985,” database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed June 13, 2023), entry for Gerard Abbett, El Dorado, California.

[https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1144/images/vrmusaca1970\\_0023\\_18\\_k-0266](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1144/images/vrmusaca1970_0023_18_k-0266)

## **Tet Re-Enactment News Article**

“A Place That Gives People Purpose,” *Tampa Tribune*, February 4, 2008, 18.

<https://www.newspapers.com/article/the-tampa-tribune/126279826/>

This article by The Tampa Tribune published February 4, 2008 focuses on Project Return. The article explains this project, saying, “For 25 years, Project Return has helped thousands with mental health issues. The center offers low-cost housing and free training and counseling to its clients- along with hope.” It also specifically cites Abbett, explaining that he joined the Army right after high school and served in the Mekong Delta. He explains that when he came back from the war, he was met with criticism and he appreciates this event because it shows people respect his service.



## **Vietnam Vets PTSD News Article**

“Vietnam Viets Finally Find Help for Old Scars,” *Tampa Bay Times*, August 25, 2008, 3.

<https://www.newspapers.com/article/tampa-bay-times/126280122/>

This article by The Tampa Bay Times published August 25, 2008 focuses on Vietnam veterans seeking mental health help after service. The article says, “It took nearly 30 years before Gerard Abbett could bring himself to enter the VA hospital’s mental health clinic, to walk past the discreet little sign that says PTSD (for post-traumatic stress disorder) and sit patiently in a chair beneath the sign that reads: ‘It takes the courage and strength of a soldier to ask for help.’ The men in the clinic are not damaged young warriors just back from Afghanistan and Iraq. They are graying. They are balding and bespectacled. And like Abbett, 59, they have only recently begun to deal with the psychological wounds they sustained in Vietnam.”

## **Tet Offensive Re-Enactment News Article**

“Tet Offensive Remembered in Tampa Re-Enactment,” *Tampa Tribune*, February 1, 2009, 16.

<https://www.newspapers.com/article/the-tampa-tribune/126280001/>

This article by The Tampa Tribune published February 1, 2009 focuses on a display with historical re-enactors and artifacts to commemorate the TET offensive in the Vietnam War. Abbett is quoted multiple times in this article.

## **Purple Heart Flag News Article**

“If You’re Downtown,” *Tampa Tribune*, August 6, 2012, 17.

<https://www.newspapers.com/article/the-tampa-tribune/126281006/>

This article by The Tampa Tribune published August 6, 2012 focuses on National Purple Heart Day. The article cites Abbett, saying, “Pushed for by Vietnam veterans like Dave Braun, ombudsman for the Hillsborough County Veterans Council, and by Gerard Abbett, a Purple Heart recipient, the idea got the backing of County Commissioner Mark Sharpe, who introduced a resolution last week making Hillsborough a Purple Heart County.”

## **Veterans Day Ceremony News Article**

“Tampa Ceremony Honors Vietnam War Veterans,” *Tampa Tribune*, March 24, 2013, 20.

<https://www.newspapers.com/article/the-tampa-tribune/126279937/>

This article by The Tampa Tribune published March 24, 2013 focuses on the third annual Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony. The article cites Abbett, saying, “Gerard Abbett received free beers at the airport, but attitude from acquaintances back in Cambridge, Mass.” This is in reference to the difficult time many Vietnam Veterans had adjusting to life back home.



## **Fourth of July Parade News Article**

“Parade a Family Tradition,” *Tampa Tribune*, July 5, 2014, 19.

<https://www.newspapers.com/article/the-tampa-tribune/126280075/>

This article by The Tampa Tribune published July 5, 2014 focuses on a local Fourth of July parade. The article references Abbett, “For Gerard Abbett, 65, the parade was a time to reflect. A Vietnam Veteran who was wounded three times and received two Purple Heart medals, Abbett says the parade is a sign of how much things have changed since 1968, when he returned to Cambridge, Mass, from the war. ‘We were not treated very well,’ said Abbett, a parade volunteer. ‘It’s very nice to see all the support for the troops today.’”

## **National Purple Heart Day News Article**

“When I was a kid,” *Tampa Tribune*, August 4, 2014, 16.

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This article by The Tampa Tribune published August 4, 2014 focuses on National Purple Heart Day. The article mentions Abbett, saying, “Abbett has helped lead the charge to gain local recognition of the medal, with Tampa, Plant City, Temple Terrace, and Hillsborough County.”

## **Veterans Day News Article**

“50 years later, a warm welcome for Vietnam veterans,” *Observer News*, April 1, 2015 (accessed June 13, 2023).

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This article by The Observer News published April 1, 2015 focuses on the negative reactions many Vietnam Veterans received after coming back from war and the difference in the way they are honored today. In the article, Abbett explains, “People who we thought were over there preserving their rights kind of took ours away. They watched TV and formed an opinion on Vietnam based on that, but that was not the reality of it.”

# Gerard Francis Abbett

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## Gerard Francis Abbett Public Records Index

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## **Veterans Day News Article**

“Veterans honored at Hillsborough County Veteran’s Day service,” *WFLA*, November 11, 2021 (accessed June 13, 2023).

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This article by WFLA published November 11, 2021 focuses on a Veteran’s Day celebration at Veteran’s Memorial Park in Hillsborough County. The article quotes Abbett, where he talks about his experience in Vietnam that earned him two Purple Hearts. The article explains, “When he returned to Tampa, Abbett began to help other veterans. He became the post commander of American Legion Post 5 and would eventually be asked to work on a purple heart monument for Veteran’s Memorial Park. ‘I wanted to honor my friends that I left. Not for me. It’s to honor all of the million, over a million people that have shed their blood for this country.’ said Abbett.”

## **Gerard F. Abbett Obituary**

“Gerard F. Abbett Obituary,” *Legacy*, accessed June 13, 2023.

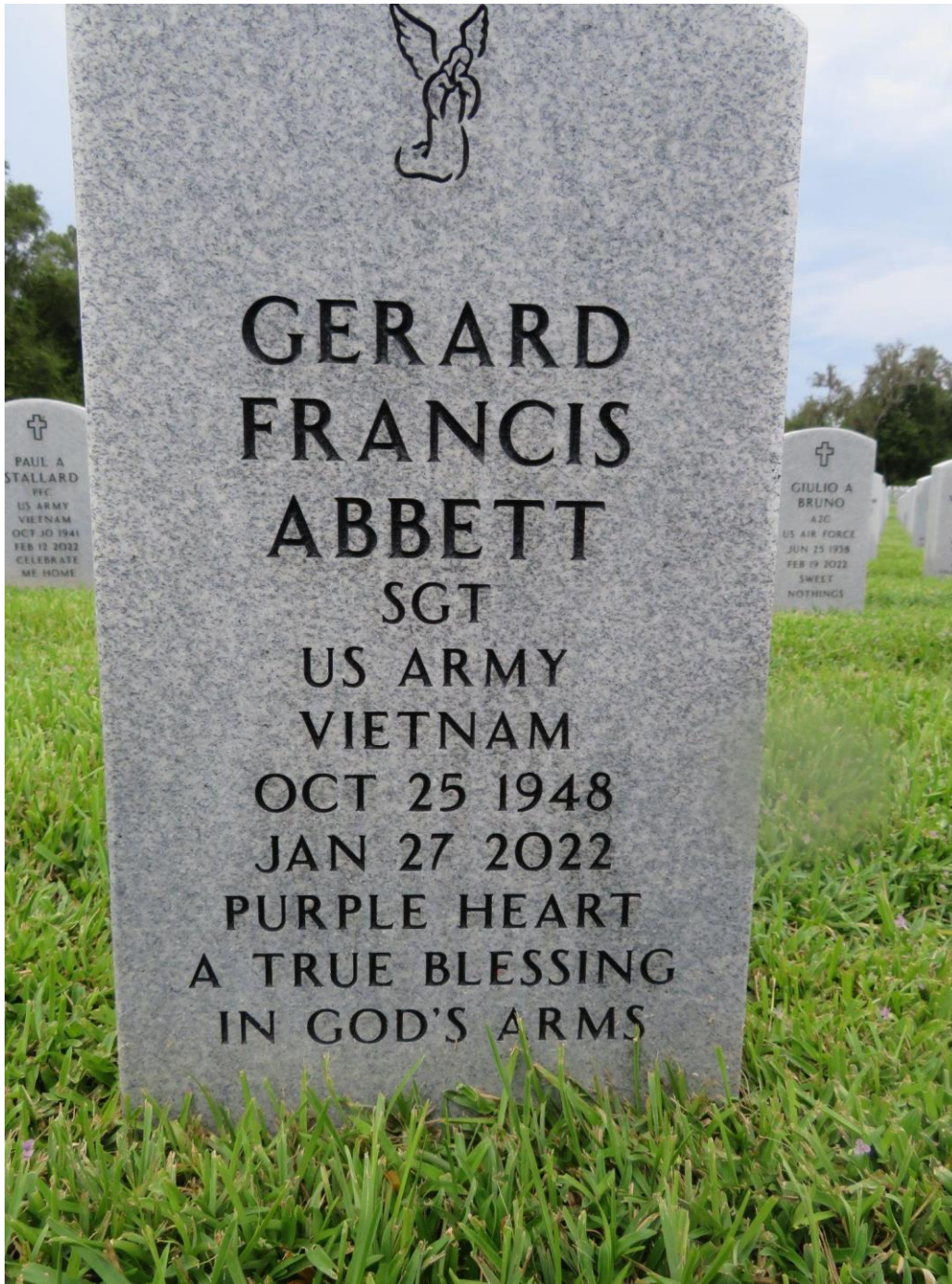
<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/militarytimes/name/gerard-abbett-obituary?id=32885020>

This obituary published by Legacy.com on February 10, 2022 focuses on the life and death of Gerard F. Abbett. The article cites his time in Vietnam, saying, “After graduation he volunteered to join the US Army. He was sent to Vietnam, where he became his Captain's radio chief and right hand man. Sergeant Gerard F. Abbett served with B Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry, 199th (Separate) (Light) Brigade (Old Guard) in the Mekong Delta, Republic of South Vietnam from August 1967-August 1968. Sergeant Abbett was combat wounded in October 1967 & in July 1968 and received two Purple Hearts.” It also discusses his activism after the war as a Veterans’ advocate.

## **Gerard Francis Abbett Veterans Legacy Memorial**

“Gerard Francis Abbett,” *Veterans Legacy Memorial*, accessed June 13, 2023.

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**Gerard Abbett's Headstone in Florida National Cemetery**

UCF Veterans Legacy Program, *Headstone for Gerard Francis Abbett*, photograph, 2023, Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.