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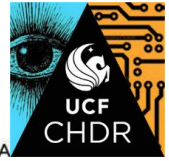
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John Theodore Makar

1949 – 2008

Sergeant Major: US Army

Persian Gulf, Afghanistan

*Please note that news articles published online often exist behind paywalls and require a subscription to access digitally. We have provided links, but have not reproduced them here. Similarly, many families have created remembrance pages. Again, we have provided links, but have not reproduced any images without express written permission from the family.

“U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-2016,” database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed July 7, 2023), entry for John Makar, Edison, NJ: 1968.

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/116924037:1265>

Group photograph of the cross country team at Middlesex County College in New Jersey. Makar is listed as part of the team but is not pictured.

“---,” database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed July 7, 2023), entry for John Makar, Edison, NJ: 1968.

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/116922995:1265>

Yearbook photograph for John T. Makar while attending Middlesex County College in Edison, New Jersey.

“---,” database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed July 7, 2023), entry for John Makar, Edison, NJ: 1968.

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/116923353:1265>

A 1968 yearbook photograph from Middlesex County College in Edison, New Jersey, depicting the school’s social committee, of which Makar was a part.

“---,” database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed July 7, 2023), entry for John Makar, Edison, NJ: 1968.

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/886913587:1265>

A 1968 yearbook photograph from Middlesex County College in Edison, New Jersey, depicting the school’s ski club, of which Makar was a part.

“Weddings,” *Tampa Tribune*, February 10, 1974, 47 (accessed July 7, 2023).

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/316731776/?terms=John%20Theodore%20Makar&match=1>

A short article announcing the marriage between John T. Makar and Kathleen P. Dobis. According to Makar’s obituary, the two remained married for thirty-five years.

Dulcinea Cuellar, “You Provide the Little Shoes; These Cousins will Fill Them,” *Tampa Tribune*, January 19, 2006, 46 (accessed July 7, 2023).

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/341907272/?terms=John%20T.%20Makar&match=1>

This article details how Makar helped organize donations of shoes to give to children in Kabul, Afghanistan while deployed there in 2005. Makar was able to collect over one thousand pairs of shoes to donate. In several obituaries published after Makar’s death, collecting these shoe donations remained one the accomplishments he was most proud of in his life.

“Obituaries,” *Tampa Tribune*, December 16, 2008, 23 (accessed July 7, 2023).

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/342797125/?terms=John%20Theodore%20Makar&match=1>

Obituary for John Theodore Makar, which mentions his surviving family members and provides details about his life. Makar spent twenty-five years in the United States military, and worked in the roofing industry his entire professional life.

“Mr. John Theodore Makar,” *Legacy Remembers*, December 13, 2008 (accessed July 7, 2023).

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/legacyremembers/john-makar-obituary?pid=178187530>

The above link navigates to an online obituary for John Theodore Makar. It details Makar’s life in the military and provides information on his family. It also includes a photograph.

“U.S., Veterans’ Gravesites, ca. 1775-2019,” database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: accessed July 7, 2023), entry for John Theodore Makar.

<https://www.fold3.com/record/725254340/makar-john-theodore-us-veterans-gravesites-ca1775-2019>

Above is a link to the United States Veterans’ Gravesite record for John Theodore Makar archived in the online database *Fold3*. This source includes information like Makar’s birthdate and death date, burial location, military rank, and conflict period.

“John Theodore Makar,” *FindAGrave*, February 26, 2010 (accessed July 7, 2023).

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/48818140/john-theodore-makar>

John Theodore Makar’s page on findagrave.com includes information on his birth and death dates, military service, and burial location. It includes a paragraph detailing Makar’s life and family, and mentions that the relief work he did while serving in Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom remained his proudest accomplishment in life.



John Makar's Niche Marker in Florida National Cemetery

UCF Veterans Legacy Program, *Niche Marker for John Makar*, photograph, 2023, Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.