



Highlighting Heroes: Richard White

As we reflect on the service and sacrifices of our brave servicemen and women across the nation this Veterans Day, let us not overlook the heroes in our very own communities.

Richard White of Wellsboro is one such local hero who might just surprise you.

Carolyn Pendrell, Tioga County Volunteer Coordinator, recently sat down with Richard to get to know him a bit better, and share his story:

If you think watching and evaluating music videos is just for the kids and not for senior citizens, then you haven't met Richard White. Here's a hint – he is a recipient of a 65-year pin from Corning Glass Works. Born and raised in Wellsboro, he was drafted into the Army in 1953 at the end of the Korean War. He says he still remembers the three maneuvers that were drilled into him in Basic Training at Fort Polk. Ultimately he was stationed at Fort Hood in Texas where he trained in and on tanks that used *live* ammunition!

After serving for two and a half years, Specialist White returned home and married Ruth McConnell from Antrim. Together they had three daughters, all of whom have worked at Soldiers and Sailors Hospital. Unfortunately, Ruth passed away a few years ago and Richard has developed lung cancer from being exposed to asbestos at the Glass Works. But he soldiers on: he is still hard at work working in financial advising - and reviewing those music videos.

B/S/S/T Area Agency on Aging thanks Richard for his service, and for sharing his story with us!