



**Mrs Anne O. Jenkins**

Mrs Anne O. Jenkins grew up in a military family...Dad, Grandfathers, Uncles, Aunt, brothers, cousins, husband and now grandson! Her Dad was in the Navy during WWII, but after the war ended, he joined the Army in the Veterinary Corp at Fort Benning GA, he wanted to be home with his family, not out to sea. From there they moved to the Netherlands (Holland) where her Dad was a food inspector for products going into Germany for the American Soldiers. They were the only American family in the town of Apeldoorn! That 3-year tour had a lot of challenges with 3 young children. It was quite an adventure. After that tour they moved to Fort Eustis, VA where her Dad retired 8 years later.

Anne started her working career at Fort Eustis with the Corps of Engineers as their Office Manager. She then went on to work Civil Service at Fort Eustis in the Commissary Billing Office. After getting married to her "high school sweetheart", SSG Ronald Jenkins, who was stationed at Fort Benning at the time, she worked Civil Service at the Fort Benning Infantry School Headquarters. From there she took a fifteen-year break from working to raise their two children, Michelle and Michael. During those years Anne was a Girl Scout Leader for about 10 years, involved in Boy Scouts, volunteered at her children's schools and all the children's other activities and volunteered at the military chapels.

Anne went back to work while on their 2<sup>nd</sup> assignment in Heidelberg, Germany, as the 1<sup>st</sup> PERSCOM orderly room clerk. From there she went on to work in Finance in Civilian Pay for the remainder of that tour. When she returned to the States in July 1985, she was offered a job at the Army Transportation Museum Foundation (ATMF). In May 1987 she returned to Civil Service at Fort Monroe, VA working in the Public Works admin office. She was at that job 9 days when her husband came down on orders to go back to Heidelberg, Germany for their 3<sup>rd</sup> tour. She left Civil Service in August 1987 to join her husband, then, SGM Ronald L. Jenkins. After returning in June 1989 to Fort Monroe, she was asked to come back to work at the Foundation. She started back in August 1989 and has been with the Foundation ever since as the Office Manager.

Between her Dad and Ronnie's assignments the military took her family to many exciting places; Holland, Korea, Panama Canal Zone, and 3 assignments to Germany. In between those assignments they were stationed at Fort Benning GA, El Paso TX, Fort Eustis and Fort Monroe VA. Her family traveled all over Europe and visited family from FL to NJ, and VA to TX. But Anne still calls Fort Eustis "her hometown!"