

Alli Cummings, Branch Manager, Nashville, TN



- United States Army & National Guard
- April 2016 – May 2019

• “I loved that I was able to spend time in the military, and I wish it could have been longer. It opened my eyes to the systems in place for veterans and created a passion to love and serve them relentlessly. Veterans Day is a great way to step out and show our appreciation for the Americans that served with everything they had and the ones that gave their lives to the profession. The smallest thank you can go a mile, you never know what they are dealing with that day.”



Josh Toth, Director of Compliance Program Office, Greenville, SC

- United States Navy
- 2001-2006
- "I'm grateful for my time in the Navy not only for the breadth of very unique experiences, but for the enduring brotherhood created with the men I served with, the lessons on how to endure hardship while keeping my head up, and the ability to learn how to serve a purpose greater than myself. But more than providing me an opportunity to reflect on my own experiences, Veterans Day provides a humbling reminder of the great sacrifices that so many others have given on my behalf."





Tony Costello, Senior Business Analyst – Office of PM Greenville, SC

- United State Marine Corps
- 1987 – 1993 – Served in Persian Gulf War Desert Shield and Desert Storm
- “I love this quote from Eleanor Roosevelt: ‘The Marines I have seen around the world have the cleanest bodies, the filthiest minds, the highest morale, and the lowest morals of any group of animals I have ever seen. Thank God for the United States Marine Corps!’ To me, a veteran is someone who was willing to sacrifice everything for this great country and its beliefs.”

Kyrie Patton, Commercial Loan Officer Assistant, Athens, Georgia

- United States Navy
- 2008-2012; Global War on Terror Service Medal
- “My grandmother was instrumental in my decision to join the Navy. A quote I like to share in her honor is, ‘Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.’ A personal favorite of mine that sums up my pride for the Navy is: ‘When asked what I am most proud of, I stick out my chest, hold my head high, and state proudly, “I served in the United States Navy.” - *John F. Kennedy.*”



Bret Funk, Software Developer, Navitas, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL



- United States Navy
- “I was an Aviation Electrician on F-14Ds (the Top Gun jets), so I worked the flight deck of the aircraft carriers USS Abraham Lincoln and USS John C Stennis during Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan). If you remember "shock and awe" or Bush landing on the carrier that was us. We hold the record for the longest aircraft carrier cruise of all time (10 months). The entire time I was in the military, I was half the world away from my loved ones, yelled at, malnourished, and working in 120-degree heat for fourteen hours a day, seven days a week. And I loved every minute of it.”

Scott Sharp, Mortgage Loan Originator, Ellijay, Ga

- United States Army
- Field Artillery, 1986 to 1991
- “I thank God for my ability to have been able to serve my country! I would say to all our veterans: ‘To all members of the military both living and deceased, we salute you and thank you for your service and sacrifice. This wonderful nation of ours will remain the land of the free so long as it remains the home of the brave!’”





David Addis, Teller II, Cornelia, GA

- United States Army
- 2010-2015
- “I was a 19D Cavalry Scout and served in Iraq from 2010-2011 with the 1st Cavalry Division- “Live the Legend!”



Ron Fox, Chief Compliance Officer, Greenville, SC

- United States Army
- 1990-1994
- “My military service is one of the most impactful experiences of my life. Being surrounded by a very diverse group of citizens who volunteered and, if needed, would give their lives for our country is something that can’t be easily explained but it’s felt for a lifetime.”





Rich Bradshaw, President and Chief Banking Officer, Greenville, SC

- US Air Force 1984-1989
- US Navy Reserves 1990-2005
- “Living in America is a privilege, and it’s made possible because of the brave men and women who sacrifice in a thousand different ways everyday so we can enjoy this great country. To our veterans at United Community Bank, the veterans across America, and the world - thank you. Thank you for what you have done and continue to do. It’s an honor to have served, and an honor to be in the company of such an inspiring group.”

Miguel A. Pastrana, GRC & Information Security Analyst, Greenville, SC

United States Navy

Army National Guard

1986 – 2005

“What is a veteran? A veteran (whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve) is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount up to and including his or her life. This means more to me now than ever for two personal reasons: My sister served in the gulf during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and my daughter is now serving as an officer in the Air Defense Artillery for the U.S. Army.”

Austin Burns, Universal Banker, Ashland City, TN

United States Marine Corps

Sept 2015 – August 2018

“To me, Veterans Day is more for those that served during difficult times, and never received the love, support, and appreciation for their sacrifice. Some don’t make it home, and so we need to remind the ones that do, that we care.”

Stuart Scott, Wealth Strategist, Lake Mary, FL

United States Coast Guard

8/1973 – 8/1977

“The Coast Guard’s Motto is Semper Paratus – Always Ready. What better advice can a banker have to serve their client?”

Brandon Waldron
Navitas Credit Corp,
Ponte Vedra, FL

United States Army

2006-2011

“I made some really good friends and lost some really good friends. Neither will ever be forgotten.”

Terry Goldman, Credit
Reporting Analyst
Blairsville, Georgia

United States Navy

Late 1960's

"I served during the Vietnam War. We weren't treated nicely. Just thanking us is enough. The submarine that I served on was happy we could serve such a great country."