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Ask any trucking company what the most important part of their company's operation is and you will almost always receive the same answer:

“Drivers and Fleet Maintenance”.



A company is as only good as its drivers, and the good drivers cannot perform to their ability without the equipment to do so. Managing and maintaining a fleet brings many challenges. In 2017, StoneBridge Trucking was experiencing a significant amount of growth in which farming out its maintenance to a 3rd party shop was no longer efficient nor responsible. Simply, StoneBridge CEO Shane Kennedy needed help.

“I needed a guy to oversee the entire maintenance operation. I needed someone who was trustworthy, experienced, efficient, honest, and took initiative. Charlie Mann was a close friend of my father and someone who I personally liked, but I had no idea whether he would be the correct hire for the StoneBridge Maintenance Program. He not only was the correct hire, but he was the perfect hire.”

Over the last year, Charlie Mann literally has been the

“GLUE THAT KEPT US MOVING”.

Driver in the Spotlight

Charlie Mann was born in Louisville, KY in 1954 and his family quickly moved to Lebanon, IN thereafter. The son of John and Nita, his father joined the Navy at the age of 15 years old and later became a truck driver, while his mother Nita stayed at home to raise his 5 brothers and sister. In 1972, he graduated high school and worked at Kroger to pay his way through community college. During the summer of 1975, he continued his education by transferring to the University of Kentucky and would proudly graduate in 1977 with a degree in Agriculture. Not only is he proud of his Wildcat education, he is extremely proud of the process of graduating. ***"I worked the entire way through and completely paid my own way. I worked hard and am proud of what I accomplished."***

With a degree in Agriculture, Charlie would spend many years doing what he was educated to do: Working in the midwestern farm system. Starting in 1980, he managed the Pumphrey's Hog Farm while he and his then wife Joanne started and raised a family. They have two boys together. His son John has 5 children and serves in the Navy specializing in Nuclear Propulsion. His son David is a US Army Captain and has a baby girl.

In 1993, Charlie went to work for Farm Bureau COOP as a Swine Service Specialist. In 1997 he continued his career in Frankfort, until the farm was sold in 2010. At that point he worked in Greenfield until he joined StoneBridge in 2017. When Charlie joined StoneBridge, he was ready for a new path. ***"I was ready for a change. I wanted a different pace and given my relationship with Butch Kennedy, I felt StoneBridge would be a good fit."*** In 2010, the Frankfort farm where Charlie worked was shut-down for 6 months and Charlie joined StoneBridge as a driver during that time. ***"I had a good feel for what StoneBridge was about and felt comfortable from day one given my history with them."***

What caught Charlie off guard was the amount of growth StoneBridge was experiencing when he arrived. In 2010, StoneBridge had 4 box trucks with a team of 8 drivers while Butch Kennedy ran the entire operation. In July 2017, StoneBridge had 10 trucks with a team of 15 drivers. ***"It has become an energy driven company. Parts are always moving. When the phone rings, I never know what to expect. You must be flexible and be prepared to learn something new. One second things will be quiet and then all chaos will break***



out as the customers start calling for expedites."

For a small company experiencing growth, the maintenance job can be both frustrating and unforgiving at times and you must have a positive attitude. StoneBridge Operations Manager Brad Stephens quickly noticed why Charlie was fit for the position:

"Charlie always has a wonderful attitude. Nothing phases him. Regardless of the situation, he always handles everything with poise. He also elevates the entire mood at StoneBridge in a positive way. He is always telling a joke and laughing, regardless of whether we get the joke or not."

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Charlie Mann and his girlfriend Joyce pose for a picture in Florida.

Simply,
Charlie Mann
is ALWAYS
on call and
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answers the
call.

When orientation takes place for a new StoneBridge team member, our business is always described as **“ORGANIZED CHAOS”**. In the world of expediting, the job of StoneBridge is to always be part of the solution for a customer’s problem. We are always on call requiring a lot from the mechanic. Over the last year, Charlie Mann has always been on call. He has been on call to do a last-second fix to a truck. He has been on call to do a last-minute run when there were no other StoneBridge drivers available. He has been on call to take a phone call at 1am in the morning when a StoneBridge operator is experiencing mechanical issues. **Simply, Charlie Mann is ALWAYS on call and ALWAYS answers the call.**

“Charlie Mann is my friend first and foremost. As a friend, I truly love him dearly. He is a wonderful person. Along with this, I cannot imagine how StoneBridge would have kept it together with their growth over the last year without him. Given the amount of development we have experienced, things could have and should have easily fallen apart, but they didn’t. They didn’t because Charlie was part of the team and helped in more ways than we even know.”

~ StoneBridge Founder Butch Kennedy

A STORY OF SERVICE

American
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StoneBridge is proud of its commitment to the service of those who have served and serving. Our company is owned by veterans and employs many who have a history of service to their country.

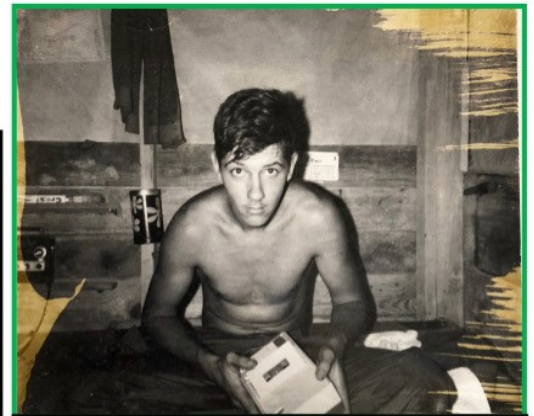


US Army
Veteran
Doug Spon

It is an absolute honor and privilege to serve in the United States Military. Quite often when I am in uniform, I am both amazed and appreciative when people go out of their way to say, **"Thank you for your service"**. With this level of appreciation comes a huge responsibility. A responsibility to wear the uniform with pride and carry yourself in a manner that shows a high level of respect the it demands. Not only are you representing your country and the military, you are also representing your family. If you ask a majority of those who volunteer to serve their country if someone in their family served, I would suffice to say many would proudly name a family member. Not only would they name them, they would have an honored inflection in their voice when answering.

In a past issue, I was pleased to tell my father Butch Kennedy's story of service. As I write this, I am delighted that I get to talk about another family member who I am **PROUD** to discuss.

**DOUG SPON IS
A VIETNAM VETERAN . . .
HE IS ALSO MY
GRANDPA!!!**



Doug Spon at 18 years of age in Chu Lai, Vietnam

Born in 1950 in Sharon Pennsylvania to Ray and June Spon, Doug Spon grew up in family dedicated to service. Ray Spon served in the Navy, and his brother Rick Spon, retired from the US Navy in 2003 as a Commander. In December 1968, Doug Spon made the decision to also serve his country. Like many during this time he was posed with a very tough question: Enlist or get drafted?

At the time, the Army allowed him to enlist without a high school diploma. **"I was ready to go, I liked land, and liked fixing stuff. Being a mechanic in the US Army made sense."** Doug would attend Basic Training at Fort Benning, GA and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson, SC. After completion of his training in May 1969, Doug Spon would receive orders to Chu Lai, Vietnam. Upon arrival Doug was stationed at LZ Baldy until he and a friend made a mistake. **"There was a base wide urinalysis. A Sergeant gave me a cup and told me to "fill it up". I did so, except I filled it with Vodka. Seemed funny at the time, but they didn't find the humor in it when the results came back."** Based on this, Doug was moved to LZ Siberia as punishment. During this time, although trained as a mechanic, he spent the majority of his time running convoys as part of the Quick Reaction Force (QRF).

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After a year in Vietnam, Doug would serve 2 years in Ft Bragg, NC where he would reenlist and receive orders to South Korea. On location, he spent his first 4 months as a mechanic until he was summoned to meet with a Sergeant Major. After formation, SGT Spon was told to get in a Jeep and go to Seoul. Following a two-hour drive, the subsequent conversation ensued:

Sergeant Major: "SGT Spon, you need a haircut."

Sergeant Spon: "You had me come all this way to tell me that?"

Sergeant Major: "No, you are going to be the General's Driver."

Sergeant Spon: "How?"

Sergeant Major: "You were selected."

Sergeant Spon: "How?"

Sergeant Major: . . . (insert speechless pause here) . . . Get your stuff.



While in Vietnam, Doug was assigned to LZ Baldy / West 196th INF

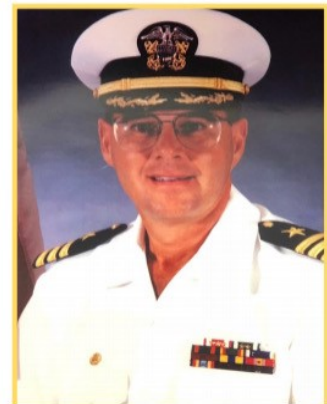


SGT Spon with the General's car in Seoul, South Korea.

Doug would spend his remaining time in Korea as the General's Driver until he was stationed in Ft. Riley Kansas in April 1972 for 1.5 years as part of the 1st Infantry Division. While there he was part of the 701st MSB and assigned to Alpha Company. (Ironically, when I (Shane Kennedy) joined the Army in 1999, I was stationed in Germany in the sister unit. I was assigned to Alpha Company 701st MSB in Kitzingen, Germany as part of the 1st ID in 2000). After Kansas, Doug received orders to Baumholder Germany where he would finish his career and receive an Honorable Discharge after 7 years, 9 months, and 23 days



Ray Spon joined the Navy as an Electrician's Mate in 1944.



CDR Rick Spon retired in 2003.



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"I enjoyed my time in the military. It did a lot for me. I grew up." After Doug completed his initial training, he returned home to visit with family. Growing up, he had a few "encounters" with the local deputy sheriff. When this same deputy saw him in uniform he stated,

"This is the best decision you ever made young man".



To this day, Doug always draws a close comparison with his professional career with his time in the service. He has spent his life either working as a mechanic, or in jobs that utilize his knowledge as a mechanic. At StoneBridge, he is called on quite often to help diagnose issues. Along with this, he enjoys his fellow Veterans at StoneBridge.



StoneBridge Operator Doug Spon operating a Jeep while stationed in Vietnam in 1969.

"I really enjoy being around the guys. In the service, you look out for each other. You develop that bond in and out of the service. I share that same bond at StoneBridge Trucking."

Driver in the Spotlight



2017 StoneBridge Rookie of The Year **Bill Gamble**

In the fall of 2016, StoneBridge Trucking was starting to catch a glimpse into its future. The customer base was growing, processes were being improved, and the fleet was receiving some much needed updates. With all the progress that was being made, one key component to a successful logistics company was proving to be a challenge; as felt throughout the industry: **FIND SOLID DEPENDABLE, COMPETENT DRIVERS** that will provide the service required by StoneBridge and demanded by its customers.

Later that fall, an ad was ran in all of the local newspapers searching for drivers that would fit the StoneBridge Trucking employment model. A week after the ad was run, Bill Gamble reached out to StoneBridge CEO Shane Kennedy to introduce himself via telephone. Kennedy liked what he heard. **"Bill was impressive, he had a successful history of hard work in the logistics and manufacturing industry, and seemed confident to drive a straight truck. With this, he had served his country. I was comfortable giving him a shot, but was uncertain that StoneBridge was a good fit for his needs at that point in his life"**. Both discussed the pros and cons of the job and Bill took some time to evaluate the opportunity with his wife. A few days later, Kennedy received a call from Bill **"My wife and I discussed this opportunity. We really like what you are doing with veterans and I would like to give this a go"**. Little did Kennedy know at the time, but he had just hired StoneBridge Trucking's first

"ROOKIE OF THE YEAR",

an honor given to a StoneBridge Operator within their first year accounting for safety, miles driven, and many other numerous factors in which StoneBridge holds paramount.

Behind the company are people. Know the people - Know the person - Know the company.

Bill Gamble was

born on December 15th, 1959 in Rockford, IL. His father was a musician and his mother was a housewife. Growing up, Bill had always been called to serve his country. In 1977, upon graduating from high school, Bill enlisted in the US Army. His career in the military would take him to Korea, Texas, Kansas, Panama, Alaska, and Germany while serving in Calvary. Bill could have very well spent a career in the US Army, but he and his then wife experienced something no parent would ever want to experience. **"I was in the middle of tactical field exercises in Grafenwoehr, Germany, when I was contacted that I had to be home with my family immediately. The Squadron Commander sent me home in a helicopter to my base in Amberg, Germany."** When Bill arrived home, he received the news that his 2 month old daughter had passed away from **Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)**. Recollecting this life changing event, Bill Gamble remembers it vividly.:



Driver in the Spotlight

“It was quite possibly the worst, if not one of the worst moments of my life. I would never wish that experience on any parent or loved one.”



Bill and his wife Debbie have been married since December 5th,

This experience caused an extreme level of stress of pain for Bill, which ultimately took a toll on his marriage and military career. He and his then wife were divorced and after nine years of military service, Bill received an Honorable Discharge from the US Army. He returned to Indiana in which he would eventually marry his wife Debbie on December 5th, 1986. Bill began his career in logistics when he drove a truck for 3 years for Days Express and eventually for Rumpke. Bill finally decided to spend 18 years working for Knauf Insulation which ended due to a knee surgery.

Bill currently holds his AS in Visual Communication and is presently 12 credits away from a BS in Graphic Design. He is a proud husband, father of four, and grandfather of eleven. His daughter Lee is a paralegal and happily married with four boys. His daughter Amanda works in management and is a proud mother to a son. His son Chris works as the Sports Director for the Shelbyville Parks Department and is a proud father of 3. His daughter Carrie is the proud mother of 3.

Since October 2016, Bill has literally and figuratively been “rolling” with StoneBridge Trucking. Once he was in a straight truck, he has never looked back. He has quickly climbed the ladder at StoneBridge and worked extremely hard to earn the honor of the StoneBridge Trucking “Rookie of the Year”. Shane Kennedy is proud of the decision to bring Bill on board.

“Bill Gamble was my first hire at StoneBridge and has proven to be one of the best. We are a better company today than we were then because of all of the hard work Bill has put forth to his job and our company. We are lucky to have him.” ~ Shane Kennedy, CEO

Along with being a proud **husband, father, and grandfather**, he is also proud to be a professional Operator with a company like StoneBridge.

“StoneBridge has taken care of me and my family. I feel appreciated as an employee and veteran. Importantly, my family still comes first in their eyes, as they always have in mine.”



Bill is the proud grandfather to eleven grandchildren.

Past, Present, & Future of StoneBridge



The Operations & Maintenance Center will house up to 15 StoneBridge Box Trucks



This growth requires space. We have now located our fleet and maintenance center to a new location only 1 minute away from the StoneBridge Headquarters and Dispatch Center. Kennedy is thrilled to lease this location. ***"This location came available at a perfect time and is owned by a good trustworthy friend of StoneBridge and my family. It has everything we need to support our growing operation and business model with 3 maintenance bays, storage area, and a cross loading dock."***

In June 2016, Shane Kennedy had just come off Active Duty for the Navy and joined the StoneBridge Trucking Family when then Operations Manager Garry Hadler made it very clear in saying ***"We need more freight, more customers, and need to offer more capacity and services to our current customers"***. Having experience in sales, he hit the road. ***"I was confident I could sell StoneBridge and our services. That is by far the most important part of sales, believing in your product or service. My dad started the company, Garry and the team offered a fantastic service, it was up to me to find the people who would find value in what we offer."*** At that time in 2016, StoneBridge had 4 total box trucks and 4 cargo vans with a team of 7 total drivers. Kennedy remembers looking at the company and seeing its potential. ***"We were small but extremely efficient. We were averaging anywhere from 50-70 loads a month and we kept our business model simple. With this, I knew there was plenty of room for growth because our current customers were telling us."***

With this growth comes a high level of responsibility and an understanding of how the logistics industry works. Upon joining StoneBridge, Kennedy did his homework and found the #1 reason logistics companies fail is because they get too big too fast. ***"The economy is really good right now and our customers have been great to us. But we have to always be planning for when the economy begins to slow down. Our growth has been responsible and our outlook remains positive. We will strive to continue to support our customers for the long term."***

The consistent feedback he was receiving was as follows:

- More availability = more trucks and drivers
- More capacity = more weight
- More services = lift gates on the trucks

Based on this feedback StoneBridge has grown from 4 box trucks & 4 vans to 10 box trucks and 5 vans. They forecast adding an additional 4 - 5 box trucks for an overall fleet growth of **250%**. The StoneBridge Team has grown from 7 employees to 25 for an overall growth of **357%**. StoneBridge is now averaging 140-175 loads per month for a growth of **258%**. With this, the feedback remains the same . . . **MORE AVAILABILITY - MORE CAPACITY - MORE SERVICES.** ***"We are still hiring competent drivers who fit our model and are adding a LARGE TANDEM AXLE BOX TRUCK that can haul up to 20,000LBS. In two - three years, we hope to add full size 53ft trucks because OUR CUSTOMERS ARE ASKING US TO DO SO, both old and new."***



The Operations & Maintenance Center will have a dock for storage and cross loading needs.

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their country.

US Air Force
Veteran
Terry Hogg

For many men who grew up in the 50's and 60's, they remember it as a great time to be an American. Being a "Baby Boomer" was a great experience for many. A defining element of the 50's was the Cold War, and the 60's proved to be a time of change in America. Growing up during these years would often eventually lead the young men of the United States to make an important decision: Sign up for the US Military or wait to potentially be drafted and sent to Vietnam?

Terry Hogg was born in June of 1953 and grew up in Greensburg, Indiana. In 1971, Terry and his good friend Rob Hood where about to head to Indianapolis to join and saw their friend Jeff Meyer working at a local gas station. Jeff's boss thought he was simply going to lunch, but Jeff was ready to join them. That afternoon, Terry's mom Nelly Hogg took all three boys to Indianapolis to take the military entrance evaluation test.

"Rob and I were supposed to be on the buddy system, it didn't work out that way unfortunately".

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In November 1971, Terry Hogg enlisted and took off for the US Air Force to attend Basic Training at Lackland AFB, Texas. Upon graduating basic training, he was sent to Chanute AFB in Rantoul, IL. *"It was the coldest weather I had EVER experienced. I hated it. We had to wear leather masks on our face. Definitely lets you know how cold it was and the cold weather technology of the time."*

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A STORY OF SERVICE



While at Chanute, Terry trained to work on Aerospace Ground Equipment. Upon graduation from tech school, he was shipped to APO San Francisco where he would find his final destination to be his first permanent duty station: Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City), Vietnam.

“I was 18 years old and found myself in Vietnam. When I arrived and walked off the plane, it felt like I was in an oven. It was such a complete shock and contrast to my experience at Chanute AFB. I had transitioned from what I thought was the coldest place in the world to the hottest. After showering, I would immediately be soaking wet from sweat before I could even dry off.”

Terry was in Saigon for nine months when President Nixon stated that the Vietnam War was coming to a **“conclusion as a result of the plan that we have instituted.”** At this point, Terry was flown to Tokay, Thailand where he was to spend a total of four months and be eventually sent home. ***“I was told I was going home, but was rather sent to Tacoma, WA for six months.”*** At this point, Terry decided that he would be willing to go back to Thailand if his service was going to be extended. ***“I had put in my request and made a voluntary statement that I wanted to serve in Thailand. Ironically, I was advised that if I wanted to go back to Thailand, that I needed to withdraw this statement which lacked all possible logic. Going against my logical reasoning, I withdrew my statement requesting to be stationed in Thailand, and was then assigned to Thailand shortly after. I simply cannot make this up. Anyone who ever served in the military can understand.”*** SSgt Hogg would spend 13 additional months in Thailand totaling over **560+ days served in Southeast Asia**. At one point, Terry hadn't spoken to his parents for over 3 months. The Red Cross was notified and the communication line between Terry and his parents was open once again.

In 1975, SSgt Hogg was honorably discharged from the US Air Force and was sent home. When he returned home, he saw his mom walk by prompting the following conversation:

Son: *Who you looking for lady (in jest)?*

Mother: *I am here to see my son.*

Terry was flabbergasted. ***“She didn't even recognize me. She simply walked right past me. I had grown up. The boy that left her was now a man.”***

In 1976, Terry was ready for another challenge. He signed a three year enlistment in the Army Reserves as a Sergeant serving as a Field Director Commander (FDC). Terry's time in the Army Reserves was a little bit less eventful. He laughed when sharing the fact that his only deployment in the Army Reserves was to Chicago during the mail strike. Overall, Terry's experience in the military was a positive one that has proven to be something in which he would be proud of. ***“I loved the travel, it made me grow up and mature at a very fast pace.”*** Terry went on to earn a Degree in Architectural Design & Building Construction. After many years raising his family and running the family business, Terry is thrilled to be a part of StoneBridge Trucking which is American Veteran Driven. ***“I enjoy the work and the people. I really enjoy the customer service aspect of our job, and appreciate the comradery I share with the StoneBridge team and the veterans in its ranks.”***

Driver in the Spotlight



2017 StoneBridge Driver of The Year **Mark Scheidler**

It's Sunday evening and a StoneBridge truck is loaded and destined for multiple deliveries along the East Coast on Tuesday. Immediately after the assigned driver began his journey, life happened and they contacted StoneBridge Dispatch alerting them that they would not be able to execute the run due to unforeseen personal circumstances. This constitutes an EMERGENCY in the world of expediting and small load trucking, ESPECIALLY when the cargo on board is for one of your top customers. Scrambling to come up with a solution, the same tactic was employed as it had been for many years, CALL YOUR MOST DEPENDABLE DRIVER, and hopefully he come through AGAIN as he always has.

Mark "Shark" Scheidler was contacted:

Dispatch: **Mark, I know its Sunday night and I know you had plans with your family, but here is the situation . . . can you make this happen?**

Shark: **Where is the load going and when does it need to be there?**

Dispatch: **East Coast, multiple deliveries, due on Tuesday.**

Shark: **Sweet, I can do it. I will get it done.**

And so it goes. Since 2012, Mark Scheidler has proven time and time again to be one of the most dependable, trusted, competent, and professional drivers to occupy a StoneBridge truck. The aforementioned example is a simple "drop in the bucket" considering the countless comparable examples in which he has been responsible in helping StoneBridge maintain its high standard of dependability and trustworthiness. Based on his history of success with StoneBridge, and his importance to its growth and improvement, Mark is our "DRIVER IN THE SPOTLIGHT", and was the recipient of 2017's most prestigious award, the "STONEBRIDGE DRIVER OF THE YEAR".

Behind the company are people. Know the people - Know the person - Know the company.

Born in Greensburg in 1954, Mark is one of 4 children. His father owned a decorating business and his mother worked as a secretary. For many years, Scheidler Brothers Decorating Center was part of the Greensburg community. Eventually, the company would be owned and ran by Mark himself, and for 21 years he transformed, grew, and set a standard for customer service in the paint business. Over that time, he experienced and tackled many challenges:

"When I took it over, we were in a bad location, we had very low output, and I knew many changes needed to be made". I worked extremely hard to revamp our model while putting a VITAL FOCUS on customer service."



Mark dressed as Santa with his wife Paula and grandson Rhett.

Driver in the Spotlight

Mark worked to ingratiate himself and his company with the Home Builders Association which proved to be essential in his company's success.

"I worked so hard to prove myself to them, that when I began getting the opportunities, I worked even harder to deliver. It didn't take long until we were the main service in which they trusted, and business was extremely good."



This success would come with its frustrating challenges. The success resulted in long hours which took a toll on his time with family. He has a beautiful family. His wife Paula is a Nurse Practitioner, and they are proud parents to their two daughters Briana and Chelsea. ***"Over time I simply got burnt out, I was working way too hard and didn't have enough time with my family. Finding good dependable employees also presented challenges that I was no longer willing to tolerate."***

Eventually Shark would sell the business and came to StoneBridge. **BUT LETS TALK ABOUT WHAT WE KNOW YOU ARE WONDERING. WHERE DID THE NAME "SHARK" COME FROM?** Mark has always had the reputation for being quite the golfer. 30 years ago he competed in a tournament at the Greensburg Country Club and one of the older gentleman at the course labeled him the "**Shark**" in reference to pro golfer Greg Norman based on his consistent ability to maintain a low handicap. For all of the non-golfers reading this article, it means Mark is **REALLY . . . REALLY** good. His talent for the game also resonates in his two daughters who played golf at Greensburg High School. His daughter Brianna, now a Registered Nurse, was an All-State Golfer for 3 years. And his daughter Chelsea, now a Veterinarian, was a State Finalist for 3 years. The community is also involved. Once a year in June, over 100 people will annually attend the "**Shark Shootout**" at the Greensburg Country Club. His involvement with the community doesn't stop there. For the past 27 years, Mark has supported the "**Local Cheer Fund**" through the Greensburg Daily News in which he takes time to deliver Christmas articles to those in need throughout the community.

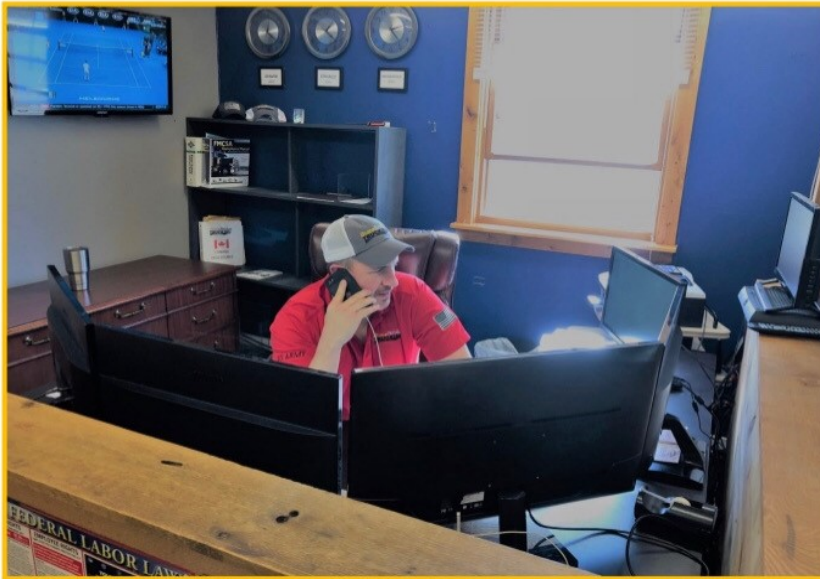
Along with being a proud husband and father, he is now a proud Grandpa. His daughter Brianna recently gave birth to his grandson Rhett. Because of this, he enjoys working at StoneBridge Trucking and his success in the private sector and the community shows a direct correlation: ***"When it comes to working with StoneBridge, I am comfortable dealing with the issues as they arise, understanding people and our customers' needs. There isn't time for excuses, lets solve the problem"***. Along with this, Mark enjoys the ability to stay active while being able to appreciate life. ***"I enjoy the flexibility of working here. I set my own schedule. Here you can be your own boss, work for a great team with great resources, and ultimately, work with many great customers."***



Mark and his daughters supporting the "Local Cheer Fund" sponsored by the Greensburg Daily News.

Mark's overall attitude towards life, family, and community shows exactly why he has been paramount to the success of StoneBridge Trucking. That is why we are proud to have him as our "**Driver in the Spotlight**" and **FIRST EVER** recipient of the "**StoneBridge Driver of Year**" for 2017.

The NEW VOICE of StoneBridge Trucking



Brad works in the newly updated StoneBridge Operations Center.

In April 2017, Shane Kennedy was in Bahrain completing his training for the Navy Reserves, when he learned his Operations Manager and mentor, Garry Hadler, was ready to move on from StoneBridge. Shane completely understood but was undoubtedly concerned for the future: ***“For 5 years, Garry was the foundation of StoneBridge. He had taught me everything I knew at the time concerning the business, but I wasn’t sure I knew everything needed to move the company forward. Losing Garry was going to be extremely hard, but he had given so much, that he had my full support in making any decision that was in his best interest”.***

Shane’s first inclination was to immediately replace Garry, but quickly realized he was not equipped to do that: ***“Garry had large shoes to fill. His position is the most important position in the entire company. The Operations / Dispatch Manager has direct communication with our team and customers almost every hour of the day. You don’t just put anyone in that role. He set such a high standard for professionalism when it came to management and customer relations, I realized this decision was going to “make or break” StoneBridge for many years to come.”***

Based on this realization, Shane decided to assume the position himself until he had a thorough understanding of the position, its responsibilities, challenges, and the day-to-day demands and requirements of StoneBridge’s customers. ***“I knew what I had to do. I knew running the company head-to-toe would be hard, but I had no choice. The only way I would be able to hire the right person, was to be competent in that role myself.”***

Shane assumed the role in May 2017 and there was no timeline on hiring the next **“Voice”**. For a few months, the daily grind was in place, and there were no candidates on the radar. **That is, until a gentleman by the name of Brad Stephens submitted his resume.**

***Behind the company
are people.***

***KNOW the people
KNOW the person
KNOW the company***

A name synonymous with college basketball in the state of Indiana, Brad is not to be confused with the former coach of the Butler Bulldogs and current coach of the Boston Celtics: “Brad Stephens”. The resume of this “Brad Stephens” was much different, in fact more impressive when it came to logistics.

“When Brad came for his first interview in July, I was immediately impressed. He was energetic, professional, driven, accomplished, and well-spoken. I thought that I may have found the guy”.

The initial interview passed and Brad still had three weeks of CDL training ahead of him. Shane wasn’t sure whether he would hear back, because he knew Brad could work anywhere he wanted. ***“I eventually would have found someone, but I truly believed Brad may be the right guy. I was hoping I would eventually hear from him.”***



The NEW VOICE of StoneBridge Trucking

In August, Shane finally received a call from Brad.

“Shane, I like what you guys are about, and I would like to work for Stone-Bridge.”

For the next few months, Brad was behind the wheel proving himself as a competent driver and willing to be a part of the StoneBridge system. Shane’s policy in hiring professionals to assume administrative roles is that they must understand what it means to be a driver.

“I have made it a point to never put anyone in an administrative role until they have proven themselves on the road first. Our drivers are the backbone of our company, you cannot administrate the company, until you have been part of the backbone.”

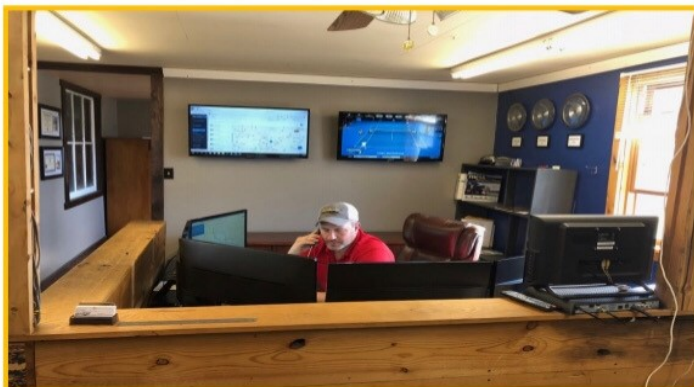
During the StoneBridge Christmas Party, Shane officially introduced Brad as the **“Next Voice of Stone-Bridge Trucking”** and Brad assumed that role full-time in January.

A graduate of South Decatur High School in 1991, he was part of the revered 1990 **State Championship Football Team**. In 1992 he joined the **US Army**. For the next 14 years, while serving on Active Duty and in the National Guard, he would deploy to both Afghanistan and Iraq as a Fire Control Specialist. While living in Alaska in the 90’s, he also drove a truck part-time for a logging company. He is the proud parent of 5 children and has relocated and resides back in Westport with his amazing girlfriend Angie. Brad’s experience in logistics is vast. He has driven dump trucks, semi’s, and has worked for Lowe’s and Lincare on the **“other side”** of logistics in shipping, receiving, traffic training, dispatch, and customer service.



It is this experience, coupled with the character, competence, energy, and professionalism of Brad Stephens, that we are proud to introduce to you

“The New Voice of StoneBridge Trucking”.



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2017
StoneBridge Legacy Award
Recipient
&
US Air Force
Veteran
Forrest Sandefur

Since 2006, there has been a symbol of consistency at StoneBridge Trucking. That symbol has always been ready, always been dependable, always been competent, always been professional, and importantly, **ALWAYS BEEN AN ABSOLUTE PLEASURE TO BE AROUND.** That symbol is Forrest Sandefur.

Forrest is currently the longest tenured driver at StoneBridge. On a weekly basis, he is always ready to hop in a cargo van and go. Because of his history of service at StoneBridge, Forrest became the first recipient of the

StoneBridge Legacy Award

during the StoneBridge Christmas Party in December. An award that was both well-deserved and well received.

"When considering who would be the first to receive the award, my father and I both agreed that Forrest was the most deserving to have their name appear first on the wall as a StoneBridge Legacy",

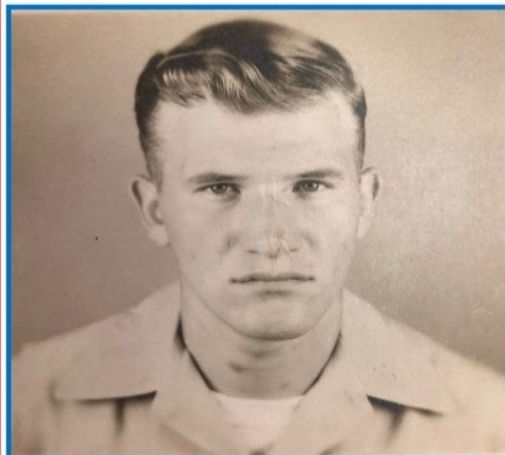
~ StoneBridge CEO Shane Kennedy.



Understanding Forrest's success at StoneBridge, and the character he brings to the job, can be partly attributed to his service in the United States Air Force.

In 1958, Forrest graduated high school and enlisted. When considering the military, the choice for Forrest was simple at the time. ***"The draft was inevitable, and I knew I had to make a choice. I had two brothers, one served in the Army and the other in the Navy. I also had three brothers-in-law who served in the Army, Army Air Corps, and Navy. I had a very good idea of what to expect from each service. I chose the Air Force, they had the best food."***

Upon enlisting in the Air Force, Forrest went to Basic Training during a very unusual time. His basic training only lasted 3.5 weeks when the average at the time was 8 weeks. It was during this time that national temperatures were so hot, there were Marines who died marching during training at Paris Island, SC. Forrest said ***"Because of this, there was a law passed for everyone limiting our outdoor training due to the temperatures, and my initial training was cut short."***



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After completing basic training, Forrest became an Airborne Radar Repairman while studying at Keesler AFB, MS. This skillset would eventually land him in the city of Tripoli located in Libya, Africa. The base he served on had a vast history. It began as a Mercedes Benz test site, and eventually housed the German military during World War II. Once the war ended, the United States occupied it, eventually welcoming A3C Forrest Sandefur as a member of the 58th Air Rescue Squadron. During his time in Tripoli, an historic event occurred when a U2 jet was shot down in Russia.

“We spent three days “looking” for that jet. Our government knew where it was, we knew where it was. It was in Russia, but we weren’t allowed to cross into their air space. So, in order to give the appearance we were making the effort to find it, we spent three days flying along the border of Turkey and Russia “looking” for it. It was very frustrating for everyone involved”.

After leaving Tripoli, Forrest finished his Air Force career in Columbus, OH. It was here that he learned how to get the Air Force to honor his contract and grant him his Honorable Discharge. ***“I was in a highly critical field, and they were trying to retain all Radar Repairman by alluding that we couldn’t get out. It was then that I read a recent Air Force Times article and found the regulation had been updated, officially allowing me to be discharged.”***

Upon finding this information out, Airman Third Class Sandefur promptly paid a visit to the base retention Officer. The officer made a diligent effort to retain Forrest and the conversation went as such:

A3C Sandefur: *I would like to request my Honorable Discharge.*

Retention Officer: *You read the Air Force times didn’t you?*

A3C Sandefur: *Yes sir I did.*

Retention Officer: *You realize life outside the military is exactly the same don’t you? You will still have someone you have to report to and take orders from?*

A3C Sandefur: *Well sir, it’s not exactly the same. Out there I can tell them to “Go to Hell” and not go to jail for it.*



A3C Sandefur was Honorably Discharged for the US Air Force on the 25th of May, 1964. Having married his wife Sharon in 1962, they are proud parents to their daughters Laurie and Marcy. He is proud of his lifetime of hard work, and if you ever have the opportunity to spend 5 minutes with Forrest, you will find him to be an extremely kind gentleman who is proud of his service and enjoys working for StoneBridge Trucking.

“When I enlisted back then, it wasn’t a choice, it was an obligation. It was simply part of being an American.”

Since 2006, Forrest has been a part of the StoneBridge DNA and will always be the first ever to receive the **StoneBridge Legacy Award**. When speaking of his experience at StoneBridge, there is one unique quality he speaks of: ***“I enjoy the people I work with and the customers. I enjoy staying busy and the interaction this job allows me to receive with good people”.***



Driver in the Spotlight



Behind the company are people. Know the people - Know the person - Know the company.

Good service is the foundation of StoneBridge Trucking. As referenced throughout the article with Jeff Moore, Jeff understands how important it is to not only provide the service, but understand the person you are providing the service for. By focusing on the needs of the companies we work for, and recognizing the people who are the backbone of those companies, relationships are forged, trust is built, and excellent service is provided.

The Best Dressed Operator in the Business

Jeff Moore was born in Springfield, OH in 1954 and his family quickly relocated to Greensburg, Indiana in 1955. After graduating from Purdue University with his AS in Hotel & Restaurant Management, Jeff married his wife Cindy in 1974. After 42 years of marriage, they are now proud parents and grandparents to three children and five grandchildren.

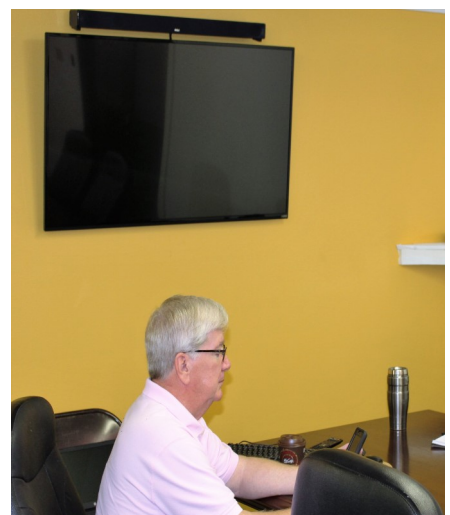
When Jeff joined StoneBridge Trucking, he proved himself to be an immediate asset to the StoneBridge team by bringing a ***"a little something extra"*** to the job; excellent people skills and customer service. Since Jeff has spent his life as an owner of a small family business where customer service and understanding people were paramount to his business' success, his acquired skills became an immediate asset to StoneBridge. You may have heard of his company, **Minear's Department Store - Greensburg, IN**. Established in 1865, Jeff's Dad became a silent owner in 1967, and by 1975 Jeff was managing the entire operation.

After spending his life in customer service and developing personable relationships in a professional setting, Jeff sees a direct correlation between his years at Minear's and representing StoneBridge Trucking: ***"For 40 years, I worked every day to focus directly on how I needed to treat people and address them, their needs, and demands. Today I do the same exact thing for StoneBridge Trucking. We work for and serve people."*** Jeff has always enjoyed the people aspect of his job at StoneBridge, but he has found satisfaction as a Truck Operator in other facets of the job. He loves the landscape of North America. ***"I have traveled our country and seen some of the most beautiful sunrises and sunsets imaginable. When it comes to the people and landscape associated with this job, I find it addicting."***

Jeff takes great pride in his job and appearance. Having worked in the clothing business for 40 years and retiring from the business a few years ago, he undoubtedly gets the award as ***"Best Dressed Operator in the Business"***. As a Truck Operator, he said it is important for our customers to know ***"We are doing the best job possible to get their product safely and quickly from one location to another. We are expeditors, and we take pride in what we do."***



Jeff and his Wife Cindy are proud grandparents to five beautiful grandchildren.



Jeff Moore prepares his route prior to leaving for Canada. Jeff has made countless trips to the Ontario Province.

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Shane Kennedy currently serves part-time in the US Navy Reserve Supply Corps. Recently, Shane traveled to South Korea for two weeks of Annual Training. While serving, LT Kennedy had the privilege of traveling to the Demilitarization Zone (DMZ) between North and South Korea. The DMZ is a strip of land running across the Korean Peninsula that was established in 1953 at the end of the Korean War to serve as a buffer zone between the democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) and the Republic of Korea (South Korea).



LT Shane Kennedy poses for a picture with a South Korean soldier at the DMZ in South Korea.

Trees for the Troops

Since 2003, StoneBridge Trucking has been partnering with the **Bohman Christmas Tree Farm** to provide **Trees for the Troops** stationed around the world. In next month's issue, we will proudly tell our story of the logistics service we donate to transport the gifted trees from the Bohman Christmas Tree Farm to our troops.



Driver in the Spotlight



HE FOUGHT, HE'S FIGHTING, HE'S WINNING!

THIS CHRISTMAS, STONEBRIDGE OPERATOR DAVE BROWN AND HIS FAMILY HAVE SOMETHING TO BE VERY THANKFUL FOR. Dave Brown has spent the majority of his professional career as one of the most dependable drivers in the industry. Dave has been with StoneBridge Trucking for over 6 years. While with StoneBridge, he has built a reputation of honesty, dependability, and character. When Dave is called to expedite a load, the answer is always **"I am on my way"**.

On a cold winter day in February 2015, something changed. Dave had to prioritize and could no longer carry the dependability torch for StoneBridge. Dave had a history of having a fatty tumor on his left breast, but this time, something was different. **"In 3 weeks time, my breast had doubled in size and I was in extreme pain."** Dave's fatty tumor was no longer a **"tumor"**. He had developed stage 3 (three) cancer and immediately needed 9 lymph nodes removed, 5 of which were cancerous.

As is the case with most cancer patients, Dave wasn't the only one affected by this life changing event. Norma, his wife and best friend of 12 years and daughter Ashley, were distraught and heartbroken over the news. **"They both broke down in tears, and were extremely scared. I told them it would be ok and that we would get through this"**.

In March 2015, Dave began post-operation treatment for his breast cancer. He underwent 4 months of chemotherapy followed by 2 months of radiation therapy. The US Navy veteran reflects on the experience as one of the most challenging in his life. **"It absolutely zaps the energy out of you. I lost all of my hair, and it honestly ages you. I am recovering, but my energy levels are still low at times. Luckily I know I am strong and feel myself getting stronger."**

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Know the person

Even though the story of cancer has no ending, this story continues to get better every day. In September 2015, Dave and his family received the news that he was **IN REMISSION**. To this day, Dave remains on medication and an estrogen blocker, but has a completely new outlook on life. He wants people to know **"I am a survivor.**

Without prayer and family, I don't know how I would have made it through. Today I don't take anything for granted, and I don't let the little things in life bother me. Importantly, I try to be courteous to every person I come in contact with." This Christmas, Dave has a lot to be thankful for. A wonderful wife, daughter, two grandchildren, and importantly, **LIFE!!!**



Dave Brown endured 4 months of chemotherapy and 5 weeks of radiation treatment.

Christmas with StoneBridge

The StoneBridge Family was so pleased that so many took the time to attend The StoneBridge Christmas party. Over 65 were in attendance throughout the night. Of those were clients, friends, family, and the entire StoneBridge Team. It was so important to meet the families and loved ones of those who took the time to attend, and enjoy conversation and fellowship outside the world of logistics. The conference room hosted many for appetizers and refreshments while the movie "Home Alone" was set "on loop" for all of the children in attendance. When all of the StoneBridge Team were in attendance, Shane Kennedy introduced each driver and presented them with their new StoneBridge jacket. Each jacket was customized to tell a story about each driver. Eventually the party receded to the StoneBridge Pub where Butch Kennedy served as the "host".



Shane Kennedy presents Forrest Sandefur, and Air Force veteran, with his customized StoneBridge jacket.

Stone-
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Dave
Brown and
Bill Gamble
pose for a
picture to-
gether.



We were thrilled that Don and Cheryl Borgman took the time to be a part of the evening.



The Bauer sisters strike a pose.

Christmas with StoneBridge

THE STONEBRIDGE JACKET

When the jackets were presented to the StoneBridge Team, it was explained how each jacket told a story about each Operator. For US Military Veterans, the branch of service the operator served is displayed on the back collar of their jacket. Along with their military service history being recognized, it was important that their length of time at StoneBridge also be acknowledged. Inspired by the service stripes displayed on an Army Class A uniform, stripes will also be found on the right arm of the operator's jacket. One stripe will be displayed upon completion of their first year. Two stripes after a total of three years with an additional stripe added every three years after.



The first StoneBridge Jacket was presented to Don Ziegenfuss. Don, a retired Navy Chief Petty Officer, has



Mark Scheidler embraces Shane Kennedy while receiving his StoneBridge jacket. Mark's jacket has 2 stripes recognizing his



As the evening wound down, The StoneBridge Pub proved to be the place for the after party!

A 14 year tradition of wearing "Crazy Hats" was continued.



Christmas with StoneBridge



Pictured left: Garry Hadler poses for a picture with Denny Koch and his



wife.

Pictured below: Shane Kennedy and his baby girl, Taylor Noelle Ken-



Pictured above: Butch Kennedy, Founder of StoneBridge Trucking was asked to explain where the name "StoneBridge" came from.



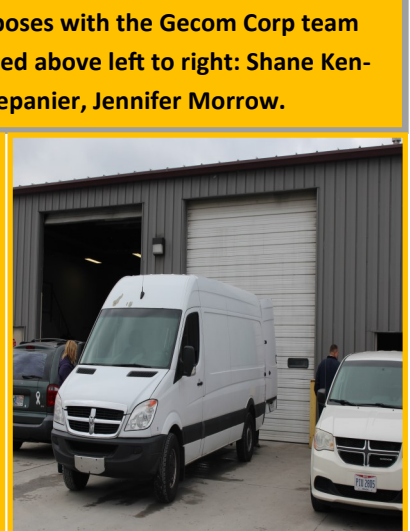
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Operation Gatlinburg

StoneBridge Trucking was proud to be a part of the local effort to send supplies down to the victims of the Gatlinburg wildfire. Gecom Corp and Steel Technologies of Greensburg, IN both contributed in purchasing supplies. StoneBridge transported the purchased supplies to Crum Trucking where they will be shipped to Gatlinburg. Marcia Trepanier of Gecom Corp coordinated the effort.



StoneBridge CEO Shane Kennedy poses with the Gecom Corp team who coordinated the effort. Pictured above left to right: Shane Kennedy, Tony McLaughlin, Marcia Trepanier, Jennifer Morrow.



The Voice of StoneBridge Trucking



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Garry poses for a picture with his father David who passed away December 18, 2016.

It's 1205am on a Tuesday morning, and a StoneBridge customer has a hot expedite needing picked up in Kentucky that morning and delivered to Alabama ASAP. Regardless of the time, they call the StoneBridge dispatch to see if this is possible. Like always, StoneBridge is there to answer the call. Since January 2013, StoneBridge Customers have been accustomed to **one voice** on the other end of the phone, **one name** on the other end of the email, and **ONE** high expectation of professional customer service, and a high level of unmatched courtesy and competency. The person responsible for this is **Garry Hadler. That is why today, you will get to know the person who is *The Voice of StoneBridge Trucking.***

Garry is born and raised in Greensburg, IN. He is a proud father of two boys, and a grandparent. Garry is always proud to show his support for law enforcement. His oldest son Nick, is a police officer and recently had his first child Ty Hadler, 8 months ago. Garry's youngest son Scott, is a CPA and was recently married during a New Year's Eve celebration. Rarely will you see Garry not smiling, and that's easy to understand based on how proud he is of his two sons and grandson. He has been working in auto and truck sales and service since he was 17 years old. In 2011, Garry was having a conversation with his friend Butch Kennedy, when Butch mentioned he needed somebody to help with light vehicle maintenance at StoneBridge Trucking. He worked and drove until Butch underwent knee surgery in 2013, when Butch knew it was time for him to make a change at the Operations / Dispatch desk. Butch said ***"It was time for me to seriously consider retirement. I needed someone competent, energetic, trustworthy, and professional to immediately step in for me"***.

At that point, it was clear that Garry Hadler was the man for the job. Garry is one of the hardest workers out there. From Jan 2013 to Oct 2016, Garry never took a day off, never had a vacation, never took a break from running the entire operation. When asked about this, Garry's response is enlightening. ***"As stressful as this job is at times, I really do enjoy it. I enjoy the variety of hats I get to wear. I enjoy the people I consistently speak with over the phone. I enjoy knowing I am helping them in times of need. And I enjoy our entire StoneBridge team. It's a good job, and I am proud of what I do."***

As happy as Garry is on a consistent basis, that changed on December 18, 2016 when his father, David Hadler, passed away. After a serving in the Army National Guard, David Hadler spent his professional life working as a Banker, and ended his career as a locksmith. Garry has nothing but love and admiration for his father, ***"He was a good, trustworthy, and hardworking man. I love him and I miss him. I am extremely proud to have been his son. He is a very large part of who I am as a man and professional today"***.



Garry holding his newborn grandson, Ty Hadler.

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In the Spring of 1964, a Navy Recruiter presented at Arlington HS outside of Rushville, IN. Morris “Butch” Kennedy was listening. Butch grew up on a farm, and was not keen spending the rest of his life working there. His older brother Lloyd Kennedy had served in the Navy, so Butch decided to approach the recruiter and the following conversation occurred:

Butch: *“If I join the Navy, is there any way I could ever end up on a farm?”*

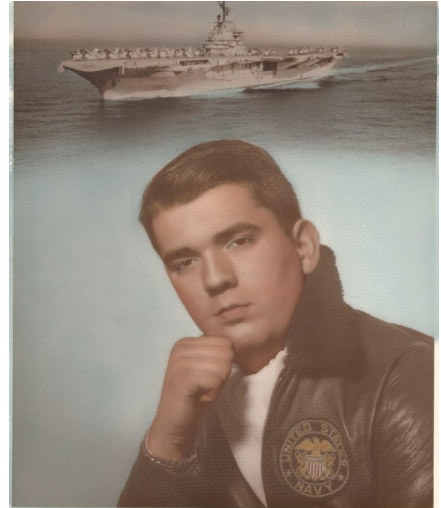
Recruiter: *“You will never be in one place long enough to grow corn.”*

Butch: *“That’s all I need to hear, see you in the Fall.”*

On September 2nd, 1964, Morris Allen Kennedy enlisted in the United States Navy. He remembers his mother being extremely unhappy when he left to attend Basic Training at Naval Station Great Lakes, IL. *“She was scared, she loved me, all moms are scared.”*

After completing his basic training, Butch completed Class A Machinist school on his way to becoming a 3rd Class Petty Officer in the Navy. It was upon graduation, that Butch learned he would be assigned to the USS Kearsarge. Upon arrival, he was both lost and amazed. *“It was the largest ship I had ever seen. I was lost for my first three days aboard, then all of the sudden, the ship was moving.”* At this point, since the ship was underway, he figured he would find out what happened next, *“I asked the closest person I could find what was going on, in which they responded: Son, we are going to Vietnam.”*

Butch would go on to serve in the Navy until he was Honorably Discharged on 30 August, 1968. He is proud of his service and how the experience has positively influenced his life.



Butch poses for his USS Kearsarge Picture.

While serving, he was able to see the world. He visited Hawaii, Yokuska Japan, The Gulf of Tonkin, Singapore, Sasamo Japan, Hong Kong, and the Phillipines.

Importantly, it opened his mind up to the world while allowing him to appreciate home. *At first I was incredibly homesick, but I was so thankful for the opportunity to serve. As I traveled the world, it made me appreciate other cultures, religions, and people, while developing a deep appreciation for the United States. My service in the Navy still directly reflects on who I am as a person, and my company, StoneBridge Trucking. It was one of the best decisions I have ever made.*



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In 1972, Donald "Ziggy" Ziegenfus contemplated a decision many were pondering in 1972: *Join the military, or wait to be drafted?* At that time, Ziggy had a brother-in-law in the US Navy, and was not drawn towards the Army. On a Spring afternoon, his mother drove him to a recruiting office and signed the paperwork herself, allowing him to enlist in the US Navy at the young age of 17. *"I was ready. On June 6th I graduated high school, and by June 27th, I was at boot camp in Great Lakes, IL."*



Early in his career, Ziggy spent time stateside in Little Creek, VA onboard the USS Atakapa (ATF-149) and at a Naval Sub Base in New London, CT. During his time at New London, he was ready for a career in the Navy. *"While in New London, I reenlisted for Navy Yeoman school, and new at that I point I would serve for 20 years."* After a short stint at Patuxent River, MD, Ziggy received orders to serve at what would turn out to be his favorite tour of his career: **Navy Controller Shipping Office - Bahrain**. Bahrain is a small island off the coast of Saudi Arabia, and Ziggy served at this Middle East location from 75' - 79'. *Bahrain is very different from many think of the Middle East, it is a very westernized country with no fanatical influence. I lived off base the entire time while stationed there.* Ziggy also enjoyed

the fact that there were only approximately 40 personnel serving on his base at the time, and thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Commanding Middle East Force.

As much as Ziggy enjoyed Bahrain, he had many more rewarding tours of service ahead of him. In 1980, he was stationed in London, England at the Fleet Ocean Surveillance Intelligence Center. *"It was a different experience, I never wore a uniform. I wore a suit and tie every day."* After London, Ziggy would spend 5 years in Washington, DC performing in many different roles. Amongst them was working for the Chief of Naval Operations as an Assistant Flag Writer as well as working for the Defense Intelligence Agency.



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In 1988, Ziggy's career was winding down, but one of his most proudest moments was still in front of him. At this point in his career, Ziggy had returned to the Middle East and was serving in Saudi Arabia as part of the US Navy Detachment - US Military Training Mission. It was here that he assisted in training the Saudi Arabian Military on minesweepers and patrol boats. While serving in Saudi Arabia, Ziggy would achieve what many enlisted Sailors spend their careers working towards:

The promotion to Chief Petty Officer.

US Navy Chief Petty Officers are the absolute backbone of the US Navy. Ask any Junior Officer in the Navy who they depend on the most.



Ziggy enjoys Thanksgiving dinner in Saudi Arabia.

“The most important person that determines the success of the mission and the growth of our Sailors is the Chief Petty Officer”. After being promoted to Chief in 1990, Ziggy would eventually retire from the US Navy in 1992. ***“My 20 years of service went extremely fast. I served during the Cold War, Vietnam, and Gulf War. I learned what it meant to “take responsibility” and “be accountable”. Since 14 years old, I have had 5 jobs: Burger Chef, US Navy, Funeral Director, Hotel Night Audit, and Stonebridge Trucking. Its rare to spend a life working without moving from job-to-job, and I am proud of that.”***

Given Ziggy's history of Honorable Service, he feels a connection to Stonebridge Trucking and its motto:

American Veteran Owned - American Veteran Driven.

“Part of our job is to be dedicated and responsible to our customers. This was no different than the dedication and responsibility I had to my Sailors and shipmates while serving. I really enjoy working with the other operators at Stonebridge who also served and feeling connection on those who have served can appreciate.”



The Genesis of StoneBridge Trucking

Where did the word “Stonebridge” in Stonebridge Trucking come from? Last December, during the Stonebridge Christmas party, that question was posed to the company’s founder, Butch Kennedy. During the 80’s, Butch lived

outside of Greensburg, IN in which there was an old stone bridge he crossed every day to get home. One day, after receiving a lot of rain, the river the bridge crossed flooded and the bridge was highly damaged and half of it collapsed deeming it structurally unsafe to utilize. Butch’s father, Paul Kennedy, was well into his 80’s when he decided that day, he wanted to see his son. The authorities had yet to blockade the bridge to prevent utilization, when he remembers seeing his father after he had crossed the bridge.

Butch vividly recollects the conversation he had with his elderly father. ***“I came home, and to my surprise, my father was waiting for me on my porch with his socks and shoes off. He crossed another flooded bridge prior to crossing the old stone bridge in front of my house. I said Dad, why in the world did you cross that bridge, you could have been killed?”*** His Dad responded simply ***“I wanted to see my son”***. Shortly after this exchange, the county authorities arrived and assessed the damage and shut down the bridge entirely. Butch remembers thinking to himself ***“My father is the last person to crossed that old stone bridge”***.



Stonebridge Transit crossing the renovated “Old Stone Bridge” outside of Greensburg, IN.



Butch Kennedy explaining where the name “Stonebridge” came from during the company

In 1992 Butch Kennedy started Stonebridge Antiques and would later go on to found Stonebridge Trucking in 1999 when his son left for the military. ***“I no longer needed insurance for Shane once he joined the military, so I took a chance at working for myself, and gave the trucking industry a shot”***. Butch started the company with 2 trucks, and would only drive on the weekends when he had free time from his original job. ***“We registered my pickup truck for expedites and had a 1992 Ford F-350 with a 16ft box on the back. I was so extremely appreciative when Batesville Tool and Die gave us our first load”***.

Butch worked extremely hard to start the company, took a chance, and is proud of the results. ***“I am proud that it worked, and am proud of what it stands for. When I see the name StoneBridge, I always think back to my father on that day. He wanted to see his son, and nothing was going to stop him from doing that.”***

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In April 2017, StoneBridge CEO Shane Kennedy, traveled to Bahrain to complete his Annual Training for the US Navy Reserve. Referenced early in the newsletter when outlining StoneBridge Operator Donald Ziegenfus' Navy Career, Bahrain is small island off the coast of Saudi Arabia in the Arabian Sea. Like his family, he was a bit reluctant prior to leaving. ***"I spent time in Iskenderun, Turkey at the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, but that was the only Middle Eastern country I had experienced to date. Yes, I was a little reluctant to fly 14 hours***



across the world for two weeks of training, but glad I did it."



LT Kennedy poses with Mr. Mario Gayanilo, who shared his office with Shane for 2 weeks.

As a Supply Officer, LT Shane Kennedy worked as an Assistant Air Logistics Officer for U.S. Naval Forces Central Command - CTF 53. While supporting the CTF 53 mission, he supported the FIFTH Fleet AOR, including USS MAKIN ISLAND Expeditionary Strike Group and USS GEORGE W. BUSH Carrier Strike Group.

Along with this, he oversaw a variety of tasks including Cargo and Mail management and worked directly for civilian personnel at the CTF 53 air passenger terminal. During this

period, he received training to oversee the Air Force Air Mobility Command's palletizing procedures, which successfully built cargo pallets for operational units throughout the CENTRAL COMMAND Area of Operations.



Shane visited the Grand Mosque and received an English speaking tour.

Bahrain is an extremely safe country where all military families stationed there actually live off base on the economy. While there, there was an F1 Race where Enrique Iglesias was in concert. Pictured above right, he was able to visit the Grand Mosque and received an English speaking tour. ***"The entire experience was beyond enlightening. At first, when driving from the airport, I was very concerned about my surroundings, but that quickly changed. Regardless of what I see on TV, I now know there are countries in the Middle East who, while sharing a predominately different religion, share the same values we do. They want freedom, peace, and to enjoy life. I was made aware of this while there. I was privileged to have received this experience while serving."***

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