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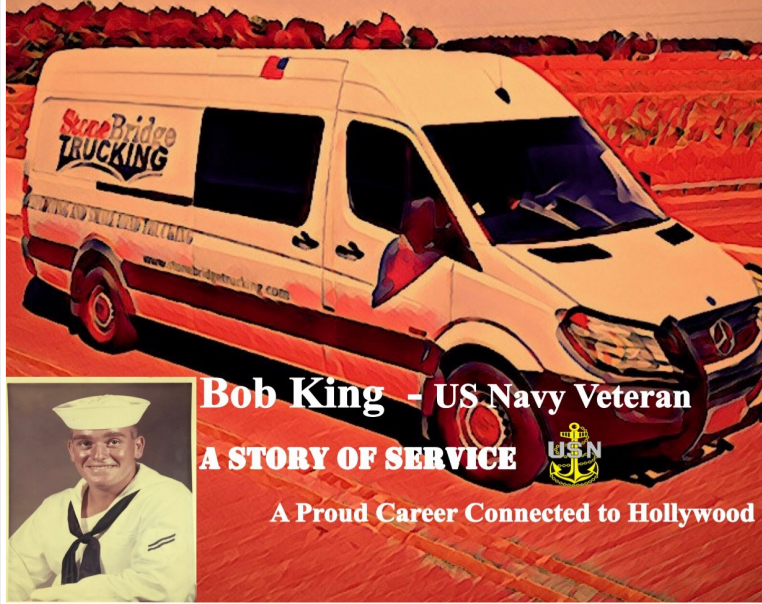
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**Behind the company are people.  
Know the people - Know the person -  
Know the company.**

**Justin** McReynolds was born on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 1986. One of three children, he is the son of Karen and Jim McReynolds. Born and raised in Greensburg, IN, Justin had a normal childhood growing up. That is until tragedy struck his Senior year of high school. 2005 was a new year, and Spring was getting closer. The finish line of high school graduation was on Justin's calendar. But as the month of January was drawing to a close, tragedy was about to strike.

On a cold winter afternoon, Justin was a passenger in a car that was traveling outside of Batesville, IN close to Jawacdah Farms. The road was covered in snow when the two approached a 90-degree corner covered in snow. Justin doesn't remember anything after that. The car had gone down a 20ft embankment requiring Justin to be lifted out on a stretcher and life lined. After being stabilized at the hospital, Justin spent six weeks in a coma. The Glasgow coma scale provides a score in the range of 3-15; patients with scores of 3-8 are considered to be in a coma. Justin was at a 5.

Ironically, StoneBridge Operator Monty Shields was directly involved in the facilitation of the airlift and vividly recounted the entire incident along with his personal connection to Justin:

***"I want to say it was in the winter of 2005, and I was working for Hillenbrand Industries as their Manager of Flight Dispatch at the Hillenbrand Airport. One of the managers at Jawacdah Farm, the Hillenbrand family, and the customer lodge called. There had been a serious wreck just south of them. A car had slid off the road and down a steep embankment.***

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**The** job of a Logistics Dispatcher can be challenging and stressful. When a customer needs to ensure their customers are taken care of, StoneBridge Dispatch is the first person to be called when a problem has occurred in the "process". When this happens, the dispatcher becomes the bridge between a StoneBridge Operator, our customer, and theirs. It is essential to be calm under pressure and ready to deal with all the curveballs that are thrown during an expedite.

***"Justin has done an outstanding job since starting his new role StoneBridge. Not only is he booking loads, but he is also driving and helping out with day to day operations. He is always looking for other ways to help StoneBridge grow!"*** ~ Brad Stephens

For the last year and a half, StoneBridge Operations Manager Brad Stephens has been wearing many hats. While overseeing the entire operation, he has been working diligently to uphold a high level of dispatch service to our team, along with our customers and theirs. With this, much growth has occurred, and evening relief was much needed. StoneBridge CEO Shane Kennedy saw this coming:

***"It got to the point that it was unreasonable to expect Brad to have the phone 24/7. It would eventually make him ineffective in his role if he didn't have someone who could consistently provide weekend and evening relief. I knew it was time to find someone for this important role. Justin was always our first choice based on everything he has given and has to offer."***

# Moonlighting at StoneBridge



Justin with his wife Lindsey and their children Karigan (left), Alana (middle), and Kaden (right).

***She said there was a young man trapped, that EMS was working on extracting him and had already called in a Lifeline chopper. "It doesn't look good."***

***She was notifying us so I could help provide separation with any of our jets that might be in the area as the chopper would be passing through our normal flight path and almost over the airport to get to the scene. She said the victim was from Greensburg, likely in high school, and wondered if I knew him. When she said his name was Justin McReynolds my heart stopped. "J" had been to our house several times and was a close friend of my oldest son Joey. In fact, Joey spent almost every day visiting Justin in Cincinnati while he was in a coma - I think this lasted two months or so. We were so happy (and relieved) when Joey came home to tell us "J" was awake. Since Joey died (2007), we have remained very close with Justin, Lindsey, and their family. In fact, it was "J" that referred me to StoneBridge Trucking. He's grown up and become quite the good man and father (don't tell him I told you so)."***  
~Monty Shields

Justin would work through recovery and eventually regain a healthy life. With this, he still experienced his struggles as a result of the life-changing accident. He was not proud of his path, **but somebody extremely important came into his life in 2014 that would reset his path.**

***"I met my wife Lindsey in 2014. She is one of the strongest women I have ever met. I met her at the right time. I have no idea where I would be without her".***

The two eventually married in 2016 and are raising a family of three together. Their children Karigan (15), Kaden (13), and Alana (5), share a strong bond. Given their ages, life is always busy, and Justin and Lindsey make an excellent team.

Professionally, Justin spent time with Adessa and Honda before joining AVI nearly ten years ago. Having flexibility in the evening, Justin joined StoneBridge part-time in 2017 and worked a couple of years as an evening expeditor. With this, Justin didn't only drive. From day one, he has always shown an additional level of commitment to the StoneBridge Vision and Future:

***"It was clear that Justin didn't see us as a part-time job. He has always been committed to the process, the growth, the vision, and our family. He has introduced us to additional customers and referred many additional drivers who have proven themselves as valuable members of our team. Based on this level of commitment, Brad and I found him to be a perfect candidate for the evening dispatch role." ~ Shane Kennedy***

In August, Justin assumed this role for two evenings a week and two weekends a month. He has shown a commitment to grow in his position and his bright future, "***Moonlighting with StoneBridge.***" An avid Colts fan, he is a 15yr season ticket holder and values time with his family. He has enjoyed being a member of the StoneBridge team:

***"I enjoy the flexibility, the customers, the team, and the overall vision of the company. I am excited about my future here. The additional income on a part-time basis has helped my family."***

# A STORY OF SERVICE



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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 is employed by many who have a history of service to their country.



**When** Bob King joined StoneBridge Trucking in 2018, he hit the ground running. There wasn't very much grass growing under his feet when he was asked to jump in a cargo van and head to Michigan for a hot-shot load for one of StoneBridge's top customers. Along with this, winter had begun in Indiana, which meant it had established itself in Michigan. Unfortunately, Bob hit the road so fast that a few key details of his past were missed. Bob was a US Navy Veteran and had proudly served in the 1960s. This significant detail went undisclosed for quite some time. Luckily today, his proud story will no longer be private. Thanks to Bob, these interesting years have been divulged for the StoneBridge family and their customers to enjoy and appreciate.

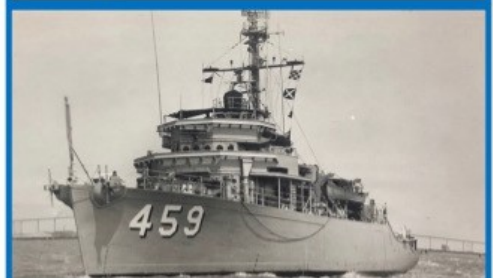
In the Spring of 1964, Bob was about to graduate from high school and was not focused on college. The son of Roy & Dorothy "Dot" King he was born and raised in Oldenburg, IN. Sharing a home with two brothers and a sister, he was ready to move on with his life after high school. While interested in the prospects of getting his education, he fought with the same reservations many face when entering the real world as a teenager.

***"I considered college but wasn't interested in it at that point in my life. My older brother was a Navy Veteran, and I felt this was a better option for me."***



Bob King enlisted in June 1964.

In June 1964, Seaman Robert King enlisted as a Boatswain Mate. He attended boot camp at Naval Station Great Lakes as a member of Company 252, which would receive recognition as the Color Company. After graduating from boot camp, he was stationed in Norfolk, VA with the Nuclear Weapons Training Center as a communications carrier. In September of 65, after one year on dry land, he boarded the USS Nimble in Charleston, SC. Upon assuming his duties on the ship, he learned the Nimble would have a 6-month deployment to the Mediterranean and eventually take port in Naples and Barcelona.



Commissioned USS Nimble - 1955

# A STORY OF SERVICE



While in Barcelona, the mission of the USS Nimble would take a turn when a US Air Force refueling mission would go array.

*"The Nimble was a minesweeper. Our sole purpose was to protect the fleet. The Air Force had a refueling mission that resulted in a crash in which a nuclear weapon was aboard the plane that crashed".*

While this info certainly will cause one to raise a brow in interest, what was disclosed next would allow this particular story to resonate with many around the world.

Why?

Because they either read the book or watched the movie!



In 2000, the mission that Bob King was a part of was depicted in the Hollywood Blockbuster **"Men of Honor"** starring Cuba Gooding Jr. and Robert Dinero. In one scene, Cuba Gooding Jr's character was a Navy Diver in search of the lost nuclear warhead.



While Bob was not granted a cameo in the movie, he certainly remembers the mission vividly and is proud of his service during it. Along with his time in the Mediterranean, he also spent time in other global locations, including Naples, Barcelona, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

After receiving an Honorable Discharge from the Navy in September of 1967, Bob returned to Oldenburg and eventually landed with StoneBridge Trucking. He sees a connection between his Naval service and those that work at StoneBridge. "I loved the travel and friendships in the military. Today I get to work with many fellow veterans at StoneBridge and enjoy hearing their stories". "I also appreciate how people treat us when they read the back of our fleet vehicles". The straight trucks and vans in the StoneBridge Fleet read **"American Veteran Owned – American Veteran Driven."**

Because of veterans like Bob King, we are

**American Veteran Driven.**



# The NEW Glue



**JD** McClintic was born in Greensburg, IN in 1989. Son to John McClintic and Ruthy Tuley, he has three siblings and is a loving father to his daughter Chevy.

After graduating from Greensburg High School in 2007, JD worked many different jobs but ALWAYS had an interest in working on cars . . . . .

***“At the age of 14, I started working on cars. I had a 74’ Chevelle. I sold it and bought a 72’ at the time. It was my first legal car that I was driving around then despite my age. Ever since, it has been my hobby. It was something I enjoyed doing with my grandpa and my father.”***

Every now and then someone will walk through the StoneBridge door looking for an opportunity. We pride ourselves in treating everyone equally when evaluating whether they will be a good fit for the StoneBridge culture. But sometimes that person is bringing a little extra to the table that is deep rooted in the history of StoneBridge Trucking.

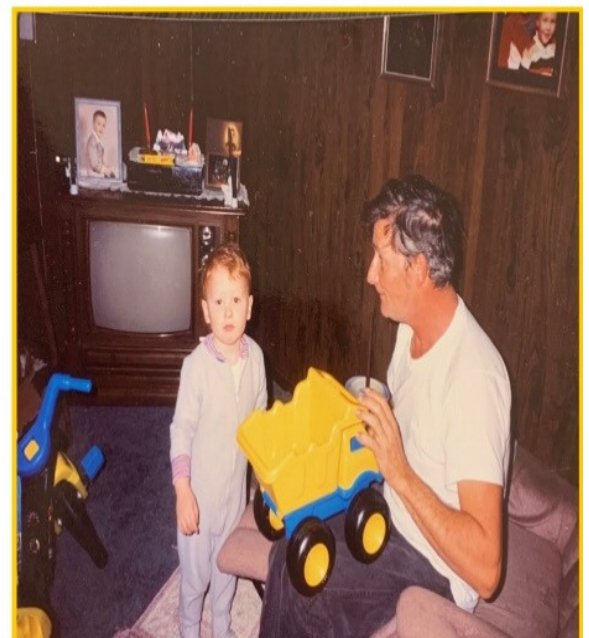
In the Spring of 2018, JD McClintic walked into StoneBridge looking for an opportunity. After working through his application and a brief discussion, he mentioned

***“ My grandpa was Pete Tuley”.***

At that moment, we knew we had a StoneBridge Legacy in our presence. For approximately 7 years, Pete was the StoneBridge mechanic and worked directly for StoneBridge Founder, Butch Kennedy. Butch’s feelings towards Pete as a person and member of StoneBridge were profound:

***“Pete was more than our mechanic, he was family.”***

In the Spring of 2008, StoneBridge lost a member of its family when Pete lost his battle with cancer. JD McClintic was just a teenager at the time.



**JD pictured with his grandpa Pete Tuley. Pete was adored by his entire family and everyone who knew him.**



# That KEEPS us Moving

**JD's** relationship with his Dad and Grandpa installed his foundation and interest in cars.

***"They taught me the basics and I took it from there. I now utilize YouTube quite often, but am genuinely appreciative for Doug and Charlie's help."***

YouTube may be something he uses by himself. But he does have a wealth of experience around to support him. After proving himself in a truck for 5 months, JD was offered the job as the lead mechanic when Charlie Mann (featured in the Fall 2018 issue), decided he was ready to relocate to Florida. Charlie agreed to stay on as a consultant.

JD will often conference Charlie into phone calls when drivers are on the road experiencing issues that JD cannot address directly. Doug Spon has 40 years of experience and will work directly with JD on site as he works to actually address and fix problems in the shop.

Prior to coming to StoneBridge in 2018, JD had a history of working there while in high-school.

***"In 2005 & 2006, I spent time here washing trucks with grandpa. I actually already had my "For Hire" license because of this."***

Over the past year, JD has worked extremely hard and has undoubtedly filled the shoes and upheld the standard set by his grandfather. Being the mechanic at StoneBridge is not easy. The company is still growing, it is utilizing more trucks than ever, and it is in transition to a new location. Being flexible is paramount in these times. On top of this



**JD pictured with his daughter Chevy. She is set to turn 10 in September.**

**JD** is often asked to drop everything, jump in a truck, and complete a load. StoneBridge Operations MGR Brad Stephens relies on him heavily:

***"JD has been wonderful to work with. Without him, things would honestly fall apart, literally and figuratively."***

Despite the stress involved in JD's role as **"The NEW Glue"** he enjoys the job.

***"I have a lot of freedom at StoneBridge. It is challenging but extremely laid back. I enjoy it."***

Outside of keeping the fleet moving, and being a father, JD is known in certain Greensburg establishments to have excellent vocals for the karaoke scene. He stays active playing basketball and enjoys the art of tattoos. **We will save those for another issue.**

# A STORY OF SERVICE



## US Navy Veteran Bill Pike

**He** was chosen to become an Aircrew Survival Technician / Parachute Rigger. After attending boot camp in San Diego, CA, he immediately transferred to Lake Hurst, NJ.

It was here that he would spend four months training in "A" school. He graduated top 3 in his class and was awarded top choice of his orders. During his first enlistment, he opted to join an E-2 Hawkeye Surveillance Squadron in Miramar, CA. It was here that he would spend 3 ½ years with VAW-114 where his squadron was attached to the USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70) in Alameda, CA.

This squadron would later be attached to the USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63) in which he had the opportunity to bring around the southern horn. During his 3.5 years of service, he had approximately one year at sea and visited 13 countries.

**Each** day, the residents of Shelby County entrust the lives of their children to Bill Pike. Bill Pike is a school bus operator who spends his Summer breaks, Fall breaks, Christmas breaks, and Spring breaks driving for StoneBridge Trucking. He is a seasonal driver for StoneBridge, but a full-time member of our family.

Before pursuing a career with a Commercial Driver's License, he had a history of service to his country.

Billy Joe Pike Jr. was born and raised in Evansville, Indiana. In 1988 he graduated from F.J. Reitz High School. After graduation, there were no plans for college, and his future was uncertain. Given that his father had served in the Army Special Forces, he decided to join the Navy and in June 1988, he took the oath to uphold the US Constitution.

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In addition to this, he served on 3 separate deployments to Panama in Central America (Howard Air Force Base), working as a joint exercise drug interdiction Navy, DEA, Coast Guard & Air Force. Bill Pike's service earned him many service awards including the Sea Service, Expeditionary Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Coast Guard Special Ops, Battle "E," Joint Meritorious Citation, and Pistol Expert. In 1992, he re-enlisted and attended military instructor school in San Diego, CA. From San Diego, he received orders to Naval Aviation Schools Command (NASC) in Pensacola, FL. as a water survival instructor teaching and training aircrew members, while becoming a water rescue swimmer and lead equipment specialist in his command.

In December 1995 he received an **Honorable Discharge** and attended Northwest Florida State College where he graduated from and chose a career in Law Enforcement where he served in Florida and Indiana.



***"I thoroughly enjoy working at Stone-Bridge. The camaraderie with the other veterans and operators along with the strong leadership within the organization closely mirrors my experience and memories of serving in the US Navy."***

~ Bill Pike



**Bill pictured with his wife Adriel and two sons, Sean & Seth.**

# KENNEDY'S IRISH PUB



Before StoneBridge Trucking ever was a thought, StoneBridge Antiques was a strong staple of the Greensburg square. StoneBridge Antiques will never be referenced in the same sentence as Storie's Restaurant, but for many years in the early nineties, StoneBridge Antiques was located on the square and was an excellent visitor spot to those enjoying the day seeing what Greensburg had to offer. Over time, StoneBridge Antique's would grow and expand, requiring it to relocate to what would eventually become StoneBridge Trucking. StoneBridge Antique Mall would thrive, but Butch Kennedy had other ideas for how to utilize his time and the facility. For years, he simultaneously ran StoneBridge Trucking out of the Antique Mall, which certainly was a challenge. Over time, he faded out StoneBridge Antiques to focus on StoneBridge Trucking.

**But not all the antiques are gone. To this day, there are still items for sell . . . . .**

**EXCEPT ONE.**



# KENNEDY'S IRISH PUB

Now, one question you may be asking is,

**“How in the world is President Abraham Lincoln ALLEGED” to be connected to StoneBridge Trucking”?**

Well, here it goes . . . . .



StoneBridge Founder Butch Kennedy stands with his nephew in the 80's in his sister's garage that was home to the Lincoln bar for many years.



Located at the back of StoneBridge Trucking is the Kennedy's Irish Pub. While much “history” has been created within the pub (just ask and we have probably forgotten everything), the actual bar itself is an antique that we believe may have been in the presence of the 16<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. The actual bar located in Kennedy's Pub dates back the mid 1800's when it was located within the Bates House in Indianapolis. During this time, President Lincoln stopped at the Bates House and spoke in route to his inauguration. Later, a reception was held for the President. If you have ever been to a reception, the likelihood that alcohol was served from a bar is high, and we believe this bar could have very likely been a part of that very reception (please see article provided). The Bates House would eventually be made a parking lot and the bar would be purchased and relocated to Greensburg, IN. It moved around for a bit when it finally found itself in the garage of Butch Kennedy's sister, Pat Wic. For years, Pat and her husband would host many people. In the mid 90's, Pat decided to list it for sell at the StoneBridge Antique Mall. Quickly, Butch decided to purchase it from her, and it has remained in the rear of StoneBridge Antiques until Butch had an idea that would change StoneBridge forever.



*“Shane had just left for the military and had been stationed in Germany. He was coming home that Christmas and I was so excited to have built a pub around the bar. Ever since December 2000, it has been our favorite spot to converse, talk life and talk business. Some of which we can actually recall.”*

~ Butch Kennedy - Founder of StoneBridge Trucking



Bates House balcony where Lincoln spoke in 1861

**Tom Keating**

# 120 years ago today Abe stopped here on way to inauguration

ONE HUNDRED and 20 years ago today, Abraham Lincoln spent part of his 52nd birthday in Indianapolis trying to avoid the Indiana legislature.



Lincoln had just been elected President of the United States and was en route from Springfield, Ill. to Washington D.C. to be inaugurated.

By all accounts at the time, Lincoln's birthday celebration was subdued. The Union was about to divide and there was much on his mind.

The President-elect left Springfield by train on the 11th and was met at the Indiana state line by a welcoming committee from the Indiana legislature. It was a delegation Lincoln did not expect.

**THE TRIP** from the state line to Indianapolis turned out to be something of an ordeal. At every stop along the old Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette Railroad line, townspeople gathered and hollered for Lincoln to appear on the flag-

draped rear platform and deliver a speech.

At one point, Lincoln was in the midst of telling a story to the crowd at Thorntown when the train suddenly pulled away. When the train stopped next at Lebanon, several persons in the crowd claimed they had ridden horses from Thorntown, so Lincoln finished the story.

When the train arrived in Indianapolis about 5 p.m. to the sounds of a 34-gun salute (one gun for each of the 34 states then in the Union), Lincoln was met by Gov. Oliver P. Morton.

**LINCOLN MADE** a few remarks and was whisked off at the head of a parade through downtown Indianapolis. The parade ended at the Bates House, a hotel located on the north side of Washington Street, just west of Illinois Street.

This is where the Claypool Hotel later stood. The site is now a parking lot.

At twilight, Lincoln spoke briefly from a second floor Bates House balcony that faced south. The balcony where he stood was later purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Urban Charles Brenner and attached for years to their home at 1306 North Park Avenue.

That night a reception was held for the next president and his family in the Bates House drawing rooms.

**THE NEXT** morning, the 12th, Lincoln was scheduled to visit the legislature after breakfast with Gov. Morton.

Perhaps because it was his birthday or maybe because he was simply tired of talking, Lincoln ducked out on the meeting while Indiana's lawmakers waited at the Statehouse.

Before leaving Indianapolis, Lincoln was called to the balcony one more time.

While waving to the crowd, some people began hollering for Lincoln's son, Bob, to appear on the balcony and say a few words.

According to the Indianapolis Journal of Feb. 13, 1861, Lincoln shook his head and said, "My boy Bob has not yet acquired the habit of making public speeches. You will please excuse him."

The President-elect boarded his train and left for his next stop, Cincinnati, about 11 a.m.

Indianapolis residents would not see Lincoln alive again. On April 30, 1865, two weeks after he was assassinated, his funeral train stopped in this city on its way to Springfield.

Lincoln's body was placed in the Indiana State Capitol Building from 8 a.m. to midnight on a gloomy Sunday while thousands of citizens filed by to pay their last respects.

# A STORY OF SERVICE

Each time I write a story of service about a member of the StoneBridge team, I am always excited to tell a story that they themselves may not tell. When doing so, I get to learn about a past that I wouldn't ordinarily get a glimpse into. If I do my job right, I will tell the story correctly allowing the veteran to be proud to share it. I am often met with reluctance when asking members of our team to share their military experience, but they are happy to share it once the story is written.

Over the past two years, I have shared many stories of our veterans and each one has been unique. No story is the same. Today I myself have the same feeling of reluctance when writing, but am both proud and humbled of my last 20 years in the US military.



Capt Shane Kennedy was honored to speak at MACS Chad Lewis retirement ceremony aboard the USS Yorktown in Charleston, SC



Pvt Shane Kennedy poses with two fellow trainees before graduating from Basic Training in 1999.

July 26th, 1999 was one of the hardest days of my life. This was the day I officially enlisted in the US Army and would leave the only life I had known for 18 years. I completed my US Army basic training at Ft. Jackson, SC and would go to school Quartermaster School at Ft. Lee Virginia to become an Automated Logistical Specialist. While at Ft. Lee, Virginia, I received orders to go Germany. I was both scared and excited. The Army was really giving me a chance to see the world.

Getting stationed in Europe was one of the best educational experiences of my life. Being from Westport, IN, I was naïve that there was an entire world out there that thought and lived differently than I did. The US Army gave me an education that opened my mind up to the world.

While stationed in Germany, an event happened that forced me to understand why I was wearing the uniform. It wasn't just to see the world. It wasn't just to get money for college. It wasn't simply to have a career and gain a skillset. While I had an agenda when joining, and I had a list of goals I hoped to achieve while serving, I never envisioned spending a career doing so. But, things changed. On September 11th, 2001, I finally realized what serving in the military really meant. Like everyone who experienced that day, I WAS SCARED. I was 20 years old and had no idea what my future would look like, and really didn't understand why 9/11 was happening. What I did know was there was a job to do, and that's why people ultimately join the US military. 9/11 taught me that.

For the next two years, my unit was preparing to be deployed. I had been promoted to Sergeant and my responsibilities were growing. In the Fall of 2002, we learned we would be deployed to Iskenderun, Turkey to support the 4th ID through northern Iraq. While in Turkey, this mission was altered and we spent some time at the Incirlik, AFB. I was set to be honorably discharged in a couple months and was focused on going to Indiana University that summer. But, I saw some off duty military personnel on base wearing Indiana University and Indiana State t-shirts. After striking up a conversation, they let me know about the 181st Fighter Wing. It was a unit in Terre Haute that was part of the Indiana Air National Guard. After learning I could continue serving part-time and go to college, I was committed to continuing my career. I was honorably discharged from the US Army in May 2003 and proudly reenlisted in the Indiana Air National Guard in June 2003.

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Joining the Indiana Air National Guard was a great decision. I chose a path in Information Technology to learn a new skill and got to spend 4 months at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, MS. I started at Indiana University in January 2004 and continued my career in Terre Haute for the next 5 years. After graduating from IU in 2007, I had a very specific goal I wanted to achieve. I had always wanted to receive a commission in the US military so I could serve as a Commissioned Officer.

At the time, the opportunities for a commission in the Air National Guard were few and far between. I was frustrated because I had put in the work, put in the time, and the opportunities weren't there. I liked the Air Force, but I chose to once again to look for a branch that would give me the opportunity I had worked hard for.

**THE US NAVY RESERVE GAVE ME THAT OPPORTUNITY.** On 15 October, 2008, I received one of the biggest honors of my life when I became an Ensign in the US Navy Reserve. After 3 years of serving in the Navy Reserves, I had an opportunity to take active duty orders for recruiting duty. It was a great fit, because I would be able to simultaneously work through law school at the Indiana University School of Law Indianapolis in the evening.

Recruiting duty exposed me to many opportunities and many wonderful people. A close friend I recruited has since been elected to Congress. Little did I know that Governor Pence would eventually become the Vice President of the United States. I was honored when he awarded me with the Distinguished Hoosier Award while on recruiting duty.



LT Kennedy commissioned his close friend Luke Bielawski as a Navy Fighter Pilot in the office of Governor Mike Pence



LT Kennedy was awarded the Distinguished Hoosier Award by Governor Mike Pence for his recruiting efforts in Indiana.



SSgt Shane Kennedy poses for a picture with his future wife Ashlee and the Air Force Ball in 2008.



Shane and Ashlee were married on October 11th, 2014.

*"I can imagine no more rewarding a career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction, 'I served in the United States Navy'".*

~ President John F Kennedy



# A STORY OF SERVICE

Like my dilemma while serving in the Air National Guard, last year I was presented with big decision, simply retire from the US Navy, or continue on my career in the US Air Force Reserve where the opportunity to continue my career was given. Once again, I was blessed and humbled to get this opportunity. On 3 October, 2018, I swore into the US Air Force Reserve at Grissom AFB, Bunker Hill, Indiana.

Today, I am proudly serving as a Logistics Readiness Officer with the 49th Aerial Port Squadron. I honored to be featured recently on their website (see below). After 20 years, I still have the support of my wife to continue my military career. Working for StoneBridge Trucking full-time and serving my country in the US Air Force Reserves is both humbling and rewarding.



Capt. Shane Paul Kennedy will be overseeing the day-to-day operations for the squadron.

Kennedy, a native of Greensburg, Indiana, brings 19 years of experience after serving as an enlisted member in the Army and Air National Guard and as an officer in the Navy Reserve.

“Serving in the different branches, I’ve learned how to speak the different languages,” said Kennedy. “Each branch has its own acronyms; they do things a little bit different. All three branches in their own right have prepared me for this opportunity.”

Kennedy draws from his enlisted experience when making decisions as an officer and while running his family’s trucking company.

“Based on my short time here, it’s clear that the 49th has experienced and is experiencing significant growth,” Kennedy said. “With this growth comes more opportunities for leadership, more opportunities for worldwide support and responsibility for the careers of our Airmen.”

Kennedy’s goal for the 49th is to consistently evolve with the mission in correlation with the growth of the unit, which recently grew from a flight to a squadron.

The 434th ARW is the largest [KC-135R Stratotanker](#) unit in the [Air Force Reserve Command](#). The Citizen Airmen from the Hoosier Wing routinely deploy around the world in support of the Air Force mission.

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## 49th APS welcomes new operations officer

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U.S. Air Force Capt. Shane Paul Kennedy, 49th Aerial Port Squadron operations officer, poses for a photo in front of a unit flag at Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind., Jan. 6, 2018. Kennedy recently joined the 49th APS after serving in the Army, Air National Guard and Navy Reserve. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Chris Massey)

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**GRISSOM AIR RESERVE BASE, Ind.** -- The 49th Aerial Port Squadron recently welcomed a new operations officer to their ranks.

# *A StoneBridge Christmas*

**On** Saturday, December 1st 2018, over 95 people took time out of their busy schedules to be a part of our family, if only for a few hours. Some only had a few minutes to stop in and say hello, some spent the evening. Some traveled over an hour to attend, others less than 5 minutes. Those in attendance were valued customers, members of the StoneBridge team, or friends of the company. Some of them knew each other, many had never met. This night they all shared one thing in common, they were all part of the StoneBridge Family!

**During** the cocktail hour, conversations were struck amongst friends, and new relationships were forged. Home Alone was on at all times so the kids could enjoy one of the great holiday movies while other TV's were focused on College Football Bowl Championship games. The photo area for StoneBridge Christmas photos was a hit. Whether it was a couple's night out, or a family affair, many were taking a picture to frame the evening in time. The party was only beginning when a very special Christmas icon made an appearance. To much of the surprise of all of the kids (and some adults), Santa Claus **"Was Comin to StoneBridge"** and posed with everyone who requested time with St. Nick.

**As** the evening progressed, Kathy Wintz Catering provided one of the best meals a family could ask for. As always, the compliments for the quality of the food, along with midwestern touch associated, left many feeling satisfied and appreciative.

**After** dinner, the StoneBridge Presentation took place when StoneBridge CEO Shane Kennedy took a few moments to recognize each StoneBridge Operator amongst their peers, valued customers, family, and friends.



***"It is and always has been important to ensure that our customers know and understand exactly who our drivers are. If they know the person, they know the people, they know the company. By doing so, they not only know what we do, but WHY we do it.***

***What better time is there to bring our customers and drivers together for an evening of fellowship and conversation, where quotas and timeframes don't have to be met by either?***

***Christmas is the perfect time for this occasion, and we work hard to see the StoneBridge Christmas Party bridges that gap. I am extremely proud of this and when as many people take the time to attend as did this year, I am beyond appreciative."***

***~ Shane Kennedy, StoneBridge CEO***

# *A StoneBridge Christmas*

This year's presentation was a little bit different. There were more drivers to recognize, more customers to acknowledge, more gifts of appreciation to extend, and this year, there WERE TWO SPECIAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE SURPRISED.

StoneBridge Jackets are presented to operators who are within their first year and attending their first Christmas Party. StoneBridge Duffle Bags are presented to 2nd year Operators. For drivers attending their 3rd Christmas Party, custom shoulder bags were presented.

After all operators were recognized, the StoneBridge Awards were presented. Louise Kinker and Bill Fields received the "StoneBridge Legacy Award" for their past dedicated service to StoneBridge. Danny Dwiggins was honored as the StoneBridge Trucking "*Rookie of the Year*". Taking home the Top Award was Operator Terry Hogg as the "*StoneBridge Driver of the Year*".



Prior to the presentation, Santa Claus presented StoneBridge Founder Butch Kennedy with a large candy cane.



Cody Olinger receives his first StoneBridge Jacket.



The StoneBridge Duffle Bag is embroidered with the Logo, American Flag, Operator's name, and branch of military service.



Forrest Sandefur receives his first StoneBridge shoulder bag.

# ***A StoneBridge Christmas***

**StoneBridge Trucking**

◆◆◆**2018 Awards**◆◆◆

◆◆***Driver of the Year***◆◆

**Terry Hogg**



Terry Hogg was the StoneBridge "Driver of the Year" for 2018.

◆◆***Rookie of the Year***◆◆

**Danny Dwiggins**

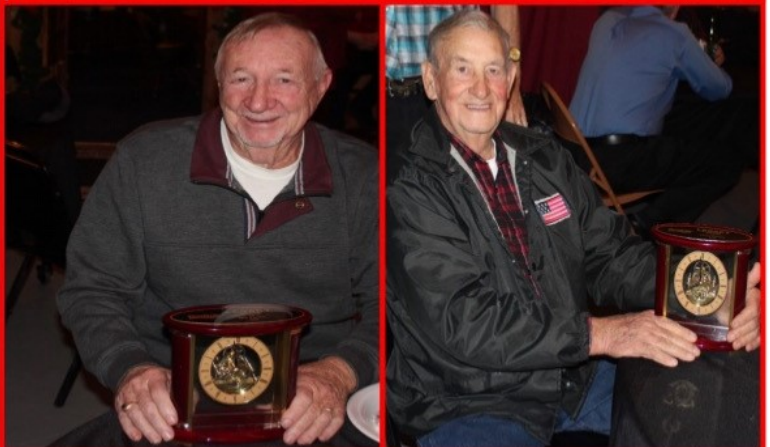


Danny Dwiggins embraces Shane Kennedy while he is recognized as the StoneBridge "Rookie of the Year" for 2018.

◆◆◆***Legacy Award***◆◆◆

**Bill Fields**

**Louie Kinker**



Bill Fields (left) and Louie Kinker (right) were the 2018 recipients of the StoneBridge "Legacy" Award.

# *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.



Bob King receives his first StoneBridge Jacket. Bob, a US Navy Veteran, has "US NAVY" displayed on the back collar of his jacket.



Doug Spon was thrilled to receive his first StoneBridge duffel bag from his grandson.



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

A 16 year tradition of wearing "Crazy Hats" was continued.



# *Christmas with StoneBridge*



Pictured left: Ben Yudes poses with his fiancé Madie.



Pictured below: StoneBridge Founder Butch Kennedy was in the Christmas Spirit.



Pictured above: Garry Hadler had a lot of requests for Santa. Pictured left: BOTTOM— Fun at Kennedy's Old Irish Pub



# Christmas with StoneBridge



Joseph Ross peers through the pane glass contemplating whether he has been naughty or nice in 2018.



"The Voice of StoneBridge" Brad Stephens with his girlfriend Angie. The entire Stephens Family was crucial to the success of the evening.



Taylor Kennedy, daughter of Shane Kennedy, was reluctant to visit Santa.



When the presentation was over—the party Started.

Jess and Cindy Moton have always been close friends to the Kennedy Family.



# *Christmas with StoneBridge*

Pictured right and below:  
Over 95 StoneBridge friends and family attended as the Stone-Bridge Team was recognized and 2018 awards were announced.



Santa Claus was happy to pose with Taylor Kennedy, Joe & Jack Ross.



Marcia Trepanier and her husband pose for a Christmas photo.



The Amberger Family pose for a timeless photo.



# *Christmas with StoneBridge*

Pictured left: Butch Kennedy with his granddaughters Taylor and Monroe Kennedy.



Pictured above: Fred Banks with his wife. Pictured left: TOP—Ashlee Kennedy surprised by Santa. BOTTOM— Doug Spon and his Wife Wanda pose with their son John and his wife Connie (mother of Shane Kennedy).

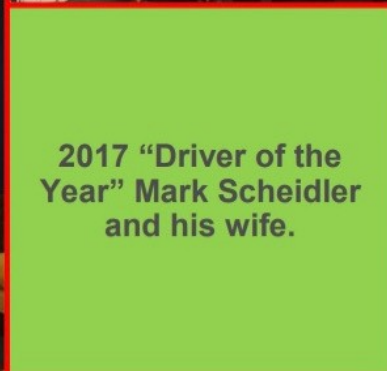
# *Christmas with StoneBridge*

Pictured right:  
Don and Cheryl  
Borman always  
take the time to  
spend the evening  
with  
StoneBridge.

Below:  
2017 "Legacy"  
award winner For-  
rest Sandefur and  
his wife.



Denny Moeller and  
his wife attended  
for the first time.



2017 "Driver of the  
Year" Mark Scheidler  
and his wife.



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StoneBridge CEO Shane Kennedy along with his grandfather and StoneBridge Operator Doug Spon worked directly with Bob Bohman to load the trees en route to US Naval Base Guam.



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# *Christmas with StoneBridge*

## **Pictured Right:**

StoneBridge CEO  
Shane Kennedy with  
his wife Ashlee and  
daughters Taylor and  
Monroe(left)

StoneBridge Operator  
Danny Dwiggins and  
his Wife (Right)



## **Pictured Right:**

John and Connie Say-  
lor with their grandau-  
thers Taylor and Mon-  
roe(left)

StoneBridge Operator  
Terry Hogg and Wife  
with their grand-  
daughter(Right)



## **Pictured Right:**

StoneBridge Operator  
Dave Wirrig and Wife  
(left)

StoneBridge Operator  
Josh Wright and date  
(Right)



# *Christmas with StoneBridge*

## **Pictured Right:**

StoneBridge Operator  
Brock Bayless and  
Wife (left)

Kevin Staggs and  
Wife (Right)



## **Pictured Right:**

StoneBridge Operator  
Justin McReynolds  
and Wife (left)

StoneBridge Operator  
Kim Curtis and Wife  
(Right)



## **Pictured Right:**

StoneBridge Operator  
Dale Sprinkle and  
Wife (left)

StoneBridge Operator  
Bill Gamble and Wife  
(Right)



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