



January 2023 Stratford Veterans Museum VETERAN OF THE MONTH



RONALD AND GREG SPERLING



RONALD (Dad)



GREGORY (with Parents)



GREGORY (Son)

SERGEANT RONALD SPERLING

Ronald Sperling was born in Stratford, CT on December 4, 1933. He was educated in the Stratford school system until 1950 when he left Stratford High School during his junior year to join the United States Navy. After completing recruit training, Ron returned to Stratford on leave. While home on leave and not being satisfied with his time in the Navy, he enlisted in the Marine Corps. While in the middle of Marine Corps boot camp his situation was discovered and he was given a choice to return to the Navy or continue in the Marine Corps. He decided to remain in the Marine Corps and received an honorable discharge from the Navy.

Ron completed infantry training and received additional training in the supply field serving in Camp Lejeune, NC and Camp Pendleton, CA. In 1952, Sergeant Sperling was deployed to Korea in support of the Korean Conflict. He was assigned to the 1st Combat Service Group, 1st Marine Division, operating in and around Inchon, Korea. While performing his supply duties he provided support to combat element units of the 1st Marine Division as well as participating in combat operations. Sergeant Sperling was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps in 1953 and returned to Connecticut and began working at Norden Systems in Norwalk, Connecticut.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4 GREGORY SPERLING

Born January 14, 1960, in Bridgeport, CT. Graduated from Frank Scott Bunnell High School in June 1978. Entered college at Western Connecticut State University in the fall of 1978 and between his freshman and sophomore year of college graduated from Recruit Training, August 1979, Platoon 1039. Upon completion of Recruit Training Private Sperling checked into Detachment 4, Sixth Motor Transport Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Reserves, New Haven, CT and returned to college graduating in January 1983. Between 1983 and 1990, he served in various active duty and reserve billets.

In September 1990, Staff Sergeant Sperling was selected for promotion through the Reserve Warrant Officer Program and was promoted to Warrant Officer.

Chief Warrant Officer Sperling's combat deployments include 1991 Operation Desert Shield / Storm in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait and 2003 Operation Enduring Freedom, the invasion of Iraq.

In November of 2004, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Sperling retired from the Marine Corps Reserve after having served 26 years.

In June 2005, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Sperling volunteered to return to active duty, from retirement in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. After completing pre-deployment training he was assigned as the Executive Officer/Operations Officer for the Transportation Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 8, Camp Fallujah, Iraq.

From September 1, 2005, to April 1, 2006, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Sperling planned and coordinated several hundred combat logistic patrols in support of Counter Insurgency Operations in and around the City of Fallujah. In addition, he and his staff developed, coordinated, and executed the logistical support for the Iraqi Constitutional Referendum and First General Election.