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Our November profiles for Veterans Day continue this week. Stories of three additional fleet veterans are below. We have also begun a list of all of Fleet's veterans to post on the NYC Fleet Internet site. Please email NYCFleet@dcas.nyc.gov if you would like to be included in the list. We appreciate the service by these and all our military veterans.

Kurt Lombelino is an Auto Electrician at the DSNY Cioffe Borough Repair Shop in Brooklyn. He served with the U.S. Marines and Marine Reserves from 1999-2005. During most of that time, he was posted at Floyd Bennett Field. Kurt was trained as a diesel mechanic, fixing Humvees and various types of larger trucks. In 2003, he was deployed to Kuwait and Iraq, and participated in the very start of Operation Iraqi Freedom that year. His battalion was responsible for supplying the front lines and setting up communications for the motor pool. Kurt has been with DSNY since 2004. He was born in Brooklyn and currently resides on Long Island.

Sheperio Hawkins is the Fleet Manager for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner (OCME). He has been with OCME since 2002, when he started as a Motor Vehicle Operator. Previously, he was a school bus driver in New York City and a city bus driver for the MTA.

Sheperio (pictured) served with the U.S. Air Force from 1977 to 1981. During that time, he was stationed in Japan and also served in the Philippines, Australia, Korea, Guam, Alaska and Hawaii. Sheperio was a Sergeant in the Air Force Communications Command and worked as an outside wire line antenna specialist. He installed antennas and support structures up to 300 feet high, and also operated bucket trucks, trenchers to dig for cable lines, and line trucks to hoist towers. Sheperio's military awards include the Good Conduct Medal and Meritorious Service Medal. He says his military experience taught him discipline and organizational skills. "I suggest that young people do this. You get a chance to see the world. You get a chance to see how people live differently and see how we have it better than other countries."



Richard Fosbeck is the Administrative Director of Fleet Maintenance at the Department of Correction. He has worked in the Fleet world for over 50 years and has been with Correction since 2005. Previously, he was the Vice President of the Atlantic Express bus company, and piloted the Access-A-Ride program for New York City, Nassau County and Denver County. After September 11, Rich was part of Ground Zero cleanup efforts with Verizon. At Correction, he received the 2012 Civilian of the Year award from the Correction Officers' Benevolent Association.

Rich (pictured) served in the U.S. Army from 1963 through 1966 as a Section Chief SP4 in Battalion Maintenance/Recovery. He completed a tour in Vietnam with the 6th Gun Battalion 14th Artillery and 25th Infantry Division. His military recognitions include the Vietnam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Expert Rifle and Pistol Badges, and Senior Wheel and Track Mechanic Badges.

