

North Boone

Community Unit School District 200

Staff Spotlight: Gene "Butch" Peters

In this edition of Staff Spotlight, we catch up with Butch Peters. Butch is the district's longest serving employee having been a bus driver with the district since September 1971. This year, the staff spotlights will focus on veterans on the North Boone staff.

Butch graduated from North Boone High School in 1966 and was drafted in December 1968. He reported for Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri in January 1969 for basic training and then to advanced individual training as an infantryman at Ft. Lewis, Washington. He was then assigned to the 1st Infantry Division (Big Red One) and deployed to Vietnam. He was transferred to the 25th ID and returned to the states in June 1970. He finished his military obligation at Ft. Riley, Kansas. It was shortly after this that Butch signed on as a bus driver for North Boone.



Peters shortly after his entry into the Army

Butch's favorite part of the job is "watching students grow up and come back home to serve their community." His wife, Becky (nee Zick), is a NBHS graduate as well. His daughter, Lindsey, graduated from NBHS in 2001. Butch stated he likes to do things to give back to the community. He is on the Board of the United Way of Boone County which is another way he gives back. Butch stated "I'm proud to say I graduated from North Boone and really like working here with other dedicated staff. It's a great atmosphere with a lot of camaraderie."



Peters in Vietnam

It is a honor for North Boone to be able to employ veterans like Butch, who even after military service, still have a desire to continue to serve their community.

North Boone Community Unit School District 200 serves approximately 1,750 students in pre-school through high school in the Villages of Caledonia, Capron, and Poplar Grove as well as the northern tier of unincorporated Boone County, Illinois. For more information visit the NBCUSD website at www.nbcusd.org or contact the district office at 815-765-3322.