



**Robert Earl Dunbar**  
**Specialist 5 U.S. Army**  
**3 March 1958 – 29 February 1964**

Robert was born in Salisbury Township, Pennsylvania, on 23 March 1935. He and his family lived in Salisbury Township from 1935 to 1958, where he attended Washington Elementary School. He completed one year at Fountain Hill High School, and in 1951 went to work as a Shoemaker at Quaker Shoe Corporation in Allentown, Pennsylvania, until he was drafted into the Army on 3 March 1958. He entered the Army as a Private in the Armor Branch at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and was immediately assigned to Fort Hood, Texas, where he received basic training and advanced training with the 4.2 inch Mortar Platoon of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Division. He left Fort Hood in November 1958, when he was transferred to the *Kaserne* (Barracks) in KirchGoens, Germany, where he was assigned to Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Division, as an M113 Armored Personnel Carrier Driver for the remainder of his active duty service. While in Germany, Robert obtained his high school diploma through the General Education Development Program in 1959. He was released from active duty as a Specialist 4 on 25 February 1960 at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and transferred to the Army Reserves until his discharge as a Specialist 5 on 29 February 1964. Robert returned home to Salisbury. In 1965, he went to work as a Welder for Bethlehem Fabricators in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, until 1966, and then went to work as an Autoworker for Mack Trucks in Macungie, Pennsylvania, until his retirement in 1995. Robert became a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2124 in Allentown, for which he also served as a member of the Board of Directors; a life member of the Fullerton, Pennsylvania, Fire Company; and a life member of the American Legion Post 426 in Coplay, Pennsylvania, for which he served as the State Historian during 1985 and 1986. Robert married **Nancy Lou Bill** (born 30 January 1935) at Dubbs United Church of Christ in Allentown on 2 June 1956. They settled in Upper Milford Township, Pennsylvania, where they raised two children, **Bryan Robert** and **Terri Lee**. Robert's parents were **Elmer Dunbar** (12 June 1905 – 15 December 1978) and **Margaret May Ehrig** (13 October 1913 – 4 April 1985). Robert's half brother, **William Floyd Duchodni**, served in the Army during 1953 and 1954.



M113 Armored Personnel Carrier