Donald Reamer
Served in Vietnam, *1966 - 1969*

Montgomery Village resident Donald Reamer was drafted in the Vietnam War in 1966 at the age of 19. Before his draft date, he enlisted in the army for three years. He began his basic training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina for 6 weeks and was then transferred to his MOS (military occupational specialty) in Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, for training as a combat engineer, specializing as a combat demolition specialist. He was transferred to Ft. Riley, Kansas to join the 9th Infantry Division, 15th Engineering Batallion. In September 1966, the batallion was transported to California by train and was shipped to Vietnam by military troop ship. The batallion's mission was to build a home base for the 9th Infantry Division at Camp Bear Cat near Siagon. His duties were to help build the base, bunkers, provide burm security, mine sweep the roads and provide demolition support during search and destroy operations. Once the camp was built his platoon was shipped to the Mekong delta to build another base camp and to provide demolition expertise to the infantry during search and destroy operations in the area. The unit also built military bridges in the area. For the last four months of his tour he was transferred to an engineering batallion near the Cambodian border to support infrastructure building. Upon returning to the United States as a Specialist E5, he was stationed for his remaining 15 months at Ft. Bliss, Texas as a personnel specialist. Reamer left the U.S. Army on January 23, 1969 and was granted an early release so he could attend college in the spring semester.

Once leaving the military, Reamer entered college at American University, earning a BS degree in Chemistry. He then attended the University of Maryland earning a MS and PhD in Chemistry. During his career he worked in the chemisty, software development, and IT health care fields.

Reamer has lived in Montgomery Village for the last 35 years and in Maryland since 1972. He has four children and 5 grandchildren.