I am extremely honored to be selected as a recipient of one of the 2024 11th ACVVC Scholarships. This is the first scholarship I was awarded, and I am so thrilled! It is special to me because it not only honors my grandfather's service but also fallen hero William P. Centers Jr., who was killed in action in 1967. Growing up, my grandfather and I shared many special times together fishing, shooting or simply agitating one another for no reason other than to have fun. He is a proud veteran and has always instilled in me the importance of respecting our country and those that served in the military. This scholarship will provide much needed financial assistance as I am attending San Diego State University, an out-of-state college to pursue my dreams. Thank you again for this generous scholarship and recognition. I am truly honored.

Sophia Pomponio, granddaughter of Carl E. Brown Jr., How Btry 2/11, KIA William P. Centers Jr, 5/21/67