

Ancestors of Brian Nims – A Tradition of Military Service



King Philip's War (1675 – 1678)

Godfrey Nims – One of five men attacked by an Indian raiding party. One man was wounded and later died. In May, 1676, Godfrey served under Capt. William Turner in the Falls Fight (Upper Falls of the Connecticut River). Although a victory for the settlers, Capt. Turner was killed along with 37 other settlers. Godfrey was entitled to land for his service.

Queen Anne's War (1702 – 1713)

Godfrey's son John was ambushed by Indians in October 1703 and was taken to Canada. In February 1704, the Deerfield massacre occurred and his brother Ebenezer and sister Abigail were captured and taken to Canada. John escaped in 1705, and in 1713 was one of a team who went to Canada and negotiated the return of his brother and 25 others who had been captured. His sister married one of the men who had been captured, and they opted to stay in Canada.

Dummer's War (1722 – 1725)

Ebenezer Nims and other family members served as scouts above Fort Drummer, under Captain Joseph Kellog. Their advance party was ambushed, and the main party came upon the ambush site while the dead were being scalped. They attacked the Indians, wounding and killing several. Later, Ebenezer's son Elisha was killed in an ambush.

King George's War (1744 – 1748)

The 3rd of the four French & Indian Wars. David Nims, John Nims, Jr. and other family members acted as scouts for Shattock's Fort. They served on and off until the hostilities ceased in 1749.

French & Indian War (1756 – 1763)

Moses Nims, Reuben Nims (son of John, Jr.) and many others of the Nims clan served, mainly under Capt. John Catlin.

Revolutionary War (1775 – 1783)

John Nims, son of John Nims, Jr., served from Sept. 22 through Oct. 10, 1777 in Captain John Wells company, Colonel David Well's Regiment. Most likely involved in the action in the area of Tulls Mills and Saratoga (Hudson River area). Other Nims' serving in Colonel David Well's Regiment include Abner, Amasa, and Hull.

War of 1812 (1812 – 1815)

Robert Hogg emigrated from Donegal County, Ireland in 1803. Robert and his brother William were both drafted into Captain Matthew Rogers' Company of the Pennsylvania Militia. They served in the Lake Erie area, and participated in the Battle of Lake Erie. Robert is the great grandfather of Brian's great grandfather, John Hogg.

Civil War (1861 – 1865)



[Leopold](#) and [Albert](#) Leistikow, cousins of Jan Frederyk Leistikow, each served for 4 years in the Union Artillery and Infantry, respectively. Jan Frederyk, Brian's great, great, grandfather, didn't immigrate until 1892, but his oldest sons [Adolph and Albert](#) served in the Russian



Army before emigrating.



Brian's great, great aunt Sadie Hogg married Ivan Lux. His father [John Kelley Lux](#) and John's brother Jacob served in the 10th Iowa Union Infantry. Jacob died of typhoid fever in 1862 during the siege of New Madrid, Missouri. John was wounded at Vicksburg, and was somewhat crippled the rest of his life.

John's forefathers were several generations of [William Lux](#), the last, a Baltimore merchant, was a supplier of war materials to the Revolutionary Army. His brother [Darby](#) served as a Lt. Colonel in the Union Army.

WWII (1939 – 1945)



[Frank Nims](#), Brian's grandfather, and Frank's brothers [Buell](#) and [Vernon](#) served in the Army Air Corp as pilots. Frank remained in what was to become the Air Force, and retired as a Lt. Col.

Brian's great uncle [Harry Leistikow](#) enlisted in the Army Air Corp when WWII broke out, and was sent to the Philippines, assigned to the 3rd Pursuit Squadron, 24th Pursuit Group. His unit surrendered, along with the other American forces in the Philippines in April 1942. He survived the Bataan Death March, but died in a prison camp in July of that year.



Brian's great uncles [Spence](#) and [Dick](#) Hogg also served. Spence joined the Army Air Corp. He had both powered and glider aircraft ratings and served in Europe. Dick also joined the Army Air Corp, and served in Guatemala, Panama, and the Galapagos Islands.

Vietnam War (1955 – 1975)



Frank's son Dan, Brian's uncle, was also a career Air Force officer. He was a fighter pilot and test pilot. He flew many missions in Vietnam, though stationed in Thailand. Dan's wife Trudee was also an Air Force officer.

Frank's nephew, Brian's 2nd cousin, once removed, Leon "Hoppy" Nims, was a lawyer in Texas when he was drafted into the Army to serve in Vietnam. He wasn't wounded, but returned with a severe case of PTSD, and was never able to resume a normal life.

Iraq War (2003 – ????)

Brian's brother-in-law, Lee Hogget, was activated to full time status in the Air Force Reserves. As a transport pilot, he flew missions totaling thousands of hours ferrying men and equipment to Europe and the Middle East.