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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** D'AGOSTINO

NORMAN

T.

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

**Address:** 122 RUHLAND AVENUE

☐ Vietnam Era

☒ Vietnam War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SP4

**Year Entered:** 1967

**Year Discharged:** KIA

**Unit / Squadron:**

1ST CAVALRY DIVISION, 5TH BATTALION, 7TH CAVALRY, A COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

PURPLE HEART

VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

ARMY PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

☒ Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment: VIETNAM

**Service Notes:**

Specialist Fourth-Class Norman Thomas D'Agostino was deployed to Vietnam on 11 August 1967 as a Light Weapons Infantryman and was Killed In Action on 13 February 1968 by hostile enemy small arms fire during the TET Offensive in Quang Nam Province, South Vietnam

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Norman D'Agostino was a graduate of St. Joachims Parochial School and Emerson Vocational High School / D'Agostino was drafted into the Army in March 1967 / Norman Thomas D'Agostino was 20 years old at the time of his passing and is interred at St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York

Light Weapons Infantryman lack heavy weapons and armor or with a reduced vehicle footprint / Light infantry units lack the greater firepower, operational mobility and protection of mechanized or armored units, but possess greater tactical mobility and the ability to execute missions in severely restrictive terrain and in areas where weather makes vehicular mobility difficult / Light infantry forces typically rely on their ability to operate under restrictive conditions, surprise, violence of action, training, stealth, field craft, and fitness levels of the individual soldiers to compensate for their reduced lethality / Despite the usage of the term "light", forces in a light unit must carry everything they require to fight, survive and win due to lack of vehicles



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The 1st Cavalry Division ("First Team") is a combined arms division and is one of the most decorated combat divisions of the United States Army / It is based at Fort Cavazos, Texas and was formed in 1921 / The 1st Cavalry Division has served during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, with the Stabilization Force in Bosnia-Herzegovina, in the Iraq War, in the War in Afghanistan as well as Operation Freedom's Sentinel and Operation Inherent Resolve / The unit is unique in that it has served as a horseback cavalry division until 1943, an infantry division, an air assault division and an armored division during its existence / The 1st Cavalry was deployed to Nha Trang, Vietnam in 1965 and 26 March 1971 officially marked the end of duties in Vietnam for the 1st Cavalry Division / The service of the 1st Cavalry Division in the Vietnam War was not without a price / As a grim reminder of their remarkable legacy, the 1st Cavalry Division experienced casualties of 26,592 Wounded and 5,464 Killed In Action

The 7th Cavalry Regiment is a United States Army cavalry regiment formed in 1866 / Its official nickname is "Garryowen", after the Irish air "Garryowen" that was adopted as its march tune / The regiment participated in some of the largest battles of the Indian Wars, including its famous defeat at the Battle of Little Bighorn, where its commander Lieutenant Colonel George A. Custer was killed / The 7th Cavalry became part of the 1st Cavalry Division in the 1920s, it went on to fight in the Pacific Theater of World War II and took part in the Admiralty Islands, Leyte and Luzon campaigns / It later participated several key battles of the Korean War / The unit later participated in the Vietnam War / The 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 7th Cavalry fought in one of the first American engagements of the Vietnam War, the Battle of Ia Drang / Over the course of the war, seven men earned the Medal of Honor while serving with the 7th Cavalry in Vietnam / It distinguished itself in the Gulf War and in the Global War on Terror where its squadrons and battalions now serve as Combined Arms Battalions or as reconnaissance squadrons for Brigade Combat Teams in Iraq and Afghanistan

The Purple Heart was instituted in 1782 by George Washington and is the first and oldest military American decoration / The Purple Heart is awarded to military service members wounded or killed in action, in the latter case posthumously

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A Marksmanship Badge is a U.S. military badge or a civilian badge which is awarded to personnel upon successful completion of a weapons qualification course (known as marksmanship qualification badges) or high achievement in an official marksmanship competition (known as marksmanship competition badges) / The U.S. Army and the U.S. Marine Corps are the only military services that award marksmanship qualification badges / The U.S. military marksmanship qualification badges are awarded in three grades (highest to lowest): expert, sharpshooter, and marksman while their marksmanship competition badges are awarded in three to four grades (highest to lowest): distinguished, silver, and bronze for the U.S. Army and distinguished, gold, silver, and bronze for the Marine Corps

The Presidential Unit Citation, originally called the Distinguished Unit Citation, is awarded to units of the United States Armed Forces for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy on or after 7 December 1941

The Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Medal, also known as the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross or Vietnam Cross of Gallantry is a military decoration of the former Government of South Vietnam (Republic of Vietnam) / The medal was created on August 15, 1950 and was awarded to military personnel, civilians, and Armed Forces units and organizations in recognition of deeds of valor or heroic conduct while in combat with the enemy / Individuals who received the medal, ribbon, and a citation were personally cited at the Armed Forces, Corps, Division, Brigade or Regiment level / The United States military began authorizing the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross in March 1968 with retroactive presentation of the decoration to 1961

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**Name:** **D'AGOSTINO**  
**RONALD**

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

**Address:** 122 RUHLAND AVENUE

☒ **Vietnam Era**

☐ **Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SP4

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

☐ **Served in War Zone** **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Specialist Fourth-Class Ronald D'Agostino was stationed at the Philadelphia Arsenal

The brother of SP4 Ronald D'Agostino, Specialist Fourth-Class Norman Thomas D'Agostino, was Killed In Action in Vietnam on 13 February 1968 by hostile enemy small arms fire during the TET Offensive in Quang Nam Province, South Vietnam

**Base Assignments:**

Frankfort Arsenal, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - The Frankford Arsenal is a former United States Army ammunition plant located adjacent to the Bridesburg neighborhood of Northeast Philadelphia, Pennsylvania / Opened in 1816 on 20 acres of land purchased by President James Madison, it was the center of U.S. military small-arms ammunition design and development until its closure in 1977

**Miscellaneous:**



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**Name:** DAHLGREN

TERRY L.

**Hometown:** LANCASTER

**Address:**

☐ Vietnam Era

☒ Vietnam War Veteran

**Service Branch:**

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

☒ Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment: VIETNAM

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Terry Dahlgren was an Auditor for the New York State Labor Department / Terry L. Dahlgren passed away on 26 October 2022



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**Name:** **DAIL**  
**RAYMOND**

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

**Address:**

- ☐ **Vietnam Era**  
☒ **Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

☒ **Served in War Zone** **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** VIETNAM

**Service Notes:**

Private Raymond Dail served in Vietnam

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** D'ANDREA

ANTHONY

G.

**Hometown:** AMHERST

**Address:**

☐ Vietnam Era

☒ Vietnam War Veteran

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** CPO3

**Year Entered:** 1969

**Year Discharged:** 1972

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

☒ Served in War Zone      Theater of Operations / Assignment: VIETNAM

**Service Notes:**

Chief Petty Officer 3rd Class Anthony Gary D'Andrea served nine months in Vietnam

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Navy, Anthony D'Andrea was employed by Consolidated Edison, the major utility company for the New York City Metropolitan area, as a Human Resource Specialist / D'Andrea retired after forty years with Con Edison / Anthony Gary D'Andrea passed away on 21 July 2017





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**Name:** **DASCOMB**

**DAVID J.**

**Hometown:** CHEEKTOWAGA

**Address:**

☐ **Vietnam Era**

☒ **Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** ARMP

**Rank:** SP5

**Year Entered:** 1966

**Year Discharged:** 1969

**Unit / Squadron:**

1ST AVIATION BRIGADE

**Medals / Citations:**

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

☒ **Served in War Zone** **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** VIETNAM

**Service Notes:**

Specialist Fifth-Class David James Dascomb was deployed to Vietnam for a year as a Transportation Repair-Parts Supply Specialist and was stationed outside Tan Son Nhut Air Force Base

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Dix - Trenton, New Jersey - Fort Dix was established in 1917 and named for Major General John Adams Dix, a veteran of the War of 1812 and the Civil War / Dix served as a training and staging ground during World War II and a demobilization center after the war / Ten divisions and many smaller units trained and staged here before entering the battlefields of World War II / At the end of the war, the reception center became the separation center, returning more than 1.2 million Soldiers to civilian life

Fort Ord, California - Fort Ord, named in honor of Union Army Maj. Gen. Edward Otho Cresap Ord, (1818–1883), is a former United States Army post on Monterey Bay on the Pacific Ocean coast in California, which closed in 1994 due to Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) action / Before construction and official designation as a fort in 1940, the land was used as a maneuver area and field-artillery target range during 1917 / Fort Ord was considered one of the most attractive locations of any U.S. Army post, because of its proximity to the beach and California weather

Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Saigon, Vietnam - Located near the city of Saigon in southern Vietnam, the French Colonial government of Indochina constructed a small unpaved airport in the 1920s, known as Tan Son Nhat Airfield / During the Vietnam War (1959-1975), Tan Son Nhut was a major United States base for Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine units / As the headquarters for the South Vietnamese Air Force, Tan Son Nhut was





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primarily a command base, with most operational units using nearby Bien Hoa Air Base

Fort Eustis, Newport News, Virginia - Fort Eustis is a United States Army installation in Newport News, Virginia / Camp Abraham Eustis was established in 1918 as a coast artillery replacement center and is named for Brevet Brigadier General Abraham Eustis, a 19th-century U.S. military leader who had been the first commanding officer of Fort Monroe, a defensive fortification at the mouth of Hampton Roads / The post is the home to the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, the U.S. Army Aviation Logistics School, the 7th Transportation Brigade, and Joint Task Force - Civil Support / In 2010, Fort Eustis was merged with nearby Langley Air Force Base as Joint Base Langley-Eustis

## *Miscellaneous:*

David Dascomb graduated from Bennett High School in Buffalo / Following his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army, Dascomb worked for Acadia Graphics, Lou Awald Chevrolet-Parts Department and the West Herr-Parts Department, where he retired after 13 years / Dave Dascomb is a member of the West Seneca American Legion Post 735

The 1st Aviation Brigade is an aviation brigade of the United States Army, stationed at Fort Novosel in Alabama / In accordance with The Naming Commission recommendations Fort Rucker was renamed Fort Novosel in early 2023 / The 1st Aviation Brigade traces its origins to the Vietnam War / In April 1965 the U.S. Army Aviation Brigade (Provisional) was activated with the existing 13th, 14th, 52nd, and 145th Aviation Battalions already in South Vietnam / In August 1965 it became the 12th Aviation Group, which then doubled in size and was used to form the 1st Aviation Brigade in March 1966 / The companies supporting Army of the Republic of Vietnam units were located in centralized positions to best provide support / The brigade assigned one combat aviation battalion headquarters in direct support of each infantry division and this battalion headquarters normally worked with that division no matter how many companies might be assigned for a specific mission / The Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Company was located in Saigon from May 1966 until August 1967 / The HQ then moved to Long Binh where it remained until Long Binh was closed in the early autumn of 1972 / The HQ then moved to the MACV compound at Tan Son Nhut, where it stayed until withdrawal

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**Name:** **DAVIDOVICH**

**MICHAEL**

**P.**

**Hometown:** LAKE VIEW

**Address:**

☐ **Vietnam Era**

☒ **Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SP4

**Year Entered:** 1968

**Year Discharged:** 1969

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

☒ **Served in War Zone** **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** VIETNAM

**Service Notes:**

Specialist 4th-Class Michael P. Davidovich served as a Light Weapons, Infantryman during his 12 month deployment to Vietnam

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Michael P. Davidovich passed away on 10 March 2017

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**Name:** **DAVIES**  
**JOHN**

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

**Address:**

- ☒ **Vietnam Era**  
☐ **Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

☐ **Served in War Zone** **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

John Davies retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the New York State Army National Guard, serving 28 years

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

John Davies retired after 45 years as a Superintendent with National Fuel Gas / Davies also lived in The Villages, Florida and Rushford, New York / John Davies passed away on 10 September 2023



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**Name:** **DAVIS**  
**ROLAND**

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

**Address:**

- ☒ **Vietnam Era**  
☐ **Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SSGT

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 11TH INFANTRY, FIFTH US ARMY

**Medals / Citations:**

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL W/OAK LEAF

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL W/2ND CLASP

☐ **Served in War Zone** **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Staff Sergeant Roland Davis served a total of 25 years during the Korea and Vietnam Eras in the Adjutant General's Corps / SSgt Davis served during the Korean War and Vietnam Era, stationed with both the US Army Pacific and the US Army Europe

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Roland Davis received his Honorable Discharge and retired from the United States Army on 30 June 1971 / Roland Davis passed away on 27 February 2017

The 11th Infantry was redesignated 19 February 1962 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 11th Infantry, assigned to the 5th Infantry Division, and activated at Fort Carson, Colorado / The 11th Infantry participated in battles during the American Civil War, Indian Wars, War with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection, World War I and World War II

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The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM) is a military award of the United States Armed Forces, which was first created in 1961 by Executive Order of President John Kennedy / The medal is awarded to members of the



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U.S. Armed Forces who, after July 1, 1958, participated in U.S. military operations, U.S. operations in direct support of the United Nations, or U.S. operations of assistance for friendly foreign nations

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**Name:** DAY

ISAAC

L.

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

**Address:**

☐ Vietnam Era

☒ Vietnam War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

☒ Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment: VIETNAM

**Service Notes:**

Isaac L. Day served two tours in Vietnam and retired from the United States Army after 24 years of service

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Isaac L. Day passed away on 15 February 2023



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**Name:** **DAYER**

**ROGER**

**S.**

**Hometown:** **BUFFALO**

**Address:**

☒ **Vietnam Era**

☐ **Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** **ARMY**

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

☐ **Served in War Zone** **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Roger S. Dayer was drafted into the United States Army in 1967

**Base Assignments:**

Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Georgia - Fort McPherson was a U.S. Army military base located in Atlanta, Georgia and was the headquarters for the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, Southeast Region; the U.S. Army Forces Command; the U.S. Army Reserve Command; the U.S. Army Central / Named after Major General James Birdseye McPherson, the fort was founded by the U.S. Army in September 1867 / During World War I, Fort McPherson was used as a camp for Imperial German Navy prisoners of war and as a training site for the Active Army and Georgia National Guard / At the outbreak of World War II, Fort McPherson served as a general depot and as a reception center established to process thousands of men for entry into the service / In August 1945, as World War II ended, the United States War Department reversed the flow of work at the induction center and Fort McPherson became a separation center for almost 200,000 Soldiers and processed countless others for reassignment / As a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC 2005) recommendation, Fort McPherson was closed down 15 September 2011

**Miscellaneous:**

Roger Dayer attended Bennett High School where he played football / Dayer completed his senior year of high school at the Nichols School where he played football, basketball and ran track / Dayer attended Williams College, later transferring to the University of Buffalo / In his senior year, Dayer was admitted to the University of Buffalo Medical School / Dayer served his internship and surgical residency at Buffalo General Hospital / He went into private practice and worked part-time at the Buffalo Veterans Affairs Medical Center / After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army, Dr. Dayer returned to his practice at Buffalo General Hospital / Dr. Dayer became Clinical Associate Professor at the UB Medical School and served as a member of the school's Admissions Committee / Dr. Dayer was president of the Buffalo Surgical Society and a member of the American



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College of Physician Executives, the American College of Surgeons and the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy / Dr. Dayer was also a member of the Buffalo and Cherry Hill Clubs / Dr. Roger Dayer was a pioneer in colonoscopy procedures and helped develop Health Car Plan, and served as a surgeon / Dr. Roger S. Dayer passed away on 6 July 2023 at the age of 90 years old



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**Name:** DEJOY

JOHN

V.

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

**Address:**

☐ Vietnam Era

☒ Vietnam War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** E-5

**Year Entered:** 1966

**Year Discharged:** 1968

**Unit / Squadron:**

84TH ENGINEERS BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

MARKSMAN BADGE: M-14 RIFLE

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

1 OVERSEAS BAR

☒ Served in War Zone      **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** VIETNAM

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant John Vincent DeJoy served as a Track Vehicle Mechanic

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

John V. DeJoy was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post 2940

The 84th Engineers Battalion saw combat in Vietnam, where it arrived on 9 June 1965 at Cam Ranh Bay / This was the first major contingent of US Army Engineers to land in Vietnam / Stationed at Qui Nhon and later Da Nang, the 84th Engineer Battalion was committed to the construction of major bases, depot facilities, warehouses, roads, bridges, and airfields / The Battalion's authorized strength at this time was 899 soldiers, but with the attachment of 2 companies of Vietnamese laborers, the Battalion strength approached 1700 personnel / The Battalion served in Vietnam until it received orders to deploy from Vietnam in July 1972

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An Overseas Service Bar indicates a soldier has served six months of service in a combat zone / Service Bars are cumulative, in that each bar worn indicates another six-month period / Time spent overseas is also cumulative, meaning one bar could be earned for two separate deployments totaling six months



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**Name:** DELECKI

THOMAS

R.

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

**Address:** 74 WINDMILL ROAD

☒ **Vietnam Era**

☐ **Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** E-4

**Year Entered:** 1969

**Year Discharged:** 1971

**Unit / Squadron:**

III MARINE, FLEET MARINE FORCE (FMF)

**Medals / Citations:**

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

SHARPSHOOTER BADGE: RIFLE

☐ **Served in War Zone** **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Corporal (E-4) Thomas R. Delecki served in Okinawa from 1970 - 1971 and assigned to island mail distribution

**Base Assignments:**

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island (Port Royal Harbor, South Carolina) - Established in November 1861, Parris Island was used as an important base for the Union Navy throughout the Civil War / In October 1915, the principle mission of Parris Island was the training of enlisted Marine recruits / During World War II, approximately 200,000 recruits were trained at Parris Island, including Women Marine Reservists / During the Vietnam War, more than 200,000 recruits trained at Parris Island and training was cut from 12 to 10 weeks to accommodate the number of recruits

USMC Headquarters (Quantico, Virginia) - The Marine Corps established Marine Barracks Quantico on 14 May 1917 / Thousands of Marines trained in Quantico during World War I, including units of the much lauded 4th Marine Brigade / In 1941, Quantico's main task became the education of individual Marines, rather than the large unit training it had conducted in the past / The amphibious warfare techniques developed in Quantico in the years before World War II made victory possible in the conflict's Pacific theater / Quantico also trained 15,000 lieutenants, and numerous officers from other services, who helped lead the United States to victory / In 1947, Quantico Marines conceived of carrying troops from ship-to-shore by helicopter and formed a special squadron to test the idea: Marine Helicopter Squadron-1, commonly referred to now as HMX-1 / The helicopter techniques they used there later proved invaluable during the Korean and Vietnam Wars / Quantico's small, but vital, air facility and HMX-1 continue to aid in development, training, and education, as well as their most visible duty, support of the U.S. president / On 1 January 1968, the base was re-designated the Marine Corps Development and Education Command (MCDEC) in the spirit of the command motto, "Semper Progredi" —



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Always Forward / In 1998, Headquarters Marine Corps moved Manpower and Reserve Affairs (M&RA) and Marine Corps Recruiting Command to Quantico from the Navy Annex in Arlington, Virginia / M&RA has administrative responsibility for all issues related to Marines, their families, and quality of life / As of 2016, Quantico is home to over 28,000 military, civilian, and contractor personnel / In addition, the base offers support to more than 30 federal agencies for training exercises year round

Headquarters 111, Marines, Fleet Marine Force (FMF) (Cape Croker, Okinawa)

## *Miscellaneous:*

Thomas A. Delecki lived in South Buffalo and graduated from Bishop Timon High School / Delecki enrolled at the University of Buffalo where he received a Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree / Following his graduation from college, Thomas Delecki was inducted into the Marine Corps in 1969 / Receiving his Honorable Discharge from the Marines in 1971, Delecki attended Buffalo State College where he earned his Master of Science (MS) Degree in Special Education / Delecki also received a Principle Certificate in Education from the University of Buffalo / Thomas Delecki was married in 1975 and moved to West Seneca / Delecki worked for 34 years between the West Seneca Developmental Center and the Lakeview Shock Incarceration Facility in Brocton, New York / Leaving the Lakeview Correctional Facility where he had been the Education Director, Delecki returned to the West Seneca Developmental Center where he was engaged in Program Development and retired in 2008 / Thomas Delecki is a live-long member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Leonard Post 6251





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**Name:** DI ROSA

PAUL

J.

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

**Address:** Sp-4

☐ Vietnam Era

☒ Vietnam War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:** 1966

**Year Discharged:** 1968

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "A", 1ST BATTALION, 19TH INFANTRY, 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

SHARPSHOOTER BADGE: RIFLE

☒ Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** VIETNAM

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Paul James Di Rosa was a Light Weapons Infantryman in Vietnam

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Paul J. Di Rosa was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post 2940

Company A, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry was constituted 3 May 1861 in the Regular Army / It was organized 24 August 1861 at Indianapolis, Indiana / Following the Civil War the unit was reorganized and redesignated 1 October 1866 as Company A, 19th Infantry

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**Name:** **DI TOMMASO**

**ROBERT**

**J.**

**Hometown:** LACKAWANNA

**Address:**

☐ **Vietnam Era**

☒ **Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** AIR FORCE

**Rank:** LT. COL

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

388TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP

**Medals / Citations:**

PURPLE HEART

VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

AIR FORCE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

☒ **Served in War Zone** **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** VIETNAM

**Service Notes:**

Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. Di Tommaso was a member of the 388th Combat Support Group, Udorn Air Base, Thailand / On 29 July 1966, Di Tommaso was a crew member of an unarmed Douglas Skytrain Reconnaissance Transport (RC-47D) on an operational mission 15 miles south of Sam Neua, North Vietnam, when it was attacked by enemy fighters and crashed / Lt. Colonel Di Tommaso's remains were not recovered

(On 29 July 1966, an RC-47D Skytrain (tail number 43-48388, call sign "Dogpatch") with eight crew members carried out a classified mission over North Vietnam / In the last radio contact with "Dogpatch," it reported that it was under attack by enemy aircraft and was being forced down / Later reports indicated that "Dogpatch" had been shot down and that at least six of the crew members had died and been buried near the crash site / The remains of five crew members were eventually recovered, returned to U.S. custody, and identified / The other three crew members are still unaccounted for / Robert Joseph Di Tommaso, who entered the U.S. Air Force from New York, served with the 388th Combat Support Group and was a crew member on "Dogpatch" at the time of its loss / He remains are still unaccounted for / Following the incident, the Air Force promoted Di Tommaso to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (Lt Col) / Lieutenant Colonel Di Tommaso is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific / His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC

The primary objective of the C-47 in Laos at that point in the war was visual reconnaissance/ American forces worked closely with CAS (CIA) primarily to weaken the communist supply link to South Vietnam via the "Ho Chi



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Minh Trail" / This particular plane, however, was working in support of the CIA's secret indigenous army which was attempting to prevent a communist takeover in Laos)

## *Base Assignments:*

Udorn RTAFB, Thailand - Udorn RTAFB was established in the 1950s and commanded by Thai officers / The civil war inside Laos and fears of it spreading into Thailand led the Thai government to allow the United States to use Udorn in 1961 for the air defense of Thailand and to fly reconnaissance flights over Laos / The USAF forces at Udorn were under the command of the United States Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) Thirteenth Air Force / Udorn RTAFB was the Asian headquarters for Air America, a US passenger and cargo airline covertly owned and operated by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) which provided essential resources for the war in Laos and elsewhere / Air America's roles supportive of covert and overt situations related to hostilities in Southeast Asia and elsewhere worldwide provided buffers and solutions to problems the United States faced in various locations / Operations were focused in Laos as part of the "secret war" the United States carried out against the Pathet Lao forces operating in the country / Air America continued operations from Udorn into Laos until 3 June 1974 / During the Vietnam War the Udorn base was a front-line USAF facility from 1964 through 1976

## *Miscellaneous:*

Robert J. Di Tommaso was 24 years old at the time he went missing

The 388th Fighter Wing (388FW) is a United States Air Force unit assigned to the Air Combat Command Fifteenth Air Force / On 23 November 1953, the 388th Fighter-Bomber Wing was activated as part of Tactical Air Command / The 388th Fighter-Interceptor Wing activated as the 388th Fighter-Bomber Group (later renamed 388th Operations Group) and became the wing's primary combat element / The group's squadrons were equipped with North American F-86F Sabres, and training commenced for operational proficiency / In April 1966, the 388th was sent to Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand where it replaced the provisional 6234th Tactical Fighter Wing and assumed host wing responsibilities at Korat / The mission of the wing was to engage in combat operations over Indochina, conducting interdiction, direct air support, armed reconnaissance, and fighter escort missions / During the Vietnam War, numerous units were deployed to and stationed at Korat RTAFB and engaged in combat operations / As part of the rapid buildup of United States forces in Thailand in the mid-1960s, the 388th was the umbrella organization to as many as 34 operating units and about 6,500 USAF airmen / For operations and its wartime service at Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base (1966–1975), the wing earned a total of eight Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards and a Presidential Unit Citation

The Purple Heart was instituted in 1782 by George Washington and is the first and oldest military American decoration / The Purple Heart is awarded to military service members wounded or killed in action, in the latter case posthumously

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The Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Medal, also known as the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross or Vietnam Cross of Gallantry is a military decoration of the former Government of South Vietnam (Republic of Vietnam) / The medal was created on August 15, 1950 and was awarded to military personnel, civilians, and Armed Forces units and organizations in recognition of deeds of valor or heroic conduct while in combat with the enemy / Individuals who received the medal, ribbon, and a citation were personally cited at the Armed Forces, Corps, Division, Brigade or Regiment level / The United States military began authorizing the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross in March 1968 with retroactive presentation of the decoration to 1961

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**Name:** **DIBENEDETTO**

**VINCENT**

**A.**

**Hometown:** TONAWANDA

**Address:**

☒ **Vietnam Era**

☐ **Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:** 1958

**Year Discharged:** 1962

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

☐ **Served in War Zone** **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Vincent DiBenedetto was a member of the Tonawanda Sportsmen's Club / Vincent A. DiBenedetto passed away on 29 May 2023 at the age of 82 years old



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** DIDIO

CHARLES

G.

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

**Address:**

☐ Vietnam Era

☒ Vietnam War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

SILVER STAR

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

☒ Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment: VIETNAM

**Service Notes:**

Charles G. Didio was deployed to Vietnam where he was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry on the battlefield

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Charles G. Didio passed away on 14 November 2023 at the age of 76 years old

The Silver Star Medal (SSM) is the United States Armed Forces' third-highest military decoration for valor in combat / The Silver Star Medal is awarded primarily to members of the United States Armed Forces for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States / The gallantry displayed must have taken place while in action against an enemy of the United States, while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force

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**Name:** DIFILIPPO

SALVATORE A.

**Hometown:** EAST AURORA

**Address:**

☒ **Vietnam Era**

☐ **Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** AIR FORCE

**Rank:** E-4

**Year Entered:** 1966

**Year Discharged:** 1970

**Unit / Squadron:**

763RD RADAR SQUADRON (ADC)

**Medals / Citations:**

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

☐ **Served in War Zone** **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Salvatore Anthony DiFilippo served as a Communications Center Specialist

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Salvatore A. DiFilippo was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post 2940

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**Name:** **DIPALMA**

**MICHEL**

**C.**

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

**Address:**

☒ **Vietnam Era**

☐ **Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SP4

**Year Entered:** 1972

**Year Discharged:** 1974

**Unit / Squadron:**

C5ISR CENTER'S NIGHT VISION AND ELECTRONIC SENSORS DIRECTORATE (INFRARED RADAR REPAIR)

**Medals / Citations:**

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

☐ **Served in War Zone** **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Army Specialist 4 Michel C. DiPalma attended Survival Infrared Repairman School and tested Night Vision Goggles while stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Huachuca, Arizona - Located in Cochise County, in southeast Arizona, Fort Huachuca was established on 3 March 1877 by Brigadier General Samuel Whitside, a United States Cavalry officer who served from 1858 to 1902 / From 1913 to 1933, the fort was the base for the "Buffalo Soldiers" of the 10th Cavalry Regiment / During the build-up of World War II, the fort had quarters for more than 25,000 male soldiers and hundreds of WACs / Fort Huachuca emerged as a leader in the development of Electronic warfare with the Army's Electronic Proving Ground opened in 1954, followed by the Army Security Agency Test and Evaluation Center in 1960, the Combat Surveillance and Target Acquisition Training Command in 1964, and the Electronic Warfare School in 1966 / In 1967, Fort Huachuca became the headquarters of the U.S. Army Strategic Communications Command (USSTRATCOM), which became the U.S. Army Communications Command (USACC) in 1973; and U.S. Army Information Systems Command (USAISC) in 1984 / Electronic Proving Ground (USAEPG), a forerunner in the research and development of defense technology, was conducted from and located at Ft. Huachuca for several decades

Fort Belvoir, Virginia - The post was founded during World War I as Camp A. A. Humphreys, named for Union Civil War general Andrew A. Humphreys, who was also Chief of Engineers / The post was renamed as Fort Belvoir in the 1930s in recognition of the Belvoir plantation that once occupied the site / Fort Belvoir was initially the home of the Army Engineer School / Fort Belvoir serves as the headquarters for the Defense Logistics Agency,



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the Defense Acquisition University, the Defense Contract Audit Agency, the Defense Technical Information Center, the United States Army Intelligence and Security Command, the United States Army Military Intelligence Readiness Command, the Missile Defense Agency, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

## *Miscellaneous:*

Michel C. DiPalma graduated from Seneca Vocational High School and attended Erie Community College prior to enlisting in the United States Army / After his Honorable Discharge, DiPalma went to work for Chenango Foundry and attended Bryant & Stratton College for electronics / DiPalma later entered the construction field as a member of Laborers Local 210 / Now retired, Michel C. DiPalma is a member of the American Legion, South Buffalo Post 721 and a member of Amvets Hank Nowak Post 45

C5ISR Center's Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate researches and develops sensor and sensor suite technologies for air and ground intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and target acquisition under adverse battlefield conditions in day and night-time environments



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**Name:** **DIXON SR**

**RICHARD**

**L.**

**Hometown:** TONAWANDA

**Address:**

☐ **Vietnam Era**

☒ **Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

☒ **Served in War Zone** **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** VIETNAM

**Service Notes:**

Richard L. Dixon, Sr. served in Vietnam

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Richard Dixon was born in Phillipsburg, Pennsylvania and moved to Tonawanda, New York where he graduated from Tonawanda Senior High School / Richard L. Dixon, Sr. passed away in Waterport, New York on 7 September 2023 at the age of 76 years old and is interred at Acacia Park Cemetery, North Tonawanda, New York

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**Name:** **DLUGOSZ**

**PAUL**

**R.**

**Hometown:** CHEEKTOWAGA

**Address:**

☐ **Vietnam Era**

☒ **Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** E-5

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

COMMENDATION MEDAL

VIETNAM COMBAT CERTIFICATE

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

☒ **Served in War Zone** **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** VIETNAM

**Service Notes:**

Specialist - E5 Paul R. Dlugosz served in the U.S. Army for one year and 8 months

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**



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**Name:** DOBSTAFF

JAMES

G.

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

**Address:**

☒ **Vietnam Era**

☐ **Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** AIR FORCE

**Rank:** E-4

**Year Entered:** 1966

**Year Discharged:** 1970

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

☐ **Served in War Zone** **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant James G. Dobstaff served as a Medical Services Specialist

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

James Dobstaff was Honorably Discharged from the United States Air Force on 4 November 1970 / After his discharge, Dobstaff was employed by the Buffalo VA Hospital where he retired after 30 years of service / James Dobstaff was a 100% Disabled Veteran / James Dobstaff was a member of the American Legion Post 567 in Orchard Park / James G. Dobstaff passed away on 5 March 2018 as a result of ALS disease

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**Name:** **DOEL**

**RICHARD**

**R**

**Hometown:** TONAWANDA

**Address:**

☐ **Vietnam Era**

☒ **Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** E-5

**Year Entered:** 1966

**Year Discharged:** 1969

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY C, 1ST BATTALION, 67TH ARMOR REGIMENT, 2ND ARMORED DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL W/2 SERVICE STARS

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

☒ **Served in War Zone** **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** VIETNAM

**Service Notes:**

Specialist 5th Class Richard R. Doel was deployed to Vietnam for 12 months and served as a Wheeled Vehicle Repairman

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Richard Doel was Honorably Discharged from the US Army on 24 January 1969 / Richard R. Doel passed away on 18 September 2020

Established in 1976, the Armor Division is a combined arms organization composed of tank, cavalry, and mechanized infantry / The Armor Division is very important in helping maneuver Army units achieve their peace and orders missions

The 67th Armored Regiment is an armored regiment in the United States Army / The regiment was first formed in 1929 in the Regular Army as the 2nd Tank Regiment (Heavy) and redesignated as the 67th Infantry Regiment (Medium Tanks) in 1932 / It first became the 67th Armor in 1940 / The 1st Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment was originally constituted on 24 March 1923 in the Regular Army as Company A, 19th Tank Battalion / It was redesignated on 1 September 1929 as Company A, 2d Tank Regiment / It converted and was redesignated 25 October 1932 as Company A, 67th Infantry (Medium Tanks) / The unit activated on 5 June 1940 at Fort Benning, Georgia / The 67th Armor Regiment participated in World War I, World War II, Desert Storm/Desert Shield, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Spartan Shield, Operation Inherent Resolve,



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A Marksmanship Badge is a U.S. military badge or a civilian badge which is awarded to personnel upon successful completion of a weapons qualification course (known as marksmanship qualification badges) or high achievement in an official marksmanship competition (known as marksmanship competition badges) / The U.S. Army and the U.S. Marine Corps are the only military services that award marksmanship qualification badges / The U.S. military marksmanship qualification badges are awarded in three grades (highest to lowest): expert, sharpshooter, and marksman while their marksmanship competition badges are awarded in three to four grades (highest to lowest): distinguished, silver, and bronze for the U.S. Army and distinguished, gold, silver, and bronze for the Marine Corps

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**Name:** **DONOVAN**

**JEREMIAH J.**

**Hometown:** LACKAWANNA

**Address:**

☐ **Vietnam Era**

☒ **Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** UT2

**Year Entered:** 1968

**Year Discharged:** 1970

**Unit / Squadron:**

NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY, DANANG, VIETNAM

**Medals / Citations:**

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL W/1 BRONZE STAR

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

☒ **Served in War Zone** **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** VIETNAM

**Service Notes:**

Utilitiesman Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeremiah James Donovan served as a Utilities Service Mechanic

**Base Assignments:**

U.S. Naval Support Activity Da Nang, South Vietnam (1964-1973) - At the height of the American involvement in Vietnam, the port of Da Nang, South Vietnam, was the Navy's largest overseas shore command / From this port city, over 200,000 U.S., Vietnamese, and allied forces fighting in the I Corps Tactical Zone were supplied with everything that they needed to combat the VC and NVA aggressors

**Miscellaneous:**

Jeremiah J. Donovan was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post 2940

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**Name:** DORN

JEFFREY

T.

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

**Address:**

☐ Vietnam Era

☒ Vietnam War Veteran

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

BRONZE STAR

PURPLE HEART

☒ Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment: VIETNAM

**Service Notes:**

Jeffrey T. Dorn was deployed to Vietnam as an Interpreter in 1967 after completing a Vietnamese Language School / Dorn suffered leg wounds during an enemy firefight on 12 March 1968 that took the lives of 17 men in his company / Jeffrey Dorn received the Purple Heart for his wounds and the Bronze Star for meritorious service

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Jeffrey Dorn attended Buffalo School 61 and was a 1965 graduate of St. Joseph's Institute, where he played football / Dorn enrolled at the University of Buffalo for one year before he left to enlist in the United States Marine Corps / After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Marine Corps, Jeffrey Dorn enrolled at Canisius College and the University of Buffalo, earning his Masters Degree in Business Administration / Dorn became Controller at Truly Magic Products, which made foam rubber and Mylar-based items for health care and beauty products and foam parts for copy machines / Jeffrey Dorn later went to work for a custom fabric die business in Albemarle, North Carolina / Returning to Buffalo in 1987, Dorn became controller at Irr Supply Centers, a plumbing supply distributor before returning to Truly Magic as its Chief Financial Officer and General Manager / In 1992, Jeffrey Dorn purchased the Truly Magic Company and renamed it TMP Technologies / TMP Technologies produced the Mr. Clean Magic Eraser, a cleaning pad, for Proctor & Gamble Company / In 2015, Dorn sold the company to his nephew, Kirk Dorn / Jeffrey Dorn was a longtime Board Member of Goodwill Industries of Western New York, a trustee and Chairman of the United Auto Workers Local 55 Pension and Welfare Funds and a member of the St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute Alumni Association / In 2010, Dorn was diagnosed with multiple myeloma from exposure to Agent Orange while serving in Vietnam / After a long illness, Jeffrey T. Dorn passed away at the age of 75 years old on 16 February 2023



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The Purple Heart was instituted in 1782 by George Washington and is the first and oldest military American decoration / The Purple Heart is awarded to military service members wounded or killed in action, in the latter case posthumously



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** DOYLE

JOHN

C.

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

**Address:**

☐ Vietnam Era

☒ Vietnam War Veteran

**Service Branch:** AIR FORCE

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:** 1964

**Year Discharged:** 1968

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

☒ Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment: VIETNAM

**Service Notes:**

John C. Doyle served in Vietnam

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

John Doyle joined the Air Force after graduating from South Park High School, / After receiving his Honorable Discharge from the United States Air Force in 1968, Doyle joined the Buffalo Police Department where he was assigned to Precinct 3, Tactical Patrol Unit and the Underwater Recovery Team / While with the Police Department, Doyle enrolled into college, earning an Associate Degree, Bachelorette of Science and Bachelorette of Art Degrees / John Doyle was a temporary Teacher for the Buffalo Public School System / Doyle left the Buffalo Police department in 1978 to join Mayor Jimmy Griffin's Administration as the Director for the Buffalo Division for Youth / During his tenure, Doyle began the Lighted School House Program for underserved youth / In 1989, Doyle won the At Large Seat on the Buffalo School Board and reelected in 1994 / In 1999, Doyle joined the Administration of Erie County Executive Dennis Gorski as the Erie County Director of Purchase until his retirement / John Doyle was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans and American Legion Troop I Post / Doyle retired to Largo, Florida / John C. Doyle passed away on 25 May 2023 at the age of 78 years old due to health complications from Agent Orange





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**Name:** DUDCZAK

DANIEL J.

**Hometown:** BLASDELL

**Address:**

☐ Vietnam Era

☒ Vietnam War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** E-4

**Year Entered:** 1966

**Year Discharged:** 1967

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS, COMPANY "A", 709TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

☒ Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment: VIETNAM

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Daniel John Dudczak served as a Radio Repairman

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Daniel J. Dudczak was inducted into the U.S. Army on 24 March 1966 and received his Honorable Discharge on 25 December 1967 / Daniel Dudczak was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post 2940

The 709th Maintenance Battalion was reactivated at Ft. Riley, Kansas in early 1966 as part of the reactivation of the 9th Infantry Division for deployment to Vietnam / The first units of the 709th deployed to Vietnam in late 1966

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**Name:** DUGAN

MARTIN

P.

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

**Address:**

☒ **Vietnam Era**

☐ **Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** AO3

**Year Entered:** 1960

**Year Discharged:** 1964

**Unit / Squadron:**

PATROL SQUADRON 56

**Medals / Citations:**

☐ **Served in War Zone** **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Aviation Ordnanceman Petty Officer 3rd Class Martin Patrick Dugan was assigned to Patrol Squadron

**Base Assignments:**

Norfolk, Virginia - Naval Station Norfolk, is a United States Navy base in Norfolk, Virginia. It supports naval forces in the United States Fleet Forces Command, those operating in the Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, and the Indian Ocean / The installation occupies about 4 miles of waterfront space and 11 miles of pier and wharf space of the Hampton Roads peninsula known as Sewell's Point / It is the world's largest naval station, with the largest concentration of U.S. Navy forces through 75 ships alongside 14 piers and with 134 aircraft and 11 aircraft hangars at the adjacently operated Chambers Field / In 1968, the Naval Air Station was given a major role in John F. Kennedy's vision of putting a man on the moon / The air station became Recovery Control Center Atlantic, which provided command, control, and communications for the ships and aircraft that participated in the recovery operations of Apollo 7

**Miscellaneous:**

Martin P. Dugan was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post 2940



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**Name:** DUNKEL

RAYMOND H.

**Hometown:** FARNUM

**Address:**

☒ Vietnam Era

☐ Vietnam War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGM

**Year Entered:** 1947

**Year Discharged:** 1970

**Unit / Squadron:**

4TH INFANTRY, PANEL BRIDGE COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

☒ Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Command Sergeant Major Raymond H. Dunkel served in the Korean War and two tours in the Vietnam War / Dunkel was awarded the Bronze Star Medal / Sergeant Major Dunkel served on various bases in the United States and Germany serving with various Combat and Armored Engineer Battalions

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Raymond Dunkel was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army in 1970 / Dunkel retired from M&T Bank in 1988 as an Assistant Physical Security Manager / Raymond Dunkel was a member of the American Legion Lackawanna Post 63, Harvey D. Morin VFW Post 2940, Silver Creek VFW, Past President of the National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association, Past President of the 4th Infantry Ohio Chapter, Society of the First Infantry Division, the 547 Engineer Battalion (Combat) Association, Association of the US Army, the Army Engineer Society, Disabled American Veterans Association, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 459, Army Historical Society, Loyal Order of Moose, Gowanda NY Lodge 1382, Past Master of Tyrian Lodge No 925 F&AM, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Buffalo USA, International Ismailia Shriners, Village of Farnham Veteran's Committee and the Brant Historical Society / Raymond H. Dunkel passed away on 17 December 2022 at the age of 92 years old / Sergeant major Dunkel is interred in the National Veterans Cemetery, Pembroke, New York

The 4th Infantry Division is a division of the United States Army based at Fort Carson, Colorado. It is composed of a division headquarters battalion, three brigade combat teams (two Stryker and one armor), a combat aviation brigade, a division sustainment brigade, and a division artillery.



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The 4th Infantry Division's official nickname, "Ivy", is a play on words of the Roman numeral IV or 4 / Ivy leaves symbolize tenacity and fidelity which is the basis of the division's motto: "Steadfast and Loyal" / The second nickname, "Iron Horse", has been adopted to underscore the speed and power of the division and its soldiers / The 4th Division was organized at Camp Greene, North Carolina on 10 December 1917 / The 4th participated in France during World War I and World War II / The 4th Infantry Division deployed from Fort Lewis to Camp Enari, Pleiku, Vietnam on 25 September 1966 and served more than four years, returning to Fort Carson, Colorado on 8 December 1970 / In May 2009 the 4th Brigade Combat Team deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom X for a 12-month combat rotation

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