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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **FALTISCO**

ROBERT

T.

Hometown: BUFFALO

Address:

☒ **Vietnam Era**

☐ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1960

Year Discharged: 1963

Unit / Squadron:

184TH CHEMICAL PLATOON (COMBAT SUPPORT)

Medals / Citations:

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL

ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL,

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT (CARBINE)

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: (RIFLE)

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

Service Notes:

Specialist 4th Class Robert T. Faltisco served as an Ammunition Storage Helper attached to the US Army Ordnance Corps and served 2 years of foreign duty

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Robert Faltisco was Honorably Discharged from the US Army on 14 February 1963 / Robert T. Faltisco passed away on 14 July 2021

The U.S. Army Ordnance Corps mission was to support the development, production, acquisition, and sustainment of weapon systems, ammunition, missiles, electronics, and ground mobility material during World War II to provide combat power to the U.S. Army

The 184th Chemical Platoon was activated 22 August 1960 / The Platoon's mission was two-fold / Firstly, to conduct Army Training Program and secondly, to operate the Fort Meade Chemical Field Maintenance Shop

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The Good Conduct Medal is one of the oldest military awards of the United States Armed Forces / The U.S. Navy's variant of the Good Conduct Medal was established in 1869, the Marine Corps version in 1896, the Coast Guard version in 1923, the Army version in 1941, and the Air Force version in 1963 / The Good Conduct Medal is awarded to any active duty enlisted member of the United States military who completes three consecutive years of "honorable and faithful service" / Such service implies that a standard enlistment was completed without any non-judicial punishment, disciplinary infractions, or court martial offenses

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: **FARON**

WILLIAM

H.

Hometown: **BUFFALO**

Address:

☐ **Vietnam Era**

☒ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: **NAVY**

Rank:

Year Entered: 1966

Year Discharged: 1970

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

BRONZE STAR

NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

William Henry Faron served in Vietnam as a Hospital Corpsman / Faron served in both the Navy and Marine Corps

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

William Faron graduated from Riverside High School in 1965, later earning a Bachelor's Degree from Medaille University (Buffalo) / After his Honorable Discharge from military service, Faron went to work for Bristol Myers - Squibb until his retirement in 2002 after 32 years / Faron moved to Annapolis, Maryland after his retirement / William Henry Faron passed away on 27 July 2023 at the age of 75 years old

The Bronze Star Medal (BSM) is a is the fourth-highest individual military award and the ninth-highest by order of precedence in the United States Armed Forces / The Bronze Star is awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces for either heroic achievement, heroic service, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service in a combat zone / When the medal is awarded by the Army and Air Force for acts of valor in combat, the "V" Device is authorized for wear on the medal

The Navy Achievement Medal is awarded to recognize outstanding achievement or meritorious service of military personnel who were not eligible to receive the higher Commendation Medal or the Meritorious Service Medal / The Navy Achievement Medal (NAM), is the United States Navy version of the Achievement Medal / The U.S. Navy was the first branch of the U.S. Armed Forces to award such a medal, doing so in 1961, when it was dubbed the "Secretary of the Navy Commendation for Achievement Medal" / This title was shortened in 1967 to simply, the "Navy Achievement Medal" / On August 19, 1994, to recognize those of the United States Marine



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Corps who had received the Navy Achievement Medal, the name of the decoration was officially changed to the "Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal" / The award is still often referred to in shorthand speech as the "Navy Achievement Medal" or "NAM" for short / The "V" device is authorized for wear if the award is for acts or services involving direct participation in combat operations

Name: **FARRELL**

DAVID J.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address:

☐ **Vietnam Era**

☒ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: GMT2

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

USS ROOSEVELT (DDG-80)

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Gunners Mate Second-Class David J. Farrell served in Vietnam aboard the USS Roosevelt

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

David Farrell worked most of his life as an Industrial Electrician / David F. Farrell passed away on 16 August 2022 at the age of 73 years old



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Name: **FAWCETT**

LESTER

L.

Hometown: HAMBURG

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:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Lester Fawcett was originally from Cherry Valley, California where he worked at Jayar Manufacturing in El Monte, California / Lester L. Fawcett passed away on 18 January 2023 at the age of 73 years old



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Name: **FEDERICE**

JOHN

M.

Hometown: **BUFFALO**

Address:

☒ **Vietnam Era**

☐ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: **NAVY**

Rank: **CMC**

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Command Master-Chief John M. Federice enrolled in flight-engineer school and became a crew member on the P-3 Orion / Federice was deployed to Iceland, Spain and Italy to oversee flight operations tracking Russian submarines

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

John Federice graduated from Seneca Vocational High School before enlisting in the United States Navy / Federice retired from the Navy after thirty-one years of service / After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Navy, John Federice earned his Master Degree in Aviation Safety, ultimately teaching at Embry Riddle University / Federice eventually moved to Jacksonville, Florida / John M. Federice passed away on 11 February 2023



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Name: **FEDUSKI**

LAWRENCE

M.

Hometown: CLARENCE

Address:

☐ **Vietnam Era**

☒ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Lawrence Feduski retired from Ingersoll Rand (aka Joy Manufacturing and Cooper Cameron) after 51 years of employment / Lawrence M. Feduski passed away on 31 August 2018 at the age of 71 years old

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:



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Name: FEGLEY

RAYMOND E.

Hometown: SANBORN

Address:

☒ Vietnam Era

☐ Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank:

Year Entered: 1963

Year Discharged: 1967

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

☐ Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Raymond E. Fegley served as a Cable Splicer on the Minuteman Missileman Program in Cheyenne, Wyoming

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Raymond E. Fegley graduated from Trott Vocational High School in 1963, prior to his enlistment into the Air Force / After his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Air Force, Raymond Fegley became a member of Carpenters Local #280 for over 30 years, retiring in 2000 / Fegley was a member of the Sanborn Historical Society / Raymond E. Fegley passed away on 1 June 2022



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Name: **FELDMAN**

IRA

Hometown: HAMBURG

Address:

☒ **Vietnam Era**

☐ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-5

Year Entered: 1968

Year Discharged: 1970

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY E, 1ST BATTALION, 3RD INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION
ARMY QUARTERMASTER CORPS

Medals / Citations:

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

PURPLE HEART MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant Ira "Bob" Feldman served as an Armorer / Sgt. Feldman served in Vietnam from February-May, 1969 and was wounded during combat operations

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Ira Feldman was Honorably Discharged from the Army on 17 July 1970 / Ira "Bob" Feldman passed away on 8 August 2020 at the age of 71 years old

The United States Army Quartermaster Corps, formerly the Quartermaster Department, is a sustainment, formerly combat service support (CSS), branch of the United States Army / It is also one of three U.S. Army logistics branches, the others being the Transportation Corps and the Ordnance Corps / The U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps mission is to support the development, production, acquisition, and sustainment of general supply, Mortuary Affairs, subsistences, petroleum and water, material and distribution management during peace and war to provide combat power to the U.S. Army

The 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team was an infantry brigade based at Fort Knox, Kentucky and was constituted 24 May 1917 in the Regular Army



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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

The Army Commendation Medal, created in 1945, is a mid-level United States military decoration presented for sustained acts of heroism or meritorious service

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Name: FENNIE

PATRICK

J.

Hometown: LAKE VIEW

Address:

☒ Vietnam Era

☐ Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1971

Year Discharged: 1973

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY A, 1ST BATTALION, 76TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT (M-16 RIFLE)

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT (GRENADE)

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT (FLAME THROWER)

☐ Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Specialist 4th Class Patrick J. "Pat" Fennie served 15 months in Europe

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Patrick Fennie received his Honorable Discharge from the US Army on 1 September 1973 / Patrick J. "Pat" Fennie passed away on 13 March 2019

The 1st Battalion, 76th Field Artillery Regiment (1-76th FAR) is an inactive field artillery battalion of the United States Army / The battalion has been assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division, 7th Infantry Division, 2nd Infantry Brigade, and as a separate field artillery battalion / The battalion has participated in World War I, World War II, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom / The battalion inactivated in 2015 as part of Army force reductions

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Name: FINLEY SR

ROBERT

P.

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: VIETNAM

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Robert Finley was employed as the Chief Engineer at the Buffalo Water Department / Robert P. Finley Sr. passed away on 18 May 2023 at the age of 76 years old



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Name: FISCUS

ROBERT

E.

Hometown: BUFFALO

Address:

☒ Vietnam Era

☐ Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: MR3

Year Entered: 1963

Year Discharged: 1970

Unit / Squadron:

USS TIDEWATER (AD-31) / USS HARRY E. YARNELL (DLG-17)

USS PARKER (DE-369)

USS PURDY (DD-734)

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

☐ Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Machinery Repairman Petty Officer 3rd Class Robert E. Fiscus was assigned to the Naval Reserve Surface Division (NRSD 3-60 (L))

Base Assignments:

Great Lakes Training Center, Illinois - Home of the United States Navy's only boot camp, located near North Chicago, in Lake County, Illinois / Naval Station Great Lakes is the second largest military installation in Illinois and the largest training station in the Navy

Brooklyn Ship Yard, New York - Purchased in 1801, and the property became an active US Navy shipyard five years later, in 1806 / The USS Ohio was the first ship built at Brooklyn Navy Yard and was launched on 30 May 1820 / In 1937, the battleship North Carolina was laid down / In 1938, the yard employed about 10,000 men, of whom one-third were Works Progress Administration (WPA) workers / The battleship Iowa was completed in 1942, followed by Missouri, which became the site of the Surrender of Japan on 2 September 1945 / On 12 January 1953, test operations began on Antietam, which emerged in December 1952, from the yard as America's first angled-deck aircraft carrier / At its peak, during World War II, the yard employed 70,000 people, 24 hours a day / The Brooklyn Naval Hospital, constructed 1830–1838, and rebuilt 1841–1843, was decommissioned in the mid-1970s and was one of the oldest naval hospitals in the United States / The Navy decommissioned the Brooklyn Ship Yard in 1966, but has become an area of private manufacturing and commercial activity

Norfolk Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia - Norfolk Naval Base supports naval forces in the United States Fleet Forces



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Command, operating in the Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, and the Indian Ocean / In 1917 the Fifth Naval Headquarters was constructed at Norfolk and the Naval Operating Base (NOB) and other facilities were established / On 1 January 1953, the name of the naval base was officially changed to Naval Station Norfolk (NS Norfolk), after being known as the NOB / On 26 January 2017, NS Norfolk celebrated its one hundredth year of service

Miscellaneous:

After graduating from Bennett High School, Robert E. Fiscus enrolled at Erie County Technical Institute / Fiscus joined the Navy after graduation / After receiving an Honorable Discharge, Fiscus joined the West Seneca Police Department as a policeman / Fiscus retired after 31 years of service on the police force, attaining the rank of Detective / Robert Fiscus is a member of American Legion Post 735

USS Tidewater (AD-31) was a Shenandoah-class destroyer tender named for the Tidewater region of Virginia and was commissioned on 19 February 1946 / Between late 1951 and early 1954, the Tidewater operated exclusively along the eastern seaboard of the United States / In 1954, she headed across the Atlantic for her first deployment with the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean / Over the next 13 years, the Tidewater made 10 deployments to the Mediterranean, alternating that service with 2nd Fleet duty along the Atlantic coast of the United States / Tidewater completed her tenth Mediterranean deployment on 2 May 1969 and resumed tender duty with the warships of the Atlantic Fleet out of Norfolk and remained so occupied through the end of the year and into 1970 / On 20 February 1971, The USS Tidewater was decommissioned and leased to the Indonesian Navy

USS Harry E. Yarnell (DLG/CG-17), a Leahy-class guided missile cruiser, named in honor of Admiral Harry E. Yarnell (1875–1959) / Commissioned on 2 February 1963, the Yarnell was originally called a "destroyer leader" or frigate and in 1975 she was designated a cruiser in the Navy's ship reclassification / She was the second of the "double-end" Leahy-class guided missile frigates to join the fleet / In April 1963, the Yarnell participated in the search for the USS Thresher (SSN-593), the nuclear submarine later found 8,000 feet down on the Atlantic Ocean bottom / She made her first Atlantic crossing on 8 September 1964 and crossed the Arctic circle on 21 September 1964 / The Yarnell served in the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean before being deployed back to the Mediterranean in early 1967 / From 1973 through 1980, the Yarnell operated off of Western Europe and the Mediterranean / The USS Harry E. Yarnell was decommissioned 20 October 1993, and sold 14 April 1995 for scrapping at Quonset Point, RI, but the scrap contract was terminated 1 December 1996 and the hulk returned to Philadelphia for storage / Scrapping was ultimately completed in April 2002

USS Thaddeus Parker (DE-369) was a John C. Butler-class destroyer escort acquired by the U.S. Navy during World War II / Commissioned on 25 October 1944, the ship was named in honor of Thaddeus Parker who was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart medal and the Silver Star Medal for his actions during the Guadalcanal campaign / The primary purpose of the destroyer escort was to escort and protect ships in convoy, in addition to other tasks as assigned, such as patrol or radar picket / During World War II, Thaddeus Parker was assigned to an antisubmarine screen in the vicinity of Peleliu and served as an air-sea rescue ship in Kossol Roads in the Palaus / She rescued a Marine pilot on 19 May and saved another on 18 July / On 27 June 1945, she shelled enemy installations at the Koror Naval Base / Thaddeus Parker was at Okinawa when hostilities with Japan ceased and placed out of commission, in reserve, on 31 May 1946 / Post-war, she returned home proudly with one battle star to her credit / In March 1951, during the Korean War, Thaddeus Parker was placed back on active duty /



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Between 1953 and 1957, the Thaddeus Parker operated in Europe and the Atlantic seaboard / Thaddeus Parker was activated for the Cuban crisis, operating off Cuba from 2 October 1961 to 1 August 1962, before being decommissioned again and returning to the Reserve fleet at Port Newark, New Jersey / Almost a decade later, the Thaddeus Parker was decommissioned and struck from the Navy list on 1 September 1967 / The USS Thaddeus Parker was sold for scrap on 9 July 1968

The USS Purdy (DD-734), an Allen M. Sumner-class destroyer, was commissioned on 18 July 1944 and is the only ship of the United States Navy to be named for Lieutenant Commander Frederick Warren Purdy, who was awarded the Silver Star for his rescue efforts while the destroyer USS Strong was sinking on 5 July 1943 / During World War II, The Purdy arrived at Leyte 17 March 1945 to rehearse the invasion of Okinawa / The Purdy helped screen transports during the Okinawa invasion / A bomb from a downed Japanese plane pierced the plating of the USS Purdy and exploded to kill 15, seriously wound 25, and cause extensive damage / After extensive repairs, the Purdy sailed in European waters from September 1948 to January 1949 / During October 1951 and January 1952, the Purdy operated off the coast of Korea / In 1957, the Purdy was deployed to Chile and to Europe in 1958 before sailing to the Dominican Republic in 1961 to support U.S. efforts to maintain stability in the Caribbean / In 1962, she helped implement the Cuban Quarantine during the Cuban Missile Crisis / From 1965 to 1970, the Purdy trained naval reservists, served as a school ship for Naval Destroyer School officer students, and tested and evaluated new equipment / The Purdy was decommissioned on 1 July 1973 and sold as scrap in June 1974 / The USS Purdy earned one battle star during World War II and 3 during the Korean War



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Name: **FIX**

EUGENE

E.

Hometown: LANCASTER

Address:

☒ **Vietnam Era**

☐ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1968

Year Discharged: 1970

Unit / Squadron:

3RD MARINE AIR WING, MARINE CORPS AIR STATION

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Eugene E. "Gino" Fix served in the Marine Corps as a Supply Administrative Man with the 3rd Marine Air Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, California

Base Assignments:

Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, California - Marine Corps Air Station El Toro was a United States Marine Corps Air Station located near Irvine, California / The Air Station was 4,682 acres and home of Marine Corps aviation on the West Coast / The base headquarters was established on 4 November 1942 and the first landing occurred in late November / By the end of 1944, the base would be home to 1,248 officers and 6,831 enlisted personnel / Four parcels of land comprising the former MCAS El Toro was sold in February 2005 ending the use of the Air Station by the Marine Corps / While it was active, all U.S. Presidents in the post-World War II era landed in Air Force One at this airfield

Miscellaneous:

Eugene Fix was Honorably Discharged from the United States Marine Corps on 27 August 1970 / Eugene E. "Gino" Fix passed away at the age of 69 years old on 16 March 2017

The 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (abbreviated as 3rd MAW) is the major west coast aviation unit of the United States Marine Corps / It is headquartered at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, in San Diego, California and provides the aviation combat element for I Marine Expeditionary Force / The wing is made up of a headquarters squadron, four flying groups, an aviation command and control group and an aviation engineering group / The mission of the 3rd Wing is to provide combat ready expeditionary aviation forces capable of short notice worldwide deployment to Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF), fleet and unified commanders



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Name: FLYNN

JOSEPH

E.

Hometown: BUFFALO

Address:

☐ Vietnam Era

☒ Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SFC

Year Entered: 1965

Year Discharged: 1971

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL W/3 BRONZE SERVICE STARS

2 OVERSEAS BARS

EXPERT BADGE : M-16 RIFLE

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL

VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL W/60 DEVICE

AIRCRAFT CREW BADGE

MARKSMAN BADGE: M-14 RIFLE

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant First-Class (E-7) Joseph Edward Flynn served as a Radio Maintenance Supervisor / SFC Flynn attended Instructor Training and Transistor Repair School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey

Base Assignments:

Fort Monmouth, New Jersey - Fort Monmouth is a former installation of the Department of the Army in Monmouth County, New Jersey / Originally called Camp Alfred Vail, in 1925 the Fort was renamed Fort Monmouth / It was named in honor of the soldiers of the American Revolutionary War who died in the Battle of Monmouth / At its peak during World War II, Fort Monmouth measured 1,713 acres and had billeting space for 1,559 officers and 19,786 enlisted personnel / The Eastern Signal Corps Training Center and other communication units, including the Pigeon Breeding and Training Center, were consolidated into Fort Monmouth after World War II ended / The pigeon service was discontinued in 1957; the birds were either sold at auction or donated to zoos / Slated by the Pentagon for closure, Fort Monmouth was officially closed on 15 September 2011

Miscellaneous:

Joseph E. Flynn was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post 2940

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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

The Aircrew Badge, commonly known as Wings, is a qualification badge of the United States military that is awarded by all five branches of armed services to personnel who serve as aircrew members on board military aircraft / The badge is intended to recognize the training and qualifications required by aircrew of military aircraft / In order to qualify as an aircrew member and receive the Aircrew Badge, such personnel typically undergo advanced training in aircraft in-flight support roles

The Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) is a military award presented to members of the United States Armed Forces who distinguished themselves by outstanding meritorious achievement or service to the United States in a designated combat theater / The meritorious acts or services rendered must be comparable to that required for the Legion of Merit but in a duty of lesser, though considerable, responsibility



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Name: **FORD JR.**
HENRY

Hometown: BUFFALO

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:

Henry Ford Jr. passed away on 4 May 2022



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Name: **FORKL III**

JOSEPH

J.

Hometown: **BUFFALO**

Address:

☐ **Vietnam Era**

☒ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch:

Rank: SMSGT

Year Entered: 1968

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

914TH REFUELING WING

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Senior Master Sergeant Joseph John Forkl III served in Vietnam, Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom / SMSgt Forkl retired from the United States Air Force after 33 years of active duty

Base Assignments:

Niagara Falls Air Base, Niagara Falls, New York - The Niagara Falls Air Base was established in 1955 and is an Air Force Reserve Command military installation operationally-gained by the Air Mobility Command / It is located 4.7 miles east-northeast of Niagara Falls, New York / The station is the last "federal" USAF installation in the state, the other remaining USAF installations falling under the Air National Guard) / The host unit for the base is the 914th Air Refueling Wing of the Air Force Reserve Command which operates the KC-135 Stratotanker / The 107th Attack Wing of the New York Air National Guard is also stationed at the base / A Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) for all five branches of the U.S. is also located at the station / In July 1968, approximately 400 members of the 107th were deployed to Tuy Hoa Air Base, Republic of Viet Nam, for almost a year attached to the 31st Tactical Fighter Wing

Miscellaneous:

Joseph Forkl was born in Buffalo but grew up in Colden, New York / After his Honorable Discharge from the US Air Force, Forkl moved to North Carolina, where he served as a Kinston Sentinel and First Aid Instructor / Joseph John Forkl III passed away on 24 August 2023 at the age of 73 years old

The Kinston Sentinel Program represents a partnership between the community and the police department / These volunteers provide the citizens of Kinston with an enriched program of police services without additional cost to citizens



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The 914th Air Refueling Wing is a wing of the United States Air Force based out of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, New York / Assigned to Air Force Reserve Command, it is operationally-gained by Air Mobility Command / Prior to June 2017, the unit was known as the 914th Airlift Wing, flying Lockheed C-130H Hercules airlift aircraft / After that date, it transitioned to an aerial refueling mission with the Boeing KC-135R Stratotanker and was redesignated the 914th Air Refueling Wing / The mission of the 914th Air Refueling Wing is to train and equip air force reservists to perform the combat mission of air refueling of combat and mobility aircraft



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Name: **FORMAN**

JAMES

C.

Hometown: WILLIAMSVILLE

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:

James Clark Forman served in the United States Army Infantry

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 Devens, Massachusetts - Fort Devens is a United States Army Reserve military installation in Worcester County in Massachusetts and was established on 5 September 1917 / It was named after jurist and Civil War general Charles Devens / In 1940, at the onset of World War II, Fort Devens was designated a reception center for all men in New England who would serve one year as draftees / The 1st, 32nd, and 45th Divisions trained at Devens during World War II / Devens also housed a prisoner of war camp for German and Italian prisoners from 1944 to 1946 / It was designated as early as 1942 for detaining "enemy aliens" of Italian, German and Japanese birth / The U.S. Army post which resided at Fort Devens was officially closed in 1996 after 79 years of service

Miscellaneous:

James Forman graduated from Nichols High Scholl in 1956 and graduated from Trinity College, Connecticut in 1960 where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish and Finance / Forman managed the Janney Montgomery Scott Financial office in Williamsville before retiring in 2019 / James Clark Forman passed away at the age of 85 on 1 November 2022

Infantry refers to soldiers moving and fighting on foot, armed with hand weapons such as rifles, machine guns,



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grenades, mortars, etc



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Name: FRENCH

THOMAS

R.

Hometown: BUFFALO

Address:

☐ Vietnam Era

☒ Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1963

Year Discharged: 1967

Unit / Squadron:

USS ENTERPRISE (CVA-65)

Medals / Citations:

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Ship's Cook Thomas Roy French served as a Chef and Cook aboard ship

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Thomas R. French was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post 2940

USS Enterprise (CVN-65), formerly CVA(N)-65, is a decommissioned United States Navy aircraft carrier / She was the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier and the eighth United States naval vessel to bear the name / Like her predecessor of World War II fame, she is nicknamed "Big E" / At 1,123 feet, she is the longest naval vessel ever built / Enterprise is the only ship of a class that was originally planned to have five other ships / Her 93,284-long-ton displacement ranks her class as the third-heaviest carrier class, after the Nimitz class and the Gerald R. Ford class / Enterprise had a crew of some 4,600 service members / In October 1962, Enterprise was dispatched to her first international crisis. Following revelations that the Soviet Union was constructing nuclear missile launch sites on Cuba, President John F. Kennedy ordered the United States Department of Defense to conduct a large-scale buildup / In November 1965, the Enterprise was transferred to the Seventh Fleet and in the following month, on 2 December, she became the first nuclear-powered ship to engage in combat when she launched aircraft against the Viet Cong near Biên Hòa City / The ship led Carrier Division Three, with Enterprise (redesignated CVAN-65), which had Carrier Air Wing Nine (CVW-9) aboard, Bainbridge; Barry; and Samuel B. Roberts / Enterprise launched 125 sorties on the first day, unleashing 167 short tons of bombs and rockets on the enemy's supply lines / On 3 December, she set a record of 165 strike sorties in a single day / When the



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Enterprise departed the Gulf of Tonkin on 20 June 1967, her pilots had flown more than 13,400 battle missions during 132 combat days of operations / The Enterprise was commissioned on 25 November 1961 and decommissioned on 3 February 201 / As of 2020, the USS Enterprise was waiting recycling at HII Shipyard, Newport News, Virginia

The Vietnam Service Medal is a military award of the United States Armed Forces established on 8 July 1965 by order of President Lyndon B. Johnson / The medal is awarded to recognize service during the Vietnam War by all members of the U.S. Armed Forces provided they meet the award requirements / Service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns

The Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, also known as the Vietnam Campaign Medal is a South Vietnamese military campaign awarded during the Vietnam War (Second Indochina War), the South Vietnamese government awarded the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device (1960–) to members of the U.S. military for support of operations in Vietnam In May 1966 / The medal was awarded for two different periods of service in Vietnam / The first period for the award was from 8 March 1949 to 20 July 1954 / The second period was from 1 January 1960 to the end of the Vietnam War



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Name: **FULLER**

MICHAEL

F.

Hometown: ORCHARD PARK

Address:

☐ *Vietnam Era*

☒ *Vietnam War Veteran*

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Michael F. Fuller passed away on 2 May 2023



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Name: **FULLONE**
ANTHONY

Hometown: HAMBURG

Address:

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

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1960

Year Discharged: 1962

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY C, 2ND BATTALION, 36TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Specialist Fourth-Class Anthony "Tony" Fullone served as a Light Weapons Infantryman and was assigned duty in Germany for 19 months with the 36th Infantry

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Anthony Fullone was Honorably Discharged from the US Army on 18 June 1962 / Anthony "Tony" Fullone passed away on 10 April 2022

The 36th Infantry Division ("Arrowhead", also known as the "Panther Division", "Lone Star Division", "The Texas Army", or the "T-patchers", is an infantry division of the United States Army and part of the Texas Army National Guard / It was organized during World War I from units of the Texas and Oklahoma National Guard / The division first saw action in World War II during the Italian campaign on 9 September 1943 / It was the first U.S. combat unit to fight on the European continent when it landed by sea at Paestum and fought in the Battle of Salerno against intense German opposition / On 15 August 1944, as part of the U.S. 6th Army Group, the division made another amphibious assault landing, against light opposition in the Saint-Raphaël-Fréjus area of southern France as part of Operation Dragoon, the Allied invasion of Southern France / The 36th Infantry Division suffered significant losses during World War II, twice earning the distinction of having "lost" a battalion during the war / In 2005 approximately 100 soldiers of the 36th Infantry Division deployed to Bosnia for Enduring Mission 3 / During the Global War on Terror, the 36th Infantry Division was involved in numerous military operations including Operation New Dawn, Enduring Freedom, Freedom's Sentinel, and Jump Start



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The National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) is a service award of the United States Armed Forces established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953 / It is awarded to every member of the US Armed Forces who has served during any one of four specified periods of armed conflict or national emergency from 1950 to the present / Combat or "in theater" service is not a requirement for the award



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Name: **FURMAN**

LESLIE

R

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address: EMPORIUM AVENUE

☒ **Vietnam Era**

☐ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: CPL

Year Entered: 1960

Year Discharged: 1963

Unit / Squadron:

7TH COMMUNICATIONS BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Corporal (E-4) Leslie R. Furman served as a Radio Operator trained in Mobile Radio Communications (MRC) / Corporal Furman also served in the Reserves from 1963 through 1966

Base Assignments:

Parris Island, South Carolina - Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) Parris Island is a Marine Corps. military installation located within Port Royal, South Carolina. MCRD Parris Island was established on 1 November 1915 and designated for the training of enlisted Marines. Male recruits living east of the Mississippi River and female recruits from all over the United States report to Parris Island to receive their initial training

Camp Geiger, South Carolina - Camp Geiger is part of the Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune complex, and is home to the United States Marine Corps School of Infantry East for all Marines recruited through the Eastern Recruiting Region / Located about 10 miles south of Camp Lejeune, Camp Geiger was named in honor of General Roy Geiger, who was a Marine aviator and commander of the I Amphibious Corps, III Amphibious Corps, and the Tenth United States Army during World War II / Camp Geiger is one of two School of Infantry (SOI) locations where new Marines are instructed on modern Marine Corps infantry tactics in order to conduct expeditionary combat operations

Camp Lejeune, North Carolina - Located in Jacksonville, North Carolina, construction on Camp Lejeune was begun in 1941 and named in honor of the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps, John A. Lejeune / As a military training facility, the Camp's 14 miles of beaches make it a major area for amphibious assault training, and its location between two deep-water ports (Wilmington and Morehead City) allows for fast deployments



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Camp Pendleton, California - Located in San Diego County, Camp Pendleton was established in September 1942 to meet the immediate need for additional amphibious force training facilities during World War II / Camp Pendleton was named in honor of World War I Major General Joseph H. Pendleton who had long advocated the establishment of a West Coast training base / The camp provides year-round training for Marines in addition to all other branches of the U.S. military

Twentynine Palms, California - The Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC), also known as 29 Palms, is a United States Marine Corps base located adjacent to the city of Twentynine Palms in southern San Bernardino County, California / During World War II, 29 Palms served as a naval auxiliary air station and redesignated on 6 February 1953 as a Marine Corps Training Center

Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii - Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), formerly Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay and originally Naval Air Station Kaneohe Bay, is a U.S. Marine Corps facility and air station located on the Mokapu Peninsula of windward O'ahu in the City & County of Honolulu / Naval Air Station Kaneohe Bay was built by the Navy in 1939 and in 1951, the Marines assumed control of the air station activities when naval aviation moved to Barbers Point Naval Air Station / The Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay was commissioned on 15 January 1952

Miscellaneous:

Leslie Furman graduated from Eden High School and prior to joining the Marine Corps, Furman worked at Loblaw's in Hamburg as a Meat Cutter Apprentice / After his Honorable Discharge, Furman was employed by Bethlehem Steel Corporation as a Class A Welder until the plant closed in 1983 / Les Furman later went to work for Eastern Railway Services, repairing locomotive cranes until his retirement / Furman is a Life Member of the Marine Corps League - Detachment 239 and a member of American Legion Post 735 / Furman is also a member of ABATE of New York which promotes Motorcycle Safety, Awareness, & Education and an adviser with the Erie County Sheriff's Explorer Post #505

The 7th Communication Battalion, activated in 1957 at Camp Pendleton, California with the mission to establish, maintain, and defend communication networks and services simultaneously for Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF) command elements (CE), Marine component headquarters, and/or a Combined/Joint Task Force headquarters (C/JTF HQ) in order to facilitate a commander's ability to command and control forces / The 7th participated in the Vietnam War from 1966-1969 operating first from Chu Lai and later Da Nang and assigned to the 1st Marine Division until 1972 / The 7th Communications Battalion also participated in operations Eagle Pull and Frequent Wind at the official conclusion of the Vietnam conflict from December 1974 to May 1975.