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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: HACKFORD

ALLEN

L.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address:

☐ 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:** VIETNAM

Service Notes:

Specialist 4th Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **HAGEN**

WILLIAM

C.

Hometown: HAMBURG

Address:

☐ **Vietnam Era**

☒ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

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

Service Notes:

Army Specialist William Charles "Bill" Hagen was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered in battle while serving in Vietnam

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

William Charles "Bill" Hagen passed away on 12 December 2022

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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Name: **HAGER**
JEROME

Hometown: COLLINS

Address:

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

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Jerome Hager graduated from Gowanda High School in 1969 and enlisted in the United States Air Force / After his Honorable Discharge from the service, Hager attended college, eventually working at several nuclear plants in the northeast as an instrument technician / Before his retirement in 2013, Hager was employed at West Valley Demonstration Project / Jerome "Jerry" Hager passed away at the age of 72 years old on 23 January 2023



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Name: **HAGGERTY**

THOMAS

F.

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:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Together with his wife, the former Eileen Gemza, Haggerty raised two sons / Thomas F. Haggerty passed away on 20 October 2016



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Name: **HAGLER**

KARL

J.

Hometown: **BUFFALO**

Address:

☒ **Vietnam Era**

☐ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: **ARMY**

Rank: **1ST LT.**

Year Entered: **1962**

Year Discharged: **1965**

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

1st Lieutenant Karl J. Hagler served as an Administrative Officer at the U.S. Army Security Training Center and School

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Karl Hagler was commissioned through ROTC at Canisius College in 1962

The Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) are a group of college-based officer training programs for training commissioned officers of the United States Armed Forces / ROTC students attend college like other students, but also receive basic military training and officer training for their chosen branch of service through the ROTC unit at or nearby the college / The students participate in regular drills during the school year, and extended training activities during the summer / The student applicant must agree to accept a commission and serve in the Army on Active Duty or in a Reserve Component (U.S. Army Reserve or Army National Guard)



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Name: **HAHN**

PHILIP N.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address: CROFTON DRIVE

☒ **Vietnam Era**

☐ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: E-5

Year Entered: 1968

Year Discharged: 1974

Unit / Squadron:

USS SAM HOUSTON SSBN-609

USS SKIPJACK SSN-585

Medals / Citations:

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION

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

Service Notes:

Philip Hahn earned submarine "dolphins" in recognition of becoming qualified in submarines on the Sam Houston and the Skipjack / While stationed aboard the Sam Houston, Hahn was classified as a Missile Technician 2nd class MT2(SS) and changed rating to Electronic Technician - Navigation 2nd class, ETN2(SS) while serving on the Skipjack / As an Electronic Technician, Hahn was qualified to operate and maintain Naval Nuclear propulsion plants on the Skipjack submarine / Operational areas included North Atlantic Ocean out of Holy Loch, Scotland / Hahn received the "bluenose" designation because of operations north of the Arctic Circle; Mediterranean Sea out of Rota, Spain; Caribbean Sea out of Norfolk, Va.

Base Assignments:

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

New London Submarine Base, Groton, Connecticut - Naval Submarine Base New London is the United States Navy's primary East Coast submarine base, also known as the "Home of the Submarine Force" / Located along the Thames River in Groton, two brick buildings and a "T" shaped pier were constructed and officially declared a Navy Yard in 1872 / The Base property expanded during the latter part of World War I and the second largest expansion of Submarine Base New London occurred during World War II, when it grew from 112 acres to 497



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acres / The Submarine Force leaped in size, and the Base accommodated thousands of men to service the growing combat fleet / On 21 January 1954 the first nuclear-powered submarine, USS Nautilus, was launched from Groton / Nautilus became the first vessel to transit the North Pole during an historic trip across the Arctic in 1958 / New London is homeport to sixteen attack submarines and neighbor to a major submarine construction yard, General Dynamics' Electric Boat Division

Miscellaneous:

Philip Hahn attended Riverside High School and Bishop Fallon High School prior to enlisting in the Navy / After his Honorable Discharge from military service, Hahn enrolled at the University of Buffalo where he received a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Electrical Engineering / Hahn then received a Master Of Business Administration (MBA) degree from St. Bonaventure University / Philip Hahn was employed by Verizon where he served in Engineering and Management capacities until his retirement in 2003 / Hahn continues to be active in Town of West Seneca community service groups

USS Sam Houston (SSBN-609/SSN-609), an Ethan Allen-class submarine, was the second ship of the United States Navy to be named after Sam Houston (1793–1863), president (1836–1838, 1841–1844) of the Republic of Texas / Sam Houston was the US Navy's seventh ballistic missile submarine / Commissioned on 6 March 1962, the USS Sam Houston completed ten deterrent missions to the Atlantic and Mediterranean by the end of 1964 / Between 1975 and 1979, the Sam Houston operated out of Guam and made mid-patrol stops in South Korea and Hawaii / On 29 April 1988, the USS Sam Houston ran aground on Fox Island, Washington and was decommissioned on 6 September 1991 / The submarine was officially scrapped in February 1992

USS Skipjack (SSN-585), the lead ship of her class of nuclear-powered attack submarine, was the third ship of the United States Navy to be named after the Skipjack tuna and was commissioned on 15 April 1959 / After being launched, the Skipjack was soon dubbed the "world's fastest submarine", after setting the speed record on sea trials in March of the following year / It was designed to have a speed in excess of 20 knots, but its actual speed was a guarded secret / During her shakedown cruise in August 1959, she became the first nuclear ship to pass through the Straits of Gibraltar and operate in the Mediterranean / Following post-shakedown availability at Groton, Connecticut, the nuclear submarine conducted type training and participated in an advanced Atlantic submarine exercise from May through July 1960, which earned the submarine a Navy Unit Commendation, and also a Battle Efficiency "E" award, an award it would receive three more times / During the 1960's and 1970's, the Skipjack conducted exercises in the Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea / On 19 April 1990, the USS Skipjack was decommissioned and officially scrapped in 1998

The insignia of the U.S. submarine service is a submarine flanked by two dolphins / Dolphins, attendants to the Poseidon, Greek god of the sea and patron deity to sailors, is sometimes referred to as the sailor's friend / They were also chosen to represent the Submarine Service because of the characteristic way in which dolphins dive and surface / Enlisted Sailors and Naval Officers wear a dolphins uniform breast pin to indicate that they are qualified in submarines / Once an enlisted sailor has earned the right to wear the "dolphins", (SS) is added after his rate of rank that stands for "Submarine Specialist"

A "Bluenose" is a sailor who goes through an initiation ceremony that commemorates a sailor's first crossing of the Arctic Circle / Sailors who have gone through the initiation may wear the Blue Nose Submarine Arctic Circle Patch



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Name: **HAMMOND JR.**

ELWOOD

J.

Hometown: TONAWANDA

Address:

☐ **Vietnam Era**

☒ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1966

Year Discharged: 1968

Unit / Squadron:

27TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION, 1ST AIR CAVALRY

Medals / Citations:

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

2 ARMY OVERSEAS BARS

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER (M-14 RIFLE)

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Specialist Fourth-Class Elwood "Jim" J. Hammond, Jr. served 12 months in Vietnam as a Supply Handler and assigned to the 27th Maintenance Battalion, 1st Air Cavalry

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Elwood "Jim" J. Hammond, Jr. was Honorably Discharged from the US Army on 4 June 1968 / Hammond was a member of the Frontiersmen Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post 7545 in Tonawanda and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 77 / Elwood "Jim" J. Hammond, Jr. passed away on 9 May 2022

The mission of the 27th Brigade Support Battalion, "Rough Riders," is to, on order, deploy and sustain the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division while defending assigned areas / It would then, on order, redeploy and prepare for future operations / The 27th Brigade Support Battalion was first constituted on 1 September 1921 in the regular Army as the 27th Ordnance Company, an element of the newly formed 1st Cavalry Division / During the Korean War, the Battalion deployed to Korea, where it received a Presidential Unit Citation Streamer / On 1 September 1963, the Battalion was redesignated as the 27th Maintenance Battalion / It was reorganized in 1965 as part of the reflagging of the 11th Air Assault Division (Test) as the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) / Shortly thereafter, it was deployed to Vietnam and served 6 years with the 1st Cavalry division in the Vietnam Conflict / While in Vietnam, the Battalion earned the Vietnamese Valorous Unit Award, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, the Vietnamese Civil Action Honor Medal, and the Meritorious Unit Commendation and Streamer,



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among many others / From June 2008 to June 2009, the Battalion deployed to southern Iraq as part of the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division's deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom

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

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

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

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

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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ELWOOD

J.

Hometown: TOWN OF TONAWANDA

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:

Elwood J. "Jim" Hammond passed away on 9 May 2022 at the age of 75 years old



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Name: **HANSON**
WILLIAM

Hometown:

Address:

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

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank: SGT

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant William "Bill" Hanson served in Vietnam

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:



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Name: HARASZKO

DENNIS

A.

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

Address:

☐ Vietnam Era

☒ Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: LTC

Year Entered: 1964

Year Discharged: 1988

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

BRONZE STAR MEDAL W/1 OAK LEAF (2)

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL W/3 OAK LEAF (4)

ARMY SERVICE RIBBON

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

AIR MEDAL

ARMY OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON W/NUMBER "3"

HUMANITARION SERVICE MEDAL

DEFENSE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL W/2 OAK LEAF (3)

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

Service Notes:

Lieutenant Colonel Dennis A. Haraszko served in Vietnam as a Field Artillery Officer

Lt Col Haraszko served our nation for over 24 years on active duty with a total of over 6 years of foreign service as a Field Artillery Officer, and Personnel Administration

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Dennis Haraszko graduated from St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute and St. Bonaventure University prior to military service / Dennis Haraszko received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army on 30 November 1988 / Dennis A. Haraszko passed away on 31 July 2023

The Field Artillery is the branch of the Army whose mission is to support the infantry by artillery fire, destroying, neutralizing or suppressing the enemy elements that threaten land forces / Increased mobility; fire direction centers, which enhanced their firepower; aerial observation; and radio communications increased the efficiency and accuracy to support ground forces

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



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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 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 / Bronze 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

The Air Medal (AM) is a military decoration of the United States Armed Forces / It was created in 1942 and is awarded for single acts of heroism or meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight

The Army Commendation Medal, created in 1945, is a mid-level United States military decoration presented for sustained acts of heroism or meritorious service / A "V" device distinguishes an award for heroism or valor in combat instead of for meritorious service or achievement

An Army Overseas Service Ribbon is a service military award of the United States military which recognizes those service members who have performed military tours outside the borders of the United States of America / There are different versions of the Overseas Service Ribbons for the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, and the U.S. Coast Guard / Both the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marines receive the Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon

The Army Service Ribbon (ASR) is a military award of the United States Army and is awarded to all members of the Regular (Active) Army, and Army National Guard and United States Army Reserve in an active reserve status, for successful completion of initial-entry training, which for officers is considered to be successful completion of their basic/orientation or higher-level course / Enlisted soldiers will be awarded the ribbon upon successful completion of their initial military occupational specialty (MOS)-producing course

The Humanitarian Service Medal (HSM) is a military service medal of the United States Armed Forces which was created on January 19, 1977 by President Gerald Ford under Executive Order 11965 / The medal may be awarded to members of the United States military (including Reserve and National Guard members) who distinguish themselves by meritorious participation in specified military acts or operations of a humanitarian nature

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



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for the Legion of Merit but in a duty of lesser, though considerable, responsibility

The Defense Meritorious Service Medal (DMSM) is an award presented in the name of the Secretary of Defense to members of the Armed Forces / It is the third-highest award that the Department of Defense issues, and is awarded to those who distinguish themselves though non-combat meritorious service or achievement, in a joint capacity

Name: HARIG

GARY

R.

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:

Garg Hartig retired from healthcare and consulting business after 40 years / Gary R. Harig passed away on 23 June 2022



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Name: **HARRIMAN**

ALLAN

D.

Hometown:

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:

Alan David Harriman was an Army K9 Specialist while serving in Vietnam

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Alan David "Al" Harriman passed away on 16 April 2022 at the age of 74 years old



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Name: **HART**

MICHAEL

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address:

☐ **Vietnam Era**

☒ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SP-4

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART (2)

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

Service Notes:

SP-4 Michael Hart served in Vietnam and was awarded the Purple Heart Medal from wounds received during combat operations / Hart received his Purple Heart while hospitalized at the Tokyo General Hospital in Japan / SP-4 Hart was awarded a second Purple Heart for wounds on the battlefield

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Mike Hart graduated from West Seneca East Senior High School / Hart is an active member of the West Seneca Lions Club / Mike Hart is a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and American Legion Post 735

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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Name: **HART**

MICHAEL

Hometown:

Address:

☐ **Vietnam Era**

☒ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SP-4

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

25TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

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

Service Notes:

Specialist Fourth-Class Michael Hart served with the 25th Infantry in Vietnam and was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in combat

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Michael Hart is a member of the Lions Club and the Military Order of the Purple Heart

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 25th Infantry Division (nicknamed "Tropic Lightning") is a United States Army division based at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii / The division, which was activated on 1 October 1941 in Hawaii, conducts military operations primarily in the Asia-Pacific region / The division was originally activated from Hawaii garrison units during World War II, slightly more than a month before the Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor began the Pacific War / After spending almost a year training, it fought in the Allied counteroffensive during the Guadalcanal Campaign from December 1942, helping to end organized Japanese resistance on that island by early February 1943 / The 25th also fought in the New Georgia Campaign in July 1943 and saw combat in the January 1945 invasion of Luzon / When the Korean War began in June 1950, the division was deployed to South Korea, where it fought in the defense of and the breakout from the Pusan Perimeter in mid-1950, with elements advancing as far as the Amnok River in November 1950 / It participated in a series of United Nations counteroffensives in early 1951,



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then fought in a stalemate close to the 38th parallel from the middle of the year / The division defended Seoul against Chinese Communist attack from May 1953 to the July armistice, returning to Hawaii in late 1954 / The division deployed to South Vietnam to fight in the Vietnam War between late 1965 and early 1966 / The 25th served in Vietnam until its withdrawal back to Hawaii in 1970–1971, participating in Operation Attleboro, Operation Cedar Falls, Operation Junction City, the Battle of Saigon during the North Vietnamese Tet Offensive, and the Cambodian Incursion / It was reorganized as a light infantry division in 1985, and elements have participated in the Iraq War and the War in Afghanistan



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Name: **HARTMAN**

RONALD

M.

Hometown: LACKAWANNA

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:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Ronald > Hartman passed away on 3 August 2022



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Name: **HASTIE**

JAMES

R.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address:

☒ **Vietnam Era**

☐ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1966

Year Discharged: 1969

Unit / Squadron:

TRAINING SQUADRON THREE (TRARON THREE)

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Petty Officer 3rd Class James R. Hastie served as an Aviation Machinist's Mate (Reciprocating Engine Mechanic)

Base Assignments:

Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Florida - Naval Air Station Whiting Field is a United States Navy base located near Milton, Florida, with some outlying fields near Navarre, Florida, in south and central Santa Rosa County, and is one of the Navy's two primary pilot training bases (the other being NAS Corpus Christi, Texas) / NAS Whiting Field provides training for U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force student pilots, as well as those of several allied nations / NAS Whiting Field is home to Training Air Wing Five (TRAWING 5) / Naval Auxiliary Air Station (NAAS) Whiting Field was commissioned on July 16, 1943 and is named for Kenneth Whiting, who was commissioned from the United States Naval Academy on 25 February 1908 / Whiting qualified in submarines, commanding USS Porpoise (SS-7), USS Shark (SS-8), USS Tarpon (SS-175), and USS Seal (SS-183) / In 1914 he learned to fly under Orville Wright and was designated Naval Aviator number 16 / He assumed command of the 1st Naval Air Unit in France following America's entry into World War I and was subsequently assigned to command Naval Air Stations 14 and 15 at RNAS Killingholme, England / He was awarded the Navy Cross "for exceptionally meritorious service in a duty of great responsibility"

Miscellaneous:

James Hastie was Honorably Discharged on 12 November 1969 / James R. Hastie passed away on 28 May 2022

Training Squadron Three (VT-3) was commissioned on May 1, 1960, at South Whiting Field / Its primary mission at the time was to instruct student Naval Aviators in radio instruments, air-to-air gunnery and formation flying / Air-to-air gunnery was discontinued in January 1965 and familiarization and basic instrument training was added



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in its place / In 1973, VT-3 moved to its present location at North Whiting Field / Today, VT-3 continues its legacy of joint training with a ready-room of Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force instructor pilots

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Name: HAUSER

EUGENE

P.

Hometown: ORCHARD PARK

Address:

☐ Vietnam Era

☒ Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Eugene Patrick Hauser served as a Sentry Guard in South East Asia during the Vietnam War

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Eugene Patrick Hauser passed away on 13 June 2020 at the age of 68 years old



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Name: HAYES

THOMAS

M.

Hometown: DERBY

Address:

☐ Vietnam Era

☒ Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HEATH**

BENJAMIN

C.

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:*

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Benjamin C. Heath passed away on 6 September 2023



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: HEIN

JAMES

J.

Hometown: LACKAWANNA

Address:

☐ Vietnam Era

☒ Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: E-6

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL W/3 SERVICE STARS

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSS MEDAL W/PALM

NAVY OCCUPATION MEDAL

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL

MARINE CORPS COMBAT ACTION RIBBON

NAVY-MARINE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION RIBBON

USMC GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL (6 AWARDS)

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL W/1 SERVICE STAR

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT (RIFLE)

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

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant James J. Hein served in the Marine Corps for 20 years during the Korea War era and in the Vietnam War

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

James J. Hein passed away on 28 August 2021

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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 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

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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: HENSON

THOMAS

G.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address: 145 WARREN AVENUE

☒ **Vietnam Era**

☒ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SP4

Year Entered: 1962

Year Discharged: KIA

Unit / Squadron:

A CO, 2ND BATTALION, 2ND INFANTRY, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION, UNITED STATES ARMY
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (USARV)

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

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

Service Notes:

Specialist Fourth Class Thomas G. Henson was Killed in Action on 12 November 1965 during a battle with Viet Cong forces while securing a highway 40 miles north of Saigon, in the Binh Duong Province, South Vietnam

SP4 Henson was an Armor Crewman

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Thomas Henson attended West Seneca Junior High School and enlisted in the Army in 1962

Specialist Fourth Class Thomas G. Henson was 21 years of age at the time of his death



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Name: **HERDLE**

JEFFERY

C.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address:

☐ **Vietnam Era**

☒ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1968

Year Discharged: 1972

Unit / Squadron:

23RD CIVIL ENGINEERING SQUADRON, TACTICAL AIR COMMAND

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT (SMALL ARMS)

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Staff-Sergeant Jeffery C. Herdle was deployed to Vietnam for 18 months serving as a Base Sanitary Maintenance Mechanic / SSgt Herdle was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat action

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Jeffery Herdle received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Air Force on 4 April 1972 / Jeffery C. Herdle passed away on 12 November 2017

Constituted as the 23rd Installations Squadron, Fighter, Single Engine on 10 Aug 1948, it was redesignated 23rd Civil Engineering Squadron and activated, 28 Jan 1964 / The squadron received many Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards during 1970-1997

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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Name: HESS

DONALD

W.

Hometown: BUFFALO

Address:

☒ **Vietnam Era**

☐ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered: 1954

Year Discharged: 1962

Unit / Squadron:

82ND AIRBORNE

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Donald W. Hess was a paratrooper assigned to the 82nd Airborne

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Donald Hess graduated from Kenmore High School and enlisted in the Army after graduation / After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army, Hess was a successful Sales Engineer working in Buffalo and Rochester / Donald W. Hess passed away at the age of 87 years old on 18 March 2023

The 82nd Airborne Division is an airborne infantry division of the United States Army specializing in parachute assault operations into denied areas with a U.S. Department of Defense requirement to "respond to crisis contingencies anywhere in the world within 18 hours" / Based at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, the 82nd Airborne Division is part of the XVIII Airborne Corps / The 82nd Airborne Division is the U.S. Army's most strategically mobile division



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HETZEL**
WAYNE

Hometown: TONAWANDA

Address:

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

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Wayne Hetzel served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War and the Vietnam War

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Wayne Hetzel was employed by the United States Postal Service / Wayne Hetzel passed away on 26 September 2022 at the age of 90 years old



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HINT**

GARY

D.

Hometown: LACKAWANNA

Address:

☐ **Vietnam Era**

☒ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Gary D. Hint served three tours in Vietnam

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Gary Hint was a retired New York State Corrections Officer / Hint was a member of American Legion, Matthew Glab Post #1477 / Gary D. Hint passed away on 26 May 2023 at the age of 73 years old



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: HOCHADEL

JOHN

W.

Hometown: HOLLAND

Address:

☒ **Vietnam Era**

☐ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered: 1955

Year Discharged: 1963

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

John W. Hochadel served in the Army National Guard / During his military career, Hochadel served as a Sharpshooter, Track Vehicle Mechanic and Cook

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

John Hochadel was employed by the Town of Holland Highway Department and was elected as the Town of Holland Highway Superintendent from 1982 through 1986 / Hochadel was a member of the Holland Fire Company / John W. Hochadel passed away on 26 April 2023



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HOLLOWOOD**

RICHARD

A.

Hometown: ORCHARD PARK

Address:

☒ **Vietnam Era**

☐ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-5

Year Entered: 1968

Year Discharged: 1970

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY A, 4TH BATTALION, 37TH ARMOR REGIMENT

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant Richard A. Hollowood served in the Army as a Armor Crewman

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Richard Hollowood was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army on 28 May 1970 / Richard A. Hollowood passed away on 1 April 2019

The 37th Armor is an armor (tank) regiment of the United States Army / It is remembered as the successor to the 37th Tank Battalion, 4th Armored Division, commanded by then Lieutenant Colonel Creighton Abrams (the namesake of the M1 Abrams) during World War II / The 37th Armor regiment landed on Utah Beach, Normandy, France on 13 July 1944 / The 37th fought in Brittany and the Battle of the Bulge / By April 1945 the 37th had driven deep into central Germany then marched south and drove into Czechoslovakia, where they were when the war ended on 6 May 1945 / During 1990 and 1991, the 37th Armor was alerted for deployment to Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm and deployed all of its personnel and equipment over 3,000 miles from an already forward deployed location, fought a major battle against a well equipped enemy over terrain they had never trained on and then redeployed the unit to its home station / In response to the Global War on Terror 37th Armor deployed to Iraq in 2003 and again in 2006 / During those deployments the unit was instrumental in the Battle of Karbala in 2004 and the Battle of Ramadi in 2006 / Additionally the unit was involved in direct combat action in Baghdad, Falluja, and the Ninewa Province / The 37th Armor was awarded the Presidential and Navy Unit citations due to these deployments



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Name: **HOLODY**

JAMES

E.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address: OAKBROOK DRIVE

☒ **Vietnam Era**

☒ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Year Entered: 1969

Year Discharged: 1970

Unit / Squadron:

1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

BRONZE STAR W/OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant James J. Holody served as a Radio Operator in Tay Ninh Province, Vietnam

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Tây Ninh is a province in the Southeast region of Vietnam on the border with Cambodia. Its capital is the town of Tây Ninh

Formed in 1921, the 1st Cavalry is based at Fort Hood, Texas / 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, as well as the other four branches of the U.S. military / The 1st Cavalry served during World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War, with the Stabilization Force in Bosnia-Herzegovina, in the Iraq War, in the War in Afghanistan (2001–2014) and in Operation Freedom's Sentinel / While fighting in Vietnam, the 1st Cavalry Division was no longer a conventional infantry unit, the division had become an air assault division as the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), commonly referred to as the 1st Air Cavalry Division / The use of helicopters on such large scale as troop carriers, cargo lift ships, medevacs, and as aerial rocket artillery, was never before implemented, but by doing so it freed the infantry from the tyranny of terrain to attack the enemy at the time and place of its choosing / In 1965, colors and subordinate unit designations of the 1st Cavalry Division were transferred from Korea to Fort Benning, Georgia / During the Vietnam War, the First Cavalry Division suffered more casualties than any other army division: 5,444 men killed in action and 26,592 wounded in action



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HOOLIHAN**

JON

P.

Hometown: LACKAWANNA

Address:

☒ **Vietnam Era**

☐ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Jon P. Hoolihan served in the Army as a Heavy Equipment Operator and Teacher

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Jon Hoolihan graduated from our Lady of Victory and Lackawanna High School / Jon Hoolihan later moved to Las Vegas where he built a successful construction excavator business in Nevada / Jon P. Hoolihan passed away on 12 January 2023 at the age of 78 years of age



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HOSTETTLER**

ALAN

A.

Hometown: ORCHARD PARK

Address:

☒ **Vietnam Era**

☐ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: PO3

Year Entered: 1966

Year Discharged: 1968

Unit / Squadron:

MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION FIVE

Medals / Citations:

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL W/1 SERVICE STAR

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Petty Officer 3rd Class Alan A. Hostettler was a member of the Navy Seabees and served in Vietnam for 21 months as a Construction Mechanic

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Alan Hostettler was Honorably Discharged from the US Navy on 13 June 1968 / Alan A. Hostettler passed away on 16 March 2019

Naval Construction Battalion 5 (NMCB Five) was commissioned on 25 May 1942 at Camp Allen, Virginia / During World War II, the Battalion provided construction on the Midway Atoll, Sand Island, the French Frigate Shoals, Canton Island, Johnston Atoll and the Palmyra atoll / During the Korean War, the Seabees leveled a mountain to make way for a nearly 2-mile long runway at Cubi Point in the Philippines / During the Vietnam War, from 1965 to 1972, NMCB FIVE made six consecutive deployments to Vietnam / In 1972, the battalion moved all its troops and equipment to Thailand.[2] The project there was the construction of Nam Phong Air Base / NMCB FIVE was deployed to Afghanistan from February to August in 2009 to work on Camp Leatherneck / NMCB FIVE was awarded several Navy Meritorious Unit Commendations while deployed to Vietnam

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Name: **HOUCK**

KENNETH

F.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address:

☒ **Vietnam Era**

☐ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-5

Year Entered: 1969

Year Discharged: 1972

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL (KOREA)

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Specialist First-Class Kenneth F. Houck served as a Engine & Powertrain Repairman in the United States Army / Spec 1st Houck had 12 months of foreign service in Korea in support of operations in Vietnam

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Kenneth Houck received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army on 2 March 1972 / Houck was a longtime member of the former Harvey D. Morin Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post #2940 in West Seneca / Kenneth F. Houck passed away on 24 March 2023

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Name: **HURD**

PETER

G.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address:

☒ **Vietnam Era**

☐ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: QM3

Year Entered: 1963

Year Discharged: 1967

Unit / Squadron:

USS DAMATO (DD 871)

Medals / Citations:

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Quartermaster 3rd Class Petty Officer Peter Grant Hurd served in the Dominican Republic

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Peter G. Hurd was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post 2940

USS Damato (DD-871) was a Gearing-class destroyer of the United States Navy / She was named for Corporal Anthony P. Damato USMC (1922–1944), who was killed in action during the Battle of Eniwetok in the Marshall Islands and posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor / The Damato was commissioned on 27 April 1946 / From September to November 1950, Damato had her first tour of duty with the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea, and during the next year joined in hunter-killer operations in the South Atlantic / Damato served with the Pacific Fleet from June 1967 until February 1968 / On 12 and 13 December 1967, Damato conducted naval gunfire support (NGFS) missions while in the Saigon River, Vietnam / The USS Damato was decommissioned on 30 September 1980 and stricken from the Naval Vessel Register / Damato was transferred to Pakistan as Tippu Sultan, on 1 October 1980 and scrapped in 1994

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Name: **HUSSAR**

JAMES

R.

Hometown: **BUFFALO**

Address:

☐ **Vietnam Era**

☒ **Vietnam War Veteran**

Service Branch: **MARINE CORPS**

Rank: **PFC**

Year Entered: **1967**

Year Discharged: **1970**

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY E, 2ND BATTALION, 4TH MARINES, 9TH MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE

Medals / Citations:

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL W/1 SERVICE STAR

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

COMBAT ACTION RIBBON

NAVY MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Private First-Class James R. Hussar served 2 years in Vietnam as a Rifleman where he was deployed with Company E, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

James Hussar was Honorably Discharged from the United States Marine Corps on 12 March 1970 / James R. Hussar passed away on 7 April 2018

2nd Battalion, 4th Marines (2/4th Marines) is an infantry battalion of the United States Marine Corps / The battalion, nicknamed the Magnificent Bastards from the Vietnam War, is based out of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California and is a part of the 4th Marine Regiment and 1st Marine Division / 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines (2/9) was an infantry battalion of the United States Marine Corps / Formed during World War I, the unit played an instrumental role in the defeat of the Japanese forces in the Battles of Guam and Iwo Jima during World War II / The battalion distinguished itself in the defense of Khe Sanh during the Vietnam War

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



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is authorized for wear on the medal

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The Combat Action Ribbon (colloquially "CAR"), is a high precedence United States Navy, United States Coast Guard, and United States Marine Corps military decoration awarded to United States sea service members "who have actively participated in ground or surface combat" / Coast Guardsmen, Navy sailors, and Marines active in clandestine, stealth or special operations are deemed eligible for consideration of the award / The U.S. Navy first authorized the Combat Action Ribbon on 17 February 1969 / The CAR is awarded to members of the Navy and Marine Corps with a rank no higher than captain and colonel, respectively

The Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC) is a unit award of the United States Navy presented to U.S. Navy and Marine Corps units / The award is presented for service that is performed with character that would be comparable to the Bronze Star Medal / The Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation is awarded to any unit of the Navy or Marine Corps that has distinguished itself, under combat or non-combat conditions, by either valorous or meritorious achievement, which renders the unit outstanding compared to other units performing similar service, but not sufficient to justify award of the Navy Unit Commendation / To justify this award, the unit must have performed service of a character comparable to that which would merit the award of a Bronze Star Medal, or achievement of like caliber in a non-combat situation, to an individual / Additional awards are represented by wearing a Bronze Star device on the service ribbon

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