



# West Seneca Answers the Call to Arms Residents in World War II



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** ADAMS

HOWARD E.

**Address:** 163 EDSON STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CADET

**Unit / Squadron:**

7TH COMPANY, 4TH CLASS COMPANY "F", 2ND REGIMENT

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

U.S. Military Academy - West Point, New York - The Continental Army first occupied West Point, on 27 January 1778; it became the oldest continuously operating U.S. Army post in the United States / West Point played a prominent role in World War II; four-out-of-five of the five-star generals were alumni

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** ADAMS JR.

CHESTER

H.

**Address:** 1331 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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**Name:** **ADVEY**

**WILLIAM E.**

**Address:** 23 NORTH AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

4TH ORDNANCE H.A.M. (HEAVY AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE), 403RD ORDNANCE COMPANY,  
189TH ORDNANCE BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

2 BATTLE STARS

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON WITH 1 BRONZE STAR

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Hawkins Field - Jackson, Mississippi - The airfield was named Hawkins Field after A.F. Hawkins, a city commissioner with an interest in aviation / In May 1941 the Dutch government-in-exile, following the occupation of the Netherlands, established the Royal Netherlands Military Flying School at Hawkins Field / Hawkins Field was activated on May 1, 1942 and was used by the United States Army Air Forces' Flying Training Command as a basic flying training airfield (Army Air Forces Pilot School, Miscellaneous Fields for Basic and Advanced Single and Twin-Engine training)

**Miscellaneous:**

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*Name:* **ALBIG**

**LEONARD**

**J.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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*Name:* **ALBRECHT**

**JOHN**

**J.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **ALLAN**

**HOWARD**

**E.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **ALLAN**

**JOHN**

**E.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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*Name:* **ALLEN**

**DOUGLAS O.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY - AIR FORCE      *Rank:* CPL

*Unit / Squadron:*

4100TH A.A.F. BASE UNIT, SECTION "B"

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

Patterson Field, Ohio - Located approximately 10 miles northeast of Dayton and named in honor of Lt. Frank Stuart Patterson, who was killed in 1918 during a flight test of a new mechanism for synchronizing machine gun and propeller, when a tie rod broke during a dive from 15,000 feet, causing the wings to separate from his Airco DH.4 / Patterson Field was used as a flying field, armorers' school and a temporary storage depot

*Miscellaneous:*

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*Name:* **ALLEN**

**JOHN**

**E.**

*Address:* 227 SENECA CREEK ROAD

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* PVT

*Unit / Squadron:*

COMPANY "C", 102ND BATTALION, 75TH REGIMENT

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

Camp Joseph F. Robinson, Arkansas - Camp Joseph T. Robinson, located in North Little Rock, was originally established as Camp Pike in 1917, named for General Zebulon Montgomery Pike, famed U.S. Army officer and explorer, who was killed in action 27 Apr 1813, during the War of 1812. Renamed for U.S. Senator Joseph Taylor Robinson of Arkansas in 1937 / With the start of World War II, the post took on a new role as a replacement training center. Initially, there were two centers, one for basic training and the other for medics. In 1944, the two were combined into the Infantry Replacement Training Center (IRTC) / In addition to its role in training soldiers, Camp Robinson also housed a large German prisoner of war facility, with a capacity of 4,000 prisoners

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** ALLEN

PAUL

E.

**Address:** 227 SENECA CREEK ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

421 B.U (BATTLE UNIT)

864TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 494TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

**Medals / Citations:**

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

3 BATTLE STARS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GUNNERS RATING

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Paul Allan was based on the island of Angaur in the Palau Islands and at an airbase on the Ryukyu Islands of Okinawa / Sergeant Allan earned his Battle Stars in the campaigns for Ryukyu Islands (Okinawa), China and Japan

**Base Assignments:**

Laredo Army Air Field, Texas - Munroe, California - Opened on 23 September 1942 as Laredo Army Airfield, cadets were taught aerial gunnery for B-17 Flying Fortress and B-24 Liberator duty, training on the .50 and .30 caliber Browning machine guns

**Miscellaneous:**

The 494th Bombardment Group, or "Kelly's Cobras", was the last B-24 Liberator bombardment group to be dispatched from the United States during the Second World War / The 494th was allocated to the Seventh Air Force, fighting in the Pacific. Towards the end of 1944 the group moved to Angaur, officially arriving on 30 September 1944, although the last members of the group did not reach the island until December. The group entered combat with a series of attacks on Japanese held islands in the Palau group, and the first of a long series of attacks on the Philippines / The Philippines became the group's main target during its first six months in the Pacific. The group carried out a large number of attacks on targets on Luzon, as well as taking part in the bombardment of Corregidor, and carrying out a series of raids over Mindanao / On 24 June 1945 the group moved to Okinawa. Forty-eight aircraft from the 494th became the first B-24 Liberator bombers to attack the Japanese home islands from Okinawa. Their targets were Japanese airfields, starting with Omura Airfield and facilities around the Omura-Nagasaki area / During the last two months of the war the group attacked targets on the Japanese home islands and in Japanese occupied China / After the end of the war, the 494th was used to



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transport personnel and supplies into Tokyo and to liberate Allied prisoners of war being held in Japan

A bombardment group or bomb group was a group of bomber aircraft the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) during World War II. It was the equivalent of an infantry regiment in the Army Ground Forces. A bombardment group was the key tactical control and administrative organization for bombers in all theaters of operation. U.S. bomb groups were numbered and classified into four types: Very Heavy (VH), Heavy (H), Medium (M), and Light (L). Groups which combined bombers of differing categories into a single administrative organization were designated "Composite" groups

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**Name:** **AMBROSE**

**THADDEUS A.**

**Address:** 69 WOODBINE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** W.T. 1/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

U.S.S. SHAMROCK BAY (CVE-84) , "B" DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL WITH 1 STAR

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER / ATLANTIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Water Tender First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

U.S.N.T.S.C. (United States Naval Training Center) - Great Lakes, Illinois - The Great Lakes Naval Training Center, located in North Chicago, was the largest single training facility for the U.S. Navy / During the course of World War II, Great Lakes supplied about a million men, just over a third of all personnel who served in the U.S. Navy

Sampson, New York - In the three-and-a-half years of its operation during World War II, the Sampson Naval Training Station trained 411,429 naval recruits before closing in 1946 / The camp was named in honor of a local Seneca County native, Rear Admiral William T. Sampson, from Palmyra, NY, a hero of the Battle of Santiago during the Spanish-American War

Milwaukee, Wisconsin - Inspector of Naval Material

**Miscellaneous:**

USS Shamrock Bay (CVE-84) was a Casablanca-class escort carrier commissioned on 15 March 1944 / The carrier had a complement of 12 Avengers and 20 Wildcat aircraft / In 1944 the Shamrock Bay headed to the Philippines for the Lingayen Gulf invasion of Luzon / In 1945, the ship participated in the Iwo Jima landings / The Shamrock Bay earned 3 Battle Stars and was decommissioned on 6 July 1946

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*Name:* **AMES**

**DERWOOD E.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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**Name:** **AMIGONE**

**GEORGE**

**N.**

**Address:** 23 ROSE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

"B" BATTERY, 389 A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT) ARTILLERY, S/L BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Davis, North Carolina - Camp Davis was built by the United States Army as an anti-aircraft artillery training facility and was manned by about 20,000 officers and men

**Miscellaneous:**

With much of World War II fought in the air, anti-aircraft weapons were weapons that could specifically direct their offense against air targets / The mission of the Anti-Aircraft Artillery units were to detect hostile aircraft and destroy them / Radar aided anti-aircraft gunners by providing accurate information about the range, speed, and altitude of incoming enemy planes





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**Name:** **AMIGONE**

**GIRARD**

**D.**

**Address:** 23 ROSE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

93RD AIR SQUADRON

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **AMSCHLER**

**FRANK**

**Address:** 3895 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/3

**Unit / Squadron:**

3111TH ORDNANCE COMPANY, 611TH ORDNANCE BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Third-Grade (Staff Sergeant)

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **AMSCHLER**

**HOWARD**

**W.**

**Address:** 3895 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S. 1/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

N.C.T.C.S. (NAVAL CONSTRUCTION TRAINING CENTER)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Seaman First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Davisville, Rhode Island - The Navy acquired property at Quonset Point on Narragansett Bay in 1939 and built Naval Air Station Quonset Point / In 1942, adjoining properties were developed for training Seabees, including the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) at Davisville

**Miscellaneous:**

Seabees / After the attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, and the use of civilian labor in war zones became impractical so the Navy created Construction Battalions (from which the abbreviation "C.B." became Seabees) / The Seabees have a history of building bases, bulldozing and paving thousands of miles of roadway and airstrips, bridges, roads, gasoline storage tanks, and Quonset huts for warehouses, hospitals, and housing

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**Name:** **ANDERSON**

**FREDERICK C.**

**Address:** 186 WESTMINSTER ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** OFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

2ND UNIT, 185TH M.P. (MILITARY POLICE)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Bliss, Texas - The fort is located in El Paso and named for Mexican-American War soldier William Wallace Smith Bliss / During World War II, Fort Bliss focused on training anti-aircraft artillery battalions (AAA) / The Anti-Aircraft Artillery School was ordered from Camp Davis to Fort Bliss to make the training of anti-aircraft gunners easier

**Miscellaneous:**

The Military Police provides expertise in police, detainment and stability operations in order to enhance security and enable mobility / In World War II, Military Police soldiers moved traffic along the Burma Road, supported amphibious operations on Normandy beachheads, and managed enemy prisoners of war from Italy to the South Pacific

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**Name:** **ANDERSON**

**HEYLMAN**

**W.**

**Address:** 1224 ORCHARD PARK ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS, 256TH F.A. (FIELD ARTILLERY) BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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**Name:** **ANDERSON**

**JAMES**

**P.**

**Address:** 3659 CLINTON STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** B.M. 2/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS PIERCE (APA-50)

USS ANCON (AGC-4) / USS THUBAN (AKA-19)

LCI(L) 452 (LANDING CRAFT INFANTRY - LARGE) / USS LCC-25491 (LANDING CRAFT, CONTROL)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Boatswain's Mate Second-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Amphibious Training Base - Little Creek, Virginia - The Amphibious Training Base (A.T.B.) was the center for all types of amphibious training and the training of ship's crews for LSM (landing ship medium), LCI (landing craft infantry), and LCU (landing craft utility); LCM (landing craft mechanized), and LCVP (landing craft vehicle, personnel) boat crews were also trained at Little Creek / During World War II over 200,000 Naval personnel and 160,000 Army and Marine Corps personnel trained at Little Creek

**Miscellaneous:**

USS Pierce (APA-50) was an Ormsby-class attack transport that served with the US Navy / In 1943, the Pierce sailed as a unit of the task force assigned to capture, occupy and defend the Japanese held island of Makin, Gilbert Islands / In 1944 the Pierce participated in the invasion of Kwajalein and the invasion of Saipan / Later in 1944, the ship was instrumental in the landings at Leyte and Luzon in the Philippine Islands / In 1945, the Pierce transported troops for the battle of Okinawa / Commissioned in 30 June 1943 and decommissioned 11 March 1946 / The USS Pierce received 6 Battle Stars for her service in World War II

The USS Thuban (AKA-19/LKA-19) was an Andromeda-class attack cargo ship, named after Thuban, the brightest star in the constellation Draco / On 20 November 1943, Thuban arrived at her assigned position in the transport area off Betio Island and began lowering boats and "amph-tracs" for the initial assault on Tarawa / Arriving at Kwajalein on 1 February 1944, she began lowering and dispatching her landing craft, 18 of which took part in the initial landings on the islands of the atoll that day. For four days, she unloaded powder, projectiles, tanks, and other items as her boats supported landings on the islands of the atoll. Then, on the 6th, she began



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reloading troops and cargo / On 12 January 1945, the Thuban unloaded personnel and equipment for the battle for Iwo Jima / Thuban received seven battle stars for World War II service / Commissioned on 10 June 1943 and decommissioned in October 1967

USS Ancon (AGC-4) was an ocean liner acquired by the United States Navy during World War II and converted to a combined headquarters and communications command ship / In April 1945, she anchored off the western beaches of Okinawa and supported forces ashore / At the battles of Subic Bay and Manila, Philippines the Ancon served as the flagship of Commander, 7th Amphibious Force / Commissioned on 12 August 1942 and decommissioned on 25 February 1946

USS LCI(L)-452 earned five battle stars for World War II service in addition to the Navy Unit Commendation as a member of LCI(G) Flotilla 3 (31 January to 28 July 1944) for Occupation of Kwajalein and Eniwetok Atolls in the Marshall Islands and Capture and occupation of Saipan, Guam and Tinian in the Marianas

Amphibious Command Ships (LCC) in the United States Navy are large, special purpose ships, originally designed to command large amphibious invasions

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**Name:** **ANDERSON**

**ROBERT**

**F.**

**Address:** 3659 CLINTON STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

BATTERY "B", 74TH A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY) GUN BATTALION, 1ST ARMY, 9TH ARMY

**Medals / Citations:**

PURPLE HEART WITH CLUSTER

3 BATTLE STARS

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT (RIFLEMAN)

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private Robert Anderson shipped to Europe on the Liberty ship USAT McAndrew / Private Anderson participated in the battles for Rome-Arno, Northern France, and the Rhineland / While shipping home on the USS West Point, his convoy was attacked while anchoring off Oran, Africa and the ship was hit by a bomb wounding Private Anderson

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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The Army Transport ship, USAT McAndrew, was a Type C3-P&C troop ship for the United States Army during World War II / While serving as a U.S. Army transport ship in 1945, she collided with French aircraft carrier Béarn with the loss of several lives / Built in 1942 and scrapped in 1972

The SS America was an ocean liner built in 1940 and acquired by the Navy on 1 June 1941 to be used as a troop transport. The ship was renamed the USS West Point (AP-23)

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. A Purple Heart is awarded for the first wound suffered, but for each subsequent award an oak leaf cluster is worn in lieu of the medal





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A Marksmanship Badge is a military badge of the United States Armed Forces presented to personnel upon successful completion of a weapons qualification course or high placement in an official marksmanship competition. The U.S. Military's Marksmanship Qualification Badges are awarded in three grades (highest to lowest): Expert, Sharpshooter, and Marksman

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**Name:** **ANDERSON**

**VERNON**

**R.**

**Address:** 39 WESTMINSTER ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

SECTION "C", FLIGHT "I"

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Altus Air Field, Oklahoma - Altus is a city and county seat in Jackson County, Oklahoma / Base was established on 17 June 1942 / During World War II, the base trained 5,377 pilots on twin-engine aircraft

**Miscellaneous:**

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*Name:* **ANGER**

**RICHARD**

*Address:*

**CENTER ROAD**

*Service Branch:* **ARMY**

*Rank:* **S/SGT**

*Unit / Squadron:*

**SQUADRON "T", 338TH BASE UNIT R.T.U. (REINFORCEMENT TRAINING UNIT)**

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

**Staff Sergeant**

*Base Assignments:*

**Page Field - Fort Myers, Florida - The field was active during World War II as a Third Air Force training airfield / Page Field was named to honor Captain Richard Page, a World War I aviator who was credited with three German aircraft destroyed in combat and was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross along with the French Croix de Guerre and other awards / Field was closed on 30 September 1945**

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** ANGER JR.

EARNEST

R

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* NAVY

*Rank:* M. 3/C

*Unit / Squadron:*

ADVANCED T.S.

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Metalsmith Third-Class

*Base Assignments:*

Treasure Island - San Francisco, California - Treasure Island is a man-made landform in San Francisco Bay and a neighborhood of the City of San Francisco / The U.S. Navy seized Treasure Island" on April 17, 1942 and Naval built an Auxiliary Air Facility and a Navy/USMC electronics school

*Miscellaneous:*

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*Name:* **ANTHON  
LOUIS**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **ARCHER**

**KARL**

**W.**

**Address:** 4468 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/5

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal) Karl Archer went missing in action while serving in Europe

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **ARRIGO**

**JAMES**

**T.**

**Address:** 1081 ORCHARD PARK ROAD

**Service Branch:**

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

H & S COMPANY, 1308TH ENGINEERING G. S. (GENERAL SERVICE) REGIMENT

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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*Name:* **ASHBERRY**

**WILLIAM**

**A.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* NAVY

*Rank:* R.T. 1/C

*Unit / Squadron:*

UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE (USNR)

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Radio Technician First-Class

*Base Assignments:*

Washington, D.C. - Radio Material School

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** **ASKEY**

**ROBERT**

**B.**

**Address:** 3412 CLINTON STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "G", 168TH INFANTRY, 34TH DIVISION, 23RD FINANCE (DISBURSEMENT SECTION),  
7TH ARMY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL 4 BATTLE STARS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Robert Askey was stationed in England in October 1941 / Sent to Africa with the African invasion in November 1942 / Participated in the initial landing at Casablanca and Tunisia / Sergeant Askey participated in the battles for Rome, Arno, Southern France, and the Rhineland

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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The Good Conduct Medal is one of the oldest military awards of the United States Armed Forces. The Navy 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 medal is awarded to any active-duty enlisted



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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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**Name:** **AST JR.**

**RAYMOND J.**

**Address:** 5122 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** G.M. 1/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS LST-572

USS LST-573 (LANDING SHIP, TANK)

**Medals / Citations:**

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

3 BATTLE STARS

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL WITH 2 STARS

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Gunners Mate First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Sampson, New York - In the three-and-a-half years of its operation during World War II, the Sampson Naval Training Station trained 411,429 naval recruits before closing in 1946 / The camp was named in honor of a local Seneca County native, Rear Admiral William T. Sampson, from Palmyra, NY, a hero of the Battle of Santiago during the Spanish-American War

Newport, Rhode Island - The U.S. Naval Base at Newport served as a PT-Boat (Patrol Torpedo) training center, a torpedo training school, gunnery school and a Naval Air Training Center

Solomons Islands, Maryland - During World War II, the island was chosen by the Allied command as the site for training amphibious invasion forces. The lessons learned at Solomons proved invaluable on D-Day, at Tarawa, Guadalcanal, and in numerous other military operations / The Solomons was the site for the Naval Mine Warfare Test Station, Naval Amphibious Training Base, Mine Warfare Experimental Station and the Naval Dispensary, Naval Amphibious Training Base

St. Andrews Bay - Panama City, Florida - Panama City became an important port, and was used for building ships (and later dismantling them) during World War II

Pensacola Naval Air Station - Pensacola, Florida - Air Station was the primary training base for all Navy, Marine and Coast Guard aviators and Naval Flight Officers during World War II / Naval aviators from Pensacola NAS were called upon to train the Doolittle Raiders at Eglin Field in 1942 in carrier take-offs in their B-25 Mitchell bombers



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### *Miscellaneous:*

Naval Training Centers introduced recruits to “boot camp” training and indoctrination / The recruits were given a battery of tests to determine their educational and skill levels, then trained in indoctrination, ordnance and gunnery, seamanship, fire fighting, physical training, military drill and shipboard duties

LST-573 was commissioned on 21 June 1944 / Assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater / Participated in the Leyte, Mindoro and Philippines Landings / Decommissioned on 24 January 1946

USS LST-572 was first assigned to the Europe-Africa-Middle East Theater (convoy HXM 301) and later reassigned to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater / LST-572 participated in the assault and occupation of Okinawa in June 1945 / USS LST-572 earned one battle stars for World War II service / Commissioned on 19 June 1944 and decommissioned on 8 March 1946

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The American Campaign Medal/Ribbon (also known as the (ATO) American Theater of Operations Ribbon) was a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on November 6, 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The ribbon was intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the American Theater of Operations during World War II. The requirements for the American Campaign Ribbon were for service within the American Theater between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946. The American Campaign Medal was issued as a service ribbon only for the entirety of the Second World War, and was only made a full-sized medal in 1947

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military awarded to any member of the United States Military who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945

The Philippine Liberation Medal was a military award of the Republic of the Philippines presented to any service member, of both Philippine Commonwealth and allied militaries, who participated in the liberation of the Philippine Islands between the dates of 17 October 1944 and 2 September 1945. The Philippine Liberation Medal is intended to recognize military service in the last days of World War II when the military of Japan was driven from the Philippines and then to eventually surrender in September 1945. To be awarded the medal, a service member must have served in the Philippines for at least thirty days during the eligible time period



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**Name:** **ATHERTON**

**HYATT**

**W.**

**Address:** 531 MAIN STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

3854 QUARTERMASTER GAS SUPPLY COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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*Name:* **ATHERTON**  
**WILLIAM**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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