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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **BABULSKI**

JOSEPH

C.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

93RD AIRDROME SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

2 BATTLE STARS

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ARMY AIR FORCES TECHNICIAN AP MECHANIC BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Joseph Babulski honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force / CPL Joseph Babulski was stationed in Australia and saw action during the battles for New Guinea and Luzon in the Philippines, earning Corporal Babulski 3 Battle Stars

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Joseph Babulski passed away in 2004 at the age of 86 years old and is interred at Saint Matthews Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

Airdrome Squadrons were designed to provide the minimum number of personnel to run an air base for a limited time / Aviation Engineers would prepare a landing ground, then an Airdrome Squadron would start it running until a combat group, station complement squadron, service squadron, and/or various Army - Air Force units arrived to operate the base

The Army Air Forces Technician AP Mechanic Badge was a badge of the United States Army Air Forces awarded to denote special training and qualifications held by the members of the Army Air Force

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under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action

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The World War II Victory Medal was first issued as a service ribbon referred to as the "Victory Ribbon." By 1946, a full medal had been established which was referred to as the World War II Victory Medal. The medal commemorates military service during World War II and is awarded to any member of the United States military, including members of the armed forces of the Government of the Philippine Islands, who served on active duty, or as a reservist, between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946

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Name: **BACCHETTI**

NORMAN

P.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

3RD ARMY

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Norman Philip Bacchetti honorably served in the United States Army / PFC Norman Bacchetti was assigned to the 3rd Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Norman Philip Bacchetti passed away on 2 January 2014 at the age of 86 years old and is interred at Saint Matthews Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

The United States Army Central, formerly the Third United States Army, commonly referred to as the Third Army and as ARCENT, is a military formation of the United States Army that saw service in World War I and World War II, in the 1991 Gulf War, and in the coalition occupation of Iraq / It is best known for its campaigns in World War II under the command of General George S. Patton



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Name: BACH

RONALD

W.

Address: 129 BROOKSIDE DRIVE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S2C

Unit / Squadron:

US NATTC (US NAVAL AIR TRAINING CENTER), BARRACKS 8, SECTION "D"

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class Ronald W. Bach honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Memphis, Tennessee - The Naval Reserve Aviation Base was officially commissioned in 1942

Miscellaneous:

Seamen served as members of damage control or emergency and security alert teams / They participated in Navy ceremonies and took part in underway replenishment (transferring supplies from ship to ship at sea), and they worked with qualified personnel to gain job training and experience / A Seaman was knowledgeable in naval drill duties, knots, steering and signaling / Also stood watch and handled gunnery duties



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Name: **BACKUS**

FRANCIS

C.

Address:

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Francis C. Backus honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: BAILEY

CARL

G.

Address: 186 ALLENDALE ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "G, 6TH ARMORED INFANTRY, 1ST ARMORED DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL PURPLE HEART MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Carl G. Bailey honorably served in the United States Army / PVT Carl Bailey was Killed in Action (KIA) on 8 November 1942 while serving in North Africa

Private Carl G Bailey is interred in the North Africa American Cemetery (Carthage, Tunisia)

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Carl G. Bailey enlisted in the Army on 18 March 1942

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



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Name: BALL

CARMAN

F.

Address: 66 TINDLE AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: LT. (JG)

Unit / Squadron:

USS HORNET (CV-8)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Lieutenant (junior grade) Carman F. Ball honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Carman Ball was a former Assistant District Attorney

USS Hornet CV-8, the seventh ship to carry the name Hornet, was a Yorktown-class aircraft carrier / The Doolittle Raid on Tokyo was launched from the USS Hornet and participated in the Battle of Midway / The Hornet aided in sinking the heavy cruiser Mikuma and badly damaging the heavy cruiser Mogami / During the Battle of Santa Cruz, the USS Hornet was struck by three bombs and two torpedoes / On fire and dead in the water, Hornet's crew began a massive damage control operation / In an effort to save Hornet, the carrier was taken under tow by the heavy cruiser USS Northampton / Only making five knots, the two ships came under attack from Japanese aircraft and Hornet was hit by another torpedo / Unable to save the carrier, Captain Charles P. Mason ordered abandon ship / The USS Hornet was commissioned on 20 October 1941 and struck on 13 January 1943

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Name: **BALL**

FRANKLIN J.

Address: 66 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

MILITARY POLICE PLATOON, 5TH ARMORED DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL 5 BATTLE STARS
MERITORIOUS SERVICE CERTIFICATE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Franklin J. Ball honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Franklin Ball stormed Utah Beach in Normandy with General George Patton's 3rd Army / Corporal Ball fought from Paris to Luxemburg, Belgium and Holland with General Courtney H. Hodges' 1st Army / Advanced from Holland to the Elbe River with General William H. Simpson's 9th Army and participated in the occupation of Germany with the 7th Army / Corporal Ball earned 5 Battle Stars for combat action in Northern France, Ardennes and the Rhineland

Base Assignments:

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

The Fifth Armored Division's record of achievement is unsurpassed by that of any other division and the ratio of its casualties to such achievement is the lowest in the entire United States Army / It was the Fifth Armored which devised the married formation of tanks and infantry; it led the Normandy breakthrough; it sprang the Falaise trap which meant the death of the Seventh German Army and the Field Marshal who commanded it / The Fifth Armored was the first division to reach the Eure River, the Seine, and cut off thousands of German soldiers

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Name: **BALL JR.**

HARRY

L.

Address: 66 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: MM3C

Unit / Squadron:

USS P.C.S. 1417 (PATROL CRAFT)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER / PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Machinist Mate Third-Class Harry Ball Jr. honorably served in the United States Navy / MM3C Harry Ball applied for submarine duty

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

A Machinists Mate operates main and auxiliary engines / Adjusts, repairs, and overhauls engines and is familiar with ship's drainage systems, distilling plants, evaporators and pumps.

Patrol Craft Sweepers, USS P.C.S. 1417, was commissioned on January 8, 1944 / Patrol Craft Sweepers were 136 feet in length and had a top speed of 14 knots / 59 craft were delivered to the Navy at a cost of \$723,000 for each craft

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Name: **BARKAN**

IRVING

Address: 87 SUMMIT AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: 1SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 759TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

NORTH AFRICAN THEATER / EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

First-Sergeant Irving Barkan honorably served in the United States Army / 1SGT Irving Barkan had 12 years of service in the Army / Sergeant Barkan participated in the campaigns for Italy and North Africa / Sgt. Barkan was the Heavyweight Boxing Champion of the 26th Infantry in 1933 / Heavyweight Champion of Pacific Sector in 1937

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **BARLOW**

RONALD

J.

Address:

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Ronald J. Barlow honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **BARNES**

JOHN

E

Address:

MILL ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: RM

Unit / Squadron:

USS BRISTER (DE/DER-327)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

CHINA SERVICE MEDAL

JAPAN OCCUPATIONAL SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Radioman John E. Barnes honorably served in the United States Navy / RM John Barnes, while serving on the destroyer escort USS Brister, met heavy resistance from Japanese installations in the Solomon Islands, Bougainville (New Guinea), Guadalcanal Islands and the Philippine Islands / The Marine Corps., needing a Radioman, took Barnes off his ship and issued him a Marine uniform and rifle / For six months, Barnes served as a Radioman for the Marine Corp., coming under heavy enemy fire, before being reunited with his ship, the USS Brister / The USS Brister entered the Straits of Formosa in 1945 to accept the surrender of the Japanese Imperial Forces

After the Japanese surrender, the USS Brister was assigned to Hong Kong and sailed up the Yangtze River to deliver mail / After serving aboard the USS Brister for three years, John E. Barnes received an Honorable Discharge in 1946

John E. Barnes was recalled to active duty in 1952 during the height of the Korean War, receiving his second Honorable Discharge in 1958

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

University of Miami, Florida - One of the courses offered by the University during World War II was the training of enlisted naval personnel as Naval Radiomen / Members of all military branches received specialized training



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from the university for a wide variety of jobs

Miscellaneous:

John E. Barnes enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1943 after graduating from Bishop Fallon High School / After his Honorable Discharge, Barnes attended Canisius College in 1950 / John Barnes was employed by Curtis Wright for 35 years where he sold extrusion parts to the military and commercial airlines until his retirement / Barnes was a life-long resident of West Seneca and a life member of the Harvey D. Morin Post, VFW Post 2940 / John (Jack) E. Barnes passed away on 8 July 2015

Radioman (RM) was a rating for United States Navy and United States Coast Guard enlisted personnel, specializing in communications technology. The Radiomen of the US Navy were responsible for transmitting and receiving radio signals, and processing all forms of telecommunications through various transmission media aboard ships, aircraft and at shore facilities / They were also responsible for the proper handling and destruction of classified material / Radiomen were also responsible for periodic maintenance of the communications equipment, to include transmitters, receivers and antennas

USS Brister (DE/DER-327) was an Edsall-class destroyer escort of the United States Navy, named for Ensign Robert E. Brister (1920–1942) / The Brister was commissioned on 30 November 1943 and between June 1944 and June 1945, the destroyer made two successful trans-Atlantic escort crossings to Italy and five to the United Kingdom / The Brister departed Pearl Harbor in August 1945 and proceeded to the Far East, arriving there in September / She carried out patrol and escort duties in the East China Sea, supporting the occupation of Japan and Korea, until April 1946 / Departing Singapore on 8 April 1946, the USS Brister returned to Charleston, South Carolina, via the Suez Canal and the Mediterranean, arriving there on 30 May 1946 / During the Vietnam War, the Brister was part of a convoy assigned to patrol off the shores of Vietnam as part of Operation Market Time / The operation was designed to bar infiltration by sea into South Vietnam of men, supplies and arms for the Viet Cong / The USS Brister was stricken from Navy records on 23 September 1968 and was sold as scrap in November 1971

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The Army of Occupation Medal was a military award of the United States military which was established by the United States War Department on 5 April 1946 / The medal was created in the aftermath of the Second World War to recognize those who had performed occupation service in Germany, Italy, Austria, or Japan / The original Army of Occupation Medal was intended only for members of the United States Army, but was expanded in 1948 to encompass the United States Air Force shortly after that service's creation / The Navy and Marine equivalent of the Army of Occupation Medal is the Navy Occupation Service Medal

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Name: **BARREN**

JOHN

A.

Address: 109 TAMPA DRIVE

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: PH. M. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

111 M.A.C. (MARINE AMPHIBIOUS CORPS)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Pharmacist's Mate Second-Class John A. Barren honorably served in the United States Marine Corps

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Pharmacist's mates are Petty Officers who, under the direction of medical officers, administer medical assistance, treatment, and services to naval personnel / They served in the sick bay or dispensary of a ship or shore station, at a naval hospital, or on a hospital ship

The Marines Corps pioneered the tactics and techniques of one of the most challenging forms of warfare; amphibious assault / During the war, the Navy-Marine Corps team projected force across vast ocean expanses during the island hopping campaigns

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Name: **BARREN**

RAYMOND G.

Address: 109 TAMPA DRIVE

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

7TH HEAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTALION, 5TH AMPHIBIOUS CORP.

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON W/2 BRONZE STARS

1 BATTLE STAR

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Raymond G. Barren honorably served in the United States Marine Corps / PFC Raymond Barren earned 1 Battle Star for combat action in the Pacific Theater

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Raymond G. Barren passed away on 18 January 1994 at the age of 69 years old and is interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, New York

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 / Bronze service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns

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The American Defense Service Medal (sometimes referred to as the Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon) was a military award of the United States Armed Forces intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty between 8 September 1939 and 7 December 1941

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

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Name: **BARREN**

RICHARD

P.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT (CVB-42)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class Richard P. Barren honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Seamen served as members of damage control or emergency and security alert teams / They participated in Navy ceremonies and took part in underway replenishment (transferring supplies from ship to ship at sea), and they worked with qualified personnel to gain job training and experience / A Seaman was knowledgeable in naval drill duties, knots, steering and signaling / Also stood watch and handled gunnery duties

The USS Franklin D. Roosevelt (CVB-42) was an aircraft carrier launched 29 April 1945 by New York Naval Shipyard as Coral Sea (CVB-42) but renamed Franklin D. Roosevelt 8 May 1945 following the death of the President / The Roosevelt did not participate in any action during World War II / Commissioned on 27 October 1945 and decommissioned on 30 September 1977



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Name: **BARREN**

ROBERT

Address: 64 DELRAY AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

35TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL (SM)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Robert F. Barren honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Robert Barren was a member of Windom Seniors / Robert F. Barren passed away on 27 April 1999 at the age of 77 years old and is interred at Saint Vincent's Cemetery, Spring Brook, New York

As of August 1945, the 35th Evacuation Hospital processed 27,051 patients, performed 11,674 surgical operations, taken 38,012 radiographs / Hospital earned Battle Stars for the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe campaigns

In the years from 30 June 1943 to 30 June 1945 the Medical Department trained 189 General Hospitals, 74 Field Hospitals and 61 Station Hospitals for overseas service / In 1945, when the peak of overseas shipments occurred, the War Department sent 81 General, 35 Field, and 8 Station Hospitals to the various Theaters of Operations (European, African and Asiatic-Pacific) / By May 1945, when the peak in Hospital beds overseas was reached, there were 335,000 fixed beds and about 87,000 mobile beds in all Theaters

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Name: **BARRY**

JOHN

J.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/5

Unit / Squadron:

RECEPTION STATION #21

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARD

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal) John Barry honorably served in the United States Army / CPL John Barry was a Clerk Typist and handled Incoming Records at the Indiantown Military Reservation

Base Assignments:

Fort Indiantown Gap Military Reservation , Pennsylvania - Indiantown Gap became one of the nation's most important Army training camps and served as a staging area for the New York Port of Embarkation / Seven U.S. Army divisions were given final training at the Gap prior to being shipped overseas / The Gap also served as a demobilization site for many units returning home from the European Theater of Operations after the war ended

Miscellaneous:

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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: **BARTELS**

GEORGE

A.

Address: 82 ELECTRIC AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

125TH ARMY ENGINEERING BATTALION, 14TH ARMY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PURPLE HEART MEDAL

5 BATTLE STARS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal George A. Bartels honorably served in the United States Army / CPL George Bartels was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered on the battlefield and earned 5 Battle Stars for combat action in the European Theater

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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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

Battle (Combat) Stars were presented to military personnel who were engaged in specific battles in combat under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action

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

Name: **BARTLETT**

NELSON

D.

Address:

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

U.M.F. 511 MAG 51 (MARINE AIR GROUP)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Corporal Nelson D. Bartlett honorably served in the United States Marine Corps

Base Assignments:

Fort Irwin (Mojave, California) - In 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt established the Mojave Anti-Aircraft Range, a military reservation of approximately 1,000 square miles / In 1942, the Mojave Anti-Aircraft Range was renamed Camp Irwin, in honor of Major General George LeRoy Irwin, commander of the 57th Field Artillery Brigade during World War I

Miscellaneous:

Nelson D. Bartlett passed away on 21 March 2007 at the age of 82 years old and is interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, Orchard Park, New York

The mission of the Marine Air Group was to conduct offensive air support, anti-air warfare, electronic warfare, assault support, and air reconnaissance operations in support of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force or joint and coalition forces, and conduct fleet replacement program training in order to provide combat capable aircrews to operational squadrons



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Name: **BARWICK**

LUTHER E.

Address: 39 BOYNTON AVENUE

Service Branch: COAST GUARD

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

USCGC UNALGA (WPG-53), CONSTRUCTION DETACHMENT 372

USCGC CLOVER (WLB-292)

USCGC EWING (WSC-137)

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Luther Edward Barwick honorably served in the United States Coast Guard / Luther Barwick served in both World War II and the Korean War

Base Assignments:

Buffalo, New York - United States Coast Guard Base

Boston, Massachusetts - United States Coast Guard Construction Detachment

Newfoundland, Canada - United States Coast Guard Construction Detachment

Labrador, Canada - United States Coast Guard Construction Detachment

Miscellaneous:

Luther Edward Barwick passed away on 10 September 1973 at the age of 51 years old and is interred at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York

Operating as part of the United States Navy, the United States Coast Guard was given the mission to patrol and protect the shores of the United States, with a large role looking for enemy German submarines in the Atlantic Theater / The Coast Guard also rescued survivors from naval vessels near the U.S coast whether it be attacked merchant ships or sunken German U-Boats

The USCGC Unalga (WPG-53) was a Coast Guard Cutter / During World War II, she served as a target ship for PT boats and then recovered the test torpedoes / The Unalga also operated out of San Juan, Puerto Rico conducting



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antisubmarine patrols / Commissioned on 23 May 1912 and decommissioned on 10 October 1945

The USCGC Clover (WLB-292) was a buoy tender / During World War II, the Clover was used for escort duty due to the shortage of ships of that type / From 1944 to 1945, the Clover was assigned to Alaska and performed general aid to navigation duties / Commissioned on 8 November 1942 and decommissioned on 1 June 1990

The USCGC Ewing (WSC-137) was a Patrol Boat originally based at New London, Connecticut and Boston, Massachusetts / During World War II she performed Anti-Submarine Warfare training at San Diego, California / Commissioned on 26 March 1927 and decommissioned on 23 June 1967

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The World War II Victory Medal was first issued as a service ribbon referred to as the "Victory Ribbon" / By 1946, a full medal had been established which was referred to as the World War II Victory Medal / The medal commemorates military service during World War II and is awarded to any member of the United States military, including members of the armed forces of the Government of the Philippine Islands, who served on active duty, or as a reservist, between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946

The American Defense Service Medal (also referred to as the Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon) was a military award of the United States Armed Forces intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty between 8 September 1939 and 7 December 1941

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Name: **BATTERSON**

ERNEST

W.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

37TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL
W/ARROWHEAD

4 BATTLE STARS

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION

FRENCH COMMENDATION

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technical Sergeant Ernest W. Batterson honorably served in the United States Army / TSGT Ernest Batterson earned 4 Battle Stars for combat action in the European Theater

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Battle (Combat) Stars were presented to military personnel who were engaged in specific battles in combat under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action

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or as a reservist, between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946

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A Unit Citation is a formal, honorary mention by high authority of a military unit's specific and outstanding performance, notably in battle / Similar mentions can also be made for individual soldiers / Alternatively or concurrently, the unit can be awarded an honorary title, a mention on the flag or a decoration

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: **BATY**

ROBERT

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

2526 A.A.F. - B.U. (BASE UNIT), L.A.A. (LIGHT ANTI-AIRCRAFT), SECTION 1

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private Robert Baty honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force

Base Assignments:

Lubbock Army Air Field (Lubbock, Texas) - The Army Air Corps Advanced Flying School at Lubbock opened in early 1942 / During World War II, the school used AT-7, AT-9, AT-10, AT-17, and T-6 aircraft to train 7,008 pilots / Most of the graduates went on to fly multi-engine bombers, fighters, and other aircraft in every theater of the war

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: **BAUMGARTEN**

ABRAHAM

J.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Abraham J. Baumgarten honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Abraham J. Baumgarten passed away on 18 February 1984 at the age of 61 years old and is interred at Elmlawn Cemetery, Tonawanda, New York



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Name: BAUMGARTEN

BERNARD

V.

Address: 235 KNOX AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

351ST BOMBER SQUADRON, 100TH BOMBER GROUP (HEAVY)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL BRONZE STAR

PURPLE HEART

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Sergeant Bernard V. Baumgarten honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force / SGT Bernard Baumgarten, flying his first mission aboard a B-17 Flying Fortress (nicknamed "She Hasta") as a waist gunner, was part of a bombing raid on 29 July 1944 over the oil fields located at Merseberg, Germany / Reaching the target, the aircraft was hit by flak, disabling one engine and severely wounding Sgt Baumgarten at station / The aircraft dropped out of formation, to return home and was attacked by enemy aircraft that were driven off by the fighter escort / The B-17 aircraft became unstable, and ditched near one of the Frisian Islands, off the Dutch Coast / Sgt Baumgarten was unconscious in the radio room, with one leg partially severed, and wounds in the abdomen / After ditching, two crew members attempted to get him into a life raft, but failed / They made their way out of the rapidly-sinking aircraft, and Sgt Baumgarten went down with the aircraft / The survivors floated at sea for four days, then landed on Ameland Island, where they were all captured

Sergeant Bernard V. Baumgarten's body was never recovered / Listed as Killed in Action (KIA), Sgt Baumgarten was 20 years of age at the time of his death / Sergeant Baumgarten was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery and the Purple Heart

Sgt Bernard V. Baumgarten is honored at the Netherlands American Cemetery (Margraten, Netherlands) on the Tablets of the Missing on which are recorded the names of 1,722 American missing service personnel

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Bernard V. Baumgarten graduated from Fosdick-Masten Park High School and worked for the Curtiss Airplane Division prior to joining the Army-Air Force on 15 April 1943

The 351st Bomb Group was stationed at Royal Air Force Station Polebrook, from 1943 to 1945 / More than



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seven thousand U.S. Army Air Force personnel served at Polebrook during WWII / There were 311 combat missions flown, with the loss of 175 B-17s.

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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The Bronze Star Medal is the fourth-highest individual military award and the ninth-highest by order of precedence in the US Military / It may be awarded for acts of heroism, acts of merit, or meritorious service in a combat zone

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Name: BAUMGARTEN

JOSEPH

Address:

SOUTH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 3186TH SIGNAL SERVICES BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

2 BATTLE STARS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER / PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Joseph Baumgarten honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Joseph Baumgarten was recommended for the Bronze Star / Sgt Baumgarten saw action in Central Europe and the Rhineland / Sergeant Baumgarten was re-deployed to the Pacific Theater on the USS Monterey / Sergeant Baumgarten earned 2 Battle Stars for combat action

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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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

Name: BAUMGARTEN JR.

R.

E.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

R. E. Baumgarten, Jr. honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: BAUSCH

HERBERT

Address: 1506 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "F", 36TH CAR RON SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL PURPLE HEART MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Herbert Bausch honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Herbert Bausch entered the Army in October 1942 / SGT Herbert Bausch was wounded in action while serving in Germany as a Tank Driver in the 9th Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Herbert Bausch graduated from Ebenezer High School / Bausch was employed by Lake Erie Engineering Corps before entering the Army

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Name: **BAUTZ**

EMIL

G.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Emil G. Bautz honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Emil G. Bautz passed away on 24 July 1995 at the age of 79 years old and is interred at Buffalo Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York



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Name: **BAYER**

CLIFFORD

F.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/5

Unit / Squadron:

MEDICAL DETACHMENT 150, 38TH FIELD ARTILLERY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL W/1 BRONZE STAR

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal) Clifford F. Bayer honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Clifford F. Bayer passed away on 9 October 1999 at the age of 79 years old and is interred at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York

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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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: **BEALS**

DONALD

E.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Donald E. Beals honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **BECKER**

CHARLES

P.

Address: 4566 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

558TH BOMBER SQUADRON

558TH BOMBER SQUADRON, 387TH BOMBER GROUP (MEDIUM)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PURPLE HEART

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

AIR MEDAL W/5 OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Charles P. Becker honorably served in the Army-Air Force / SSGT Charles Becker was Killed in Action (KIA) when his B-26 bomber was shot down on 25 February 1944 by enemy aircraft during a mission over the Netherland coast

SSgt Charles P. Becker is honored at the Netherlands American Cemetery (Margraten, Netherlands) on the Tablets of the Missing on which are recorded the names of 1,722 American missing service personnel

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Charles P. Becker attended South Park High School / Becker was employed by Bethlehem Steel prior to enlisting in the Army on 1 April 1942

The 558th Bombardment Squadron was activated at MacDill Field, Florida on 1 December 1942 / After training in the United States, it deployed to the European Theater of Operations, operating from England, and later from Advanced Landing Grounds on the European continent / The squadron flew its first combat mission on 15 August 1943 with initial operations focusing on German airfields near the coast of France, in an effort to force the Luftwaffe to withdraw its interceptors from the coastal belt, reducing their effectiveness against heavy bombers passing through on their way to strike targets deeper in occupied Europe / During the Battle of the Bulge, the 558th Bombardment Squadron attacked strongly defended communications and transportation targets at Mayen and Pruem (Germany), for which it was awarded a Distinguished Unit Citation / The 558th continued to support the Allied advance into Germany, flying its last combat mission in April 1945



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The Distinguished Flying Cross is a military decoration awarded to any officer or enlisted member of the United States Armed Forces who distinguishes himself or herself in support of operations by "heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight, subsequent to November 11, 1918

The Air Medal is awarded to anyone who, while serving in any capacity in or with the Armed Forces of the United States, have distinguished themselves by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight / Subsequent awards are annotated with the traditional oak leaf clusters



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Name: **BECKMANN**

GEORGE

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

George Beckmann honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **BEDIENT**

JOSEPH

W.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

DETACHMENT PAT 2628 HOSPITAL SECTION

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private Joseph W. Bedient honorably served in the United States Army / PVT Joseph Bedient was Killed In Action on 1 March 1944 during combat action in Tunisia, Italy / PVT Bedient was attached to the Det Pat 2628 Hospital Section

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Joseph W. Bedient was 21 years old at the time of his passing and is interred at Forest Lawn, Buffalo, New York

Detachment Pat 2628 Hospital Section was established in 1942 and served throughout the war, primarily from 1942 to 1945 as a military hospital to treat wounded soldiers / The Unit operated primarily in the European theater of operations providing critical medical care and rehabilitation services and played a key role in supporting Allied forces during major campaigns / The unit contributed to advancements in military medicine and surgical techniques and was closed after the war, with many staff transitioning to civilian medical roles

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Name: **BEHAN**

WILLIAM

W.

Address: 904 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: T/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

ASCRD #1, 588TH ENGINEERING SQUADRON, 76TH AIR SERVICE GROUP

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Technical Sergeant William W. Behan honorably served in the Army-Air Force / T/SGT William Behan was stationed at air bases in Saipan (Mariana Islands) and Guam

Base Assignments:

Daniel Air Field (Augusta, Georgia) - The field was named for Augusta Mayor Raleigh Daniel, who was a major proponent of the city leasing the land in the early 1920 to the Army

Miscellaneous:

An Air Service Squadron would service one combat group, and to operate a base complete with finance service, fixed communications, medical dispensaries, interior guard, utilities, firefighting and motor transport

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

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The American Defense Service Medal (often referred to as the Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon) was a military award of the United States Armed Forces intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty between 8 September 1939 and 7 December 1941

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Name: **BENDER**

RICHARD L.

Address: 2720 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: G.M. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS LST-39 (LANDING SHIP, TANK)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

2 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Gunner's Mate Second-Class Richard Bender honorably served in the United States Navy / GM2C Richard Bender participated in campaigns at Bougainville and the Bismarck Sea / On May 21, 1944 while loading mortar shells onto LST-353 at Pearl Harbor, LST-39 and 5 other L.S.T.'s were blown up and sunk / Gunner's Mate Bender earned 2 Battle Stars for combat action

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

A Gunner's Mate took charge of gun and crew / Assembled and fired all types of guns / Handled ammunition, mines and depth charges

Landing Ship, Tank (LST), or tank landing ship, is the naval designation for ships first developed during World War II (1939-1945) to support amphibious operations by carrying tanks, vehicles, cargo, and landing troops directly onto shore with no docks or piers / This enabled amphibious assaults on almost any beach / The bow of the LST had a large door that would open with a ramp for unloading the vehicles / The LST had a special flat keel that allowed the ship to be beached and stay upright / The twin propellers and rudders had protection from grounding / The LSTs served across the globe during World War II including in the Pacific War and in the European theatre.

USS LST-39 was commissioned on 8 September 1943 and assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater during World War II but saw no combat action / LST-39 was lost in the accidental explosion of ammunition in West Loch Pearl Harbor on 21 May 1944 / LST-39 was later raised and used as a barge

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Name: **BENDER**

ROBERT J.

Address: 146 CHAMBERLIN DRIVE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

1206TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Robert Bender Honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Fort Niagara, New York - Served as an induction center during World War II and later a POW camp for 1,200 German soldiers captured in North Africa

Miscellaneous:

The Medical Corps (MC) of the U.S. Army is a staff corps (non-combat specialty branch) of the U.S. Army Medical Department (AMEDD) consisting of commissioned medical officers – physicians with either an M.D. or a D.O. degree, at least one year of post-graduate clinical training, and a state medical license / The MC traces its earliest origins to the first physicians recruited by the Medical Department of the Army, created by the Second Continental Congress in 1775 / The US Congress made official the designation "Medical Corps" in 1908, although the term had long been in use informally among the Medical Department's regular physicians / Currently, the MC consists of over 4,400 active duty physicians representing all the specialties and subspecialties of civilian medicine / They may be assigned to fixed military medical facilities, to deployable combat units or to military medical research and development duties / They are considered fully deployable soldiers / The Chief of the Medical Corps Branch (under the Army's Human Resources Command) is a colonel and the senior-most Medical Corps officer in the Army is the U.S. Army Surgeon General, a lieutenant general



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Name: BENZIN

ALLEN

J.

Address: 4841 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/5

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 491ST POST BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth Grade (Corporal) Allen John Benzin honorably served in the United States Army / T/5 Allen Benzin was assigned to the Pacific Theater

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Allen John Benzin passed away on 8 March 1993 at the age of 69 years old and is interred at Saint Matthews Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

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Name: BERGER

CLEMENT E.

Address: 268 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/5

Unit / Squadron:

B.D. (BOMB DISPOSAL) SCHOOL, ABERDEEN GROUNDS, MARYLAND, 123RD ORDNANCE BOMB DISPOSAL

123RD ORD

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL PURPLE HEART

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal) Clement E. Berger honorably served in the United States Army / T/5 Clement Berger was killed (KIA) on 9 May 1945 at Hor-Plane, Czechoslovakia a day after V-E Day while disposing ammunition / Buried in Nuremburg, Germany and re-interred at Lorraine American Cemetery (St. Avold, France) on 16 August 1945

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Clement E. Berger was a barber prior to enlisting in the Army on 28 September 1943

Ordnance Bomb Disposal is the process by which hazardous explosive devices are rendered safe / Bomb disposal is an all-encompassing term to describe the separate, but interrelated functions in the military fields of explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) and improvised explosive device disposal (IEDD), and the public safety roles of public safety bomb disposal (PSBD)

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The Purple Heart was instituted in 1782 by George Washington and is the first and oldest military American



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decoration / The Purple Heart is awarded to military service members wounded or killed in action, in the latter case posthumously

Name: BERGER

ROBERT

G.

Address: 2983 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

4501ST A.A.F. B.U. (BASE UNIT) (SERVICE GROUP)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Corporal Robert Berger honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force

Base Assignments:

Alachua Army Air Field (Gainesville, Florida) - Field was named for the county (Alachua) in Florida where it was located / Initially assigned to Air Technical Service Command as a maintenance and supply support airfield, in 1943, it was transferred to the Air University Army Air Forces School of Applied Tactics (AAFSAT) tactical combat simulation school / AAFSAT's function was to train cadres from newly formed units in combat operations under simulated field conditions as the cores around which new combat groups would be formed / AAFSAT operated several units from the airfield, including Dive Bombers, light attack bombers and observation aircraft

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **BERGTOLD**

EDWARD

C.

Address:

KRON AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SSGT

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "D", 514TH A.A.A. BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

10TH ARMY

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC -PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT (RIFLE)

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff-Sergeant Edward C. Bergtold honorably served in the United States Army / SSGT Edward Bergtold formerly served in Coastal Artillery at Ft. Barrancas - Pensacola, Florida / S/SGT Edward Bertold was later stationed on Okinawa, attached to the Tenth Army

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

Fort Barrancas (Pensacola, Florida) - Developed as an artillery-training center prior to World War II, the 13th Coast Artillery Regiment occupied this site when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Supported by batteries at Fort Pickens and Fort McRee, Fort Barrancas served as the headquarters for this area of the coastal defense system

Miscellaneous:

Edward C. Bergtold passed away on 17 June 2015 at the age of 96 years old and is interred at Evergreen Cemetery, Wales Center, New York

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,



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and altitude of incoming enemy planes

The Tenth United States Army was the last army level command established during the Pacific War during World War II, and included divisions from both the U.S. Army and the U.S. Marine Corps / The Tenth Army was formed in June 1944 at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and was unique among field armies in that it had its own Tactical Air Force, Tenth Army, a joint Army-Marine formation / The 10th Army fought in the Battle of Okinawa (1 April through 22 June 1945) / At the start of Battle of Okinawa, the Tenth Army had 182,821 men under its command / In all, the Tenth Army suffered 65,631 casualties during the campaign, with 34,736 being suffered by XXIV Corps, 26,724 by III Amphibious Corps, 520 to the tactical air force attached to Tenth Army, 2,636 to the Army garrison forces of Okinawa and Ie Shima, and 1,015 to troops directly under the command of Tenth Army / Okinawa turned out to be the only campaign that Tenth Army would take part in during World War II and was disbanded on 15 October 1945

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Name: **BERGTOLD**

ROY

W.

Address: 30 KRON AVENUE

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Roy W. Bergtold honorably served in the United States Military / Roy Bertold was sworn into military service at 8:10am on Tuesday, 27 July 1943 at the Fire Hall Located at Indian Church Road and Union Road in the hamlet of Gardenville

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **BEST**

DONALD S.

Address: 80 DIRKSON AVENUE

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

Unit / Squadron:

302ND TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON, 441ST TROOP CARRIER GROUP

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	7 BATTLE STARS
WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL	PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL	

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Donald S. Best honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force / CPL Donald Best was stationed in Nottingham, England and Taunton, England / CPL Best earned 7 Battle Stars for combat action in the battles for the French towns of Dreux, Nancy, Amiens and Chaville

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

During World War II, the 441st Troop Carrier Group was a C-47 Skytrain transport unit assigned to Ninth Air Forces in Western Europe / The 441st TCG group flew combat paratroopers on airborne assaults on Normandy (Operation Overlord); Southern France (Operation Dragoon); Holland (Operation Market-Garden), and Germany (Operation Varsity) / It also flew combat resupply missions in the relief of Bastogne in 1945

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Name: **BEST JR.**

ROBERT D.

Address: 80 DIRKSON AVENUE

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

Unit / Squadron:

2125ST ARMY AIR FORCE BASE UNIT, GROUP "C"

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private Robert D. Best, Jr. honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force / PVT Best was stationed in Jackson Air Base and Moody Field

Base Assignments:

Jackson Air Base (Jackson, Mississippi) - Originally named Hawkins Field, the Dutch government-in-exile, following the occupation of the Netherlands, established the Royal Netherlands Military Flying School at Hawkins Field in May 1941 / The school operated Lend-Lease aircraft with civilian pilots from the Mississippi Institute of Aeronautics / In June 1941 Hawkins Field was designated as Jackson Army Air Base / The field was activated on 1 May 1942 and 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)

Moody Field (Valdosta, Georgia) - Originally named Valdosta Airfield when it opened on 15 September 1941, the airfield was renamed Moody Army Airfield on 6 December 1941 in honor of Major George Putnam Moody (13 March 1908-5 May 1941), an early Air Force pioneer / Moody Army Airfield was used by the Army Air Forces Flying Training Command, Southeast Training Center, with the 29th Flying Training Wing for primary (phase 1) flight training, in which flight cadets were taught basic flight using two-seater training aircraft

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **BEUTLER**

GEORGE

A.

Address:

ELECTRIC AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

125TH "A" ENGINEER BATTALION, 14TH "A" DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PURPLE HEART MEDAL

5 COMBAT STARS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal George A. Beutler honorably served in the United States Army / CPL George Beutler was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds suffered during combat action

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **BEUTLER**

HAROLD

Address: 4034 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

3422ND ORDNANCE, M.A.M. COMPANY (MEDIUM AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE), 1ST ARMY,
9TH ARMY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	4 BATTLE STARS
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT	GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Harold Beutler honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Beutler received 4 Battle Stars for combat action in Normandy, Central Europe, Northern France and the Rhineland / Sgt. Beutler sailed for Europe on the Queen Elizabeth and returned to the United States on the USS Jacquelin Miller (Liberty Ship)

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Liberty ships, a vast new fleet for the war effort, were built in a national "Virtual Shipyard" that harnessed skills, resources, and facilities all across America / From 1941 to 1945, the United States increased its shipbuilding capacity by more than 1,200% and produced over 2,700 Liberty Ships, 800 Victory Vessels, 320 T-2 Tankers, and various other commercial and naval auxiliary vessels for a total of 5,200 ships constructed for the period / A Liberty ship was designed to carry about 10,000 tons of cargo, but in wartime conditions often carried much more. Liberty ships were nicknamed "ugly ducklings" by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt during the Second World War

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Name: **BEUTLER**

HERBERT

F.

Address: 4034 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

112TH C.A. TRANSPORT DETACHMENT, 602ND A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT) GUN BATTALION

184TH A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

5 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT (RIFLE)

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

NORTH AFRICAN THEATER / EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Herbert Beutler honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Herbert Beutler served aboard the S.S. Santa Rosa (Passenger-Cargo Ship) from New York City to Port Said, Egypt / SGT Beutler served in Europe with the 792nd A.A.A. (Anti-Aircraft Artillery) Gun Battalion / Sergeant Herbert Beutler earned 5 Battle Stars seeing combat action in the battles for Normandy, Ardennes, Central Europe, Northern France and the Rhineland

Base Assignments:

Camp Stewart, Georgia - During World War II, Fort Stewart was the largest Army installation east of the Mississippi River / In November 1940, the Anti-Aircraft Artillery Training Center was officially designated as Camp Stewart, in honor of General Daniel Stewart, a native of Liberty County, who had fought with Francis Marion during the American Revolution, and who became one of the county's military heroes

Marine Park (Brooklyn, New York)

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **BEY**

LLOYD

W.

Address:

Service Branch: (UNKOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Lloyd W. Bey honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **BIDDLE**

LAWRENCE E.

Address: 89 BELLWOOD AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/4

Unit / Squadron:

1326TH DIVISIONAL HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Technician Fourth-Grade (Sergeant) Lawrence E. Biddle honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Lawrence E. Biddle passed away on 16 June 2001 at the age of 86 years old and is interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, Orchard Park, New York

In the years from 30 June 1943 to 30 June 1945 the Medical Department trained 189 General Hospitals, 74 Field Hospitals and 61 Station Hospitals for overseas service / In 1945, when the peak of overseas shipments occurred, the War Department sent 81 General, 35 Field, and 8 Station Hospitals to the various Theaters of Operations (European, African and Asiatic-Pacific) / By May 1945, when the peak in Hospital beds overseas was reached, there were 335,000 fixed beds and about 87,000 mobile beds in all Theaters

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Name: **BIDDLE**

RAYMOND C.

Address: 25 ORCHARD PARK ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "C", 740TH A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY) BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Raymond C. Biddle honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **BINGERT**

CHARLES J.

Address: 3962 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/5

Unit / Squadron:

3RD BATTALION HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 60TH INFANTRY, 9TH DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL
W/BRONZE ARROWHEAD

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

8 BATTLE STARS

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

NORTH AFRICAN THEATER / EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal) Charles J. Bingert honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Bingert was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in a combat zone and received 8 Battle Stars for combat action in Algeria (French Morocco), Tunisia, Sicily, Central Europe, Ardennes, Normandy, Northern France and the Rhineland

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Charles J. Bingert passed away on 13 March 1954 at the age of 42 years old and is interred at Fourteen Holy Helpers Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

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The Arrowhead device on the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal is authorized for those



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campaigns which involved participation in amphibious assault landings

The Bronze Star Medal is the fourth-highest individual military award and the ninth-highest by order of precedence in the US Military / It may be awarded for acts of heroism, acts of merit, or meritorious service in a combat zone

Battle (Combat) Stars were presented to military personnel who were engaged in specific battles in combat under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action

The Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to infantrymen and Special Forces Soldiers in the rank of Colonel and below, who personally fought in active ground combat while assigned as members of an infantry, Ranger or Special Forces unit, of brigade size or smaller, any time after 6 December 1941

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Name: **BINGERT**

EDWARD

C.

Address: 3962 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/4

Unit / Squadron:

18TH RADAR STATION, 832ND SIGNAL UNIT, 99TH SIGNAL CORPS, 6TH MESSAGE TEAM

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

3 BATTLE STARS

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL W/1 BRONZE STAR

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fourth-Grade (Sergeant) Edward C. Bingert honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Bingert received 3 Battle Stars for action in the Bismarck Archipelago (group of islands off the northeastern coast of New Guinea), New Guinea and the South Philippine Islands

Sergeant Edward C. Bingert was inducted into the Army on 18 June 1942 and received an Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army on 2 December 1945

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Edward Bingert was a retired English and Latin Teacher in the Buffalo Public High Schools / Edward C. Bingert passed away on 3 August 2000 at the age of 84 years old and is interred at Fourteen Holy Helpers Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

The United States Army Signal Corps (USASC), established in 1860, is a division of the Department of the Army that creates and manages communications and information systems for the command and control of combined arms forces / Many film industry personalities served in the Signal Corps, including Tony Randall, the actor, and Jean Shepherd, radio storyteller, author and narrator of A Christmas Story / In 1942 General George C. Marshall ordered the creation of the Army Pictorial Service (APS) to produce motion pictures for the training, indoctrination, and entertainment of the American forces and their Allies / The APS took over Kaufman Astoria Studios in 1942 and produced over 2,500 films during the war with over 1,000 redubbed in other languages

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military awarded to any member of the United States Military



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who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945

Battle (Combat) Stars were presented to military personnel who were engaged in specific battles in combat under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action

The World War II Victory Medal was first issued as a service ribbon referred to as the "Victory Ribbon" / By 1946, a full medal had been established which was referred to as the World War II Victory Medal / The medal commemorates military service during World War II and is awarded to any member of the United States military, including members of the armed forces of the Government of the Philippine Islands, who served on active duty, or as a reservist, between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946

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 / Bronze service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns

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Name: **BIRKMEYER**

CHARLES

J.

Address:

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Charles J. Birkmeyer honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: BIRKMEYER

JOHN

R.

Address: 70 LUDWIG AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

1252ND AAF BASE UNIT, AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE UNIT A.T.C. (AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

3 OVERSEAS SERVICE BARS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

NORTH AFRICAN THEATER / EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant John R. Birkmeyer honorably served in the Army-Air Force / SSG John Birkmeyer was assigned as an Engineer and Crew Chief / SSG. Birkmeyer was part of the North Africa Ferrying Division which was a series of Air Routes over the North Atlantic Ocean on which aircraft were ferried between the United States and Great Britain during World War II to support combat operations in the European Theater of Operations (ETO)

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The Air Transport Command (ATC) was a global instrument of the United States Army Air Forces with the mission to meet the urgent demand for the speedy reinforcement of the United States' military bases worldwide during World War II, using an air supply system to supplement surface transport / ATC also operated a worldwide air transportation system for military personnel

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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



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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

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

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Name: **BIRKMEYER**

RAYMOND R.

Address: 70 LUDWIG AVENUE

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

806-397 V.M.S.B. (MARINE SCOUT BOMBING SQUADRON), 332ND F.M.F. (FLEET MARINE FORCE)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

U.S. MARINE CERTIFICATE OF SATISFACTORY SERVICE

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Raymond R. Birkmeyer honorably served in the United States Marine Corps / CPL Birkmeyer had sea and foreign service with the Marine Corps Transportation Division

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The United States Fleet Marine Forces (FMF) were combined general and special purpose forces within the United States Department of the Navy that were designed in engaging offensive amphibious or expeditionary warfare and defensive maritime employment / During World War II, the Fleet Marine Force had units in the western Pacific assigned to the United States Asiatic Fleet

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

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Name: BIRKMEYER

ROBERT

J.

Address: 373 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "A", 71ST A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY) GUN BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private Robert Birkmeyer honorably served in the United States Army / PVY Birkmeyer was blind in one eye, but won a number of medals for his marksmanship

Base Assignments:

Camp Stewart, Georgia - During World War II, Fort Stewart was the largest Army installation east of the Mississippi River / In November 1940, the Anti-Aircraft Artillery Training Center was officially designated as Camp Stewart, in honor of General Daniel Stewart, a native of Liberty County, who had fought with Francis Marion during the American Revolution, and who became one of the county's military heroes

Miscellaneous:

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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: **BLAIR**

VERONA

J.

Address: 1288 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: LT.

Unit / Squadron:

WOMEN'S ARMY CORP (WAC), BROOK'S GENERAL HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Lieutenant Verona J. Blair honorably served in the United States Army / LT Blair studied Physical Therapy at Brooks Army Hospital, Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio Texas

Base Assignments:

Fort Sam Houston, Texas - Located outside San Antonio, Texas, it is named for the first President of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston / Fort Sam Houston originated in 1845 when the Post at San Antonio was established in the Alamo City / The post is the birthplace of military aviation and saw the development of the concept of airborne operations / Fort Sam Houston is known as the "Home of Army Medicine" and "Home of the Combat Medic" / At the end of World War II, the Army decided to make Fort Sam Houston the principal medical training facility

Brooke General Hospital (San Antonio, Texas) - Opened in 1879 as a station hospital, the small medical dispensary was located in a single story wooden building. In 1907 an 84-bed Station hospital was constructed and in November 1937, a new 418-bed hospital was opened. In 1942, the hospital was renamed the Brooke General Hospital, in honor of Brigadier General Roger Brooke, who is credited with instituting the first routine chest X-ray in military medicine. In 1944, the Brooke Army Medical Center converted a Cavalry Battalion barracks into a convalescent unit to accommodate the flow of casualties from the war

Miscellaneous:

Verona Blair graduated from Michigan State University School of Physical Education and took additional courses at the University of Buffalo / After her Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army, Verona Blair joined the staff at the VA Hospital / Blair later became the Chief of the Physical Therapy Section of the Buffalo Veterans Administration Hospital and Clinical Supervisor of the School of Physical Therapy at the University of Buffalo Verona Blair was President of the New York State Chapter, American Physical Therapy Association / Verona J. Blair passed away on 25 December 1969 at the age of 57 years old and is interred at Saint Johns Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, West Seneca, New York



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The Women's Army Corps (WAC) was the women's branch of the United States Army / It was created as an auxiliary unit, the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) on 15 May 1942 and converted to full status as the WAC on 1 July 1943 / About 150,000 American women eventually served in the WAAC and WAC during World War II. They were the first women other than nurses to serve with the Army



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Name: **BLAUFUSS**

HERBERT

L.

Address: 10 WICHITA ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 711TH RAILWAY OPERATORS BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL BATTALION BRONZE PLAQUE FROM RUSSIAN GOV'T

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

NORTH AFRICA THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff-Sergeant Herbert L. Blaufuss honorably served in the United States Army / SSGT Herbert Blaufuss served 2 1/2 years in Iran hauling supplies to Russia

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Herbert Blaufuss moved to the Syracuse, New York area in 1937 / Herbert Blaufuss retired in 1978 as a foreman after 41 years with New York Telephone Company / Blaufuss was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America / Herbert L. Blaufuss passed away on 24 February 1994 at the age of 75 years old and is interred at the Onondaga County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Syracuse, New York

The Military Railway Service was created in the 1920s as a reserve force for the Quartermaster Division of the United States Army / The 1st and 2nd Military Railway Service (MRS) controlled supply by rail in the European Theater of Operations (ETO) / The 1st was assigned to the Mediterranean with Italy, North Africa, and Southern France as its main areas of operations / The 2nd was assigned to Northern France and Germany / Another MRS was established to handle the supplies sent to Russia through Iran (Persian Corridor) / The 3rd MRS was set up using the 702nd with the 711th Operating, 730th Operating, 754th Shop, and 762nd Diesel Shop battalions as its core units

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Name: **BLEEZE**

JAMES

R.

Address:

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

James Bleeze honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

James Bleeze passed away in 2012 at the age of 93 years old and is interred at Hillcrest Cemetery and Mausoleum, Hamburg, New York



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: BLEYLE

ROBERT

H.

Address: 21 FLOHR AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 355TH A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY), S/L BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Robert H. Bleyle honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **BLOCK**

FRED

Address: 484 MAIN STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: ENSIGN

Unit / Squadron:

U.S.N.T.C. (UNITED STATES NAVAL TRAINING CENTER)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Ensign Fred Block honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Miami, Florida - Naval Air Station was commissioned in 1940

Miscellaneous:

A Naval Ensign is the entry-level commissioned officer's rank in the U.S. Navy, and is equivalent to the rank of Second Lieutenant in the other armed services / Ensigns generally serve on naval vessels as division officers, responsible for leading a crew of seamen and petty officers in a specific division like engineering or administration / As junior officers, Ensigns also engage in on-the-job training and receive mentoring and training from superior officers and experienced petty officers



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **BLUMENSTEIN**

A.

C.

Address:

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

A. C. Blumenstein honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **BLUMENSTEIN**

FRED

M.

Address: 25 DWYER STREET

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "C", 327TH S/L BATTALION, A.A.F.T.A.C. (ARMY AIR FORCES TACTICAL CENTER)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private Fred M. Blumenstein honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force

Base Assignments:

Orlando Army Air Base (Orlando, Florida) - Headquarters of the Army Air Forces School of Applied Tactics and HQ Army Air Force Interceptor Command School / Orlando Air Base was also used for coastal patrols during World War II

Miscellaneous:

The 327th Aircraft Sustainment Wing was activated at Mitchel Field, NY and assigned to I Fighter Command in mid-1942 / It became part of the air defense force in the upper Mid-Atlantic region, and also served as an operational training unit, using P-40 Warhawks until February 1943 when they were replaced by P-47 Thunderbolts / In 1944 the group began training replacement pilots for combat duty / The group was disbanded on 10 April 1944



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Name: **BOBRECK**

IRVING

B.

Address: 118 WESTMINSTER ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

870TH ORDNANCE, H.A.M. (HEAVY AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE) COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

NORTH AFRICA THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Irving Bobrick honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Irving Bobrick served in Persia and Iran for 1 1/2 years

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Irving Bobreck passed away on 16 February 1973 at the age of 58 years old and is interred at Mount Hope Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **BODEKOR**

LEON

J.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "K", 19TH INFANTRY, 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON W/ BRONZE
ARROWHEAD

4 BATTLE STARS

PURPLE HEART MEDAL

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Leon J. Bodekor honorably served in the United States Army / PFC Leon Bodekor was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered in combat action / PVT Bodekor earned 4 Battle Stars for combat action in the Pacific Theater

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Leon J. Bodekor passed away on 7 November 1993 at the age of 69 years old and is interred at Saint John the Baptist Cemetery, Alden, New York

The 19th Infantry took part in the assaults on Tanahmerah Bay, New Guinea; Mindoro, Philippines; Romblon Island; Simara Island; and Malabang, Mindanao

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

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 / A bronze arrowhead device was awarded for participation in designated Army amphibious and airborne combat assaults

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



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case posthumously

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Name: **BOECK**

FRANKLIN T.

Address: 1162 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 817TH T.D. (TANK DESTROYER) BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

4 COMBAT STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT (SUB-MACHINE GUN)

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER (CARBINE)

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT (.45 CALIBER PISTOL)

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Franklin T. Boeck honorably served in the United States Army / SSGT Franklin Boeck received 4 Battle Stars for his participation in the battles for Northern France, Central Europe, Ardennes, and the Rhineland

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Franklin T. Boeck passed away on 8 October 1996 at the age of 81 years old and is interred at Hillcrest Cemetery, Hamburg, New York

A tank destroyer is a type of armored fighting vehicle armed with a gun or missile launcher, and is designed specifically to engage enemy armored vehicles / Tanks are generally armored fighting vehicles designed for front-line combat which combines operational mobility and tactical offensive and defensive capabilities and perform all primary tasks of the armored troops on the battlefield; whereas the tank destroyer is specifically designed for taking on and destroying enemy armor

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Name: **BOEHEIM**

FREDERICK W.

Address: 59 FLOHR AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

U.S.N.T.S. (U.S. NAVAL TRAINING CENTER)

USS ARTEMIS (AKA-21) (ATTACK CARGO SHIP)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Frederick W. Boenheim honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The USS Artemis (AKA-21) was an Artemis-class attack cargo ship named after the asteroid 105 Artemis, which in turn was named after the Greek goddess Artemis / The Artemis served in the Pacific theater carrying Naval personnel and supplies between ports and participated in the invasion of the Volcano Islands / She served as a commissioned ship for 2 years and 4 months and received 2 Battle Stars for her service in World War II / Commissioned on 20 May 1944 and decommissioned on 27 February 1947



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Name: **BOETTCHER**

MELFORD

W.

Address: 70 ROSE AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S2C

Unit / Squadron:

49TH BATTALION, N.C. (NAVAL CONSTRUCTION), COMPANY "A", PLATOON 1

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class Melford W. Boettcher honorably served in the United States Navy / S2C Melford Boettcher was assigned to the Navy Seabees

Base Assignments:

Camp Endicott (Davisville, Rhode Island) - Camp Endicott, was a United States Navy Seabee facility, part of Davisville Naval Construction Battalion Center at Quonset Point in North Kingstown, Rhode Island / Named in honor of Rear Admiral Mordecai T. Endicott, the first Civil Engineer Corps Officer to be appointed Chief of the former Bureau of Yards and Dock, Camp Endicott was opened in 1942 and provided more than 100,000 men for the U.S. Navy's Construction Battalions, better known as "Seabees," with construction training during World War II

Miscellaneous:

Melford W. Boettcher passed away on 21 November 1992 at the age of 68 years old and is interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, Orchard Park, New York

Seamen served as members of damage control or emergency and security alert teams / They participated in Navy ceremonies and took part in underway replenishment (transferring supplies from ship to ship at sea), and they worked with qualified personnel to gain job training and experience / A Seaman was knowledgeable in naval drill duties, knots, steering and signaling / Also stood watch and handled gunnery duties

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,



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bridges, roads, gasoline storage tanks, and Quonset huts for warehouses, hospitals, and housing

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Name: **BOLAND**

WILLIAM

Address: 77 EDSON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

37TH STATION HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal William Boland honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

In the years from 30 June 1943 to 30 June 1945 the Medical Department trained 189 General Hospitals, 74 Field Hospitals and 61 Station Hospitals for overseas service / In 1945, when the peak of overseas shipments occurred, the War Department sent 81 General, 35 Field, and 8 Station Hospitals to the various Theaters of Operations (European, African and Asiatic-Pacific) / By May 1945, when the peak in Hospital beds overseas was reached, there were 335,000 fixed beds and about 87,000 mobile beds in all Theaters

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Name: **BOLAS**

CARL

J.

Address: 3770 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

511TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

PURPLE HEART

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Carl J. Bolas honorably served in the United States Army / PFC Carl Bolas entered the military 11 July 1939 and served four years in the Panama Canal Zone / PFC Bolas later became a paratrooper and on 5 February 1945, he was Killed in Action (KIA) during the assault on Luzon, Philippines / 8,436 U.S. soldiers perished during the 218 day Battle of Luzon

PFC Carl J. Bolas had two brothers serving in the Military: Stanley M Bolas (Corporal) was in the Marines and Edward J. Bolas (PFC) was in the Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Carl Bolas, a former Boy Scout, was a graduate of St. Bernard's School and Peckham Vocational School / Carl J. Bolas was 27 years old at the time of his passing and is interred at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York

The 511th Parachute Infantry Regiment (511th PIR) was formed at Camp Toccoa, GA, in January 1943 / The 511th Parachute Infantry Regiment formed the parachute infantry element of the 11th Airborne Division / The regiment participated in the battles for Leyte, Manila and Luzon / In March 1956 the 511th (as part of the 11th Airborne Division) crossed the Atlantic into Europe to replace the 5th Infantry Division at Augsburg, Germany / The 511th Parachute Infantry Regiment was inactivated at Fort Campbell in July 1958

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Name: **BOLT**

ROBERT

A.

Address: 118 WILDWOOD AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: LT

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 343RD INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Lieutenant Robert A. Bolt honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Camp Livingston, Louisiana - Located on the Rapides Parish and Grant Parish line in north Louisiana, north of Pineville, Louisiana, the camp was open from 1940 to 1945 and was first known as Camp Tioga / It was renamed Camp Livingston in honor of Chancellor Robert R. Livingston, negotiator of the Louisiana Purchase / During World War II, thousands of Japanese, German and Italian prisoners of war were kept in internment camps at Camp Livingston and Camp Claiborne / In 1942, the first Japanese POW of the war, Kazuo Sakamaki arrived at Camp Livingston / Sakamaki was the only surviving crewman of a mini-submarine used in the attack on Pearl Harbor

Miscellaneous:

Infantry is a military specialization that engages in military combat on foot, distinguished from cavalry, artillery, and tank forces / Also known as foot soldiers or infanteers, infantry traditionally relies on moving by foot between combats as well, but may also use mounts, military vehicles, or other transport / Infantry make up a large portion of all armed forces in most nations, and typically bear the largest brunt in warfare, as measured by casualties, deprivation, or physical and psychological stress / The first military forces in history were infantry

The 343rd Infantry Regiment was part of the 86th Infantry Division, known as the "Blackhawk Division" / Activated in 1942, the regiment trained extensively in the United States before deployment and participated in key campaigns in Europe, including the Rhineland and Central Europe offensives / The regiment was involved in liberating several towns and engaging in fierce combat against German forces / After the war, the 343rd Infantry Regiment was inactivated in 1946, having contributed significantly to the Allied victory



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Name: **BOLTON**

WILLIAM T.

Address: 25 CHAMBERLIN DRIVE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S2C

Unit / Squadron:

BARRACKS 83, COMPANY "D"

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class Wiliam T. Bolton honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Gulfport, Mississippi - On 2 June 1942, an Advanced Base Depot was established in Gulfport and the first Seabees started coming through Gulfport / The mission of the Center changed from a receiving organization to a U.S. Naval Training Center in March 1944, and provided for training in basic engineering, diesel, radioman, quartermaster and electrician's ratings.

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **BOLTZ JR.**

CARL

W.

Address: 58 CHAMBERLIN DRIVE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 411TH INFANTRY, 1ST BATTALION, 103RD INFANTRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PURPLE HEART MEDAL

2 BATTLE STARS

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Carl W. Boltz, Jr. honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Carl Boltz was a member of the Coast Artillery (Camp McQuade, California) and an ASTP (Army Specialized Training Program) Unit at Oklahoma University from June 1943 to March 1944 / Sent to Western Europe for combat duty, Sergeant Boltz was wounded in action on 27 November 1944 while fighting in France / SGT Carl Boltz received 2 Battle Stars for his participation in the battles for France

Base Assignments:

Camp Howze (Gainesville, Texas) - Camp Howze was an infantry replacement training center and named for Major Robert Lee Howze, a Medal of Honor recipient / The camp was one of the largest training centers in the country, responsible for the preparation of several hundred thousand soldiers for both the European and Pacific campaigns / Camp Howze also housed as many as 3000 Prisoners of War

Miscellaneous:

The Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) was created 18 December 1942 and begun on selected colleges and universities around the country / The mission of the ASPT was to train soldiers in specialized fields, especially those fields where Army training facilities were inadequate and be ready for active duty assignments after graduation / Students enrolled in the program were on active duty, in uniform and subject to military regulations / Trainees were under the direction of military personnel for finance, supply, military regulations, welfare and sometimes medical care but college officials were responsible for instruction / By late autumn of 1943, the Army had ASTP contracts with 196 colleges and universities, 76 medical schools, 39 dental schools and ten with veterinary schools, a total of 321 ASPT contracts with 277 different educational institutions / Enrollment peaked at nearly 145 thousand in the Autumn of 1943 / When the program ended, more than 200 thousand had studied in the ASTP



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103rd Infantry Division ("Cactus Division") was constituted on 24 June 1921 and was a unit of the United States Army that served in the U.S. Seventh Army of the 6th Army Group during World War II / It was variously assigned to the VI Corps, XV Corps, and XXI Corps / By war's end it was part of VI Corps' dash across Bavaria into the Alps, reaching Innsbruck, Austria, taking the Brenner Pass, and earning the honor of linking up with the United States Fifth Army coming north from Vipiteno, Italy, joining the Italian and Western European fronts on 4 May 1945 / After Victory in Europe Day, the division received occupational duties until it left for home and inactivation / It returned to the continental U.S. on 10 September 1945, and was inactivated on 22 September 1945 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey

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Name: **BOMMER**

CALVIN

G.

Address: 180 BARNSDALE AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

3704TH AAF BATTALION, SECTION "V"

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private Calvin G. Bommer honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force

Base Assignments:

Kessler Field, Mississippi - The base is named in honor of aviator 2d Lt Samuel Reeves Keesler, Jr., a Mississippi native killed in France during the First World War / The Tuskegee Airmen were trained at Keesler, with more than 7,000 black soldiers stationed at Keesler Field by the autumn of 1943 / These soldiers included pre-aviation cadets, radio operators, aviation technicians, bombardiers, and aviation mechanics

Miscellaneous:

The 3704th Army-Air Force Battalion was established during World War II as part of the Army Air Forces / The Battalion primarily focused on support and logistics for air operations and played a crucial role in training personnel and maintaining aircraft / The Battalion was involved in various missions across different theaters of war and contributed to the overall effectiveness of air campaigns during World War II / The 3704th AAF Battalion was disbanded at the end of the war



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Name: **BONKOSKE**

ALFRED

A.

Address: 3894 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 266TH ENGINEERING COMMAND BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Alfred A. Bonkoske honorably served in the United States Army / PVT Alfred Bonkoske fought in the Central Europe campaign

Base Assignments:

Camp Rucker, Alabama - The fort was located mostly in Dale County, Alabama and was named for a Civil War officer, Confederate General Edmund Rucker / The post was the primary flight training base for Army Aviation / During the latter part of the Second World War, several hundred German and a few Italian prisoners-of-war were housed on the post

Miscellaneous:

The 266th Engineer Battalion was formed in 1943 and part of the U.S. Army's combat engineering units / The 266th engaged in various construction and demolition tasks to support frontline operations / The 266th Engineer battalion participated in major campaigns, including the Normandy invasion and the liberation of France / The Battalion specialized in building bridges, roads, and fortifications to enhance troop mobility / The 266th provided essential support for supply lines and infrastructure in combat zones / The 266th Engineer Battalion was disbanded after World War II

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Name: **BORCHERT**

HARVEY

R.

Address: 928 SENECA CREEK ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: M/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

865TH ORDNANCE, H.A.M. (HEAVY AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE) COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN (RIFLE)

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Master Sergeant Harvey R. Borchert honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The U.S. Army Ordnance Corps mission is to support the development, production, acquisition, and sustainment of weapon systems, ammunition, missiles, electronics, and ground mobility materiel during peace and war to provide combat power to the U.S. Army

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The American Defense Service Medal (also referred to as the Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon) was a military award of the United States Armed Forces intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty between 8 September 1939 and 7 December 1941

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Name: **BORK**

ELMER

Address:

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Elmer Bork honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **BOSS**

RICHARD

F.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CAPT

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Captain Richard F. Boss honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **BOSZ**

LELAND

H.

Address: 44 DELRAY AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: LT.

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Lieutenant Leland H. Bosz honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force / LT Leland Bosz was stationed at Hobbs Army Air Field

Base Assignments:

Hobbs Army Air Field (Hobbs, New Mexico) - The first mission of Hobbs Army Airfield was as a bombardier school for the United States Army Air Forces / The school began with the arrival of 80 cadets and 20 instructors on 7 September 1942 / This was to be the only class of bombardiers, and 69 of the original 80 cadets graduated from the program on 21 November 19 / Hobbs Army Airfield would become a multi-engine pilot training school, making it one of three B-17 training bases in the U.S. / The first B-17 Flying Fortress aircraft arrived at the base in mid-December 1942, along with the first class of 46 four-engine pilots

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **BOSZ**

RICHARD

C.

Address: 44 DELRAY AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 740TH A.A.A. BATTERY (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Richard Clarence Bosz honorably served in the United States Army / PVT Richard Bosz entered the Army at the age of 18 years old

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Richard Bosz worked for Electro Refractories, Lackawanna prior to entering the Army / Richard Clarence Bosz passed away in 1984 at the age of 60 years old and is interred at Woodlawn Lawn Cemetery, Orchard Park, New York

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **BOTTOMLEY**

HAROLD

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

2ND AAF (ARMY-AIR FORCE), SECTION "D"

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private Harold Bottomley honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force / PVT Harold Bottomley was stationed at Clovis Air Base

Base Assignments:

Clovis Air Base, Clovis, New Mexico - Clovis AB was established in 1942 as Army Air Base, Clovis / In 1943, the military began to use the facility as a bomber base / Clovis Air Base was assigned to II Bomber Command, Second Air Force / On 8 April 1943, the base was renamed Clovis Army Air Field / Base later renamed Cannon Air Base named in honor of General John K. Cannon (1892–1955) / General Cannon received his wings in 1922 and held a variety of command positions in World War II, including command of all air operations for the invasion of Southern Europe in August 1944 and Commander in Chief, Allied Air Forces in the Mediterranean Theater

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **BOTTOMLEY, JR.**

JOHN

A.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 4TH A.D. (AIR DEPOT)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant John A. Bottomley, Jr. honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The European-African-Middle Eastern (EAME) Campaign Medal was a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on 6 November 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt / The medal was intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the European Theater (to include North Africa and the Middle East) and was awarded for any service performed between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946 / The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal was awarded as a service ribbon throughout the entire Second World War



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Name: **BOURKNEY**

ELLSWORTH N.

Address: 3071 SENECA STREET

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

Unit / Squadron:

DIVISION HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 12TH A.D. (ARMORED DIVISION)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Ellsworth N. Bourkney honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force / SGT Ellsworth Bourkney served in the European Theater of Operations

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 12th Armored Division (AD) was an armored division of the United States Army in World War II / Activated on activated on 15 September 1942, the Division fought in the European Theater of Operations in France, Germany and Austria, between November 1944 and May 1945 / The German Army called the 12th Armored Division the "Suicide Division" for its fierce defensive actions during Operation Nordwind in France, and they were nicknamed the "Mystery Division" when they were temporarily transferred to the command of the Third Army under General George S. Patton Jr., to cross the Rhine River /The 12th Armored Division was one of only ten U.S. divisions (and only one of two U.S. armored divisions) during World War II that had African-American combat companies integrated into the division / During its deployment the 12th Armored Division captured 72,243 enemy prisoners of war, among them were Adolf Eichmann and Wernher von Braun / Nearly 8,500 Allied POWs, including 1,500 Americans, and an additional 20,000 non-military prisoners, were liberated by the 12th AD / The 12th Armored Division was deactivated on 3 December 1945, and on 17 December 1945, its battle flags were turned in at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey

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Name: **BOURKNEY**

RAYMOND A.

Address: 3071 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: PH. M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

GREAT LAKES NAVAL HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Pharmacist's Mate Third-Class Raymond A. Bourkney honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

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

Miscellaneous:

Pharmacist's mates were petty officers who, under the direction of medical officers, administer medical assistance, treatment, and services to naval personnel / They served in the sick bay or dispensary of a ship or shore station, at a naval hospital, or on a hospital ship

In the years from 30 June 1943 to 30 June 1945 the Medical Department trained 189 General Hospitals, 74 Field Hospitals and 61 Station Hospitals for overseas service / In 1945, when the peak of overseas shipments occurred, the War Department sent 81 General, 35 Field, and 8 Station Hospitals to the various Theaters of Operations (European, African and Asiatic-Pacific) / By May 1945, when the peak in Hospital beds overseas was reached, there were 335,000 fixed beds and about 87,000 mobile beds in all Theaters



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Name: **BOWERS**

HOWARD T.

Address: **POTTER ROAD**

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE **Rank:** CAPT.

Unit / Squadron:

301ST BOMBING GROUP, 32ND SQUADRON, 15TH AIR FORCE

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL W/5 STARS SILVER STAR

PRISONER OF WAR MEDAL DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

AIR MEDAL WITH 2 OAK CLUSTERS BATTLE STARS

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

NORTH AFRICAN THEATER / EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Captain Howard T. Bowers honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force / CPT Howard Bowers was a B-17 pilot (Flying Fortress Bomber) and flew 31 combat missions (sorties) / Captain Bowers was shot down over Northern Italy in April 1945 / He stayed in formation until his bombs were delivered on target / After trying to extinguish the fire, the entire crew parachuted to safety / After eluding capture and attempting to get to the Swiss border, Captain Bowers was taken as a Prisoner of War (POW) by the German Army / The entire crew returned safely home after the war.

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Fifteenth Air Force was established on 1 November 1943 as part of the United States Army Air Forces in the World War II Mediterranean Theater of Operations as a strategic air force and commenced combat operations the day after it was formed / The first commander was General Jimmy Doolittle / The Fifteenth Air Force drew its operational forces from heavy bombers of the IX Bomber Command, the strategic bomber command of the Ninth Air Force which was relocating to the United Kingdom to become a tactical air force in the European Theater of Operations, the Twelfth Air Force, and by a diversion of groups originally intended for the Eighth Air Force / Mainly operating out of bases in southern Italy, the Fifteenth Air Force, along with the Eighth Air Force and RAF Bomber Command, became the instruments used by the Allies to carry the strategic air offensive to Axis occupied Europe and Germany /The Fifteenth was de-activated in Italy 15 September 1945

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intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the European Theater (to include North Africa and the Middle East) and was awarded for any service performed between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946 / The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal was awarded as a service ribbon throughout the entire Second World War. Bronze service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns

The Silver Star Medal is the United States third highest military decoration for valor that can be awarded to any person serving in any capacity with the United States Armed Forces / The medal is awarded for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States / The gallantry displayed must have taken place while in action against an enemy of the United States, while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force, or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force

The Prisoner of War Medal may be awarded to any person who was a prisoner of war after April 5, 1917 and held captive while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States; while engaged in military operations involving conflict against an opposing foreign force; while serving with friendly forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force to which the United States is not a belligerent party / As of an amendment to Title 10 of the United States Code in 2013, the medal is also awarded for captivity under circumstances "which the Secretary concerned finds were comparable to those circumstances under which persons have generally been held captive by enemy armed forces during periods of armed conflict" / The person's conduct, while in captivity, must have been honorable / This medal may be awarded posthumously to the surviving next of kin of the recipient / No more than one Prisoner of War Medal may be awarded / For any subsequent award of the medal, service stars will be awarded

The Distinguished Flying Cross is a military decoration awarded to any officer or enlisted member of the United States Armed Forces who distinguishes himself or herself in support of operations by "heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight, subsequent to November 11, 1918

The Air Medal is awarded to anyone who, while serving in any capacity in or with the Armed Forces of the United States, and has distinguished themselves by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight / Subsequent awards are annotated with the traditional oak leaf clusters

An oak leaf cluster is a miniature metal device worn by members of the uniformed services of the United States on medals and ribbons issued by the United States Army, Air Force, and Department of Defense to denote subsequent decorations and awards / It is bronze or silver in appearance, formed as a twig of four oak leaves with three acorns on the stem / The bronze oak leaf cluster represents one additional award, while the silver oak leaf cluster is worn in lieu of five bronze oak leaf clusters

Battle (Combat) Stars were presented to military personnel who were engaged in specific battles in combat under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action



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Name: **BOWERS**

MICHAEL

T.

Address:

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Michael T. Bowers honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **BOZEK**

JOHN

A.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

62ND A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY), 893RD A.A., A.W., 2ND CORPS, 5TH ARMY, 7TH ARMY,
9TH A.F.

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL 6 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL UNIT CITATION

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal John A. Bozek honorably served in the United States Army / CPL John Bozek earned 6 Battle Stars for combat action in the European Theater

Base Assignments:

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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Battle (Combat) Stars were presented to military personnel who were engaged in specific battles in combat under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action

The American Defense Service Medal was a military award of the United States Armed Forces intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty between 8 September 1939 and 7



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December 1941

A unit citation is a formal, honorary mention by high authority of a military unit's specific and outstanding performance, notably in battle / Similar mentions can also be made for individual soldiers / Alternatively or concurrently, the unit can be awarded an honorary title, a mention on the flag or a decoration



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Name: **BRADY**

JOHN

J.

Address: 87 FLOHR AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "F", 108TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

RIFLE AND BAYONET CITATION

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class John J. Brady honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Infantry is a military specialization that engages in military combat on foot, distinguished from cavalry, artillery, and tank forces / Also known as foot soldiers or infanteers, infantry traditionally relies on moving by foot between combats as well, but may also use mounts, military vehicles, or other transport / Infantry make up a large portion of all armed forces in most nations, and typically bear the largest brunt in warfare, as measured by casualties, deprivation, or physical and psychological stress / The first military forces in history were infantry

The 108th Regimental Combat Team formed in 1898, was composed of the 108th Infantry Regiment, the 164th Field Artillery Battalion, Co. C of the 115th Engineer Combat Battalion, and Co. C of the 115th Medical Battalion, when the Sixth Army landed at Lingayen Gulf / Japanese resistance intensified as the GIs moved south toward Manila, and the 108th fought brutal battles for possession of Fort Stotsenburg, Clark Field, Top of the World, Hill 7, and Sacobia Ridge / The 43rd Infantry Division relieved the 40th on 2 March, Six days later the 108th was detached and sent to the island of Leyte to assist in mopping up defeated Japanese forces / The regiment's 2nd Battalion also cleared Masbate and other local islands / On Leyte and Masbate the 108th lost an estimated 19 troops killed and 49 wounded / With the war against Japan nearly over, the 108th Infantry was sent to garrison Korea on 29 June 1945 / Their homeward journey began on 15 March 1946, when they left Korea bound for San Francisco / The regiment arrived on 5 April and was deactivated two days later at Camp Stoneman / The National Guardsmen of the 108th Infantry had been some of the first U.S. troops to deploy after Pearl Harbor, and the 108th was one of the last Guard units to return to the continental United States / Its long, grueling service in the Pacific Theater earned the 108th Infantry four campaign streamers and the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation /



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During the war, the 108th reportedly lost 191 men killed in action. 59 were awarded the Silver Star / Only the 2nd Battalion of the 108th Infantry is still in existence / In recent years, the 108th has served in Iraq and Afghanistan

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

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: **BRANDLE**

CLYDE

E.

Address:

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Clyde E. Brandle honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: BRANDT

ARTHUR

H.

Address: 86 COLUMBIA PARKWAY

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

378TH ORDNANCE, M.A.M. (MEDIUM AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE) COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Technical Sergeant Arthur H. Brandt honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Camp McCoy, Wisconsin - Located near Sparta, the original camp was split into two sections: Camp Emory Upton and Camp Robinson / In 1919, the Army renamed the entire tract "Camp Bruce E. McCoy" for Robert Bruce McCoy, a retired major general who first proposed the area as a training ground and bought part of the property on which the fort stands. In 1926, the name of the post was shortened to "Camp McCoy" / During World War II, Camp McCoy was used as a training facility for units from across the United States that were preparing to enter combat / The post was the largest holding facility for Japanese POWs in the Continental United States and also housed several thousand German POWs / Camp McCoy is unique in American history as having housed relocated Japanese-Americans from the West Coast and European and Japanese prisoners of war captured during World War II

Miscellaneous:

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 378th Ordnance, M.A.M. (Medium Automotive Maintenance) Company provided essential maintenance and repair for military vehicles and equipment / The 378th supported frontline operations by ensuring vehicle readiness and reliability and trained personnel in automotive repair and maintenance techniques



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Name: **BRAUER**

CHARLES

F.

Address:

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Charles F. Brauer honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **BRAUNSCHEIDEL, S**

PETER P.

Address: 23 WICHITA ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: AETM. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

C.A.S.U. (CARRIER AIRCRAFT SERVICE UNIT) #27

N.A.A.F. (NAVAL AUXILIARY AIR FACILITY)

USS HORNET (CV-8)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON WITH 4 BRONZE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Aviation Electronics Technician's Mate First-Class Peter Paul Braunscheidel, Sr. honorably served in the United States Navy / AETM1C Peter Braunscheidel was land-based in Guam and Hilo, Hawaii / AETM1C Braunscheidel also served on the aircraft carrier USS Hornet keeping electronics equipment in airplanes working and in good condition, particularly the radar

Base Assignments:

Westerly, Rhode Island - The Westerly State Airport became a U.S. Navy base during World War II and was home to the US Navy Torpedo Squadron 80

Miscellaneous:

Peter Paul Braunscheidel, Sr. passed away in 20025 at the age of 82 years old and is interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, New York

Aviation electronics technicians troubleshoot and repair a number of complex electronics systems / Employing all the latest test equipment and procedures, Aviation electronics technicians put that training to use repairing systems such as communications, navigation and infrared detection.

The USS Hornet (CV-8) was a Yorktown-class aircraft carrier of the United States Navy / During World War II in the Pacific Theater, she launched the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo and participated in the Battle of Midway and the Buin-Faisi-Tonolai Raid / In the Solomon Islands campaign she was involved in the capture and defense of Guadalcanal and the Battle of the Santa Cruz Islands where she was irreparably damaged and sunk / The Hornet was in service for a year and six days and was the last US fleet carrier ever sunk by enemy fire / The USS Hornet



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was awarded four service stars, a citation for the Doolittle Raid and her Torpedo Squadron 8 received a Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism for the Battle of Midway / The USS Hornet was commissioned on 20 October 1941 and sunk in the Battle of the Santa Cruz Islands, 27 October 1942

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 / Bronze service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns

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 World War II Victory Medal was first issued as a service ribbon referred to as the "Victory Ribbon" / By 1946, a full medal had been established which was referred to as the World War II Victory Medal / The medal commemorates military service during World War II and is awarded to any member of the United States military, including members of the armed forces of the Government of the Philippine Islands, who served on active duty, or as a reservist, between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946

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 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: **BREEN**

JAMES

W.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 1296TH ENGINEERING BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private James W, Breen honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Fort Riley, Kansas - Located in north-central Kansas and established in 1853, Fort Riley was named in honor of Major General Bennett C. Riley who led the first military escort along the Santa Fe Trail / Approximately 125,000 soldiers were trained at Fort Riley. Notable trainees included heavyweight boxing champion, Joe Louis, Indy car driver Walt Faulkner, and motion picture stars such as Mickey Rooney / Prisoners-of-war were also housed at the Fort

Miscellaneous:



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Name: BREIDENSTEIN

ALOYSIUS J.

Address: 50 EDSON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "A", 3RD BATTALION
343 ENGINEERS GENERAL SERVICE (GS) REGIMENT

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Sergeant Aloysius J. Breidenstein honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Breidenstein was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds suffered during combat operations

Base Assignments:

Fort Eustis, Virginia - Named for Brevet Brigadier General Abraham Eustis, the fort was the home of the Coast Artillery Replacement Training Center

Miscellaneous:

Aloysius J. Breidenstein passed away on 11 September 1970 at the age of 58 years old and is interred at St. Matthews Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

The 343th Engineers General Service (GS) Regiment provided essential engineering support for military operations / The 343th engaged in construction, maintenance, and repair of infrastructure, including bridging and roadwork

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: BREIDENSTEIN

ANDREW

F.

Address: 67 AURORA AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/4

Unit / Squadron:

477TH ENGINEERING MAINTENANCE COMPANY, HEADQUARTERS 11TH CORPS

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON WITH 1 BRONZE STAR

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

UNIT CITATION

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fourth-Grade (Sergeant) Andrew Floyd Breidenstein honorably served in the United States Army / T/4 Andrew Breidenstein participated in the New Guinea Campaign

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Andrew Floyd Breidenstein passed away on 5 April 1947 at the age of 27 years old and is interred at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York

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 / Bronze service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns

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: BREIDENSTEIN

CHRISTOPHER M.

Address: 67 AURORA AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S2C

Unit / Squadron:

USS CANBERRA (CA-70/CAG-2) (HEAVY CRUISER)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class Christopher Melvin "Mel" Breidenstein honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Christopher Melvin "Mel" Breidenstein passed away on 15 October 2006 at the age of 81 years old and is interred at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York

Seamen served as members of damage control or emergency and security alert teams / They participated in Navy ceremonies and took part in underway replenishment (transferring supplies from ship to ship at sea), and they worked with qualified personnel to gain job training and experience / A Seaman was knowledgeable in naval drill duties, knots, steering and signaling / Also stood watch and handled gunnery duties

The USS Canberra (CA-70/CAG-2) was a Baltimore-class cruiser / Originally to be named USS Pittsburgh, the ship was renamed Canberra before launch, for the Royal Australian Navy's County-class cruiser, HMAS Canberra, which was sunk during the Battle of Savo Island / The USS Canberra is the only USN warship named for a foreign warship or a foreign capital city / In February 1944, the Canberra provided bombardment support during the Battle of Eniwetok and later supported air raids on Palau, Yap, Ulithi, and Woleai / Canberra participated in the Battle of the Philippine Sea, and shelled Japanese bases in the Bonin Islands / During August and September 1944, the ship performed raids on the Palau and the Philippines, provided support during the Morotai landings / The USS Canberra served in the Pacific Theater until torpedoed during the aerial battle of Taiwan-Okinawa and forced back to the United States for repairs / The USS Canberra received seven battle stars for her wartime service / Commissioned on 14 October 1943 and decommissioned on 2 February 1970

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military awarded to any member of the United States Military



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who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945



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Name: BREIDENSTEIN

FRED

C.

Address: 260 OLEAN AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

91ST CHEMICAL MORTAR COMPANY MOTORIZED (M.T. 2)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON W/ ARROWHEAD

3 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL W/2 BRONZE STARS

1ST CLASS GUNNER

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Fred C. Breidenstein honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Fred Breidenstein earned 3 Battle Stars for combat action in the Pacific Theater

Fred Breidenstein entered the Army on 7 April 1942 and received his Honorable Discharge on 25 December 1945

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Fred C. Breidenstein passed away on 3 June 1975 at the age of 64 years old and is interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, New York

The United States chemical mortar battalions were army units attached to U.S. Infantry divisions during World War II / They were armed with 4.2 in (107 mm) chemical mortars. For this reason they were also called the "Four-deucers" / Chemical mortars are so named because of their capability of firing not only high explosive, but also chemical, gas, incendiary and smoke marker shells / Chemical shells were on stand-by during World War II, to be used in retaliation should the enemy employ chemical weapons first / Chemical mortars were one of the most effective means of striking at stationary targets, such as machine gun nests, prepared strong points, pillboxes and the powerful German 88 mm guns

The 91st Chemical Mortar Company was formed in 1943 and specialized in chemical warfare and mortar support / Equipped with 4.2-inch mortars, they provided indirect fire support to infantry units and played a crucial role in the European Theater, particularly during the Normandy invasion / the 91st engaged in both offensive and defensive operations, adapting to various combat scenarios the 91st also were involved in decontamination



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efforts and chemical warfare training for troops The 91st Chemical Mortar Company was disbanded after the war

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 / A Bronze arrowhead device was awarded for participation in designated Army amphibious and airborne combat assaults

Battle (Combat) Stars were presented to military personnel who were engaged in specific battles in combat under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action

The American Defense Service Medal is a military award of the United States Armed Forces intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty between 8 September 1939 and 7 December 1941

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 / Bronze service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns



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Name: BREIDENSTEIN

GORDON H.

Address: 276 OLEAN AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 523RD SERVICE BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private Gordon H. Breidenstein honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **BREIDENSTEIN**

JOHN

F.

Address:

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

John Francis Breidenstein honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

John Francis Breidenstein passed away on 17 September 1984 at the age of 57 years old and is interred at Elma Cemetery, Elma, New York



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Name: BREIDENSTEIN

LOUIS L.

Address: 146 AURORA AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "D", 740TH A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY) BATTALION

BATTERY "D", 494TH BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Louis L. Breidenstein honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Louis L. Breidenstein passed away in 1946 at the age of 23 years old and is interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, New York

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

The 494th Battalion, activated in 1943, was part of the U.S. Army's 100th Infantry Division and trained for combat in Europe / The 494th Battalion participated in key operations, including the Battle of the Bulge and were known for their resilience and bravery in difficult conditions / The Battalion contributed to the liberation of several towns in France and Germany / After the war, the battalion was deactivated in 1946

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Name: BREIDENSTEIN

ROBERT

J.

Address: 169 DUERSTEIN STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

TROOP "C", 36TH CAVALRY MECHANIZED RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON, 13TH CORPS, 9TH ARMY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

3 BATTLE STARS

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

UNIT CITATION

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Robert J. Breidenstein honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Breidenstein earned 3 Battle Stars for combat action in the European Theater

Base Assignments:

Camp Gordon, Georgia - Fort Gordon, formerly known as Camp Gordon, was established in 1917 / The post was home to three divisions during the war: the 4th Infantry, the 26th Infantry, and the 10th Armored / From October 1943 to January 1945 Camp Gordon served as an internment camp for foreign prisoners of war

Miscellaneous:

The Cavalry Mechanized Reconnaissance Squadrons were primarily intended for reconnaissance missions / During the World War II they were usually employed in defensive, economy of force, security, or screening missions

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A unit citation is a formal, honorary mention by high authority of a military unit's specific and outstanding performance, notably in battle / Similar mentions can also be made for individual soldiers / Alternatively or concurrently, the unit can be awarded an honorary title, a mention on the flag or a decoration



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Name: BREIDENSTEIN, JR.

LEO

W.

Address: 1699 DUERSTEIN STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: MMSC

Unit / Squadron:

USS ATCHISON COUNTY (L.S.T. #60 - TANK LANDING SHIP)

Medals / Citations:

THE EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN
MEDAL W/ 1 BRONZE STAR

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Motor Machinist Second-Class Leo W. Breidenstein, Jr. honorably served in the United States Navy / MMSC Leo Breidenstein was inducted into the US Navy at Union Fire Hall, Gardenville on 27 July 1943 and reported to Sampson Naval Training Base / Breidenstein attended Naval Diesel Training School in Richmond, Virginia after basic training, graduating 30 August 1943 / Breidenstein was assigned to the Allied Expeditionary Force (AEF) in London, England during 1944

Leo William Breidenstein, Jr. was Honorably Discharged from the US Navy on 5 March 1946

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

Miscellaneous:

When his enlistment in the Navy was up, Leo Breidenstein went to work for Mobil Oil where he retired from the Payroll Department in 1984, eventually moving to North Carolina to be near family / Breidenstein joined the Harvey D. Morin VFW Post 2940 in June 1944, later becoming Post Commander / Leo W. Breidenstein passed away on 4 April 2018 at the age of 92 years

The job of a Motor Machinist's Mate was to operate, maintain, and repair (organizational and intermediate level) ship propulsion machinery, auxiliary equipment, and outside machinery, such as: steering engine, hoisting machinery, food preparation equipment, refrigeration and air conditioning equipment, windlasses, elevators,



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and laundry equipment / Operated and maintained (organizational and Intermediate level) marine boilers, pumps, forced draft blowers, and heat exchangers; perform tests, transfers, and inventory of lubricating oils, fuels, and water / Maintained records and reports, and performed duties in the generation and stowage of industrial gases

The USS Atchison County (LST-60) was a tank landing ship and named for counties in Kansas and Missouri established in honor of David Rice Atchison, a mid-19th century Democratic United States Senator from Missouri / The Atchison County was involved in the initial assault on Normandy Beach, 6 June 1944 / Following the successful unloading of troops and cargo at Normandy, the ship commenced cross-channel operations, making 53 trips to the French mainland without mishap / LST-60 earned one Battle Star for World War II service as LST-60 / Commissioned on 7 February 1944 and decommissioned on 27 June 1946

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The World War II Victory Medal was first issued as a service ribbon referred to as the "Victory Ribbon" / By 1946, a full medal had been established which was referred to as the World War II Victory Medal / The medal commemorates military service during World War II and is awarded to any member of the United States military, including members of the armed forces of the Government of the Philippine Islands, who served on active duty, or as a reservist, between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946



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Name: BRIGGS

HORACE

A.

Address: 164 EDSON STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: LT

Unit / Squadron:

U.S.N.R. (UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Lieutenant Horace A. Briggs honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The Navy Reserve is a branch of the United States Navy made up of qualified sailors who serve part-time while working in civilian jobs or attending school / Members of the Navy Reserve are categorized as being in either the Selected Reserve (SELRES), the Training and Administration of the Reserve (TAR), the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR), or the Retired Reserve / They provide invaluable expertise, experience, and leadership while delivering critical support to global operations and planning / The Navy Reserve provides strategic depth and delivers operational capabilities to the Navy and Marine Corps team in a range of military operations from peace to war

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Name: BRIGHAM

CLIFFORD N.

Address: 36 ROSE AVENUE

Service Branch: MERCHANT MARINE **Rank:** GM3

Unit / Squadron:

SS FLAGSHIP SINCO

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Gunner's Mate Third-Class Clifford N. Brigham honorably served in the United States Merchant Marine / GM3 Clifford Brigham served as an Armed Guard aboard vessel, SS Sinco

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

A Gunner's Mate took charge of gun and crew / Assembled and fired all types of guns / Handled ammunition, mines and depth charges

SS Sinco was a Tanker built in 1942 by the Bethlehem Steel, Shipbuilding Division / The Sinco carried Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) / The ship was 528.87 feet in Length with a 72.17 feet Beam / Cargo capacity was 133,430 barrels / The SS Sinco was scrapped

In time of war or national emergency, the U.S. Merchant Marine becomes vital to national security as a "fourth arm of defense" / Merchant ships bore the brunt of delivering military troops, supplies and equipment overseas to our forces and allies operating as an auxiliary unit to the Navy

A flagship is the ship that has the senior commander on board

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Name: **BRIGHT**

WESLEY

J.

Address:

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Wesley J. Bright honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **BRODERICK**

GEORGE

V.

Address: 9 HILLCREST DRIVE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: BM1

Unit / Squadron:

SHIP'S COMPANY, BASE POLICE

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Boatswain's Mate First-Class George V. Broderick honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Camp Peary, Virginia - During World War II, beginning in 1942, the United States Navy took over a large area on the north side of the Virginia Peninsula in York County, Virginia which became known as Camp Peary, initially for use as a Seabee training base

Miscellaneous:

Boatswain's Mates trained, directed and supervised personnel in ship's maintenance duties in all activities relating to marlinspike (a tool used to help tie large knots), deck, boat seamanship painting, upkeep of ship's external structure, rigging, deck equipment and boats / Boatswain's Mates took charge of working parties; performed seamanship tasks; acted as petty officer-in-charge of picketboats, self-propelled barges, tugs, and other yard and district craft / Directed salvage operations



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **BROOKER**

ARTHUR

E.

Address: 559 SENECA CREEK ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: ENSIGN

Unit / Squadron:

U.S.N.R. (UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Ensign Arthur E. Brooker honorably served in the United States Navy / Ensign Brooker was a Dive Bomber pilot

Base Assignments:

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

Miscellaneous:

A dive bomber is a bomber aircraft that dives directly at its targets in order to provide greater accuracy for the bomb it drops / Diving towards the target simplifies the bomb's trajectory, which improves the accuracy of the drop / A dive bomber dives at a steep angle, normally between 45 and 70 degrees, and thus requires an abrupt pull-up after dropping its bombs / This puts great strains on both pilot and aircraft. It demands an aircraft of strong construction, with some means to slow its dive / The rapid vertical motion of the aircraft also aids in avoiding fire from anti-aircraft artillery, although diving to low altitude offsets this advantage as it brings the aircraft into range of smaller weapons

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Name: **BROOKS**

LLOYD

W.

Address:

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Lloyd W. Brooks honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **BROWN**

CHRISTOPHER

Address: 643 MINERAL SPRINGS ROAD

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Christopher Brown honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **BROWN**

EARL

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

USS SCHROEDER (DD-501)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Earl Brown honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The USS Schroeder was a Fletcher-type destroyer and named for Rear Admiral Seaton Schroeder (1849–1922) / The Schroeder served in both the Atlantic and Pacific Campaigns / In 1943, Schroeder provided escort for two separate aircraft carriers making shakedown cruises to the Caribbean and a convoy of merchant ships bound for Casablanca before steaming to the Pacific / In 1944, she participated in the bombardment of enemy positions throughout the Pacific Islands and screened for the for the invasion of Morotai, Netherlands East Indies / The Schroeder protected the Naval carriers in 1945 that launched attacks against airfields, aircraft factories, and shipping in the Tokyo area / The USS Schroeder received 10 battle stars for World War II service / Commissioned on 01 January 1943 and decommissioned on 29 April 1946

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



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Name: **BROWN**

GORDON

M.

Address: 358 MAIN STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

CASUAL COMPANY 73, "G" HEADQUARTERS, ENGINEER INTEL

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Gordon M. Brown honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **BROWN**

JACK

F.

Address: 96 WILDWOOD AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "D" I.R.T.C. (INFANTRY REPLACEMENT TRAINING CENTER)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private Jack F. Brown honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Camp Blanding (Jacksonville, Florida) - Camp named in honor of Lieutenant General Albert H. Blanding who commanded the 2nd Florida Infantry during the Mexican Border Service in 1916 and 1917 / Camp Blanding served as an infantry replacement training center, an induction center, a German prisoner-of-war compound, and a separation center

Miscellaneous:

At an Infantry Replacement Training Center, new recruits received an intensive 17 week training course prior to be sent into combat / Replacements were trained in preparation for the effort to retake Europe from Nazi Germany



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Name: **BROWN**

JOHN

J.

Address: 643 MINERAL SPRINGS ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/4

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "F", INFANTRY REGIMENT, COMPANY "A", 805TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

THE EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN
MEDAL W/2 BRONZE STARS

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER (CARBINE)

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN (RIFLE)

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fourth-Grade (Sergeant) John J. Brown honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Camp Maxey, Texas - Camp Maxey was an infantry-training camp located ten miles north of Paris, Texas and was named in honor of Samuel Bell Maxey / Camp was activated on 15 July 1942, under the command of Col. C. H. Palmer / The first division to be trained at the camp, the 102d Infantry Division, was organized and activated on 15 September 1942 / German prisoners-of-war were also housed at Camp Maxey

Miscellaneous:

The tank destroyer battalion was a type of unit equipped with armored tank destroyers / The tank destroyers were formed as a counter force to massed formations of enemy armored units (tanks/armored vehicles)

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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



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lowest): Expert, Sharpshooter, and Marksman

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 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: **BROWN**

WILLIAM

Address:

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

William Brown honorably served the in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **BROWN JR.**

WALTER

A.

Address: 96 WILDWOOD AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: A.S.

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY 362

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Apprentice Seaman Walter A. Brown, Jr. honorably served in the United States Navy

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

Miscellaneous:

An Apprentice Seaman knew naval drill duties, how to tie knots / Also stood watch and handled gunnery duties

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



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Name: BRUECKL

JACOB

M.

Address:

Service Branch: COAST GUARD

Rank: SM2

Unit / Squadron:

COAST GUARD CUTTER MENDOTA (WHEC-69)

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Steward's Mate Second-Class Jacob M. Brueckl honorably served in the United States Coast Guard

Base Assignments:

Manhattan Beach Training Station (Brooklyn, New York) - USCG Basic Training and Petty Officer Rating Training Facility where 43,000 recruits trained during World War II

Fort Trumbull (New London, Connecticut) - Opened on 1 September 1942, Fort Trumbull takes its name from Jonathan Trumbull, Connecticut's Revolutionary wartime governor / The U.S. Maritime Service Officer Candidate School at Fort Trumbull graduated 15,473 Merchant Marine officers in 76 classes between 1939 and 1946

Miscellaneous:

A Steward's Mate job consisted mainly of stocking, cleaning and assisting with the preparation and serving of meals / Assisted the steward by removing stocks such as food, linen, and utensils and making sure they arrived where needed / Assisted the chief cook with the serving of meals / Took orders and delivered food to the tables in the ship's messroom

USCGC Mendota (WHEC-69) was an Owasco class high endurance cutter built for World War II service with the United States Coast Guard and named after Mendota Lake, Wisconsin / The Mendota was commissioned on 2 June 1945, three months before the end of the war and did not see combat action / Decommissioned on 1 November 1973

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Name: BRUNDAGE

GLEN

W.

Address: 84 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

28TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PURPLE HEART

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT - RIFLE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT - BAYONET

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Glen W. Brundage honorably served in the United States Army / PFC Glen Brundage was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered in combat action while serving in France in November 1944

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Glen W. Brundage was a former West Seneca High School Student

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Name: BRUNNER JR.

ROBERT F.

Address: 3475 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: MERCHANT MARINE **Rank:** S1C

Unit / Squadron:

SS JANE LONG

SS AMERICAN FISHER

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class Robert F. Brunner Jr. honorably served in the Merchant Marine / S1C Robert Brunner was assigned as an Armed Guard aboard the SS American Fisher sailing between Cuba, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic and Haiti / Brunner also served on the SS Jane Long traveling to Swansea, Wales - Greenock, Scotland - Southampton, England and the French Beachheads

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Seamen served as members of damage control or emergency and security alert teams / They participated in Navy ceremonies and took part in underway replenishment (transferring supplies from ship to ship at sea), and they worked with qualified personnel to gain job training and experience / A Seaman was knowledgeable in naval drill duties, knots, steering and signaling / Also stood watch and handled gunnery duties

In time of war or national emergency, the U.S. Merchant Marine becomes vital to national security as a "fourth arm of defense" / Merchant ships bore the brunt of delivering military troops, supplies and equipment overseas to our forces and allies operating as an auxiliary unit to the Navy

The SS Jane Long was a Liberty ship built during World War II / It was named after Jane Long, a notable figure in Texas history / The ship was launched on 30 April 1943 and served in various supply missions / The SS Jane Long was part of the U.S. Merchant Marine fleet, vital for transporting troops and supplies / After the war, many Liberty ships, including the Jane Long, were sold for commercial use or scrapped / The SS Jane Lone was scrapped in 1973

The SS American Fisher was a cargo ship built during World War II for the Merchant Marine fleet / The American Fisher was launched in 1944 and used primarily used for transporting goods and supplies / It played a crucial role



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in wartime supply chains across the Atlantic / After the war, it continued to serve in commercial shipping until its retirement

Name: **BRUNO**

WILLIAM

H.

Address:

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

William H. Bruno honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **BUCHOLZ**

ALFRED J.

Address: **ANGLE ROAD**

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: F. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS CALIENTE (AO-53)

USS VULCAN (AR-5)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

8 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Fireman First-Class Alfred J. Bucholz honorably served in the United States Navy / F1C Alfred Bucholz was sworn into the Navy at 8:10am on Tuesday, 27 July 1943 at the Fire Hall Located at Indian Church Road and Union Road in the hamlet of Gardenville / Fireman First-Class Bucholz earned 8 Battle Stars for combat action onboard ship in the Pacific

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Alfred J. Buchholz passed away on 21 September 2014

A Fireman was responsible for keeping the fires burning in the ship's boilers which were used to make steam / A Fireman would work on the ship's engines and their auxiliary machinery, ensuring they ran correctly and performed maintenance / Operated, adjusted and repaired pumps

The USS Caliente was a Cimarron-class Fleet Oiler commissioned on 22 October 1943 / The ship earned 10 Battle Stars during the war in the Pacific Theater / The Caliente carried logistical supplies, mostly diesel and black oil to the ships participating in the battle of Saipan / In December 1944, the Caliente refueled task forces operating off the Philippines / Commissioned on 12 October 1943 and decommissioned on 15 December 1973

The USS Vulcan (AR-5) was a repair ship and sailed for the South Pacific in January 1945 / Arriving at Guadalcanal on 9 February 1945, Vulcan operated successively out of Tulagi, Nouméa, and Ulithi for the remainder of the war. From Ulithi, Vulcan serviced the amphibious units which participated in the assault on the key island of Okinawa / The Vulcan received one battle star for her World War II service / Commissioned on 14 June 1941 and



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decommissioned on 30 September 1991

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Name: **BUCHOLZ**

ELMER

E.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A" 257TH COMBAT ENGINEERS BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Elmer E. Bucholz honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Elmer E. Bucholz passed away on 29 July 2000 at the age of 85 years old and is interred at Mount Hope Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

Engineering Combat Battalions built bridges, destroyed bridges (when necessary to stop an enemy advance), built and maintained roads, cleared towns, planted mines, and defended roadblocks in the face of oncoming tank columns

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Name: **BUCZKOWSKI**

ALFRED J.

Address: 116 ELECTRIC AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

1ST ARMORED DIVISION, COMBAT COMMAND "A"

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PURPLE HEART

2 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

NORTH AFRICAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Alfred J. Buczkowski honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Alfred Buczkowski participated in the Algerian and Tunisian campaigns earning 2 Battle Stars / CPL Buczkowski was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered in combat action

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Alfred J. Buczkowski passed away in 1998 at the age of 81 years old and is interred at Saint Matthews Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

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The American Defense Service Medal (sometimes called the Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon) was a military award of the United States Armed Forces intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty between 8 September 1939 and 7 December 1941



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Name: **BUCZKOWSKI**

CHESTER

G.

Address: 116 ELECTRIC AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION, 325TH REGIMENT

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

2 BATTLE STARS

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

DUTCH ORANGE LANYARD

FRENCH CITATION

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Chester G. Buczkowski honorably served in the United States Army / PFC Chester Buczkowski earned 2 Battle Stars for combat action in the European Theater / Private Buczkowski was honored by the Netherlands government with the presentation of the Dutch Orange Lanyard for bravery

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Chester Buczkowski was a member of the Lancaster Country Club and the 48 Bowlers / Chester G. Buczkowski passed away in 1992 at the age of 72 and is interred at Saint Adalberts Cemetery, Lancaster, New York

On 15 August 1942, the 82nd Infantry Division became the Army's first airborne division, and was redesignated the 82nd Airborne Division / The division's first two combat operations were parachute assaults into Sicily on 9 July 1943 and Salerno on 13 September 1943 / The 82nd Airborne Division participated in the most ambitious airborne operation of the war, at that point, as part of Operation Neptune, the invasion of Normandy / The division conducted Operation Boston, part of the airborne assault phase of the Operation Overlord / The 82nd also participated in Operation Market Garden in the Netherlands and the Battle of the Bulge in the Ardennes Forest / The casualties for the 82nd Airborne Division in World War II War were 1,619 killed in action, 6,560 wounded in action and 332 died of wounds

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1941 and 2 March 1946 / The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal was awarded as a service ribbon throughout the entire Second World War

Battle (Combat) Stars were presented to military personnel who were engaged in specific battles in combat under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action

The Combat Infantryman Badge was awarded to infantrymen and Special Forces Soldiers in the rank of Colonel and below, who personally fought in active ground combat while assigned as members of an infantry, Ranger or Special Forces unit, of brigade size or smaller, any time after 6 December 1941

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 Dutch Orange Lanyard is a military award, distinguishing military units as a whole, that is shaped as a braided cord / The Netherlands presented American units the Lanyard for feats of excellent bravery on the battlefield / Those who served in a military unit at the particular time of action are entitled to wear the Orange Lanyard and is considered a permanent decoration and is worn for the duration of a military member's career



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Name: **BUNZ**

CARL

W.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Carl W. Bunz honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Carl W. Bunz passed away on 20 March 1982 at the age of 72 years old and is interred at White Chapel Memorial Park, Amherst, New York



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Name: **BUNZ**

MELVIN

C.

Address: 4124 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

737TH ORDNANCE COMPANY, L.M. (LIGHT MAINTENANCE), 37TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON W/2 SERVICE STARS

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION RIBBON W/1 BRONZE STAR

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Melvin C. Bunz honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Melvin C. Bunz passed away on 9 September 1971 at the age of 48 years old and is interred at Hillcrest Cemetery and Mausoleum, Hamburg, New York

The 37th Infantry Division was a unit of the United States Army in World War II, nicknamed the "Buckeye Division" / The 37th Infantry Division was shipped overseas on 26 May 1942 / The 37th Division participated in the campaigns for the Northern Solomons and Luzon, Philippine Islands / The Division earned 9 Distinguished Unit Citations and had within the division: 7 Medals of Honor, 116 Distinguished Service Crosses, 4 Distinguished Service Medals, 1,008 Silver Stars, 71 Legions of Merit, 101 Soldier's Medals, 6,807 Bronze Stars and 84 Air Medals / The Division returned to the United States in November 1945

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a full medal had been established which was referred to as the World War II Victory Medal / The medal commemorates military service during World War II and is awarded to any member of the United States military, including members of the armed forces of the Government of the Philippine Islands, who served on active duty, or as a reservist, between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946

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Name: **BURDEN**

CHARLES

H.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

QUARTERMASTER CORPS

Medals / Citations:

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Charles H. Burden honorably served in the United States Army / Charles Burden was stationed in the Panama Canal Zone where he operated a bus

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps was responsible for procuring and delivering various supplies to units in all theaters of war during World War II / Quartermaster units were charged with providing food (steady supply of food and rations), clothing, petroleum products (gasoline, kerosene, aviation fuel, diesel oil, fuel oil and petroleum-based lubricants) and general supplies (diverse items as rope, soap, candles, knives, forks and spoons , etc.) to troops stationed in the United States and to the far-flung armed forces around the world

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Name: **BURDEN**

WILLIAM

E.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/4

Unit / Squadron:

8TH TANK BATTALION, 4TH ARMORED DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Technician Fourth-Grade (Sergeant) William E. Burden honorably served in the United States Army / SGT William Burden was Killed in Action (KIA) on 23 December 1944

Sergeant William E. Burden is honored at the American Cemetery (Neupré, Wallonia, Belgium) on the Tablets of the Missing on which are recorded the names of 462 American missing service personnel

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

William E. Burden was a mail carrier prior to enlisting in the Army on 2 June 1941

The 4th Armored Division was formed in 1941 and served in Europe from July 1944 to the end of the wa

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Name: BURESCH

GEORGE

J

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

George Joseph Buresch honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

George Joseph Buresch passed away on 24 May 1970 at the age of 52 years old and is interred at Saint Marys Cemetery, Swormville, New York



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Name: **BURGASSER**

BURTON

C.

Address:

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Burton C. Burgasser honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **BURGER**

CARL

L.

Address: 28 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: F1C

Unit / Squadron:

L.S.T. 915 (TANK LANDING SHIP)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Fireman First-Class Carl L. Burger honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Fireman was responsible for keeping the fires burning in the ship's boilers which were used to make steam / A Fireman would work on the ship's engines and their auxiliary machinery, ensuring they ran correctly and performed maintenance / Operated, adjusted and repaired pumps

LST-915 was commissioned on 22 March 1944 and assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater / Landing Ship, Tank (LST) is the military designation for naval vessels created during World War II to support amphibious operations by carrying significant quantities of vehicles, cargo, and landing troops directly onto an unimproved shore / From their combat debut in the Solomon Islands in June 1943 until the end of the hostilities in August 1945, the LSTs performed a vital service in World War II / They participated in the invasions of Sicily (Operation Husky), Italy, Normandy, and southern France in the European Theater and were an essential element in the island-hopping campaigns in the Pacific that culminated in the liberation of the Philippines and the capture of Iwo Jima and Okinawa

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Name: **BURGER**

JAMES

M.

Address: 2627 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: EM2C

Unit / Squadron:

USS L.C.S. (L) (3)-39 (LANDING CRAFT, SUPPORT (LARGE))

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

2 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

JAPANESE OCCUPATION MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Electrician's Mate Second-Class James M. Burger honorably served in the United States Navy / EM2C James Burger was awarded 2 Battle Stars for combat action in the Pacific

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

An Electrician's Mate used electrical tools and repaired electrical equipment / Charged storage batteries and wind armatures / Stood watch on main gyrocompass and in main control room of electrically driven ships / Repaired telephone circuits / Applied first aid in case of electrical shock

USS LCS(L)(3)-39 was commissioned on 16 October 1944 and saw action in the Pacific Theater / The Landing Craft, Support (nicknamed the "Mighty Midgets") were primarily used for close support before landing forces on beaches and also performed radar picket duty and fire fighting

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The Navy of Occupation Medal is a military award of the United States military which was established by the United States War Department on 5 April 1946 / The medal was created in the aftermath of the Second World War to recognize those who had performed occupation service in either Germany, Italy, Austria, or Japan



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Name: **BURKE**

JAMES

E.

Address: 213 AURORA AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: A.S.

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Apprentice Seaman James E. Burke honorably served in the United States Navy

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

Miscellaneous:

Seaman were knowledgeable in naval drill duties, knots, steering and signaling / Also stood watch and handled gunnery duties

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



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Name: **BURKHARDT**

R.

J.

Address:

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

R. J. Burkhardt honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: BURNS

JAMES T.

Address: 120 DELRAY AVENUE

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

Unit / Squadron:

SECTION "C", 2539TH B.U. (BASE UNIT)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Sergeant James T. Burns honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force

Base Assignments:

Foster Field, Texas - Field was named in memory of Lt. Arthur L. Foster (25 November 1888 - 10 February 1925), a native of Georgetown, Texas, and a United States Army Air Corps instructor killed in a crash at Brooks Field, Texas in 1925 / The airfield was activated on 15 May 1941 with the mission of training aviation cadets in the advanced phase of flying training. Foster was assigned to the Air Corps Advanced Flying School (Single Engine) / In the advanced phase, the cadets flew advanced trainers, fighters and fighter-bombers / Pilot wings were awarded upon graduation and were sent on to group combat training

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **BURNS**

JOHN

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

1ST COMPANY, OTC BARRACKS 402

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private John Burns honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Atlanta Aid Depot, Georgia - First established as the Quartermaster Depot during World War II (1941-45), the facility was activated with units from chemical, engineering, medical, quartermaster, and signal divisions / The Quartermaster Depot, designated as Atlanta General Depot in 1941, shipped supplies to army personnel all over the world and housed an automotive school for soldiers

Miscellaneous:



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Name: BURNS

JOHN

J.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

2868TH ENGINEER COMPANY, 8TH ARMY

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class John J. Burns honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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 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 World War II Victory Medal was first issued as a service ribbon referred to as the "Victory Ribbon" /By 1946, a full medal had been established which was referred to as the World War II Victory Medal / The medal commemorates military service during World War II and is awarded to any member of the United States military, including members of the armed forces of the Government of the Philippine Islands, who served on active duty, or as a reservist, between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946



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Name: BURNS

ROBERT

H.

Address: 120 DELRAY AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

35TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Robert H. Burns honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

As of August 1945, the 35th Evacuation Hospital processed 27,051 patients, performed 11,674 surgical operations, and taken 38,012 radiographs / The hospital earned Battle Stars for the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe Campaigns

In the years from 30 June 1943 to 30 June 1945 the Medical Department trained 189 General Hospitals, 74 Field Hospitals and 61 Station Hospitals for overseas service / In 1945, when the peak of overseas shipments occurred, the War Department sent 81 General, 35 Field, and 8 Station Hospitals to the various Theaters of Operations (European, African and Asiatic-Pacific) / By May 1945, when the peak in Hospital beds overseas was reached, there were 335,000 fixed beds and about 87,000 mobile beds in all Theaters

The European-African-Middle Eastern (EAME) Campaign Medal was a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on 6 November 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt / The medal was intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the European Theater (to include North Africa and the Middle East) and was awarded for any service performed between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946 / The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal was awarded as a service ribbon throughout the entire Second World War



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Name: **BURNS**

WILLIAM

Address:

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

William Burns honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **BUSCH**

C.

J.

Address:

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

C. J. Busch honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **BUSCH**

RAYMOND J.

Address: 43 BENSON AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: PH. M. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL, USS ATA-124

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC -PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Pharmacist's Mate First-Class Raymond J. Busch honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Corona, California - The Naval Hospital Corona was originally constructed in the 1920's as a luxury hotel and resort called the "Norconian" / The U.S. Navy took over the hotel and commissioned it as a Rehabilitation Naval Hospital during World War II

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

Philadelphia Naval Hospital (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

Aiea Naval Hospital (Aiea Heights, Hawaii)

Miscellaneous:

Raymond Busch was a retired Detective for the West Seneca Police Department / Raymond J. Busch passed away in 2008 at the age of 86 years old and is interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, Orchard Park, New York

Pharmacist's Mates were petty officers who, under the direction of medical officers, administer medical assistance, treatment, and services to naval personnel / They served in the sick bay or dispensary of a ship or shore station, at a naval hospital, or on a hospital ship

The USS ATA-124 was an Auxiliary Fleet Tug and commissioned on 24 July 1943 / During World War II, USS ATA-124 was assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and participated in the assault and occupation of Okinawa in



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1945 / ATA-124 earned one battle star for World War II service and removed from the Naval Register in September 1947

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The American Defense Service Medal (also referred to as the Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon) was a military award of the United States Armed Forces intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty between 8 September 1939 and 7 December 1941

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 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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: BUTCHER

HERBERT

C.

Address: 376 MAIN STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

SIGNAL SECTION, 1329TH S.U., H.R.P.E. (SERVICE UNIT - HAMPTON ROADS PORT OF EMBARKATION)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Herbert C. Butcher honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Newport News, Virginia - Shipbuilding industry produced ships that helped transition goods from the rails to the seas

Miscellaneous:

The Hampton Roads region of Southeast Virginia during World Wars II was a hub for the movement of millions of troops and as a center of activity for numerous paramilitary organizations such as the Red Cross / The camp was founded in late 1942 and hosted American troops of every branch of the military service, troops of other Allied armies, and civilians bound for special missions overseas / Nearly three quarters of a million men and women passed through the camp during 1943-44, before boarding transport ships at the Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation, most of them bound for deployment in the Western Europe. By January 31, 1946, the total number of personnel to pass through the camp was 1,412,107 / Towards the end of World War II, Hampton Roads served as a demobilization point for many soldiers returning home

The United States Army Signal Corps was established in 1860 and was used in World War II to coordinate swift and accurate communication for air, ground, and naval units required more sophisticated technology and service /The Signal Corps develops, tests, provides, and manages communications and information systems support for the command and control of combined arms forces / The Signal Corps pioneered in the development of radar to detect approaching aircraft as well as mobile communications and deciphering machines / In addition to its primary role in military transmissions, the unit also played a key role in producing training films for army and civilian personnel, and documenting combat missions / During World War II, noted Hollywood producers, directors, and photographers (such as Darryl Zanuck, Frank Capra, John Huston, and George Stevens) all served



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in the Signal Corps

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **BUTTON**

ROBERT

Address:

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Robert Button honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)
