



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



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **CAMPBELL**

**BOYD**

**P.**

**Address:** 109 DUERSTEIN STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** LT. (JG)

**Unit / Squadron:**

N.M.S. 291 (NAVAL METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Lieutenant (junior grade) Boyd P. Campbell honorably served in the United States Navy

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Lieutenant (junior grade), commonly abbreviated as Lt. (j.g.), was a junior commissioned officer rank of the United States Navy and the United States Coast Guard / Lieutenant, junior grade, ranks above ensign and below lieutenant and is equivalent to a first lieutenant in the other uniformed services (the Army, Marine Corps and Air Force)

During the early years of World War II, weather information was needed to support fleet operations in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters and to analyze weather conditions for combat engagements / Military forces were able to use weather conditions to their advantage, but they also provided examples of engagements where the weather was ignored, to the detriment of the participants / Radar was developed to identify weather systems and using weather conditions, help maximize the efficiency of aircraft takeoff from carriers

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**GEORGE**

**A.**

**Address:** 109 DUERSTEIN STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

56TH SIGNAL CORPS, REPAIR COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Corporal George A. Campbell 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 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 in the Signal Corps



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**THOMAS**

**J.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/5

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ARMY PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal) Thomas Julian Campbell honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Thomas Campbell died from Non-Battle circumstances in 1943

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Thomas J. Campbell is interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, New York

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

The Good Conduct Medal is one of the oldest military awards of the United States Armed Forces / The Navy



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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

*Name:* **CAREY**

**ARTHUR**

*Address:* 3451 CLINTON STREET

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* SGT

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Sergeant Arthur Carey honorably served in the United States Army

*Base Assignments:*

Camp Pickett, Virginia - Located near the town of Blackstone, the camp is named for the United States Army officer and Confederate General George Pickett / A total of approximately 6,000 German prisoners were sent to Camp Pickett beginning in January 1944

*Miscellaneous:*



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**Name:** CAREY

JOHN

V.

**Address:** 64 THORNDALE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** T/SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

99TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP, 348TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PURPLE HEART

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

AIR MEDAL WITH 9 OAK CLUSTERS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN (.30 CALIBER RIFLE)

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN (.45 PISTOL)

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

NORTH AFRICAN THEATER / EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technical Sergeant John V. Carey honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force / TSG John Carey flew out of North Africa and Italy / Wounded in combat action, Sergeant Carey spent time recuperating at the Don Ce-Sar Hospital, an Air Force convalescent center, in St. Petersburg, Florida

**Base Assignments:**

St. Petersburg, Florida - Thousands of pilots and seaman received their training at facilities located in St. Petersburg

**Miscellaneous:**

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

The 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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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

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:** CAREY

LEO

W.

**Address:** 64 THORNDALE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "C", 241ST ENGINEERING BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Leo W. Carey honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Belvoir, Virginia - First authorized in 1917 as Camp Humphries and renamed Fort Humphries in 1922 after Major General Andrew A. Humphries, distinguished U.S. Civil War veteran and Chief of Engineers (1866-79) / Renamed Fort Belvoir in February 1935 in recognition of the Belvoir plantation that once occupied the site

**Miscellaneous:**

Engineering Battalions performed many engineering tasks, including demolitions, obstacle emplacement, fortification, and light bridge building / Engineer general service regiments and battalions performed construction, repair, and maintenance duties of all kinds behind the front lines / When needed, combat engineers also could act as infantry



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**Name:** CARR

GORDON R.

**Address:** 118 TAMPA DRIVE

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

H&S (HEADQUARTERS & SERVICE) BATTERY, 3RD A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT) BATTALION  
F.M.F. (FLEET MARINE FORCE)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Gordon R. Carr honorably served in the United States Marine Corps

**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

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:** **CARRIERO**

**ANTHONY S.**

**Address:** 46 IRIS AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S1C

**Unit / Squadron:**

N.T.C. (NAVAL TRAINING CENTER) COMPANY 271, "D"

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Sailor First-Class Anthony S. Carriero 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:**

Anthony S. Carriero passed away on 1 November 1993 at the age of 75 years old and is interred at Ridge Lawn Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York

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:** **CARROLL**

**KENNETH J.**

**Address:** 28 TINDLE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S1C

**Unit / Squadron:**

142ND N.C.B. (NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION) COMPANY, A-3

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Seaman First-Class Kenneth J. Carroll honorably served in the United States Navy / S1C Kenneth Carroll 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

**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

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

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*Name:* **CARROLL**

**R.**

**C**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* (UNKNOWN)

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

R. C. Carroll honorably served in the United States Military

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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**Name:** CASE

SCHUYLER J.

**Address:** 163 DUERSTEIN STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S2C

**Unit / Squadron:**

O.G.U. (OUTGOING UNIT), L11-U65

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Seaman Second-Class Schuyler Case honorably served in the United States Navy

**Base Assignments:**

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**Name:** **CATTARIN**

**EDWARD**

**M.**

**Address:** 419 MINERAL SPRINGS ROAD

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

AIR WARNING SQUADRON 3

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Edward M. Cattarin honorably served in the United States Marine Corps

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Air Warning Squadron 3 (AWS-3) was a United States Marine Corps aviation command and control squadron during World War II / The squadron was tasked to provide aerial surveillance and early warning during amphibious assaults or approaching enemy aircraft

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*Name:* **CATTARIN**

**H.**

**D.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* (UNKNOWN)

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

H. D. Cattarin honorably served in the United States Military

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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**Name:** **CAVANAGH JR.**

**JAMES**

**W.**

**Address:** 759 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S2C

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS ALASKA (CB-1), 4TH DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Seaman Second-Class James W. Cavanagh, Jr. honorably served in the United States Navy

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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The USS Alaska (CB-1) was a large cruiser, commissioned on 17 June 1944 and served in the Pacific Theater, participating in the invasion of Iwo Jima and Okinawa / Decommissioned 17 February 1947

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*Name:* **CHANGE**

A.

A.

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* (UNKNOWN)

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

A. A. Change honorably served in the United States Military

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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*Name:* **CHAPMAN**

**ELANORE**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* (UNKNOWN)

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Elanore Chapman honorably served in the United States Military

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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*Name:* **CHAPMAN**  
**WILLIAM**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* (UNKNOWN)

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

William Chapman honorably served in the United States Military

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** CHASE

RUSSELL

**Address:** 256 AURORA AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

386TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Russell Chase honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force

**Base Assignments:**

**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

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**Name:** CHASE, JR.

RAYMOND

**Address:** 256 AURORA AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

97TH SIGNAL CORPS

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Raymond Chase, Jr. honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri - The post was created in December 1940 and named in honor of General Leonard Wood (former Chief of Staff) in January 1941 / Originally intended to train infantry troops, in 1941 it became an engineer training post with the creation of the Engineer Replacement Training Center

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*Name:* **CHAVANNE**

**JAMES**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* PVT

*Unit / Squadron:*

3RD PLATOON, F.A.R.T.C. (FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENTAL COMMAND)

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Private James Chavanne honorably served in the United States Army

*Base Assignments:*

Fort Sill, Oklahoma - Fort Sill was founded in 1869, under the original name Camp Wichita / Fort was later renamed in honor of Brigadier General Joshua W. Sill, who was killed during the American Civil War / The Field Artillery School trained its own fixed wing pilots as field artillery spotters

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** CHAVANNE, JR.

JOSEPH

A.

**Address:** 47 RACE STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** S/SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

46TH F.A. (FIELD ARTILLERY), 5TH DIVISION, 3RD ARMY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

BRONZE STAR

2 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL (GERMANY)

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Staff Sergeant Joseph A. Chavanne, Jr. honorably served in the United States Army / SSGT Joseph Chavanne served from 1944 through 1946 and was awarded the Bronze Star for his heroic actions while participating in three major campaigns in Germany / Sergeant Chavanne earned 2 Battle Stars in the battles for Central Europe and the Rhineland

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Joseph A. Chavanne was a 1944 graduate of Gardenville High School / Joseph Chavanne was a member of Fourteen Holy Helpers Holy Name Society, National Association of Letter Carriers (N.A.L.C.) Branch #3, and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Harvey D. Morin VFW Post #2940 / Joseph A. Chavanne, Jr. passed away on 9 February 2015 at the age of 89 years old and is interred at Saint Matthews Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

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The Third United States Army was first activated on November 7, 1918, in Chaumont, France, during World War I, just days before the Armistice / Under Major General Joseph T. Dickman, it moved into the Rhineland for occupation duties, establishing headquarters in Koblenz, Germany by December 15, 1918 / The Third Army consisted of three corps (III, IV, VII) and seven divisions, totaling over 230,000 personnel at its peak during the



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occupation / Reactivated in 1933 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, the Third Army became a premier training formation under Lieutenant General Walter Krueger, preparing U.S. forces for World War II / During the war, it gained fame under General George S. Patton, advancing rapidly across France and Germany, participating in the Battle of the Bulge, crossing the Rhine, and capturing over 1.25 million prisoners / After World War II, the Third Army remained in Germany until 1947 and later returned to the U.S., assuming training and administrative roles

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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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The Army 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 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:** **CHERVEN**

**JAMES**

**D.**

**Address:** 821 SENECA CREEK ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** LT.

**Unit / Squadron:**

EP. RC.

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Lieutenant James D. Cherven honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Butner, North Carolina - Camp Butner was named in honor of Major General Henry Wolfe Butner, a native of Surry County (N.C.), who died in 1937 following a distinguished military career / Camp was established for the training of infantry divisions and various artillery and engineer units within the Fourth Services Command, Army Ground Forces / The Camp's primary mission was to train combat troops for deployment and redeployment to the European and Pacific theaters. The Camp contained rifle ranges, artillery ranges, a prisoner of war compound, and barracks and support services for approximately 40,000 troops

**Miscellaneous:**

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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**Name:** **CHERVEN**

**JOSEPH**

**J.**

**Address:** 821 SENECA CREEK ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** S/SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "C", 174TH INFANTRY

100TH INFANTRY DIVISION, 398TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

**Medals / Citations:**

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Staff Sergeant Joseph J. Cherven honorably served in the United States Army / SSGT Joseph Cherven was assigned to the 100th Infantry Division (Century Division), 398th Infantry Regiment, First Battalion Company "A" while serving in the European Theater

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Chaffee, Arkansas - The camp was named after Major General Adna R. Chaffee Jr., an artillery officer who, in Europe during World War I, determined that the cavalry was outmoded and, unlike other cavalry officers, advocated for the use of tanks / In addition to providing a training facility for US soldiers, Fort Chaffee served as a POW camp, housing 3000 German prisoners of war

**Miscellaneous:**

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

The 174th Infantry Brigade is an infantry brigade of the United States Army based at the Fort Dix entity of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey / A multi-component training unit, the brigade provides operational training and increased readiness for units in the continental Northeast / The brigade was deployed for both World War I and World War II / Reorganized and redesignated numerous times, the 174th Infantry Brigade has been a reserve unit of the United States Army for most of its existence, seeing only short stints in the Active Duty forces and a combat role

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



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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

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**Name:** **CHOJECKI**

**CHESTER**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** (UNKNOWN)

**Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Chester Chojecki honorably served in the United States Military

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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**Name:** CHRISTIAN

WILLIAM

E.

**Address:** 58 TAMPA DRIVE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S1C

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS L.S.T. 121 (LANDING SHIP, TANK)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Seaman First-Class William E. Christian 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

LST-121 was commissioned on 29 September 1943 and assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater / LST-121 participated in the Battle for the Mariana and Iwo Jima Islands / LST-121 earned five battle stars / Decommissioned on 21 March 1946

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

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:** CHRISTIE

MAURICE

G.

**Address:** 55 DIRKSON AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** ENSIGN

**Unit / Squadron:**

CLASS 2B, 44TH FLIGHT BRIGADE, N.A.T.C. (NAVAL AIR TRAINING CENTER)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

AIR MEDAL WITH OAK LEAF CLUSTER

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Ensign Maurice G. "Bud" Christie honorably served in the United States Navy / Ensign Maurice Christie, a pilot, took part in the air-sea rescue of two Naval Airmen forced down in Japan's inland sea by enemy anti-aircraft fire / While they were clinging to a tiny life raft, the rescuers hovered over the raft as it floated less than a mile off Japan's shore / Seaplanes came in and took the two downed airmen to safety / During the rescue, 2 enemy tankers were bombed, 1 enemy plane shot down and 2 Japanese Destroyers hit / Ensign Christie was awarded the Distinguished Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, along with a Presidential Citation for his actions to save the two downed Naval airmen

**Base Assignments:**

Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida - Created in 1825, NAS Pensacola, known as "The Cradle of Naval Aviation", is a United States Navy base located next to Warrington, Florida / NAS Pensacola is best known as the initial primary training base for all U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard officers pursuing designation as naval aviators and naval flight officers, the advanced training base for most naval flight officers, and as the home base for the United States Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the precision-flying team known as the Blue Angels / The air station also hosts the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) and the Naval Aerospace Medical Institute (NAMI) / With the start of World War II, NAS Pensacola became the hub of air training activities training 1,100 cadets a month / Naval aviators from NAS Pensacola were called upon to train the Doolittle Raiders at Eglin Field in 1942 for carrier take-offs in their B-25 Mitchell bombers / During the Korean War, the military was caught in the midst of transition from propellers to jets / The air station had to revise its courses and training techniques. NAS Pensacola produced 6,000 aviators from 1950 to 1953 / In 1971, NAS Pensacola was picked as the headquarters site for CNET (Chief of Naval Education and Training), a new command which combined direction and control of all Navy education and training activities and organizations / The Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC), where the 44th Flight Brigade operated, provides training for aviation personnel and supports combat readiness globally



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## *Miscellaneous:*

Prior to entering the service, Christie studied at the University of Buffalo and was employed by the Buffalo Arms Corporation / Maurice G. "Bud" Christie passed away on 5 April 1986 at the age of 62 years old and is interred at Hillcrest Cemetery and Mausoleum, Hamburg, New York

All Ensigns became branch officers or division officers in their first operational assignments, responsible for leading a group of petty officers and enlisted men in one of the ship's, squadrons, team's or other organization's branches and divisions (for example, engineering, navigation, communications, sensors or weapons aboard a warship, or similar functions in the operations, aircraft maintenance, administrative or safety/NATOPS departments in a flying squadron) while at the same time receiving on-the-job training in leadership, naval systems, programs, and policies from higher-ranking officers and from senior enlisted men and women in the Chief Petty Officer rates

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 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

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:** CIAMBOR

RICHARD

C.

**Address:** 133 AURORA AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** G.M. 3/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

MTB (MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT), SQUADRON 33

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Gunner's Mate Third-Class Richard C. Ciambor honorably served in the United States Navy / GM3C Richard Ciambor sustained disabling injuries when his PT boat was torpedoed

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Richard Ciambor owned and operated Dick's Homestead in Buffalo for 12 years before moving to the Portland, New York area as a construction worker / Ciambor was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge #118 in Westfield, New York / Richard Ciambor was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post #8647 and the American Legion, Post #93 in Mayville, New York / Richard C. Ciambor passed away on 20 October 2002 at the age of 78 years old and is interred at Quincy Rural Cemetery, Ripley, New York

Gunner's Mates were responsible for the operation and maintenance of missile launching systems, gun mounts, and other ordnance equipment, as well as small arms and magazines / Gunner's Mates worked with electrical and electronic circuitry; mechanical, hydraulic and pneumatic systems

MTB Squadron 33 supported the assault on Leyte Island in February 1945

Motor Torpedo Boats, popularly known as "PT boats", were small, light, and fast motor torpedo boats used by the United States Navy / The first PT boats used in the Pacific War evacuated personnel out of the Philippine Islands, including General Douglas MacArthur and his family / The primary mission of the Motor Torpedo Boats was to attack surface vessels, lay mines and smoke screens, rescue downed aviators, and carry out intelligence or raider operations / One of the most famous PT boats was Lieutenant (jg) John F. Kennedy's PT-109

The European-African-Middle Eastern (EAME) Campaign Medal was a military award of the United States Armed



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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:** CIAMBOR JR.

ADAM

W.

**Address:** 554 HARLEM ROAD

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** CEM

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS WALTER S. BROWN (DE-258)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Construction Electrician's Mate (CEM) Adam W. Ciambor, Jr. honorably served in the United States Navy / CEM Adam Ciambor served aboard the destroyer, USS Walter S. Brown

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Construction Electricians installed and repaired interior wiring and overhead and underground primary and secondary distribution systems using conduit, raceways, and direct burial cable / CEs Installed, operated, and serviced electrical equipment, climbed poles and towers utilizing lineman equipment

USS Walter S. Brown was an Evarts-Class Destroyer Escort, commissioned 25 June 1943 / She was deployed into high-risk North Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean waters to protect convoys and other ships from German submarines and fighter aircraft / She performed escort and anti-submarine operations in battle areas before sailing back to the States, victorious, at the end of the conflict / The Walter S. Brown received one battle star for her World War II service / Decommissioned 4 October 1945

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:** CIRBUS

WILLIAM

B.

**Address:** 18 STEPHENSON STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

BATTERY "D", 950TH A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Corporal William B. Cirbus honorably served in the United States Army / CPL William Cirbus saw action at Guadalcanal as his unit took part in the first assault against the Japanese defenders / Corporal Cirbus provided anti-aircraft defense at Henderson Field for 11 months / Corporal Cirbus took part in the recapture of Bataan and Corregidor

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

William B. Cirbus passed away on 27 February 2002 at the age of 84 years old

The Battle of Guadalcanal was a military campaign fought between 7 August 1942 and 9 February 1943 on and around the island of Guadalcanal in the Pacific theatre of World War II / It was the first major offensive by Allied forces against the Empire of Japan / The Guadalcanal campaign was a significant strategic combined arms victory by Allied forces over the Japanese in the Pacific theatre and ended all Japanese expansion attempts and placed the Allies in a position of clear supremacy

The battle for the recapture of Corregidor occurred between 16 and 26 February 1945, by American and Filipino forces which liberated the island fortress and eventually led to the liberation of the entire Philippine Islands from Japanese forces

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:** CLARK

EDWARD

M.

**Address:** 73 AURORA AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

4192ND ARMY HOSPITAL

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL PURPLE HEART

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Edward M. Clark honorably served in the United States Army / PFC Edward Clark was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in combat action

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

In the years from June 30, 1943 to June 30, 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

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:** CLAYBACK

PAUL

S.

**Address:**

RACE STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

453RD ENGINEERING DEPOT #1

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Paul S. Clayback honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Paul Clayback was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Harvey D. Morin Post #2940 / Paul S. Clayback passed away in 2002 at the age of 82 years old and is interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, New York

The 453rd Engineering Depot #1 played a crucial role in logistics and supply chain management for military operations and provided maintenance and repair services for various military vehicles and machinery

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:** **CLENCH**

**FRED**

**A.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** COAST GUARD

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS LST-309

USS LST-16 (LANDING SHIP, TANK)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL    AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL  
W/5 COMBAT STARS

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Carpenter's Mate Second-Class Fred A. Clench honorably served in the United States Coast Guard

**Base Assignments:**

Buffalo, New York

Curtiss Bay, Maryland

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Houston, Texas

**Miscellaneous:**

A Carpenter's Mate used hand and power tools / Took charge of ship ventilation, painting, watertight control, drainage / Understood shoring and drydocking

Although LSTs (Landing Ship, Tank) were built for the U.S. Navy during World War II, most were manned by U.S. Coast Guard crews during its service

During World War II, USS LST-309 was assigned first to the Europe-Africa-Middle East Theater and later to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and participated in the North African occupation, Tunisian operations, Salerno landings, and the invasion of Normandy / Commissioned on 11 January 1943 and earned four battle stars for World War II service



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LST-16 participated in the Salerno landings in September 1943, advanced landings at Anzio-Nettuno in January and February 1944, and the Normandy Beach landing in June 1944 / Commissioned on 17 March 1943, LST-16 earned five battle stars for World War II service

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

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. 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

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:* **CLOE**

**J.**

**W.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* (UNKNOWN)

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

J. W. Cloe honorably served in the United States Military

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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**Name:** CLOSE

RAYMOND W.

**Address:** 50 DWYER STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

6TH ENGINEER OVERHAUL SQUADRON

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Raymond W. Close honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

Kelly Field, Texas - Located outside of San Antonio, the Field was named in honor of 2d Lieutenant George Edward Maurice Kelly / Lt. Kelly, who died during a training run / Between January 1939 and March 1943, over 6,800 men graduated from Kelly's Advanced Flying School and approximately 1,700 additional pilots graduated from various other courses in the Instructor's School / Mission of base turned to overhauling, repairing and modifying thousands of Army aircraft, including B-17s, B-25s, B-29s, P-51s, and the C-47 cargo plane

**Miscellaneous:**

Raymond W. Close passed away in 1995 at the age of 79 years old and is interred at Saint Johns Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, West Seneca, New York



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**Name:** **COATES**

**JOHN**

**E.**

**Address:** 275 MAIN STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** EM1C

**Unit / Squadron:**

U.S. L.C.T. (LANDING CRAFT, TANKS), FLOATILLA 2 AND 17

USS WILLIAM P. BIDDLE (APA-8)

LST-55

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Electrician's Mate First-Class (EM1C) John E. Coates honorably served in the United States Navy / EM1C John Coates served aboard the transport USS William P. Biddle and other Landing Crafts

**Base Assignments:**

Naval Station Newport (NAVSTA), Newport, Rhode Island - The Navy Department permanently established a training school at Newport, calling it the Naval Training Station, on 4 June 1883 / The original mission of the Naval Training Station was to train and educate raw recruits in a sufficient quantity to man U.S. naval warships / The mission of the Naval Training Station was modified in 1943 when the recruit training mission was moved from Newport to allow for the Naval Training Station's support of the Large Ship Pre-commissioning Training mission / By the time the last class of recruits had graduated from boot camp, there had been 204,115 recruits trained at the Training Station during World War II

Naval Training Base, Solomons, Maryland - In 1942, the United States Navy established its first amphibious training base at Solomons, Maryland, to meet the urgent demands of World War II / The base trained thousands of Marines, soldiers, sailors, and Coast Guardsmen who saw action throughout Europe and the Pacific / Over 60,000 troops trained at Solomons during the war

Amphibious Training Base, Little Creek, Virginia - Begun in July 1942, the Amphibious Training Base (also known as "Little Creek") was the center for all types of amphibious training and the training of ship's crews for LSM (landing ship medium), LCI (landing craft infantry), and LCU (landing craft utility); LCM (landing craft mechanized), and LCVP (landing craft vehicle, personnel) / During World War II over 200,000 Naval personnel and 160,000 Army and Marine Corps personnel trained at Little Creek



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Amphibious Training Base, Portsmouth, Virginia

Amphibious Training Base, Camp Bradford, Virginia - The original mission of Camp Bradford was a training base for Navy Seabees, but in 1943 it was changed into a training center for the crews of LSTs (Landing Ship Tank)

### *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 William P. Biddle (APA-8) was a Heywood-class attack transport that served with the US Navy during World War II / Biddle was commissioned on 3 February 1941 and served as a transport ship / In 1943, alterations were made to the ship's armament, converting the Biddle to an attack transport / The Biddle participated in "operation Torch" in North Africa, the invasion of Sicily, Gilbert Island campaign, invasion of the Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands campaign and the invasion of Leyte and Luzon / The USS William P. Biddle earned Seven battle stars for World War II service / The Biddle was decommissioned on 9 April 194 and scrapped in 1957

LST-55 was commissioned on 6 January 1944 and was assigned to the European theater and participated in the Normandy invasion from 6 to 25 June 1944 / LST-55 was decommissioned on 11 December 1945 and scrapped on 26 March 1948 / LST-55 earned one battle star for World War II service

The Landing Craft, Tank (LCT) was an amphibious assault ship often manned by mixed Army and Navy crews for landing tanks on beachheads / The Landing Craft Tank was designed for use by the first wave on-shore and was equipped with additional armor protection for the crew stations and on the bows, while a heavy wooden ramp would drop, which allowed the tanks to be discharged onto the beach / Being in the forefront of assault landings, LCTs sustained the heaviest losses of any large landing craft / Utilizing different weapon combinations made the LCT into an effective floating anti-aircraft battery for harbor or support area defense

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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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:** **COATES JR.**

**EDWARD**

**Address:** 275 MAIN STREET

**Service Branch:** COAST GUARD

**Rank:** ENSIGN

**Unit / Squadron:**

USCG CUTTER THETIS (WPC-115)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Ensign Edward Coates, Jr. honorably served in the United States Coast Guard

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

All Ensigns became branch officers or division officers in their first operational assignments, responsible for leading a group of petty officers and enlisted men in one of the ship's, squadrons, team's or other organization's branches and divisions (for example, engineering, navigation, communications, sensors or weapons aboard a warship, or similar functions in the operations, aircraft maintenance, administrative or safety/NATOPS departments in a flying squadron) while at the same time receiving on-the-job training in leadership, naval systems, programs, and policies from higher-ranking officers and from senior enlisted men and women in the Chief Petty Officer rates

The USCG Thetis was commissioned on 1 December 1931 / Took part in the sinking of the German submarine U-157 off the east coast of Florida / Decommissioned 1 July 1947

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

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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

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**Name:** COCHRAN

JAMES

S.

**Address:** 130 ALLENDALE ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/5

**Unit / Squadron:**

448TH ORDNANCE, H.A.M. (HEAVY AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE)

159TH ORDNANCE BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fifth Grade (Corporal) James S. Cochran honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Knox, Kentucky - A new Armored Force (Tanks) was established in July 1940 with its headquarters at Fort Knox / It was responsible for establishing armored formations, doctrine, and training in the use of armored vehicles

**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

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*Name:* **CODY**

**EDWARD**

**M.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* PVT

*Unit / Squadron:*

1209TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT, STATION HOSPITAL

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Private Edward M. Cody honorably served in the United States Army

*Base Assignments:*

Pine Camp, New York - Located in Jefferson County, New York, Pine Camp was founded in 1908 / Three divisions that trained at Pine Camp during World War II were General George S. Patton's 4th Armored Division (Gen. Creighton Abrams was a battalion commander here at the time), the 45th Infantry Division and the 5th Armored Division / Pine Camp became Camp Drum in 1951 / The post also served as a prisoner of war camp for captured Italian and German troops

*Miscellaneous:*

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*Name:* **COHEN**

**DANIEL**

**F.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* COAST GUARD

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Daniel F. Cohen honorably served in the United States Coast Guard / Daniel Cohen served from 1942 to 1945

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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**Name:** **COLE**

**JAMES**

**W.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** 2ND LT

**Unit / Squadron:**

8TH AIR FORCE

704TH BOMBER SQUADRON, 446TH BOMBER GROUP, HEAVY

**Medals / Citations:**

PURPLE HEART

AIR MEDAL

UNITED STATES AVIATOR BADGE ARMY

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ARMY PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN

ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Second Lieutenant James Wesley Cole honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force / 2LT James Cole served as a Second Lieutenant and Co-Pilot on a Consolidated B-24 Liberator Bomber (nicknamed "She's Mine"), 704th Bomber Squadron, 446th Bomber Group (Heavy) / Lieutenant Cole was lost and presumed missing (MIA) when his B-24 Liberator was lost and crashed on a mission from England to bomb the railway facilities and marshaling yards at Bingen, Germany on 2 December 1944

The weather was cloudy, forcing the lower squadrons to fly through cloud banks / They reached the target zone and bombed through the clouds, with unknown results / No flak or fighters were seen / Two B-24s fell behind the formation and disappeared into the clouds / Neither was seen again, and neither returned home / It was speculated that B-24 "She's Mine" collided with B-24H (42-51100) "Tiger" and crashed into the North Sea or over Germany

The body of Second Lieutenant James WWesley Cole was never recovered and in 1945, Lt. Cole was reclassified as Killed in Action (KIA)

Second Lieutenant James W. Cole is honored at the Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial (Cambridgeshire, England) on the Tablets of the Missing on which are recorded the names of 5127 American missing service personnel

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**



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James W. Cole was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad prior to entering the service in October 1942

The B-24 was used extensively in World War II and served in every branch of the American armed forces as well as several Allied air forces and navies / It saw use in every theater of operations / Along with the B-17, the B-24 was the mainstay of the US strategic bombing campaign in the Western European theater / Due to its range, it proved useful in bombing operations in the Pacific, including the bombing of Japan / Long-range anti-submarine Liberators played an instrumental role in closing the Mid-Atlantic gap in the Battle of the Atlantic.

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

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

The 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 Aviator Badge is an insignia used to designate those who have received training and qualification in military aviation / Also known as a Pilot's Badge, or Pilot Wings, the Aviator Badge was first conceived to recognize the training that military aviators receive, as well as provide a means to outwardly differentiate between military pilots and the "foot soldiers" of the regular ground forces

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European Air Offensive Commemorative Medal was awarded to honor military personnel participating in the European Air Offensive of World War II (1943-1945)

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PASQUALE A.

**Address:**

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

(UNATTACHED)

**Medals / Citations:**

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN (PISTOL)

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN (CARBINE M-1 RIFLE)

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN -(THOMPSON SUB  
MACHINE-GUN)

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Pasquale A. Colello honorably served in the Army-Air Force / SGT Pasquale Colello was assigned an airplane engine mechanic

**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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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

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:** COLELLO

PAT

A.

**Address:** 3430 CLINTON STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/5

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal) Pat A. Colello honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Neddick, Maine - Located in the Town of York, Maine / During World War II, the light in the coastal lighthouse was extinguished and a lookout tower was built on the island / A 24-hour vigil kept an eye out for German U-boats / A U-boat was sighted in 1943 just to the east of the lighthouse and was subsequently sunk by a depth charge southwest of Boon Island in the Gulf of Maine

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** COLELLO

THADDEUS

**Address:**

CLINTON STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** MM2

**Unit / Squadron:**

U.S.S. L.S.T. #552 (LANDING SHIP, TANK)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Machinist's Mate Second-Class (MM2) Thaddeus Colello honorably served in the United States Navy

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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, 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

LST #552 was commissioned on 19 April 1944 and decommissioned on 19 April 1946

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

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:** COLELLO

THEODORE J.

**Address:** CLINTON STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** MM2

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS ALFRED A. CUNNINGHAM (DD-752)

USS L.S.T. #552 (LANDING SHIP, TANK)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

7 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Motor Machinist's Mate Second-Class (MM2) Theodore J. "Terry" Colello honorably served in the United States Navy / MM2 Theodore Colello served on the USS Cunningham (DD-752, Destroyer) during the Finchhaven and Salamaua-Lae assaults / Colello returned to the United States for instruction for service on Landing Ships and returned to the Pacific on L.S.T 552 / Colello also participated in three major naval engagements in the Southwest Pacific / Motor Machinist's Mate Theodore Colello earned his Battle Stars in the naval battles for Finchhaven, Salamaua-Lae, Peleliu, Leyte, Lingayen Gulf, Okinawa, and the liberation of the Philippine Islands

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Theodore J. "Terry" Colello passed away on 31 January 2018 at the age of 96 years old and is interred at Fourteen Holy Helpers Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

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, 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

USS Alfred A. Cunningham (DD-752) was destroyer and named for Alfred Austell Cunningham, a USMC officer and aviator / In June 1945, the Cunningham screened carriers launching air strikes on Japanese-held Wake Island



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/ Arriving at Okinawa on 29 June 1945, she served on radar picket duty off the island's southwest coast / From 1 July 1945 until the end of hostilities, the Cunningham served on patrol, escort, and screening duty in waters surrounding the Ryukyus / Commissioned on 23 November 1944 and decommissioned on 24 February 1971

LST #552 was attacked at Leyte and suffered a bomb hit resulting in casualties

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

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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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:** COLLINS

DONALD

H.

**Address:** 265 OLEAN AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/5

**Unit / Squadron:**

28TH SIGNAL CORPS.

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal) Donald H. Collins honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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 in the Signal Corps

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**Name:** COLMERAUER

DONALD

**Address:** 25 LIND AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/5

**Unit / Squadron:**

4490TH ORDNANCE H.A.M. COMPANY (HEAVY AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal) Donald Colmerauer honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** COLUMBUS

THOMAS

B.

**Address:** 35 BURCH AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** LT.

**Unit / Squadron:**

REHABILITATION CENTER

**Medals / Citations:**

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Lieutenant Thomas B. Columbus honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force

**Base Assignments:**

Pawling, New York - The Army leased the preparatory school for boys at Pawling and was used during the war as a technical training school

**Miscellaneous:**

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*Name:* **COLVIN**

**JOHN**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* (UNKNOWN)

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

John Colvin honorably served in the United States Military

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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*Name:* **CONEY**

**JOHN**

**W.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* (UNKNOWN)

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

John W. Coney honorably served in the United States Military

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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*Name:* **CONKLIN**

**JOSEPH**

**V.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* (UNKNOWN)

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Joseph V. Conklin honorably served in the United States Military

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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**Name:** CONLEY

MARGARET M.

**Address:** 2834 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** SP. (S) 3/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

QUARTERS "D", 120TH W.A.V.E.S. (WOMEN ACCEPTED FOR VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICE)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Specialist "S" (Shore) Third-Class - Master-at-Arms Margaret M. Conley honorably served in the United States Navy

**Base Assignments:**

Washington, D.C

**Miscellaneous:**

A Specialist "S" performed shore patrol and was Master-at-arms.

Thousands of WAVES performed duties in the aviation community, Judge Advocate General Corps, medical professions, communications, intelligence, science and technology / At the end of World War II, there were well over 8,000 female officers and some ten times that many enlisted WAVES, about 2 ½ percent of the Navy's total strength

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**Name:** CONLEY

ROBERT

F.

**Address:** 2834 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/5

**Unit / Squadron:**

722ND ENGINEERING DEPOT COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

PURPLE HEART

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

ARMY PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal) Robert F. Conley honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Robert Conley was Killed in Action (KIA) on 25 October 1944

Technician Fifth Grade Conley experienced a traumatic event which ultimately resulted in loss of life

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Cooke, California - Camp was activated on 5 October 1941, and named in honor of Major General Phillip St. George Cooke, who as a colonel during the Mexican War led a battalion of Mormons from Missouri to California / The route led by Colonel Cooke in 1847 opened the first wagon route to California, and today the railroad follows much of the early wagon trails / Camp Cooke was used to train anti-aircraft artillery, combat engineers, ordnance, and hospital units / German and Italian prisoners of war were also quartered at Camp Cooke / Camp Cooke was later renamed Vandenberg Air Force Base

**Miscellaneous:**

Robert F. Conley is interred at St. Matthews Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

Engineering Battalions performed many engineering tasks, including demolitions, obstacle emplacement, fortification, and light bridge building / Engineer general service regiments and battalions performed construction, repair, and maintenance duties of all kinds behind the front lines / When needed, combat engineers also could act as infantry

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**Name:** CONNERY

GEORGE

M.

**Address:** 39 BURCH AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "B", 28TH BATTALION, 8TH REGIMENT

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private George M. Connery honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland - Fort Meade became an active Army installation in 1917 and was named in honor of Major Gen. George Gordon Meade, whose victory at the Battle of Gettysburg proved a major factor in turning the tide of the Civil War in favor of the North / Fort Meade became a training center during World War II and its ranges and other facilities were used by more than 200 units and approximately 3,500,000 Soldiers between 1942 and 1946. The wartime peak of military personnel at Fort Meade was 70,000 / In September 1943, the first shipment of 1,632 Italian and 58 German prisoners arrived at the POW facility at Fort Meade

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **CONNOLLY**

**DENNIS**

**Address:** 4632 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

1058TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY, AVN (AVIATION)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Dennis Connolly honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force

**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

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**Name:** **CONNOLLY**

**GEORGE**

**Address:** 4632 SENECA STREET

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

321ST AIR SERVICE SQUADRON

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL      PURPLE HEART

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Corporal George Connolly honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force / CPL George Connolly was wounded in battle during the Italian Campaign and was awarded the Purple Heart

**Base Assignments:**

**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

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**Name:** **CONNOLLY**

**RICHARD**

**J.**

**Address:** 4632 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "B", 109TH INFANTRY, 28TH INFANTRY DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

BRONZE STAR

PURPLE HEART

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

ARMY PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Richard J. Connolly honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Richard Connolly, while serving with an Infantry unit, died from wounds received on the battlefield in France on 7 August 1944 / Sergeant Connolly was originally listed as missing

Sergeant Richard J. Connolly is honored at the Brittany American Cemetery (Saint-James, Normandy, France) on the Tablets of the Missing on which are recorded the names of 498 American missing service personnel

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Richard J. Connolly attended Emerson Vocational High School and was employed by the Worthington Pump & Machinery Corporation prior to entering the service on 17 November 1942 / Richard J. Connolly was 28 years old at the time of his passing and is interred at the Brittany American Cemetery and Memorial, Basse-Normandie, France

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

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

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

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

The 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

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 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

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

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:** **CONRAD**

**ERWIN**

**W.**

**Address:** 2637 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** COAST GUARD

**Rank:** MM2

**Unit / Squadron:**

TYPING MACHINE OPERATOR

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Motor Machinist Second-Class (MM2) Erwin W. Conrad honorably served in the United States Coast Guard

**Base Assignments:**

Buffalo, New York - The Coast Guard was assigned the protection of the Buffalo Harbor as well as its associated shipping and terminals / Harbor patrols engaged in the boarding and inspection of incoming and outgoing merchant ships

**Miscellaneous:**

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, 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

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



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**Name:** COOPERDOCK

CLARENCE S.

**Address:** 126 EDSON STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 335TH A.A. BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)  
337TH COMBAT ENGINEERS

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL      4 BATTLE STARS  
AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL                              MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER  
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Clarence S. Cooperdock honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Clarence Cooperdock earned 4 Battle Stars for combat action in the European Theater

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Clarence S. Cooperdock passed away at the age of 100 years old on 25 December 2019

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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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:** **COPPOLA**

**RICHARD**

**D.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S.C. 3/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS DADE (APA-99)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON W/1 BRONZE STAR

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Ship's Cook Third-Class Richard D. Coppola honorably served in the United States Navy

**Base Assignments:**

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

Aviation Training Base (Fort Pierce, Florida) - This base became the school for some of the most elite teams in the armed forces, such as the scouts and raiders "commandos" and the home of the Navy Underwater Demolition Teams (UDT) and Sea, Air, Land (SEAL) teams, which became the legendary "frogmen"

Camp Bradford (Norfolk, Virginia) - Initially Camp Bradford was a training base for Navy Seabees, but in 1943 it was changed into a training center for the crews of LSTs (Landing Ship Tank) / The camp also provided amphibious assault training for landing large numbers of American troops on foreign shores

**Miscellaneous:**

A Ship's Cook supervised and prepared meals and was proficient as a butcher

The USS Dade (APA-99) was a Bayfield-class attack transport that served with the US Navy during World War II / The Dade participated in the invasion landings at Okinawa 1 April 1944, landing Marines and combat cargo on Blue Beach and embarking casualties under frequent air attack / The USS Dade earned one battle star for World War II service / Commissioned on 11 November 1944 and decommissioned on 25 February 1946

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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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**Name:** **CORRIGAN**

**FRANCIS**

**T.**

**Address:** 28 THORNDALE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private Francis T. Corrigan honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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**Name:** **CORRIGAN**

**JAMES**

**V.**

**Address:** 28 THORNDALE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** TSGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

106TH FIELD ARTILLERY, SERVICE BATTERY

222ND F.A. (FIELD ARTILLERY), 40TH DIVISION, 6TH ARMY

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

2 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN - PISTOL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN - .50 CALIBER  
MACHINE GUN

PURPLE HEART

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN - RIFLE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technical Sergeant James V. Corrigan honorably served in the United States Army / TSGT James Corrigan left Buffalo with the 106th Field Artillery in October 1940 / During the assault on the Philippine colony of Luzon, Sergeant Corrigan was wounded in battle, receiving the Purple Heart / TSgt Corrigan also served at Guadalcanal, New Guinea and New Britain, earning 2 Battle Stars for combat action / Corrigan was an expert firing the 155 howitzer, a medium artillery piece

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

James V. Corrigan was a prior member of the West Seneca Fireman's Association and was Assistant Postmaster in Ebenezer

In January - March 1943, American Forces made amphibious landings on Luzon (Philippine Islands), to recapture control of the island from Japanese forces / Allied forces, American and Filipino troops, took control of all strategically and economically important locations of Luzon by early March 1943 / Allied losses were 8,310 dead and 29,560 wounded

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



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centers, which enhanced their firepower; aerial observation; and radio communications increased the efficiency and accuracy to support ground forces

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**Name:** **CORRIGAN**

**PATRICK J.**

**Address:** 28 THORNDALE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

G.M.P. DETACHMENT (GUARD - MILITARY POLICE)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private Patrick J. Corrigan honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Phillips, Kansas - Camp Phillips was established in the latter part of 1942, and was named in honor of Colonel William A. Phillips, one of the co-founders of the city of Salina, Kansas / The post was used as a training center and Prisoner-of-War Camp until its closing in the fall of 1945

**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 / Military Police also guarded Italian, German and Japanese Prisoners-of-War housed in bases throughout the United States



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**Name:** **CORRIGAN**

**THOMAS**

**F.**

**Address:** 28 THORNDALE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/5

**Unit / Squadron:**

12TH QUARTERMASTER CORPS.

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fifth-Class (Corporal) Thomas F. Corrigan honorably served in the United States Army / T/5 Thomas Corrigan was transferred to the Enlisted Reserve Corps Army of the United States

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Lee, Virginia - The fort is named for Confederate General Robert E. Lee / The camp was designated as the Quartermaster Replacement Training Center (QMRTC) / A full program of courses was conducted, including Officer Candidate School / By the end of 1941, Camp Lee was the center of both basic and advanced training of Quartermaster personnel and held this position throughout the war

**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:** COTTRELL

JOSEPH

**Address:** CLINTON STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S1C

**Unit / Squadron:**

SAFETY SEAMANSHIP DEPARTMENT

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Seaman First-Class Joseph Cottrell honorably served in the United States Navy

**Base Assignments:**

U.S.M.S.C. (Brooklyn, New York) - During World War II, the Brooklyn Navy Yard played a pivotal role in the American war effort, building battleships and aircraft carriers, repaired over 5,000 ships, sent troops and supplies to fronts across the globe

**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:** **COUGHENOUR**

**GEORGE E.**

**Address:** 45 STEPHENSON STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** CM3C

**Unit / Squadron:**

AVIATION SUPPLY DEPOT #939

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Carpenter's Mate Third-Class George E. Coughenour honorably served in the United States Navy

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

A Carpenter's Mate used hand and power tools / Took charge of ship ventilation, painting, watertight control, drainage and understand shoring and drydocking

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**Name:** **COUGHLIN**

**JOHN**

**C.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* (UNKNOWN)

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

John C. Coughlin honorably served in the United States Military

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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**Name:** COWEN

BERNARD

**Address:** 108 DELRAY AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 3RD C.A. (COASTAL ARTILLERY)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Bernard Cowen honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Coastal artillery is the branch of armed forces concerned with operating anti-ship artillery or fixed gun batteries in coastal fortifications

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**Name:** COWEN

HARWOOD F.

**Address:** 108 DELRAY AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** TM3C

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS JAMES E. CRAIG (DE-201)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC -PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

4 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Torpedoman's Mate Third-Class (TM3C) Harwood F. Cowen honorably served in the United States Navy / TM3C Harwood Cowen earned 4 Battle Stars for combat action in the Pacific Theater

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

A Torpedoman's Mate performed organizational and intermediate level maintenance on underwater ordnance / Handled torpedoes and antisubmarine rockets (ASROC) launched from surface ships, submarines, and aircraft / Operated and maintained test equipment, launching/firing systems, and stowage facilities associated with underwater ordnance / Prepared underwater ordnance for launching, conducted postfire/post-run routines, and weapons performance evaluation procedures / Maintained and operated the anchor on board submarines / Maintained, issued, and conducted training for small arms on board submarines / Laid mines and dropped depth charges

USS James E. Craig (DE-201) was A Buckley-class destroyer escort named in honor of Lieutenant Commander James Edwin Craig (1901-1941), who was killed in action aboard the USS Pennsylvania during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941 / In April 1944, the James E. Craig joined a convoy of escorts and transports to support the invasion of Hollandia, New Guinea / In November 1944, the Craig helped support the invasion of Leyte in the Philippine Islands / Ship received 4 Battle Stars / Commissioned on 11 November 1943 and decommissioned on 2 July 1946

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**Name:** COX

HERBERT C.

**Address:** 4604 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** LT. (JG)

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS WALTER C. WANN (DE-412)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER / PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Lieutenant (junior grade) Herbert C. Cox honorably served in the United States Army / LT Herbert Cox participated in the invasion of Leyte, Luzon, Okinawa and the second Battle of the Philippines Sea / Prior to his Pacific duties, Lt. Cox served two months in the Atlantic theater

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Lieutenant (junior grade), commonly abbreviated as Lt. (j.g.), was a junior commissioned officer rank of the United States Navy and the United States Coast Guard / Lieutenant, junior grade, ranks above ensign and below lieutenant and is equivalent to a first lieutenant in the other uniformed services (the Army, Marine Corps and Air Force)

The USS Walter C. Wann (DE-412) was a class destroyer escort and named in honor of Pharmacist's Mate Second Class Walter Carl Wann who was killed in action on 4 November 1942 during the Guadalcanal campaign / In January 1945, the Walter C. Wann provided anti-aircraft fire to repel Japanese suicide plane attacks during the invasion of Lingayen Gulf / The Wann, on screening duty, supporting the Okinawa strike through June 1945, escorting everything from landing ship docks (LSD's) to light cruisers / She received four battle stars for World War II service / Commissioned on 2 May 1944 and decommissioned on 31 May 1946

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**Name:** COX

WILLIAM

T.

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

S.S. OCCIDENTAL

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

William T. Cox honorably served in the United States Navy / William Cox was an armed guard aboard the S.S. Occidental

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The SS Occidental was a World War II troopship / During World War II scores of ships carried thousands of troops to and from the United States, Europe, Great Britain, Africa, Asia and Australia / Troopships used during World War II included passenger liners, Liberty and Victory ships, and foreign ships taken over by the USA / Troopships were operated by the Army Transportation Service, with "civilian" mariners; by the U.S. Navy; and the War Shipping Administration

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**Name:** **COYLE**

**JOHN**

**T.**

**Address:** 47 HARLEM ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "D", 6TH BATTALION, 2ND REGIMENT

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Corporal John T. Coyle honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland - Fort Meade became an active Army installation in 1917 and was named in honor of Major Gen. George Gordon Meade, whose victory at the Battle of Gettysburg proved a major factor in turning the tide of the Civil War in favor of the North / Fort Meade became a training center during World War II and its ranges and other facilities were used by more than 200 units and approximately 3,500,000 Soldiers between 1942 and 1946. The wartime peak of military personnel at Fort Meade was 70,000 / In September 1943, the first shipment of 1,632 Italian and 58 German prisoners arrived at the POW facility at Fort Meade / By the end of the war, Fort Meade housed about 4,000 German and Italian POWs during World War II

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **CREAGAN**

**PAUL**

**Address:** 149 DUERSTEIN STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** 1/C P.O.

**Unit / Squadron:**

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

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

First-Chief Petty Officer Paul Creagen honorably served in the United States Navy

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Navy chief petty officers serve a dual role as both technical experts and as leaders, with the emphasis being more on leadership / A Chief Petty Officer is responsible for training junior officers and leading his division of sailors and petty officers

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*Name:* **CROSBY**

**W.**

**W.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* (UNKNOWN)

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

W. W. Crosby honorably served in the United States Military

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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**Name:** CROTTY

BEVERLY

**Address:** 4964 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS, 90TH F.A. BATTALION (FIELD ARTILLERY), 25TH DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Beverly Crotty honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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**Name:** CUMMINS

EDWARD J.

**Address:** 1268 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

329TH B.R.T.U., SECTION "S"

490TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 341ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP, 10TH AIR FORCE

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AIR MEDAL W/OAK LEAF CLUSTER

3 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN - M-1 CARBINE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT - .45 CALIBER PISTOL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

CHINA-BURMA-INDIA (CBI) THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Edward J. Cummins honorably served in the Army-Air Force / SGT Edward Cummins was a veteran of 46 missions in the China-Burma-India theater (BMI) / Sergeant Cummins received 3 Battle Stars for his participation during the battles for Northern Burma, Central Burma and China

**Base Assignments:**

Columbia Army Air Field (Columbia, South Carolina) - Activated on 8 December 1941, Columbia AAF was primarily used for advanced combat training of B-25 Mitchell medium bomber units and replacement pilots / Columbia was used as a training base in early 1942 for Doolittle's Raiders

Dinjan Air Field (Assam, India) - In the summer of 1944 the base became a combat cargo airfield, supporting Allied ground forces fighting in Burma

Moran Air Field (Assam, India) - Field was used for landings and takeoffs of Allied aircraft on the way to bombing missions in China

Warzup Air Field (Burma)

**Miscellaneous:**

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



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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

The North American B-25 Mitchell was an American twin-engine medium bomber manufactured by North American Aviation / It was used by many Allied air forces, in every theater of World War II / The B-25 was named in honor of General Billy Mitchell, a pioneer of U.S. military aviation / By the end of its production, nearly 10,000 B-25s in numerous models had been built / These included a few limited variations, such as the United States Navy's and Marine Corps' PBJ-1 patrol bomber and the United States Army Air Forces' F-10 photo reconnaissance aircraft

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

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 Air Medal was 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

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

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:** CUMMINS

JAMES

A.

**Address:** 1268 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** M/SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

73RD QUARTERMASTER BASE DEPOT, COMPANY "M"

7TH QUARTERMASTER TRAINING REGIMENT

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL 1 BATTLE STAR

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Master Sergeant James A. Cummins honorably served in the United States Army / MSGT James Cummins served in England, France and the Rhineland, earning 1 Battle Star for combat action

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Lee, Virginia - The fort is named for Confederate General Robert E. Lee / The camp was designated as the Quartermaster Replacement Training Center (QMRTC) / A full program of courses was conducted, including Officer Candidate School. By the end of 1941, Camp Lee was the center of both basic and advanced training of Quartermaster personnel and held this position throughout the war

**Miscellaneous:**

James A. Cummins was inducted into the Army on 12 March 1941 / Master Sergeant James A. Cummins received an Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army on 22 October 1945

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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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 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

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**Name:** CURTISS

ARTHUR

W.

**Address:** 25 KNOX AVENUE

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

U.S.M.C.A.S. (UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AIR STATION)

**Medals / Citations:**

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Arthur W. Curtiss honorably served in the United States Marine Corps / CPL Arthur Curtiss won the Sharpshooters medal while stationed at Parris Island, South Carolina in December 1940 / Curtiss was promoted to Private First-Class at Parris Island and transferred to Cherry Point, North Carolina in February 1941 where he was promoted to Corporal while serving in the Marine Air Corps

**Base Assignments:**

Cherry Point, North Carolina - Commissioned in 1942, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point or MCAS Cherry Point is a United States Marine Corps airfield located in Havelock, North Carolina / Cherry Point's primary World War II mission was to train units and individual Marines for service to the Pacific theater / The air station also served as a base for anti-submarine operations, with an Army Air Corps (22d Antisubmarine Squadron) and later a Navy squadron each being responsible for the sinking of a German U-boat just off the North Carolina coast during 1943

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** CURTISS, JR.

R.

M.

**Address:** 858 MILL ROAD

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

55TH AAF BASE UNIT, ADMINISTRATION SECTION "D", MAIL ROOM

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class R. M. Curtiss, Jr. honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force

**Base Assignments:**

Nashville, Tennessee - The Aviation Cadet Classification Center was established at the Nashville Army Air Center

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **CWICK**

**JAMES**

**F.**

**Address:**

**SENECA CREEK ROAD**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "B", 8TH REPLACEMENT PLATOON, 574TH SIGNAL A.W.C. BATTALION (AIRCRAFT WARNING CORPS)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant James F. Cwick honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The Aircraft Warning Corps (AWC) was a World War II United States Army Air Force organization for Continental United States air defense / The corps' information centers networked an area's "Army Radar Stations" which communicated radar tracks by telephone, and the information centers also integrated visual reports processed by Ground Observer Corps centers

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**Name:** CZERWINSKI

WALTER J.

**Address:** 1902 UNION ROAD

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** CTM

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS SILVERSIDES (SS-236)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Communications Technician (Maintenance Branch) (CTM) Walter J. Czerwinski honorably served in the United States Navy / CTM Walter Czerwinski served as a forward torpedo man on the USS Silversides

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The fleet of the 1940s was outfitted with single regular-frequency-band radios and the power switch was safety-wired in the "off" position so that the crews could use only in abject emergencies / The broadcast waves of those radios would bounce back and forth between the earth's surface and the ionosphere, and transmissions from such equipment could be detected over the horizon by both friendly and enemy forces / Communications Technicians could detect and plot the direction of the senders, even at great distances / Communications Technicians were also trained in cryptography; coding and decoding classified messages

The USS Silversides was a Gato-class diesel-electric submarine named for the silversides, a small fish marked with a silvery stripe along each side of its body / On 28 July 1942, she sank a 4,000-ton transport, followed by the sinking of the passenger/cargo ship Nikkei Maru on 8 August. She scored damaging hits on a large tanker on the night of 14 August and, on 31 August 1942, sank two enemy trawlers / In January 1943, Silversides torpedoed and sank the tanker Toei Maru and the cargo ships Surabaya Maru, Somedono Maru, and Meiu Maru / On 29 December 1943, off the Palau Islands, she sank the Japanese cargo ships, Tenposan Maru, Shichisei Maru, and Ryuto Maru / On 29 May 1944, the submarine torpedoed and sank the cargo ships Shoken Maru and Horaizan Maru / The USS Silversides received 12 Battle Stars and awarded the Presidential Unit Citation 4 times / The submarine was credited with sinking 23 enemy ships / The USS Silversides was commissioned on 15 December 1941 and decommissioned on 17 April 1946

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