



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



Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **DALEY**

**VINCENT**

**F.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** DALY

JAMES

P.

**Address:** 195 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** M/SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS, 1156TH ENGINEERING CORPS

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Master Sergeant

**Base Assignments:**

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

**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:** DALY

JOSEPH

P.

**Address:** 195 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

SECTION "C", NORTH GROUP, 2515TH BASE UNIT

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Dodge City Air Field, Kansas - The base's first mission was an Army Air Forces Advanced Flying School, but in 1943 the mission was changed to B-26 Marauder medium bomber transition training / The Dodge City Air Field was closed on 31 July 1945

**Miscellaneous:**

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*Name:* **DARMOTT**

**LEE**

**J.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** **DARSTEIN**

**EDWARD**

**C.**

**Address:** 333 ALLENDALE ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY POLICE, 109TH INFANTRY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**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

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

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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**PHILIP**

**F.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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*Name:* **DARSTEIN**

**RAYMOND**

**R.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **DAVIS**

**F.**

**L.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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**Name:** DAVIS

HOMER

H.

**Address:** 527 MAIN STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/5

**Unit / Squadron:**

832ND SQUADRON, SERVICE COMPANY DETACHMENT

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal)

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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**Name:** DEE

ALBERT

G.

**Address:** 59 DIRKSON AVENUE

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

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

9TH M.W.S.S. (MARINE WING SUPPORT GROUP)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**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:**

The 9th Marine Wing Support Group was a training unit for Marine Aviation personnel headed to the Pacific Theater

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*Name:* **DEER**

**RUSSELL**

*Address:*

**MAPLEWOOD AVENUE**

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:* PVT

*Unit / Squadron:*

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 84TH MEDICAL BATTALION

*Medals / Citations:*

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

EUROPEAN THEATER

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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*Name:* **DEGMAN**

**EARL**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:* A.S.

*Unit / Squadron:*

SECTION "B", COMPARTMENT "D", U.S.M.T.S. (UNITED STATES MILITARY TELEGRAPH SERVICE)

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Apprentice Seaman

*Base Assignments:*

Sheepshead Bay Maritime Service Training Station - Brooklyn, New York - Opened on 1 September 1942, the Sheepshead Bay Station was the largest maritime training station during World War II and was equipped to train 30,000 merchant seamen each year

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** **DEGNAN**

**EDWARD**

**W.**

**Address:** 174 CLOVERSIDE DRIVE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

1ST ACADEMIC COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Edward Degnan was wounded in action during the Italian Campaign / After recovering from his wounds, Sergeant Degnan became a Paratrooper Instructor at Fort Benning, Georgia

**Base Assignments:**

Ft. Benning, Georgia - In late 1918, the U.S. Army established a new camp for the Infantry School of Arms south of Columbus on the Bussey Plantation. The camp was named in honor of Henry Lewis Benning, a Columbus native who served as a Confederate general during the American Civil War and later as a justice of the Georgia Supreme Court

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **DELLWANDT**

**HARVEY S.**

**Address:** 29 WILLINK STREET

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

PURPLE HEART

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Lieutenant Harvey Dellwardt was Killed in Action on 31 July 1944 when his B-17 Flying Fortress Bomber was hit by enemy Anti-Aircraft fire while on a mission over Munich, Germany. Lieutenant Dellwandt had served as the navigator onboard the bomber

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Harvey Dellwandt was a graduate of Bryant & Stratton Business Institute / Prior to joining the service on 28 February 1943, Dellwandt was employed by the Worthington Pump & Machinery Corporation

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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The Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress was a four-engine heavy bomber aircraft primarily used in the daylight precision strategic bombing campaign of World War II against German industrial and military targets /During World War II, the B-17s dropped 640,036 tons of bombs on European targets



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**Name:** **DELLWANDT**

**WILLIAM J.**

**Address:** 29 WILLINK STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

A.G.F. REPLACEMENT DEPOT NO. 1 (ARMY GROUND FORCES)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**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:* **DENI**

**WILLIAM**

**J.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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*Name:* **DENNIS**

**JOSEPH**

**E.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** **DEPPELER JR.**

**CHARLES J.**

**Address:** 990 MINERAL SPRINGS ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

101ST AIRBORNE INFANTRY

82ND AIRBORNE

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Charles Deppeler Jr. joined the Army on 28 July 1944 and served as a driver of heavy trucks. Deppeler was also trained on the M-1 rifle / Charles Deppeler Jr. participated in combat action in Central Europe with the 101st Airborne Infantry / While attached to the 82nd Airborne, Deppeler was part of the Honor Guard for General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe, in Frankfurt, Germany / Deppeler also served as a part-time interpreter / Charles Deppeler Jr. was Honorably Discharged from the Army on 24 June 1946.

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Airborne forces are military units, usually light infantry with non-armored vehicles and guns, set up to be moved by aircraft and "dropped" into battle. They can be placed behind enemy lines, and have the capability to deploy almost anywhere with little warning / The basic premise of airborne forces is that they can arrive with such speed that a coherent defense cannot be mounted quickly / The paratroopers must either use the supplies of the enemy, be continuously resupplied by air or wait to be relieved by ground troops

The 82nd Division was organized on 25 August 1917, at Camp Gordon, Georgia. Since its initial members came from all 48 states, the unit acquired the nickname All-American, which is the basis for its famed "AA" shoulder patch / The 82nd Airborne participated in combat operations in Sicily, Salerno, Normandy, Operation Market Garden in the Netherlands and the Battle of the Bulge / During World War II, 1,619 Airborne soldiers were killed in action and 6,560 soldiers were wounded in action

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*Name:* **DERMOTT**

**LEE**

**J.**

*Address:*

**UNION ROAD**

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

*Rank:* **LT**

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Lieutenant

*Base Assignments:*

Frederick Air Field - Frederick, Oklahoma - Frederick Field was one of the numerous airfields in Oklahoma built for training pilots and aircrews of AAF fighters and bombers or as major maintenance and supply centers

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** **DESMOND**

**JOSEPH**

**J.**

**Address:** 53 KIRKWOOD DRIVE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

221ST MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

712TH MILITARY POLICE

**Medals / Citations:**

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT (PISTOL)

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER (RIFLE)

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Joseph Desmond enlisted in the Army on 18 September 1935 and served in the Panama Canal Zone from 27 October 1935 until 9 October 1939. Desmond was transferred from the Panama Canal Zone in October 1939 to Mitchell Field, Long Island where he served with the 10th Ordnance Service Company. Sergeant Desmond was Honorably Discharged on 11 July 1940.

Wanting to help his country, Desmond re-enlisted on 16 February 1942 and assigned to the 712th Military Police Battalion in Buffalo until 18 November 1942. He was then transferred to the 221st Military Police Company in Fort Custer, Michigan until 2 January 1943. Desmond transferred to the Nashville Auto Diesel College in Nashville, Tennessee for special training courses in automotives until 24 March 1943. After completing the automotive courses, Desmond was sent back to the 221st Military Police Company in Camp Miles Standish, Massachusetts on 18 April 1943 to take over duties guarding German Prisoners of War as they disembarked at Boston, Massachusetts. Sergeant Joseph Desmond was discharged from the Army on 27 October 1943.

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Custer, Michigan - Camp Custer was built in 1917 for military training during World War I. Named after Civil War cavalry officer General George Armstrong Custer, the facility trained or demobilized more than 100,000 troops during World War I / On 17 August 1940, Camp Custer was designated Fort Custer and became a permanent military training base / The primary mission of the camp was to function as a Military Police Replacement Training Cent / More than 300,000 troops trained at Fort Custer and new troops received their equipment before being sent by train to Basic Training or other duty assignments / Fort Custer served as a prisoner of war camp for 5,000 German soldiers until 1945

Camp Myles Standish, Massachusetts - The camp opened on 8 October 1942 and was named in honor of Myles Standish who was the first military commander in the Old Colony region / The camp functioned as the port of



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departure for about a million U.S. and Allied soldiers / The camp also served as a Prisoner-of War detention center for captured German and Italian soldiers

### *Miscellaneous:*

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

The 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

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:* **DIBELLO**

**VITO**

**J.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Vito J. Dibello was Killed in Action

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** DIETL

FRANKLIN E.

**Address:** 402 COLLINS AVENUE

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

2542ND AAF BASE UNIT, SECTION "C", PLATOON #1

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Waco Army Air Field - Waco, Texas - Waco AAF opened on 5 May 1942 and was the headquarters of the Army Air Force Central Instructors' School during World War II

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** DIETL

ROBERT

F.

**Address:** 50 KLAS AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S. 2/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

GROUP 3, U.S.N.A.T.B. (US NAVAL AIR TRAINING BASE)

LCM FLOTILLA (LANDING CRAFT MECHANIZED)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Seaman Second-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Amphibious Training Base, Little Creek, Virginia - Constructed in 1942, the Little Creek Amphibious Training Base was located near Virginia Beach in Princess Anne County, Virginia / The Amphibious Training Base was the center for all types of amphibious training and the training of ship's crews for LSM (landing ship medium), LCI (landing craft infantry), and LCU (landing craft utility); LCM (landing craft mechanized), and LCVP (landing craft vehicle, personnel) boat crews were also trained at Little Creek / During World War II over 200,000 Naval personnel and 160,000 Army and Marine Corps personnel trained at Little Creek.

**Miscellaneous:**

Landing Craft, Mechanized (LCM) were used by amphibious forces to transport cargo, tracked and/or wheeled vehicles and troops from amphibious assault ships to beachheads or piers / LCM's were between 55 feet to 75 feet in length with a speed between 10 mph - 14 mph and equipped with a bow ramp for onload and offload / Depending on size, an LCM could carry from 80 troops to one tank and 200 troops





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**Name:** DIETZ

LAWRENCE E.

**Address:** 64 HARLEM ROAD

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** C.B.M.

**Unit / Squadron:**

NAVY 48

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Chief Boatswain's Mate

**Base Assignments:**

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

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** DILLON

JOHN

E.

**Address:** 55 LIND AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

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

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**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:**

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:** **DIMARTINO**

**ANTHONY J.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Anthony DiMartino served in France during 1943-44

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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*Name:* **DISSEK**

**PHILIP**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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*Name:* **DISSEK JR.**

**BASIL**

*Address:* 1926 UNION ROAD

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* PVT

*Unit / Squadron:*

TRANSPORTATION CORPS.

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

The Transportation Corps was a combat service support branch of the U.S. Army and responsible for the movement of personnel and material by truck, rail, air, and sea during World War II / By the end of the war, the Transportation Corps had moved more than 30 million soldiers within the continental United States; and 7 million soldiers plus 126 million tons of supplies overseas

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**Name:** DITTMANN

JOHN

D.

**Address:** 153 AURORA AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

633RD ORDNANCE COMPANY, A.M. (AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**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:** DITTMANN

RALPH E.

**Address:** 153 AURORA AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "D", 359TH INFANTRY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The 359th Infantry was activated on 25 March 1942 at Camp Barkeley, Texas / The 359th Infantry participated in the campaigns for Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe / The regiment received 2 Presidential Unit Citations for their combat action and also received the French Croix de Guerre with Palm for action in France / The 359th Infantry Regiment was inactivated on 26 December 1945

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

The unit award of the Croix de Guerre with palm was issued to military units whose men performed heroic deeds in combat and were subsequently recognized by headquarters

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**Name:** DOBSTAFF

GERALD

**Address:** 231 AURORA AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "M", INFANTRY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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A Marksmanship Badge is a military badge of the United States Armed Forces presented to personnel upon successful completion of a weapons qualification course or high placement in an official marksmanship competition. The U.S. Military's Marksmanship Qualification Ba





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**Name:** DOBSTAFF

WILLIAM

**Address:** 48 THORNDALE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

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

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **DODD**

**EDGAR**

**V.**

**Address:** 1198 CENTER ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

SERVICE BATTERY, 542ND F.A. BATTALION (FIELD ARTILLERY)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**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

Sheppard Field - Wichita Falls, Texas - Sheppard Field officially opened as an Army Air Corps training center on 17 October 1941 and was named in honor of Senator John Morris Sheppard of Texas (1875–1941), chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee from 1933 until his death on 9 April 1941 / During World War II, Sheppard Field conducted basic training, and it also trained glider mechanics, technical and flying training instructors and B-29 Superfortress flight engineers. In addition to the basic flying training, the base also provided advanced pilot training

**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:* **DODGE**

**WAYNE**

**A.**

*Address:* 195 CENTER ROAD

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* PVT

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

Princeton, New Jersey - Princeton University opened its doors to the United States military where the Army Specialized Training program taught commissioned officers courses in engineering and languages

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** **DODSON**

**RALPH**

**H.**

**Address:** 60 BURCH AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** P.O. 2/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

U.S.N.T.C. (UNITED STATES NAVAL TRAINING CENTER), SEARCH RADAR, SHIPS COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Petty Officer Second-Class Ralph Dodson was assigned sea duty for 17 months and 19 days in the South Pacific / Dodson served on a battleship and participated in the capture and defense of Guadalcanal in February 1943 / Dodson also participated in Naval Operations on Rennell Island (January 1943), New Georgia Group operations (16 June 1943 through October 1943), occupation of Rendova (June 1943), raid on Marcus Island (November 1943), Gilbert Islands operation (November 1943) and the Marshall Islands occupation (February 1944) / P.O. Dodson was later transferred back to the United States to report for duty as a Radar Instructor and rated as a Radarman Second-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Lauderdale, Florida - The United States did not enter World War II until 1941, but Fort Lauderdale felt the effect of the war sooner than most of the rest of the country. In December 1939, a British cruiser chased the German freighter Arauca into Port Everglades, where she remained until the US seized her in 1941, when Germany declared war on the US / By the end of the war, the station had trained thousands of Navy pilots, including future congressman, UN Ambassador, Director of Central Intelligence, and President of the United States George H. W. Bush

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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:** **DOERFLER**

**NORMAN**

**A.**

**Address:** 91 EDSON STREET

**Service Branch:** COAST GUARD

**Rank:** S. 1/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

PF-61

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Seaman First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

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

**Miscellaneous:**

Manitowoc (PF-61) was a 304-foot Coast Guard frigate and had a crew of 180 sailors

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:** **DOERING**

**WILLIAM**

**E.**

**Address:** 48 STEPHENSON STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CORPORAL

**Unit / Squadron:**

102ND AAA (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY), AW (AUTOMATION WEAPONS) BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON WITH FOUR BRONZE  
SERVICE STARS

AMERICAN DEFENSE MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL WITH 1 BRONZE SERVICE  
STAR

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

6 OVERSEAS SERVICE BARS

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Prior to America's entry into World War II, William E. Doering was a member of 121st Cavalry National Guard Unit of Buffalo. The unit was later designated as the 102nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery, Automation Weapons Battalion in October, 1940. The unit was activated on January 6, 1941 and was in Camp Edwards when the Japanese forces bombed Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. On February 10, 1942, the 102nd Battalion boarded 2 troop trains for San Francisco, where they boarded the troopship Matsonia, landing in Brisbane, Australia on March 9, 1942. On April 4, 1942 102nd AAA, AW Battalion became the 1st American anti-aircraft unit to see action in the Southwest Pacific area. The 102nd AAA Battalion saw heavy action for nine months around Darwin, in the Northern Territory of Australia. The battalion was moved to Townsville, Australia and then onto Port Moresby in New Guinea. The 102nd AAA Battalion set up their anti-aircraft weapons throughout New Guinea; in Olney Bay, Lae, Nadzab, Gusap, Finschhafen, Langemak and Dreger Harbor. On November 10, 1942 the battalion moved to Leyte, Philippine Islands. In 1945, the 102nd Battalion was deployed to the Philippine islands of Mindoro and Luzon.

The battalion is credited with downing more than 100 enemy planes. General Douglas MacArthur, commander of U.S. Army Forces in the Far East (USAFPE), praised the 102nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion for their "fighting quality, an excellent job well done, and their faithful upholding of exalted military standards."

Corporal William E. Doering received four Battle Stars for participating in the East Indies Campaign, Papua Campaign, New Guinea Campaign and the Southern Philippine Islands campaign.

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Edwards, Massachusetts - Located in western Barnstable County, Massachusetts, the camp was named



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after Major General Clarence Edwards, former commander of the 26th Infantry Division. The Army leased the base in 1940 to house 30,000 troops. During World War II, Camp Edwards functioned as a sending off point for troops as well as a training ground for anti-aircraft units. As the war ended, Camp Edwards was the location of a Temporary Separation Centers, discharging more than 12,900 servicemen from 1945-1946

### *Miscellaneous:*

Prior to military service, William E. Doering graduated from the Bellwood School and worked for the steel producing firm of Beals, McCarthy and Rogers.

After his World War II service, William Doering became a West Seneca policeman for 16 years, becoming the 1st Police Captain on the West Seneca Police Force. Mr. Doering was also a member of the Seneca Hose Fire Company. In 1962, William Doering was elected as the West Seneca Supervisor, serving in that capacity until 1967. Not finished with public service, Mr. Doering served on the first Erie County Legislature.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** DOERR

FREDERICK C.

**Address:** 99 KLAS AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

QUARTERMASTER DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**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:**

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**Name:** DOLL

GORDON

F.

**Address:** 36 DIRKSON AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** M.M.

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS CHARGER (CVE-30), "A" DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The USS Charger (CVE-30) was an Escort Carrier commissioned on 3 March 1942 and decommissioned on 15 March 1946 / The Charger's area of operations throughout World War II was Chesapeake Bay, and assigned the basic task of training pilots and ships' crews in carrier operations

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**Name:** DOLL

JOSEPH E.

**Address:** 36 DIRKSON AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** RDM. 3/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS HENRICO (APA-45), "N" DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Radarman Third-Class Joseph Doll was Killed in Action in April 1945 near Okinawa while serving aboard the USS Henrico

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Prior to entering the service on 18 August 1943, Joseph Doll was employed by the Buffalo Arms Corporation

The USS Henrico (APA-45) was a Bayfield-class attack transport , named for one of Virginia's oldest counties, serving in both the Atlantic and Pacific campaigns / The Henrico participated in the Normandy Invasion, landing assault troops on Omaha Beach on D-Day, 6 June 1944 / The Henrico, in support of her assault landing troops, expended more than 380 rounds of ammunition from her two 5-inch guns and nearly 9,000 rounds from her 40mm guns / In 1945, the ship engaged in amphibious exercises leading to the invasion of Okinawa / In April 1945, the USS Henrico was attacked by a Japanese Kamikaze (suicide bomber). Forty nine officers and men were killed in this attack, including Henrico's captain, her embarked division commander, and the two troop commanders / Commissioned on 24 June 1943 and decommissioned 14 February 1968

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **DOMBROWSKI**

**CHESTER**

**Address:** 129 TUDOR BOULEVARD

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

19TH PHOTOGRAPHIC CHART SQUADRON

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Buckley Air Field, Colorado - Located in Aurora, Colorado, the Buckley Air Field was established by the U.S. Army in 1943 and named in honor of World War I Army pilot 1LT John Harold Buckley / On 1 July 1942, the U.S. Army Air Corps Technical Training School there opened. It consisted of bombardier and armorer training for air crewmen on the B-17 Flying Fortress and B-24 Liberator bombers. During WWII, Buckley Field also trained over 50,000 airmen in initial basic training

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **DOMBROWSKI**

**EUGENE L.**

**Address:** 129 TUDOR BOULEVARD

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

10TH REPAIR SQUADRON, 10TH A.D.G. (AIRCRAFT DELIVERY GROUP)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technical Sergeant

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **DOMON**

**DONALD**

**F.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** DONAHUE

DONALD

N.

**Address:** 2573 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "F", 2ND BATTALION, 504TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The parachute infantry regiments were among the most highly decorated US Army units of World War II / The parachute infantry regiments were the first U.S. troops to liberate a town in France; spearhead the invasion of Sicily in the first American mass combat jump to fight at the forefront of six major campaigns (Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Normandy, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Germany); and to jump into Normandy during the invasion of France by Allied troops

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**Name:** DONAHUE

GIRARD

C.

**Address:** 2573 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

CASUAL SQUADRON, "A3"

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** DONAHUE

ROBERT E.

**Address:** 2573 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** COAST GUARD

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

PORTSMOUTH NAVAL YARD

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Boatswain's Mate, First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Portsmouth, New Hampshire - Established on 12 June 1800 during the administration of President John Adams, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is the oldest continuously-operating shipyard in the United States Navy / During World War II, 70 submarines were constructed at the yard, with a record of 4 launched in a single day / When the war ended, the shipyard became the Navy's center for submarine design and development

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** DONAHUE

WESLEY

J.

**Address:** 2573 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

A.S.N. SERVICE COMPANY, P.B.S.

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL      GOOD CONDUCT

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **DONLON**

**PETER J.**

**Address:** 28 BENSON AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE **Rank:** 1ST LT

**Unit / Squadron:**

365TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 3581ST FIGHTER GROUP  
9TH AF THUNDERBOLT UNIT

**Medals / Citations:**

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS	AIR MEDAL WITH 3 SILVER OAK LEAF CLUSTERS
EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	AERIAL GUNNER MEDAL
GOOD CONDUCT AWARD	

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Lieutenant Peter Donlon joined the Army in November 1942

As a crew member of a Thunderbolt fighter-bomber, the crew named their aircraft the "Patsy Ann", in honor of Donlon's 13-year-old sister

Lieutenant Donlon was a P-47 fighter pilot when he was hit by enemy gunfire over France on 23 December 1944. Lieutenant Peter Donlon was Killed in Action when he was unable to control his aircraft and crash landed in a French field. Lieutenant Donlon had flown 74 missions

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Peter Donlon was a graduate of the Little Seminary of St. Joseph's and the Little Flower / Prior to enlisting in the Army, Donlon had worked as a clerk for the United States Post Office

The Republic P-47 Thunderbolt was one of the main United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) fighters of World War II and was one of the largest and heaviest fighter aircraft in history to be powered by a single piston engine. It was heavily armed with eight .50-caliber machine guns, four per wing. When fully loaded, the P-47 weighed up to eight tons, and in the fighter-bomber ground-attack roles could carry five-inch rockets or a significant bomb load of 2,500 pounds; it could carry over half the payload of the B-17 bomber on long-range missions

The Distinguished Flying Cross is a military decoration awarded to any officer or enlisted member of the United



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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 United States Army Air Force Aerial Gunner Wing medal (1939-1945) were awarded to graduates of the Army Air Force bombardier training school

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **DOREMUS**

**PHILIP**

**B.**

**Address:** 3435 CLINTON STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

BATTERY "D", 768TH A.A.A. BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Philip Doremus entered the Army prior to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor/ Doremus served in the Aleutian Islands, part of the Alaskan Territory

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **DOSTER**

**ARNOLD**

**R.**

**Address:** 1908 UNION ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "B", 709TH TANK BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The 709th Tank Battalion was constituted 13 January 1941 and committed to combat in the European Theater of Operations and landed in France on 11 July 1944 / The battalion participated in the campaigns for Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe / The unit was at Eger, Germany at the end of World War II / The 709th Tank Battalion was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **DOSTER**

**ARTHUR**

**W.**

**Address:** 1908 UNION ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

BATTERY "B", 62ND A.A.A. GUN BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **DOSTER**

**CARLTON H.**

**Address:** 830 RESERVE ROAD

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

226TH BATTALION, SECTION "A", RADIO OPERATIONS

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Carlton Doster enlisted in the Army - Air Force in September 1943 and served as a radio operator

**Base Assignments:**

Majors Field - Greenville, Texas - Field was named in honor of Lieutenant Truett Majors, who was killed in the 1942 Battle of the Philippines in January 1942 / Began operations on 26 June 1942 as a site for the USAAF basic flight-training center / Majors Field also was a major training base for the Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP)s. Flying training was performed with Fairchild PT-19s as the primary trainer

Fort Sumner Army Air Field - Fort Sumner, New Mexico - The airfield was opened in February 1941, and was rebuilt in 1942 by the United States Army Air Forces as a World War II training airfield. It was assigned to the AAF Flying Training Command West Coast Training Center / The flying cadets at the airfield were trained in advanced twin engine aircraft as phase three of their pilot training

**Miscellaneous:**

Carlton Doster was an abstractor prior to joining the military

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **DOSTER**

**EDWIN**

**E.**

**Address:** 1908 UNION ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/5

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 125TH ARMORED ENGINEER BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal)

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Campbell, Kentucky - Constructed in January 1942, The camp is named in honor of Union Army Brigadier General William Bowen Campbell, the last Whig Governor of Tennessee / Through World War II, Camp Campbell was the training ground for the 12th, 14th and 20th Armored divisions, Headquarters IV Armored Corps and the 26th Infantry Division

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



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **DOSTER**

**RAYMOND H.**

**Address:** 80 BURCH AVENUE

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

411ST AAF BASE UNIT, SECTION "B"

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Brookley Field - Mobile, Alabama - The Brookley Army Air Field was established in 1938 / During World War II, Brookley Army Air Field became the major Army Air Forces supply base for the Air Material Command in the southeastern United States and the Caribbean

**Miscellaneous:**

Raymond Doster married and moved to Mobile, Alabama

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



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** DRABIK

FRANCIS

A.

**Address:** 1490 CENTER ROAD

**Service Branch:**

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

BATTERY "B", 461ST A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY), A.W. BATTALION (AIR WARNING)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** DRABIK

JOSEPH

M.

**Address:** 1490 CENTER ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "A", 11TH ARMORED INFANTRY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Armored infantry is infantry equipped with armored personnel carriers (APCs) or infantry fighting vehicles (IFVs) for transport and combat

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** DRABIK

STEPHEN

W.

**Address:** 1490 CENTER ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

71ST ENGINEERS COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **DRAKE**

**DONALD**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* PFC

*Unit / Squadron:*

CANNON COMPANY, 357TH INFANTRY

*Medals / Citations:*

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

EUROPEAN THEATER

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** DRESCHER

FRANKLIN

E.

**Address:**

UNION ROAD

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S. 2/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

U.S.N.T.C. (US NAVAL TRAINING CENTER), UNIT G-16

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Seaman Second-Class

**Base Assignments:**

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

United States Naval Training Center - Bainbridge, Maryland - The center was activated on October 1, 1942 and named after Commodore William Bainbridge, who commanded the frigate Constitution when it defeated the British frigate HMS Java during the War of 1812 / Used as a Naval Training Center, a total of 24,484 recruit graduates were trained and graduated during World War II

U.S.N.T.C. Bainbridge, Maryland - United States Naval Training Center, Bainbridge (USNTC Bainbridge) was the U.S. Navy Training Center at Port Deposit, Maryland / By the end of World War II, the center had trained 244,277 recruits who transferred to various ships and stations throughout the world

**Miscellaneous:**

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



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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **DRONCKOWSKI**

**HENRY**

**J**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **DRUMB**

**EDWARD**

**Address:** 1726 CENTER ROAD

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** W.T. 2/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS BORUM (DE-790)

USS NORTH CAROLINA (BB-55)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Water Tender Second-Class

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The USS Borum (DE-790) was a Buckley-class destroyer escort and commissioned on 30 November 1943 and named in honor of Lieutenant (junior grade) John R. Borum (1907–1943) / The Borum spent her entire World War II service in the U.S. Atlantic Fleet / She served as an escort vessel along the east coast and in the Caribbean, as well as a training vessel in Chesapeake Bay / The USS Borum received one battle star for her participation in the invasion of Normandy / Commissioned on 30 November 1943 and decommissioned on 15 June 1946

The USS North Carolina (BB-55) was the lead ship of North Carolina-class battleships and commissioned on 9 April 1941 / She was the first newly constructed American battleship to enter service during World War II, and she took part in every major naval offensive in the Pacific Theater of Operations to become the most highly decorated American battleship of World War II, accumulating 15 battle stars / The North Carolina joined the long island-hopping campaign against the Japanese by assisting in the landing of U.S. Marines on the islands of Guadalcanal and Tulagi on 7 August 1942 / She was the only battleship in the naval force in the South Pacific, escorting the aircraft carriers Saratoga, Enterprise, and Wasp, surrounded by their cruisers and destroyers

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*Name:* **DRYDEN**

**WILLIAM M.**

*Address:* 28 NORTH AVENUE

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

*Unit / Squadron:*

UNIT HEADQUARTERS

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

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

*Miscellaneous:*

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



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** DUBKE

CARL

N.

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

405TH SQUADRON, 38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Carl N. Dubke was Killed in Action

**Base Assignments:**

**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

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** DUBKE

HERBERT

C.

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "B", 470TH INFANTRY BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** DUDLEY

WALTER

W.

**Address:** 59 LIND AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

781ST BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 465TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HEAVY)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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Bomber aircraft assigned to the "Heavy" Bombardment group consisted of the B-17 Flying Fortress and B-24 Liberator aircraft

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **DUFFY**

**HOWARD**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** DUMBOLTON SR.

JOEL

A.

**Address:** 2068 UNION ROAD

**Service Branch:** NAVY

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

82ND N.C. BATTALION (NAVAL CONSTRUCTION), COMPANY "B", 1ST PLATOON

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Machinist's Mate First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** DURST

EDWIN

W.

**Address:** 4992 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** T/SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

394TH SERVICE SQUADRON

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technical Sergeant

**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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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** DUSCH

CLIFFORD J.

**Address:** 3438 CLINTON STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 893RD A.A.A. A.W. BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY) (AIR WARNING)

**Medals / Citations:**

PRE-PEARL HARBOR MEDAL

6 BATTLE STARS

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

NORTH AFRICAN THEATER / EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Clifford Dusch was stationed in England and Africa / Sergeant Dusch earned his Battle Stars during combat action in Algeria-French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Rome-Arno, Southern France and the Rhineland / Dusch shipped to Europe on the USS Monterey and returned back to the United States by airplane

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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The USS Monterey was an ocean liner that saw service as a troopship in World War II

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

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

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

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** DUSCH

ELMER

P.

**Address:** 3438 CLINTON STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** S/SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "B", 131ST ORDNANCE MAINTENANCE BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Polk, Louisiana - Fort Polk was located approximately ten miles east of Leesville, Louisiana and was named in honor of the Right Reverend Leonidas Polk, the first Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana, and a distinguished Confederate general in the American Civil War / While primarily a training facility, Camp Polk also served as a military prison for Germans captured during World War II. The first prisoners of war (POWs), who began arriving in Louisiana in July 1943, were from the Afrika Korps, Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's troops who fought in North Africa

**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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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **DUSCH**

**MYRON**

*Address:* 3438 CLINTON STREET

*Service Branch:* ARMY - AIR FORCE

*Rank:* PVT

*Unit / Squadron:*

384TH SERVICE GROUP, 608TH SQUADRON

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

Lakeland Air Field - Lakeland, Florida - Constructed in 1942, Air Service Command (ASC) used the base station as a staging area for organizing, training and deploying Service Groups to overseas theaters

*Miscellaneous:*

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



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** DUSCHEN

EARL

J.

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

BATTERY "D", 102ND A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY), AIR WARNING BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

4 BATTLE STARS

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Earl Duschen earned his Battle Stars during combat action in the East Indies, Papua, New Guinea and the Philippine Islands

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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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



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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

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

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **DYKSTRA**

**GEORGE**

**H.**

**Address:** 1419 UNION ROAD

**Service Branch:** COAST GUARD

**Rank:** S. 1/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

CAPTAIN OF THE PORT

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Seaman First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Washington, D.C

**Miscellaneous:**

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



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



Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **DYLONG**

**HENRY**

**J.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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