



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



Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **GAISER**

**H.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* (UNKNOWN)

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

H. Gaiser honorably served in the United States Military

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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*Name:* **GALA**

**EDWARD**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY - AIR FORCE

*Rank:* PVT

*Unit / Squadron:*

B.T.C. #10 (BASTIC TRAINING CENTER), GROUP 1181, BARRACKS 668

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Private Edward Gala honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force

*Base Assignments:*

Lindley Air Field (Greensboro, North Carolina) - Lindley AF was part of the Army Air Force Training Command and served as a training center for aviation pilots

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** **GALLAGHER**

**JOSEPH**

**P.**

**Address:** 100 BROOKSIDE DRIVE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** S/SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

44TH DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Staff Sergeant Joeseph P. Gallagher 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 P.O.W. Camp until its closing in the fall of 1945

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** GALLEY

RICHARD J.

**Address:** 2244 UNION ROAD

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** AOM 2/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

N.A.T.T.C. (NAVAL AIR TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER)

C.A.S.U. 53 (CARRIER AIRCRAFT SERVICE UNIT)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class Richard J. Galley honorably served in the United States Navy

**Base Assignments:**

Norman, Oklahoma - Naval based trained in Advanced Aviation, Combat Aircrewman Training and Aviation Metalsmiths / Navy Technical Training Center for Aviation Ordnance

Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (NASWI) (Whidbey Island, Washington) - The Whidbey Island NAS was established in February 1941 to re-arm and refuel Navy patrol planes defending Puget Sound / The station also taught Aerial Gunnery for the various weapons used in fighters and bombers

Floyd Bennett Field (Brooklyn, New York) - Opened in June 1930, Bennett Field was named after Floyd Bennett, a noted aviator who had visualized an airport at Barren Island before he died in 1928 / Floyd Bennett Field was a hub for naval activities and was the busiest Naval Air Station during World War II

**Miscellaneous:**

Richard Galley owned the J. H. Galley Florist Greenhouse in West Seneca, New York / Richard J. Galley passed away in 23 December 2010 at the age of 92 years of age and is interred at Fourteen Holy Helpers Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

Aviation Ordnancemen operated and handled aviation ordnance equipment / They were responsible for the maintenance of guns, bombs, torpedoes, rockets, and missiles / Duties included the stowing, issuing, and loading of munitions and small arms

The Naval Air Technical Training Center provided highly classified airborne electronics maintenance training



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(Radar, sonar, and other types of electronic systems) for many thousands of Navy, Marine, Coast Guard, and Royal Air Force personnel

Aviation Ordnance (AVORD) is the procurement and technical aspects of machine guns, including mounts, sights, fittings and ammunition / Other aviation ordnance items included larger caliber guns, bombs, bomb racks, bomb sights, pyrotechnic signaling devices, air launched torpedoes, aircraft torpedo launching equipment, and training devices which include miniature practice bombs

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**Name:** **GARLAND**

**CLARENCE W.**

**Address:** 3085 SENECA STREET

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

146TH A.A.F. BASE UNIT

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private Clarence W. Garland honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force

**Base Assignments:**

Selfridge Field, Michigan - Located in Harrison Township, Michigan / Selfridge Field was one of thirty-two Air Service training camps established after the United States entry into World War I in April 1917 / On 29 March 1943, the 332d Fighter Group of the Tuskegee Airmen completed its move to Selfridge / The commander of the Tuskegee's European and Mediterranean operations was Colonel Benjamin O. Davis Jr., the first black officer to graduate from West Point in the 20th century, and later the first black Air Force general / The 477th Composite Group was formed at Selfridge on 15 January 1944 to train Tuskegee Airmen with Republic P-47 Thunderbolt fighters and North American B-25 Mitchell bombers

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **GARLAND**

**KENNETH**

**M.**

**Address:** 3085 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/5

**Unit / Squadron:**

BATTERY "C", 11TH BATTALION, FIELD ARTILLERY (FA)  
HEADQUARTERS, SEVENTH ARMY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	1 BATTLE STAR
AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL
ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL - GERMANY	MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: CARBINE

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal) Kenneth M. Garland honorably served in the United States Army / CPL  
Kenneth Garland earned a Battle Star for combat action during the Rhineland, Germany campaign

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Bragg, North Carolina - In 1918, Congress established Camp Bragg, an Army field artillery site named for the Confederate General Braxton Bragg / Camp Bragg became a permanent Army post renamed Fort Bragg / Various units trained at Fort Bragg during World War II, including the 9th Infantry Division, 2nd Armored Division, 82nd Airborne Division, 100th Infantry Division, and various field artillery groups

**Miscellaneous:**

Kenneth M. Garland was born in Veazie, Maine, but moved to West Seneca and graduated from West Seneca High School / After the war, Garland became an accountant for Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc. where he worked for more than 20 years / Kenneth M. Garland passed away on 20 November, 2019 at the age of 95 years old

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

The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (EAME) 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



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(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

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

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

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

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:** **GARLAND**

**LINWOOD**

**A.**

**Address:** 3085 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

SQUADRON 24 M.A.G. (MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP), 1ST M.A.W. (MARINE AIR WING)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Linwood A. Garland honorably served in the United States Marine Corps

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The mission of the Marine Air Wing was to conduct air operations in support of the Marine forces which included offensive air support, anti air warfare, assault support and aerial reconnaissance

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*Name:* **GARLINGER**

**E.**

**A.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* (UNKNOWN)

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

E. A. Garlinger honorably served in the United States Military

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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*Name:* **GARRISON**

**ROBERT**

**G.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* 2ND LT.

*Unit / Squadron:*

24TH HEADQUARTERS, 2ND ARMY

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Second Lieutenant Robert G. Garrison honorably served in the United States Army

*Base Assignments:*

Camp Shelby, Mississippi - Camp Shelby was established in 1917 and named in honor of Isaac Shelby, Indian fighter, Revolutionary War hero and 1st Governor of Kentucky / Camp also served as a holding center for German Prisoners-of-War

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** **GARRISON II**

**PHILIP**

**B.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** S/SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

6TH ENGINE OVERHAUL SQUADRON

REPAIR SQUADRON, 27TH AIR DEPOT GROUP

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

1 BATTLE STAR

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

THE WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Staff Sergeant Philip B. Garrison honorably served in the Army-Air Force / SSGT Philip Garrison was an airplane mechanic, stationed at Shepherd Field, Duncan Field and Pinecastle Air Base

Staff Sergeant Philip B. Garrison earned a Battle Star for combat action in the New Guinea Campaign / SSgt Garrison was stationed at Biak Island, New Guinea in November 1944 / SSgt Garrison also served in the Dutch Indies and Tokyo, Japan

SSgt Garrison served in the Army-Air Force from 8 December 1941 to 6 December 1945

**Base Assignments:**

Kelly Field, Texas - Located outside of San Antonio, the Field was named in honor of 2d Lieutenant George Edward Maurice 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

Shepherd Field (Wichita Falls, Texas) - Opened on 17 October 1941 as a United States Army Air Corps training center, the base was named in honor of Texas Senator John Morris Sheppard, a supporter of military preparations before World War II / During World War II, Sheppard Field conducted basic training and 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 / Sheppard Field reached its peak strength of 46,340 people while serving as a separation center for troops being discharged following World



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War II from September through November 1945 / Sheppard Field was deactivated 31 August 1946, but was reactivated 15 August 1948 to supplement Lackland AFB, Texas, as a basic training center renamed as Sheppard AFB

Duncan Field (San Antonio, Texas) - In 1925, Kelly Field #1 was renamed Duncan Field in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Duncan / Formerly stationed at Kelly Field, Duncan died in an airplane accident at Bolling Field in Washington, D.C. / Duncan Field conducted training, maintenance, command, and supply functions / In March 1943, Kelly Field and Duncan Field were reunited under the name of Kelly Field with the primary mission of maintenance and supply

Pinecastle Army Airfield (Orlando, Florida) - On 1 January 1943, Pinecastle Army Airfield became a sub-base of Orlando Army-Air Base / Pinecastle supported the training mission of Orlando AAB / Two bomb squadrons of the 9th Bombardment Group and 5th Bombardment Group operated from Pinecastle during the war / In 1943, Pinecastle AAF was used as an Air Force General Maintenance and Supply Depot facility / On 7 May 1958, Pinecastle AFB was renamed McCoy Air Force Base in memory of Colonel Michael N. W. McCoy who was killed on 9 October 1957 in the crash of a B-47 Stratojet

### *Miscellaneous:*

Repair Squadrons maintained airframes, aircraft engines, and accessories integral to the plane; these accessories included such equipment as propellers, hydraulic and electrical systems, carburetors, and generators

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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



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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:** **GARWOOD JR.**

**ROBERT**

**P.**

**Address:** 22 BAYBERRY AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "B", 339TH INFANTRY, 85TH (CUSTER) DIVISION, 5TH ARMY

**Medals / Citations:**

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

PURPLE HEART

1 BATTLE STAR

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

NORTH AFRICAN THEATER / EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Robert P. Garwood honorably served in the United States Army / PFC Robert Garwood was wounded in the leg by an S-Mine (also known as "Bouncing Betty") in May 1944 during action in the village of Minturno, Italy during the Italian Campaign / Private Garwood earned a Battle Star for combat duty during the Rome-Arno campaign

Embarked for the combat zone aboard the SS John Clarke and returned to the United States on the SS Cristobal

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The German S-mine (Schrapnellmine, Springmine or Splittermine in German), also known as the "Bouncing Betty", is the best-known version of a class of mines known as bounding mines / When triggered, these mines launch into the air and then detonate at about 2 ft 11 in / The explosion projects a lethal spray of shrapnel in all directions / The S-mine was an anti-personnel landmine developed by Germany in the 1930s and used extensively by German forces during World War II / It was designed to be used in open areas against unshielded infantry

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*Name:* **GATES**

**ROBERT**

**B.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* (UNKNOWN)

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Robert B. Gates honorably served in the United States Military

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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**Name:** **GATTIE**

**CLARENCE A.**

**Address:**

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

22ND PORT SURGICAL HOSPITAL, 5TH AIR FORCE

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Clarence A. Gattie honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Clarence A. Gattie passed away on 4 April 2003 at the age of 84 years old and is interred at Fourteen Holy Helpers Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

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

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**Name:** **GATTIE**

**WALTER**

**E.**

**Address:**

**CLINTON STREET**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "E", ARMORED

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private Walter Edward Gattie honorably served in the United States Army / PVT Walter Gattie was sworn into the Army 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:**

Walter Edward Gattie passed away on 29 July 1974 at the age of 56 years old and is interred at Fourteen Holy Helpers Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

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**Name:** GEBHARD

**G.**

**Address:**

CLINTON STREET

**Service Branch:**

**Rank:** NAVY

**Unit / Squadron:**

V-12 SCHOOL

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

G. Gebhard honorably served in the United States Navy

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The purpose of the V-12 program was to grant bachelor's degrees to future officers drawn from both the U.S. Navy and the Marine Corps / Once they completed their baccalaureate program, the next step toward obtaining a Navy commission was to attend a U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School where the future officer was required to complete the V-7 program, a short course of four months, including one month spent in indoctrination school / Graduates from the midshipmen schools were commissioned as ensigns in the U.S. Naval Reserve and the majority entered into active duty with the U.S. fleet / The V-12 Navy College Training Program was initiated in 1943 to meet both the immediate and long-range needs for commissioned officers to man ships, fly planes and command troops called to duty in World War II



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**Name:** **GEIER**

**CARL**

**J.**

**Address:**

**CLINTON STREET**

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Carl J. Geir honorably served in the United States Navy

**Base Assignments:**

Miami, Florida - Naval Air Station was commissioned in 1940

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **GENDRON**

**HAROLD**

**R.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* NAVY

*Rank:* RM2C

*Unit / Squadron:*

MOBILE COMMUNICATION, UNIT 6, 7TH FLEET (FLAGSHIP)

*Medals / Citations:*

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

PACIFIC THEATER

*Service Notes:*

Radioman Second-Class Harold R. Gendron honorably served in the United States Navy

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

A Radioman was responsible for transmitting and receiving radio signals, and processing all forms of telecommunications through various transmission media aboard ships, aircraft and at shore facilities / Responsible for the proper handling and destruction of classified material / Radiomen were also responsible for periodic maintenance of the communications equipment, to include transmitters, receivers and antennas

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**Name:** **GERLACH**

**RONALD**

**E**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CAPT

**Unit / Squadron:**

102ND A.A. ( ANTI-AIRCRAFT) BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

PURPLE HEART

COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Captain Ronald E. Gerlach honorably served in the United States Army / CPT Ronald Gerlach joined the 102nd anti-aircraft battalion in December 1940 and went overseas in February 1942 / Gerlach was promoted from First Lieutenant to Captain in an infantry regiment in the Pacific and graduated from Officer School in Australia in April 1943 / Captain Gerlach was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and the Purple Heart, from wounds he received in action

**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 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 / The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal awarded Bronze service stars to all services for participation in designated campaigns and a bronze arrowhead device was awarded for participation in designated Army amphibious and airborne combat assaults

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below, who personally fought in active ground combat while assigned as members of an infantry, Ranger or Special Forces unit, of brigade size or smaller, any time after 6 December 1941

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**Name:** **GERMAIN**

**CHESTER**

**G.**

**Address:** 87 BURCH AVENUE

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

BUREAU OF SUPPLIES AND ACCOUNTS, NAVY DEPOT

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Chester G. Germain honorably served in the United States Marine Corps

**Base Assignments:**

Cleveland, Ohio

**Miscellaneous:**

Chester G. Germain passed away on 3 March 1980 at the age of 68 years old and is interred at Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Cemetery, New Oregon, New York

The Bureau of Supplies and Accounts functions included purchasing, storage, issue, and shipping of supplies (with certain exceptions) for the Navy / The Bureau controlled certain special "Funds"; it administered supply activities, and storehouses; it administered transportation of Navy property and of household effects of naval personnel; it procured and loaded cargoes, and when necessary, chartered ships to carry them / The Bureau administered the disposal of unneeded material / The Bureau also supervised or participated in the development of special materials, allowance lists, and methods of preserving and packaging Navy materials / It supervised vastly expanded storage and transportation programs

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **GERMAIN**

**KENNETH**

**W.**

**Address:** 56 WESTMINSTER ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/4

**Unit / Squadron:**

SERVICE BATTERY, 898TH F.A. BATTALION (FIELD ARTILLERY)

75TH INFANTRY DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

3 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fourth-Class (Sergeant) Kenneth W. Germain honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Kenneth Germain saw combat action in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, earning 3 Battle Stars

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky - 250,000 soldiers trained at Camp Breckenridge during World War II / Camp also served as a Prisoner-of-War camp, where 3,500 German prisoners were housed

**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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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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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **GICK**

**C.**

**G.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* (UNKNOWN)

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

G. C. Gick honorably served in the United States Military

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** GICK

HAROLD

W.

**Address:** 36 WICHITA ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

BATTERY "B", 133RD A.A.A. GUN BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Harold W. Gick honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Harold Gick was stationed at Pearl Harbor at the time of the Japanese attack on 7 December 1941

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Harold W. Gick passed away in 1975 at the age of 58 years old and is interred at Quaker Cemetery, Orchard Park, New York

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

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** GICK

RICHARD

**Address:**

GARDEN AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** M/SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "A", 6TH GENERAL HOSPITAL

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Master Sergeant Richard Gick honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **GIESE**

**E.**

**J.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** (UNKNOWN)

**Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

E. J. Giese honorably served in the United States Military

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **GIFFORD**

**JACK**

**K.**

**Address:** 18 AVENUE B

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "E", 534TH E.B. & S.R. (ENGINEER BOAT & SHORE REGIMENT)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Jack K. Gifford honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Jack K. Gifford passed away on 13 August 1983 at the age of 61 years old and is interred at Buffalo Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York

The 534th Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment, a unit of the 4th Engineer Special (Amphibian) Brigade was activated on February 1, 1943, at Fort Devens, Massachusetts / The 4th ESB arrived in New Guinea on May 18, 1944, and participated in the assaults on Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies (15 September 1944) and Lingayen Gulf, Luzon (9 January 1945) / The brigade was inactivated in Japan on 15 April 1946

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military award to any member of the United States Military who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945 / The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal awarded Bronze service stars to all services for participation in designated campaigns and a bronze arrowhead device was awarded for participation in designated Army amphibious and airborne combat assaults



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **GILCHRIST**  
**WILLIAM**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

BATTERY "D", 517TH A.A.A. GUN BATTERY (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private William Gilchrist honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

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

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** GILL

ANTHONY

**Address:** 3618 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 3RD BATTALION, 331ST INFANTRY, 83RD DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PURPLE HEART

5 BATTLE STARS

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Anthony Gill honorably served in the United States Army / PFC Anthony Gill was wounded in action on 3 March 1944 during fighting in Germany after earning 5 battle stars for combat action across Europe

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Anthony Gill attended Ebenezer High School three years prior to enlisting in the Army

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

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

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**Name:** **GILL**

**JOHN**

**Address:** 3618 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** COX

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS GUAM (CB-2), 6TH FLEET

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

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

1 BATTLE STAR

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Coxswain John Gill honorably served in the United States Navy / COX John Gill earned a battle star during the liberation of the Philippine Islands

**Base Assignments:**

Naval Training Station (NTS) (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

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

Naval Training Station (NTS), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Personnel Support Center (PSC), Lido Beach, Long Island, New York - Support Center processed discharged Naval personnel

**Miscellaneous:**

In World War II, Naval pilots of landing craft were referred to as Coxswains / The coxswain was in charge of the vessel and all personnel on board / A coxswain controlled the boat's steering, speed, timing and fluidity / The primary duty of a coxswain was to ensure the safety of those in the boat



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USS Guam (CB-2) was an Alaska-class large cruiser named for the island of Guam / The USS Guam participated in operations off Okinawa in March–July 1945, including providing anti-aircraft defense for the carrier task force and conducting limited shore bombardment operations / Commissioned 17 September 1944 and decommissioned 17 February 1947

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 award 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:** GILL

JOSEPH

F.

**Address:** 3618 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

U.S. CLAIMS SERVICE, HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION (PBS)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

4 BATTLE STARS

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL - ITALY

GOOD CONDUCT

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technical Sergeant Joseph F. Gill honorably served in the United States Army / TSGT Joseph Gill served in Italy, first in the Allied Force Headquarters with the Claims Service and later with the Judge Advocate Section, Claims Division, at the Headquarters of the Peninsular Base Section / Sergeant Gill earned 4 battle stars for combat action during the Italian Campaign

**Base Assignments:**

Peninsular Base Section (Naples, Italy) - Base provided for the hospitalization for American troops

**Miscellaneous:**

The Peninsular Base Section organized medical services, including hospitalization and evacuation and medical supplies and was the largest base organization in the theater, both in terms of personnel and in terms of the number of fixed beds under its control

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

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **GILMOUR**

**EDWARD**

**A.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

60TH INFANTRY, 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

PURPLE HEART

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

ARMY PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Edward A. Gilmour honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Edward Gilmour was Killed in Action (KIA) on 23 Mar 1943

Edward A Gilmour is buried at Plot I Row 1 Grave 11, North Africa American Cemetery, Carthage, Tunisia

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Prior to enlisting in the Army on 8 January 1941, Edward A. Gilmour was employed as a Fireman / Edward A. Gilmour was 24 years of age at the time of his passing

Participating in three wars on three continents, the 60th Infantry Division has played a conspicuous role in the achievements of 5th Division in World War I and 9th Infantry Division in World War II and Vietnam / The 60th Infantry spearheaded the November 1942, Allied invasion of French Morocco at Port Lyautey during Operation Torch / During the Allied invasion of Sicily, the 60th Infantry continued its victorious ways, culminating in the famous Silent March ("Ghost March"), where the regiment infiltrated enemy lines and broke open the last of the German resistance / On 11 June 1944, the 60th Infantry debarked at Utah Beach on the Cotentin Peninsula, Normandy, France / On 12 June, driving hard toward the St. Colombe in France, the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry completely outdistanced the rest of the 9th Division / For a time, the 60th Regiment was believed to be lost but actually had overrun the German defenses in the face of murderous fire and had cut the main highway to the northwest / Instead of withdrawing, the battalion set up a bridgehead on the Douve River and held the position for seven hours until the rest of the 9th Division caught up to them, thus facilitating the cutting of the peninsula / In France during June 1944, the 60th Infantry led the way for the 9th Division as it spearheaded the American



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advance out of the beachhead that cut the Contentin Peninsula / After the bitter and bloody struggle in the Huertegen Forest, the 60th Infantry fell back to the Monschau area where its efforts won it a third Presidential Unit Citation in the snow and bitter cold of the Battle of the Bulge / The 60th Infantry then was the first to capture the Schwammanuel Dam on the Roer River / Continuing south, the regiment was one of the first to cross the Rhine at Remagen / The 60th Infantry was inactivated in November 1946 while on occupation duty in Germany

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

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **GITCHELL**

**ED**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

POST HEADQUARTERS, 1253RD RD., S.C.S.U.

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Ed Gitchell honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Upton (Long Island, New York) - Camp Upton was named after Emory Upton, a Union general of the Civil War and was created in 1917 to house and train soldiers for the United States / The camp was used by Army in the mobilization of 1940 that preceded the American entry into World War II and later housed a convalescent and rehabilitation hospital / Camp Upton became the site of the Recruit Educational Center, an Army program that enrolled foreign-born, non-English speaking, and illiterate soldiers / Soldiers who graduated were eligible for a three year term of military service, after which they could be naturalized as American citizens

**Miscellaneous:**



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**Name:** **GITCHELL**

**GEORGE**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* NAVY

*Rank:* S2C

*Unit / Squadron:*

B 23, U.S.N.T.C. (UNITED STATES NAVAL TRAINING CENTER)

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Seaman Second-Class George Gitchell 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:*

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

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:** **GLAGOLICH**

**GEORGE**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY - AIR FORCE

*Rank:* PFC

*Unit / Squadron:*

36TH PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON

*Medals / Citations:*

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

PACIFIC THEATER

*Service Notes:*

Private First-Class George Glagolich honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

During World War II, the 36th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron operated primarily in the Southwest Pacific Theater, providing aerial reconnaissance and intelligence information over a wide area of the theater in numerous campaigns / In 1945, the squadron performed reconnaissance missions over Formosa as well as the Philippines / The squadron earned the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation for its combat operations during the Liberation of the Philippines in 1944–1945

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:* **GLASER**

**WILLIAM**

**C.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* (UNKNOWN)

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

William C. Glaser honorably served in the United States Military

*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:* **GLEED**

**G.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* (UNKNOWN)

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

G. Gleed honorably served in the United States Military

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **GLEISNER**

**ROBERT**

**W.**

**Address:** 148 HARLEM ROAD

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** GM3C

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS WILLMARTH (DE-638)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

5 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Gunner's Mate Third-Class (GM3C) Robert W. Gleisner honorably served in the United States Navy / GM3C Robert Gleisner was sworn into the Army 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 / Gunner's Mate Third-Class Gleisner earned 5 Battle Stars for combat action aboard the USS Willmarth

**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:**

Robert Gleisner entered the Navy on 3 August 1943 / Robert W. Gleisner passed away on 1 February 1996 at the age of 70 years of age and is interred at Nativity Cemetery, Orchard Park, New York

Gunner's Mates were responsible for the operation and maintenance of torpedo 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

The USS Willmarth was a Buckley-class destroyer escort named in honor of Ensign Kenneth Willmarth (1914-1942), who was killed in action when the cruiser Vincennes was sunk during the Battle of Savo Island on 9 August 1942 / The Willmarth participated in the liberation of the Philippine and Okinawa Islands / Commissioned on 13 March 1944 and decommissioned on 26 April 1946



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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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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **GOETZ**

**EDWIN**

**C.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* (UNKNOWN)

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Edwin C. Goetz honorably served in the United States Military

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

Edwin C. Goetz passed away on 25 August 1977 at the age of 55 years old and is interred at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** GOMEZAK

HENRY

A.

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "F", 30TH INFANTRY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private Henry A. Gomezak honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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**Name:** **GORSKI**

**ANTHONY E.**

**Address:** 85 STANTON STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "A", 23RD INFANTRY REGIMENT, 2ND DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	3 BATTLE STARS
WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL	COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE
DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION	GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

NORTH AFRICAN THEATER / EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Anthony E. Gorski honorably served in the United States Army / PFC Anthony Gorski earned 3 Battle Stars during combat action / PFC Gorski served from 1943 to 1945

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Anthony E. Gorski passed away in 1979 at the age of 53 years old and is interred at Saint Adalberts Roman Catholic Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York

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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 Distinguished Unit Citation was established on February 26th 1942, making it possible for the Secretary of War to issue citations in the name of the President of the United States to units of US Armed Forces and their Allies for heroism in action against an armed enemy from December 7th 1941 onwards / The unit must display such gallantry, determination, and esprit de corps in accomplishing its mission under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions as to set it apart and above other units participating in the same campaign

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:** **GOTTLIEB**

**EDWARD**

**H.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* (UNKNOWN)

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Edward H. Gottlieb honorably served in the United States Military

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** GOULD

GERARD

G.

**Address:** 113 DIRKSON AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

1260TH S.C.S.U. P.R.P. - SUPPLY

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Gerard G. Gould honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Dix, New Jersey - Unit was part of the United States Army that trained soldiers on how to feed troops during wartime

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** GRABENSTATTER

DONALD H.

**Address:** 1300 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S1C

**Unit / Squadron:**

RECEIVING STATION

USS MISSION BAY CVE-59

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL  
WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Seaman First-Class Donald H. "Bud" Grabenstatter honorably served in the United States Navy

**Base Assignments:**

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, repairing over 5,000 ships, and shipped troops and supplies to fronts across the globe

**Miscellaneous:**

Donald Grabenstatter was the Past President of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, life member of the Buffalo Racing Pigeon Assn., West Seneca Racing Pigeon Assn. and member of Gardenville Country Club / Donald Grabenstatter was a Past Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Harvey D. Morin VFW Post #2940 / Donald H. "Bud" Grabenstatter passed away on 25 March 2002 at the age of 82 years old and is interred at Saint Johns Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

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

USS Mission Bay (CVE-59) was a Casablanca-class escort carrier of the United States Navy / Named for Mission Bay, California, she was the only U.S. Naval vessel to bear the name / The Mission Bay was commissioned on 13 September 1943 / In February 1945, Mission Bay was ordered to sail in the direction of Gibraltar to meet and escort the heavy cruiser returning in convoy from the Yalta Conference with President Franklin D. Roosevelt



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onboard / The Mission Bay performed antisubmarine duty in the North Atlantic from 29 March to 14 May during Operation Teardrop (Operation Teardrop was a United States Navy operation of World War II conducted during April and May 1945 to sink German U-boats approaching the United States East Coast that were believed to be armed with V-1 flying bombs) / The Mission Bay training pilots off the African coast in May 1945 / The USS Mission Bell was decommissioned on 1 September 1958 and sold for scrap in April 1959

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**Name:** GRABENSTATTER

HARRY L.

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Harry L. Grabenstatter honorably served in the United States Army / Harry Grabenstatter served in the U.S. Army from March 27, 1945 through October 24, 1946.

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

Harry Grabenstatter held an Associates Degree from Bryant and Stratton and was a purchasing agent for Sierra Research in Cheektowaga / Harry L. Grabenstatter passed away on 6 September 2015 at the age of 88 years old and is interred at Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Cemetery, Springville, New York

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** GRACE

ANTHONY

**Address:** 422 COLLINS AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 822ND A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY), A.W. BATTALION (AIR WARNING)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Anthony G. Grace honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Haan, California - Camp Haan was opened in January 1941 / In March 1942 Camp Haan was reorganized as an Army Service Depot and in late 1942 a prisoner of war camp was built for 1,200 Italian Prisoners of War / In April 1945, German POWs arrived at Haan to replace the Italians / Camp Haan had an 800-bed debarkation hospital which received wounded coming in from the Pacific theaters of operation / Camp Haan, at its peak, had a population of 80,000

**Miscellaneous:**

Anthony G. Grace passed away on 3 April 1991 at the age of 73 years old and is interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, Orchard Park, New York

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



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**Name:** GRADL

ROBERT

A.

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/4

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "B", 861ST AMERICAN ENGINEERING BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fourth-Class (Corporal) Robert A. Gradl honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Robert A. Gradl passed away in 1984 at the age of 59 years old and is interred at Sardinia Cemetery (New), Sardinia, 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:** **GRAEBER**

**EUGENE**

**W.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* NAVY

*Rank:* MOMM3

*Unit / Squadron:*

USS LAMONS (DE-743)

*Medals / Citations:*

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

PACIFIC THEATER

*Service Notes:*

Motor Machinist's Mate Third-Class Eugene W. Graeber 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

USS Lamons (DE-743) was a Cannon-class destroyer escort commissioned on 29 February 1944 / She was named in honor of Kenneth Tafe Lamons, whose brave actions led to his death from wounds received in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941 / The Lamons served in the Pacific Ocean and provided escort service against submarine and air attack for Navy vessels and convoys/ In June 1945, the USS Lamons was part of a screen protecting fueling groups supporting the invasion of Saipan / From October 1944 through March 1945, the USS Lamons participated in the invasion of the Philippine Islands, Iwo Jima and the Okinawa Islands / She returned home after the war with nine battle stars and was decommissioned on 14 June 1946 / The USS Lamons was sold for scrap in October 1973

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**Name:** **GRAHAM**

**ROBERT**

**H.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY - AIR FORCE

*Rank:* SGT

*Unit / Squadron:*

372ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON

*Medals / Citations:*

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

PACIFIC THEATER

*Service Notes:*

Sergeant Robert H. Graham honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

The 372nd Bombardment Squadron was formed as a heavy bombardment group in January 1942, trained in the Pacific Northwest under Second Air Force, with B-17 Flying Fortresses / Reassigned to Seventh Air Force in Hawaii, November 1942 and performed performing search and rescue and antisubmarine patrols until January 1943 while transitioning to long-range B-24 Liberator heavy bombers / Deployed to the Central Pacific from Hawaii throughout 1943 for long-range combat bombardment operations against Japanese forces in the Central Pacific; New Guinea; Northern Solomon Islands and Eastern Mandates campaigns / Deployed to the New Hebrides in Melanesia and operated from numerous temporary jungle airfields, engaging in long-range bombardment operations during the Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon and Southern Philippines campaigns until the end of the war in August 1945

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**Name:** GRASSL

JOSEPH

**Address:** 1081 ORCHARD PARK ROAD

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S1C

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS LST 662 (LANDING SHIP, TANK)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

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

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Joseph Grassl passed away on 25 January 2009 at the age of 90 years old and is interred at Saint Stanislaus Roman Catholic Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York

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

USS LST-622 was a tank landing ship assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and participated in the Lingayen Gulf landing, January 1945, and the assault and occupation of Okinawa Gunto, from March through June 1945 / LST-662 earned three battle stars / Commissioned 26 June 1944 and decommissioned 14 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



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** GRAY

CHARLES

J

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S1C

**Unit / Squadron:**

3256TH NAVAL SUPPLY DEPOT (NSD)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Seaman First Class Charles J. Gray honorably served in the United States Navy / S1C Charles Gray served in the Okinawa campaign

**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

Camp Shoemaker, Livermore, California - Camp Shoemaker was a naval personnel training and distribution center designed to handle naval personnel on their way to, or returning from, the Pacific / Camp Shoemaker was also used as a Prisoner of War Camp from 16 August 1945 to 14 May 1946

**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:** **GREASART**

**LEROY**

**Address:** 23 WINEGAR PLACE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

MILITARY POLICE

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Leroy Greasert honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Leroy Greasert was stationed in England

**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:** **GREASART**

**RUSSELL**

**C.**

**Address:** 23 WINEGAR PLACE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/5

**Unit / Squadron:**

294TH QUARTERMASTER SALVAGE REPAIR (QMSR) COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL 5 BATTLE STARS

DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fifth-Class (Corporal) Russell C. Greasert honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Russell Greasert was stationed in England, before earning 5 battle stars during combat operations in Europe

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Quartermaster Salvage Repair (QMSR) Companies played an important part in the effort to maintain sustained combat operations during World War II / Salvage operations included the repair and return to supply channels of discarded, damaged, or partially destroyed military equipment and of captured or abandoned enemy property

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The Distinguished Unit Citation was established on February 26th 1942, making it possible for the Secretary of War to issue citations in the name of the President of the United States to units of US Armed Forces and their Allies for heroism in action against an armed enemy from December 7th 1941 onwards / The unit must display such gallantry, determination, and esprit de corps in accomplishing its mission under extremely difficult and



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**Name:** GREATBATCH

WILSON

**Address:** 2749 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** ACRM

**Unit / Squadron:**

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

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Aviation Chief Radioman (ACRM) Wilson Greatbatch honorably served in the United States Navy / ACRM Wilson Greatbatch flew combat missions as a rear gunner in a Navy Dive-Bomber and later, as Chief Petty Officer, taught in the Navy's Radar School / As an Aviation Chief Radioman, Greatbatch worked on shipboard communications and guidance systems

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Wilson Greatbatch attended West Seneca High School / After an Honorable Discharge from the Navy in 1945, Wilson Greatbatch attended Cornell University, taking advantage of the G.I. Bill / Greatbatch graduated with a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering (B.E.E.) in electrical engineering in 1950; he received a master's degree from the University of Buffalo in 1957 / Greatbatch went on to become an engineer and inventor, developing a lithium-iodide power cell for pacemakers / He held more than 350 patents and was a member of the National Inventors Hall of Fame and a recipient of the Lemelson-MIT Prize and the National Medal of Technology and Innovation / Wilson Greatbatch passed away on 27 September 2011, at the age of 92 and is interred at Clarence Fillmore Cemetery, Clarence, New York

An Aviation Chief Radioman operated radio transmitting and receiving equipment of naval aircraft and processing all forms of telecommunications through various transmission media aboard ships, aircraft and at shore facilities

A Carrier Aircraft Service Unit is a group of Naval Officers and enlisted men who are assigned to a Naval Air Station or airfield / They were comprised of aviation machinist mates, ordnanceman, metalsmiths, electricians, hospital corpsmen, cooks, bakers, and seaman who are not assigned to a squadron / Fighter, scout bomber or torpedo squadrons that required replacements found then through the C.A.S.U.



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*Name:* **GREGORY**

**L.**

**C.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* (UNKNOWN)

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

C. L. Gregory honorably served in the United States Military

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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**Name:** GREIS

ALBERT

D.

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/5

**Unit / Squadron:**

CANNON COMPANY, 343RD INFANTRY REGIMENT, 86TH DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER / PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fifth-Class (Corporal) Albert D. Greis honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Albert Greis received two Bronze service stars for participation in designated campaigns / Corporal Greis served in the European and Pacific theaters

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The 343rd Infantry Regiment, 86th Division fought in Italy, Central Europe and Germany

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

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



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who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945 / The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal awarded Bronze service stars to all services for participation in designated campaigns and a bronze arrowhead device was awarded for participation in designated Army amphibious and airborne combat assaults

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**Name:** **GRIEM**

**LAWRENCE W.**

**Address:** 55 BURCH AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "I", 141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT, 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	BRONZE STAR
PURPLE HEART	4 BATTLE STARS
AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL	WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL
COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE	MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT
ARROWHEAD	GOOD CONDUCT

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technical Sergeant Lawrence W. Griem honorably served in the United States Army / TSGT Lawrence Griem was sworn into the Army 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 / TSGT Griem earned his battle stars fighting in the Italian and Central Europe campaigns / TSGT Lawrence Griem served in the Army from 27 July 1943 until 8 November 1945

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Lawrence W. Griem passed away on 1 July 1996 at the age of 75 years old and is interred at Lakeside Memorial Park Cemetery, Hamburg, New York

The distinguished lineage of the 141st includes units tracing origins to the Texas Revolution, such as Company A, First Texas, 1836, and other infantry companies of the First Texas formed in the 1870s and 1880s / The 141st U. S. Infantry was officially formed at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, Texas, on October 15, 1917, from Texas troops drawn largely from the 1st and 2d Texas National Guard Infantry Regiments / The first World War II amphibious assault in Europe by any American division was by the 36th Division near Salerno (Paestum area), Italy, on 9 September 1943 / Chaos on the beach led to terrible casualties to the 141st with poor coordination by naval gunfire, allowing German artillery and tanks to dominate the battlefield for the first hours / By 18 September, the Germans had abandoned their positions and the 141st was put in reserve / The regiment continued to fight through Naples-Foggia, Anzio, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe / Over the course of battle, the 36th recorded 1,126 killed, approximately 5,000 wounded (hospitalized), and over



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500 missing in action / The Division was decorated with three Medals of Honor, 31 Distinguished Service Crosses, 492 Silver Stars and 1,685 Bronze Stars

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

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

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

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

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The Arrowhead device on the E.A.M.E. Medal was authorized for those campaigns which involved participation in amphibious assault landings



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**Name:** **GRIFFIN**

**JOHN**

**M.**

**Address:** 170 BURCH AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

BATTERY "B", 28TH C.A. (COAST ARTILLERY)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Corporal John M. Griffin honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

Miami, Florida - From 1942 to 1945 Miami Beach played a significant role in WWII / Nearly 500,000 men, including matinee-idol Clark Gable, took over 300 hotels and buildings for housing and training headquarters under the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command / By the time the war ended, one-fourth of all Army Air Force officers and one-fifth of the Air Corps' enlisted men had been trained in "the most beautiful boot camp in America" - Miami Beach

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** GRIMMER JR.

GEORGE

J.

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* CPL

*Unit / Squadron:*

MEDICAL DETACHMENT, 1ST BATTALION ENGINEERING REGIMENT

363 ENGINEERS S.S. (SPECIAL SERVICES) REGIMENT

*Medals / Citations:*

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

EUROPEAN THEATER

*Service Notes:*

Corporal George J. Grimmer, Jr. honorably served in the United States Army

*Base Assignments:*

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**Name:** **GRISWOLD**

**GUY**

**A.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** MOMM3C

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS KIDD (DD-661)

USS XMS-159

COM SERVICES DIVISION 102 NAVY 3237

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Motor Machinist Mate Third-Class Guy A. Griswold 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

USS XMS-159 (Gulfport, Mississippi) - On 2 June 1942, an Advanced Base Depot was established in Gulfport and the first Seabees started coming through Gulfport / The mission of the Center changed from a receiving organization to a U.S. Naval Training Center in March 1944, and provided for training in basic engineering, diesel, radioman, quartermaster and electrician's ratings

Naval Landing Force Equipment Depot (NLFED), Albany, California - With the onset of World War II, the United States Navy took over Golden Gate Fields racetrack as the "Albany Naval Landing Force Equipment Depot" for the storing and repair of hundreds of landing craft destined for use in the Pacific theater / After the war, Golden Gate Fields resumed horse racing.

**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,



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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 Kidd (DD-661), a Fletcher-class destroyer, was the first ship of the United States Navy to be named after Rear Admiral Isaac C. Kidd, who died on the bridge of his flagship USS Arizona during the 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor / Admiral Kidd was the first US flag officer to die during World War II, and the first American admiral ever to be killed in action / The Kidd was commissioned on 23 April 1943 and departed for the Pacific in August 1943 / Kidd screened carriers making air attacks on Tarawa during the Gilbert Islands invasion from 19 to 23 November 1943 and screened heavy ships and bombarded Roi and Wotje during the invasion of the Marshall Islands in January and February 1944 / Kidd sailed 19 February 1945, to join Task Force 58 (TF 58) for the invasion of Okinawa / Trained and battle wise, Kidd played a key role during the first days of the Okinawa campaign, screening battleships, bombarding shore targets, rescuing downed pilots, sinking floating mines, providing early warning of raids, guarding heavily damaged Franklin (CV-13), and helping to shoot down kamikazes / The USS Kidd was decommissioned on 19 June 1964 and received 12 battle stars for her service / The USS Kidd is a Museum ship in Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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**Name:** **GROELL JR.**

**JOSEPH**

**J.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** S/SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

BATTERY "B", 562ND A.A.A. BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY), A.W. (AIR WARNING)  
MOBILE (MBL)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

BRONZE STAR

2 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Staff Sergeant Joseph J. Groell Jr. honorably served in the United States Army / SSGT Joseph Groell fought in the Central Europe and Rhineland campaigns earning two Battle Stars

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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**Name:** **GROSS**

**ALFRED**

**J.**

**Address:** 3729 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

BATTERY "E", 2ND C.A. BATTALION (COAST ARTILLERY)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Alfred J. Gross honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Story, Virginia - Originally known as Cape Henry Military Reservation, it was officially named on 24 July 1916 for Major General John P. Story, once an artillery commander at Fort Monroe / Coastal artillery batteries were established around the fort to offer protection against hostile shipping entering the Chesapeake Bay

England General Hospital (Atlantic City, New Jersey)

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **GROSS**

**ALOYSIUS P.**

**Address:** 100 FREEMONT AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/5

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "A", 315TH ENGINEERING COMBAT BATTALION, 90TH DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL      5 BATTLE STARS  
ARROWHEAD      MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fifth-Class (Corporal) Aloysius Peter Gross honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Aloysius Gross fought in the Northern France and Central Europe campaigns, receiving 5 battle stars for combat action

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Aloysius Gross was employed by Bethlehem Steel in Lackawanna, New York before entering military service at the age of 23 years old / Aloysius Peter Gross passed away on 25 December 1999 at the age of 82 years old and is interred at Nativity Cemetery, Orchard Park, New York

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Originally organized in November 1921 at San Antonio, Texas, the 315th Regiment was reorganized and redesignated on 30 January 1942 as the 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, an element of the 90th Division (later redesignated as the 90th Infantry Division) / The 315th Engineering Combat Battalion participated in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe

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*Name:* **GROSS**

**DAVID**

**H.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* PVT

*Unit / Squadron:*

COMPANY "A", 66TH BATTALION, 2ND PLATOON

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Private First-Class David H. Gross honorably served in the United States Army

*Base Assignments:*

Camp Wolters, Texas - Located northeast of Mineral Wells, Texas, Camp Wolters was opened in 1925 as a National Guard training area under the guidance of General Jacob F. Wolters / During World War II, Camp Wolters, was for a time, the largest infantry replacement training center in the United States / During the war over 200,000 Infantry trainees cycled through Camp Wolters / The original buildings of "Old" Camp Wolters were converted into a P.O.W. camp for German prisoners from North Africa

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** **GROSS**

**FRANCIS J.**

**Address:** 27 FLOHR AVENUE

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

463RD SERVICE SQUADRON

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Francis J. Gross honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** GROTEVENT

WILLIAM

F.

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* (UNKNOWN)

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

William F. Grotevent honorably served in the United States Military

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **GROTH**

**HOWARD**

**W.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* SGT

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Sergeant Howard W. Groth honorably served in the United States Army

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

Howard W. Groth passed away on 6 May 1978 at the age of 59 years old and is interred at Buffalo Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **GROTKE**

**HOWARD**

**G.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/5

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "M", 28TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 8TH DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

4 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fifth-Class (Corporal) Howard G. Grotke honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Howard Grotke served in the United States Army for Four Years and Five months / T/5 Howard Grotke saw combat action across Central Europe and earned four battle stars

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Howard Grotke retired from the Ferro Corp. after 40 yrs. of service / Howard G. Grotke passed away on 11 January 2005 at the age of 86 years old and is interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, Orchard Park, New York

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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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 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 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 Distinguished Unit Citation was established on February 26th 1942, making it possible for the Secretary of War to issue citations in the name of the President of the United States to units of US Armed Forces and their Allies for heroism in action against an armed enemy from December 7th 1941 onwards / The unit must display such gallantry, determination, and esprit de corps in accomplishing its mission under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions as to set it apart and above other units participating in the same campaign

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** GROTKE

NORMAN

H.

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN METAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Norman H. Grotke honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Norman Grotke was a self employed builder for over 50 years / Norman H. Grotke passed away on 16 October 2009 at the age of 90 years old and is interred at Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military awarded to any member of the United States Military who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945 / The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal awarded Bronze service stars to all services for participation in designated campaigns and a bronze arrowhead device was awarded for participation in designated Army amphibious and airborne combat assaults



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** GUGGISBURG

A.

E.

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* (UNKNOWN)

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

A. E. Guggisburg honorably served in the United States Military

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **GUGGISBURG**

**J.**

**N.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* (UNKNOWN)

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

J. N. Guggisburg honorably served in the United States Military

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **GUINARD**

**LEONARD S.**

**Address:** 24 HARLEM ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

STATION HOSPITAL

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Leonard S. Guinard honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Barkeley, Texas - Camp Barkeley was a large United States Army training installation located eleven miles southwest of Abilene, Texas / The base was named after David B. Barkley, a Medal of Honor recipient during World War I (a clerical error is believed to have caused the spelling discrepancy) / At its peak, in March 1945, the POW camp housed 840 German prisoners / Camp Barkeley was officially closed in September 1945 and dismantled

**Miscellaneous:**

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



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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **GUNDLACH**

**ARTHUR**

**E.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* (UNKNOWN)

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Arthur Edwin Gundlach honorably served in the United States Military

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

Arthur Edwin Gundlach passed away on 19 December 2013 at the age of 88 years old and is interred at White Chapel Memorial Park, Amherst, New York