



Honoring Our Vietnam War and Vietnam Era Veterans



February 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **GARCIA**
JOSEPH

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address: ROSE AVE

- Vietnam Era
- Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SP-5

Year Entered: 1968

Year Discharged: 1971

Unit / Squadron:

241ST TRANSPORTATION COMPANY
110TH TRANS COMPANY USARPAC (U.S. ARMY PACIFIC)

Medals / Citations:

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL
MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL
NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** VIETNAM

Service Notes:

SP-5 Joseph Garcia was stationed in Hawaii and volunteered for duty in Vietnam. While stationed in Vietnam, Garcia provided perimeter and checkpoint security for his compound while stationed in Long Mai, Vietnam

Base Assignments:

Ft. Dix, New Jersey - Fort Dix was established on 16 July 1917 as Camp Dix, named in honor of Major General John Adams Dix, a veteran of the War of 1812 and the American Civil War, and a former United States Senator, Secretary of the Treasury and Governor of New York / Ft. Dix was used for the mobilization, training and demobilization of soldiers from World War I through April 2015 / On 1 October 2009, Fort Dix was consolidated with an adjoining U.S. Air Force and Navy facility to become part of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JB MDL)

Fort Lee - Opened in 1918, Fort Lee in Prince George County, Virginia was named for Confederate General Robert E. Lee / Fort Lee was the headquarters for the U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command (CASCOM)/ Sustainment Center of Excellence (SCoE), the U.S. Army Quartermaster School, the U.S. Army Ordnance School, The U.S. Army Transportation School, the Army Logistics University (ALU), Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA), and the U.S. Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA)

Schofield Barracks, Hawaii - Located in the County of Honolulu and named after Lieutenant General John McAllister Schofield, Commanding General United States Army August 1888 to September 1895 / Schofield had been sent to Hawaii in 1872 and had recommended the establishment of a naval base at Pearl Harbor / The post was established in 1908 to provide mobile defense of Pearl Harbor and the entire island



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Wheeler Air Force Base, Hawaii - Named Wheeler Field on 11 November 1922 in honor of Major Sheldon H. Wheeler, former commander of Luke Field on Ford Island, killed in the crash of DH-4B, on 13 July 1921 / Wheeler Army Airfield was a primary target and site of the first attack on 7 December 1941, leading up to the attack on Pearl Harbor / The Japanese attacked the airfield to prevent the numerous planes there from getting airborne and engaging them / Most of the planes were destroyed, but 12 pilots assigned to the 15th Pursuit Group at Wheeler succeeded in getting their P-36 Hawk and P-40 Warhawk aircraft off the ground, engaged the Japanese in furious dogfights, and scored some of the first American victories of World War II With the establishment of the U.S. Air Force as a separate service in 1947, Wheeler Army Air Base was re-designated Wheeler Air Force Base / In August 1987, the Secretary of the Interior designated Wheeler AFB as a National Historic Landmark, recognizing it as a site of national significance in the history of the United States and, in particular, World War II in the Pacific

Long Mai, Vietnam - U.S. Army base was located in Minh Long District, Quang Ngai

Miscellaneous:

Joseph Garcia attended West Seneca Senior High School and worked as a Bell Hop at the Hotel Lafayette in Buffalo / Upon graduation from high school in 1968, Garcia enlisted in the U.S. Army and was sent to Fort Dix for basic training / After his honorable discharge, Joseph Garcia became a Special Investigator for Erie County under President Richard Nixon's American Presidency Project / Later Garcia worked for the Ford Motor Company, Hanna Furnace Corporation for eight years, Lasalle Ambulance and Rural Metro / Joseph Garcia is retired and still resides in West Seneca

The 241st Transportation Company was constituted 26 December 1942 as Company D, 494th Port Battalion, Transportation Corps, later reorganized and redesignated 30 June 1943 as the 241st Port Company / On 15 November 1954 the company was again reorganized and redesignated as the 241st Transportation Company / The 241st received the Army Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army) for Vietnam 1966-1967, 1968, 1968-1970 and 1970-1971

The 110th Transportation Company was constituted 10 November 1942 as Company L, 3d Battalion, 466th Quartermaster Truck Regiment / Reorganized and redesignated 23 March 1955 as the 110th Transportation Company and allotted to the Regular Army / the company received the Army Meritorious Unit Commendation , Streamer embroidered Vietnam 1965, 1966-1967, 1968, 1968-1970, 1970-1971, 1971-1972 and the Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered Vietnam, 1971 / The 110th was Inactivated 15 September 1999 in Panama but reactivated 16 October 2008 at Fort Drum, New York