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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: ACKER

Killed in Action **Hometown:** WEST SENECA

JAMES W.

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-3

Year Entered: 1954

Year Discharged: 1957

Unit / Squadron:

63RD ORDNANCE COMPANY, US ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Specialist 3rd Class James W. Acker honorably served in the United States Army / SP3 James Acker was deployed to Korea and served 17 months of foreign service in Germany

SP3 James Acker was Honorably Discharged from the US Army on 1 June 1957

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

James Acker was a longtime member of West Seneca Seniors / James W. Acker passed away on 14 January 2020 at the age of 84 years old and is interred at St. Matthew's Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

The U.S. Army Ordnance Corps mission was to support the development, production, acquisition, and sustainment of weapon systems, ammunition, missiles, electronics, and ground mobility material during World War II to provide combat power to the U.S. Army

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Name: **AHRENS, SR.**

Killed in Action **Hometown:** HAMBURG

CURTIS J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1953

Unit / Squadron:

919TH AVIATION MAINTENANCE COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/2 BRONZE SERVICE STARS

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL (KOREA)

REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

COLD WAR SERVICE MEDAL

ARMY HONORABLE SERVICE COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Curtis J. Ahrens, Sr. honorably served in the United States Army / Curtis Ahrens was assigned to the 919th Aviation Maintenance Company as a Wheeled Vehicle Repairmen during his 12 month assignment in Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army, Curtis Ahrens went to work at the Ford Stamping Plant in Woodlawn, retiring after 34 years of service / Curtis J. Ahrens, Sr. passed away on 15 February 2023 at the age of 92 years old

The Korean Service Medal (KSM) is a military award for service in the United States Armed Forces and was established November 8, 1950 by executive order of President Harry Truman / The Korean Service Medal is the primary US military award for service or participation in operations in the Korean area between June 27, 1950 and July 27, 1954 / Bronze service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns

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The Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation was awarded to units of the United Nations Command for service in Korea during the Korean Conflict from 1950 to 1954 / In recognition of allied military service to South Korea during the Korean War, all United States military departments were authorized the unit award for that period

The Cold War Service Medal Act authorizes a service medal for those in the military between September 1945 and December 1991 who served on active duty for 24 consecutive months during the Cold War; were deployed outside of the continental U.S. for a period of at least 30 days during the Cold War; or were a member of a reserve unit called to active duty to participate in exercises or operations directly related to the Cold War

The United States Army Commemorative Ribbon is intended to recognize those who have carried out honorable service in the U.S. Army / The medal features the Army Coat of Arms surrounded by green enamel and an inscription reading "UNITED STATES ARMY"

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Name: **ALESSI**

Killed in Action **Hometown:** BUFFALO

THOMAS J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPT

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Captain Thomas J. Alessi honorably served in the United States Army and was stationed in South Carolina

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Thomas Alessi graduated from Grover Cleveland High School, later attending the University of Buffalo, graduating from the University of Buffalo School of Dentistry as a Doctor of Dental Surgery / Dr. Alessi practiced Dentistry for over 40 years / Dr. Thomas J. Alessi passed away on 5 September 2024 at the age of 93 years old



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Name: ALLEN

Killed in Action **Hometown:** GRAND ISLAND

JOHN

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered: 1948

Year Discharged: 1952

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

John Allen honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

John Allen was born in Fulton, New York / After receiving his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army, John Allen attended The University of Buffalo earning a Masters Degree in Industrial Arts / Allen became a Professor at Buffalo State College, retiring after 32 years / John Allen passed away on 6 October 2021 at the age of 90 years old and is interred at Mount Adnah Cemetery I, Fulton, New York



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Name: ALLEN

Killed in Action **Hometown:** KENMORE

JOSEPH

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Joseph Allen honorably served in the United States Air National Guard

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Joseph Allen was a graduate of Kenmore High School and Buffalo State College / Allen Youth served as Director and later became the Executive Director of the Delaware YMCA / Joseph Allen served as the Executive Director of the Town of Tonawanda Youth Bureau / After retirement, Allen moved to Ocala, Florida / Joseph Allen passed away on 30 march 2026 at the age of 91 years old

The Air National Guard (ANG) is a federal military reserve force of the United States Air Force, as well as the air militia of each U.S. state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the territories of Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands / Its federal mission is to maintain well-trained, well-equipped units available for prompt mobilization during war and provide assistance during national emergencies / In the Air National Guard, you can serve your country and community, with career and leadership opportunities, healthcare and education benefits, and the freedom to choose how you serve



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Name: **AMIGONE, SR.**

Killed in Action **Hometown:** BUFFALO

ANTHONY P.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered: 1953

Year Discharged: 1955

Unit / Squadron:

ARMY GRAVES REGISTRATION UNIT

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN WAR SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Anthony P. Amigone, Sr. honorably served in the United States Army / Anthony Amigone was deployed to Korea and was assigned to the Army Graves Registration Unit which was responsible for the repatriation of the Korean War fallen soldiers / In 1955, Anthony Amigone's role in Japan was to modernize embalming and funeral services in the city of Hong Kong

While in Japan, he was employed by the Mitsubishi Chemical Company serving as a Public Relations Representative and taught colloquial English to their managers / While with Mitsubishi, he had the privilege of being received by the Emperor of Japan / In 1955, Amigone played an important role in bringing American ideas and knowledge of modern-day embalming and funeral service to the city of Hong Kong where he was associated with Paul Chang, the President of the International Funeral Parlors of Hong Kong and Singapore

Anthony Amigone was a graduate of Army Leadership School at Fort Lee, Virginia

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Anthony Amigone received his education from the University of Buffalo (Business), the Simmons Institute in Syracuse (Mortuary Science), Kensington High School, Canisius High School, and St. Lawrence Grammar School / In the 1950s, Anthony Amigone designed and built the first modern funeral home in Buffalo, New York / Amigone was the Chairman of the family-owned Amigone Funeral Home, Inc. / Amigone was a licensed Funeral Director in New York State since 1953 and Pennsylvania since 1976 / Anthony Amigone served as President of the New York State Funeral Directors Association / Anthony P. Amigone, Sr. passed away in Florida on 7 September 2024 at the age of 92 years old



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Mr. Amigone is past-President of the Associations and Organizations listed below, along with his membership in local clubs and Associations:

Professional Associations:

1. President of the National Association of Approved Morticians – 1968 to 1971
2. President of the Erie Niagara Funeral Directors Association – 1971 to 1972
3. President of the New York State Funeral Directors Association – 1978 to 1980
4. District Governor of the National Funeral Directors Associations – 1978 to 1980
5. He was also a member of the International Order of the Golden Rule.

Local Organizations:

1. Former President of the St. Lawrence Church and St. Gerard Church Holy Name Societies
2. Former Member of the City of Buffalo Urban Renewal Board
3. Former Member of the Clarence Rotary and the Buffalo Rotary and is a Paul Harris Fellow
4. Former President of the Greater Buffalo Advertising Club
5. Member of the Knights of Columbus – 4th Degree
6. Member of the following Chambers of Commerce: Buffalo, Clarence, Kenmore, Tonawanda, Cheektowaga, Amherst
7. Former member of the Operating Board of Directors for Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, Park Country Club and The Buffalo Launch Club
8. Former member of the Board of Directors of Chase Manhattan Bank
9. Member of the Buffalo Club, Cherry Hill Club and the Buffalo Canoe Club

The Army Graves Registration Unit is responsible for the identification and burial of all Army, Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard personnel who lost their lives as the result of service outside the continental limits of the United States

The Korean War Service Medal, also known as the Republic of Korea War Service Medal, is a military award of South Korea which was first authorized in December 1950 / The Korean War Service Medal was first authorized to South Korean troops who had participated in the initial counter-assaults against North Korean aggression in June 1950 / On 15 September 1951, President Syngman Rhee referred to and authorized the commander-in-chief of the United Nations Command to confer the award of the "Korean War Medal" and "Korean War Ribbon" ("Korean War Service Medal"), "to the brave and valiant members of the United Nations Command who have been, and are now, combating the communist aggressor in Korea" / Bronze service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns

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Name: **AMITRANO SR**

Killed in Action **Hometown:** BUFFALO

LOUIS A.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1948

Year Discharged: 1952

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Petty Officer 3rd Class Louis A. Amitrano, Sr. honorably served in the United States Navy / PO3 Louis Amitrano was assigned as an Electronics Technician (ETN) while stationed with the 15th Naval District, Balboa, Panama, Canal Zone

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Louis Amitrano received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Navy on 26 August 1952 / After his tour of duty, Amitrano was employed by Bethlehem Steel Corp. for 32 years before his retirement / Louis A. Amitrano, Sr. passed away on 6 March 2019

An Electronics Technician, Navigation (ETV) is a Navy enlisted Sailor who operates and maintains electronic equipment used for detection, tracking, recognition, and identification of maritime vessels and navigational aids aboard naval submarine vessels / They repair and maintain naval electronics equipment including navigation, radar, and communications equipment

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Name: **ANDERSON**

Killed in Action **Hometown:** WEST SENECA

RUSSELL J

Address: 122 BULLIS ROAD

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Year Entered: 1953

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS, 8TH ARMY, G3 SECTION

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

COMMENDATION RIBBON W/MEDAL PENDANT

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant Russell J. Anderson honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Russell Anderson was deployed to Korea and assisted in the reorganization of the Republic of Korea (ROK) Army

Base Assignments:

Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky - Built in 1942, the camp was named for John C. Breckinridge, U.S. Vice President, 1856-60; Confederate Secretary of War, 1865 / The camp was created as infantry training center for up to 40,000 men / During World War II, the camp was used as a prisoner of war camp / During the Korean War, Camp Breckinridge was the headquarters of the 506th Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division and was used for the conduct of basic training of newly inducted U.S. Army recruits

Miscellaneous:

Russell Anderson graduated from West Seneca Central High School and graduated from Bryant & Stratton College / Prior to joining the Army in 1953, Anderson worked for the Erie Railroad / After his honorable discharge in 1954, Russell Anderson joined the West Seneca Police Department, retiring after 34 years of service / Russell Anderson was a member of the East Seneca Fire Department / Russell J. Anderson passed away on 14 June 2024

G3 military operations is a concept and application of military science that involves planning the operations for the projected maneuvering forces' provisions, services, training, and administrative functions

The Eighth Army was officially activated at Memphis, Tennessee, on June 10, 1944 and deployed to the Southwest Pacific / The Eighth Army methodically eliminated the last fanatical enemy resistance remaining on New Guinea and New Britain / From 26 December 1944 until 15 August 1945, Eighth Army was actively engaged in the reconquest of the Philippines, the largest joint campaign of the War in the Pacific / Eighth Army has transformed multiple times since its establishment /



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During World War II, it fought in the Pacific Theater of Operations as a field army / In the immediate post-World War II era, Eighth Army served in Japan as an Army of Occupation / At the outbreak of the Korean War, the Eighth Army was sent into Inchon, Korea / The Eighth Army was decisively defeated at the Battle of the Chongchon River and forced to retreat all the way back to South Korea / The defeat of the U.S. Eighth Army resulted in the longest retreat of any U.S. military unit in history / The overstretched Eighth Army suffered heavily with the Chinese offensive, who were able to benefit from shorter lines of communication and with rather casually deployed enemy forces / The Chinese broke through the U.S. defenses despite U.S. air supremacy and the Eighth Army and U.N. forces retreated hastily to avoid encirclement. / A reformed Eighth Army returned to combat effectiveness over several months / Eighth Army slowed and ultimately halted the Chinese advance at the battles of Chipyeong-ni and Wonju / It then counter-attacked the Chinese, retook Seoul, and drove to the 38th parallel, where the front stabilized / During the aftermath of the Korean War, the Eighth Army remained in South Korea / During the Korea War, the Eighth Army served as both a field army and theater army and throughout the preponderance of the Cold War, it remained primarily a theater army / On November 20, 1954, it was merged with US Army Forces Far East (AFFE) as the major Army command in the region / The Eighth Army is a U.S. field army which commands all United States Army forces in South Korea. It is headquartered at the Camp Humphreys in the Anjeong-ri of Pyeongtaek, South Korea

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The Army Commendation Medal, created in 1945, is a mid-level United States military decoration presented for sustained acts of heroism or meritorious service / A "V" device distinguishes an award for heroism or valor in combat instead of for meritorious service or achievement



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Name: **ANDRZEJEWSKI**

Killed in Action **Hometown:** WILLIAMSVILLE

CASIMER J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank: SSGT

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1956

Unit / Squadron:

479TH SUPPLY SQUADRON, 479TH MAINTENANCE & SUPPLY GROUP, TACTICAL AIR COMMAND

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Casimer J. "Casey" Andrzejewski honorably served in the United States Air Force / SSGT Casimer Andrzejewski was assigned to the 479th Supply Squadron, 479th Maintenance & Supply Group, Tactical Air Command

Casimer Andrzejewski was Honorably Discharged from the United States Air Force on 28 February 1956

Base Assignments:

George Air Force Base, Victorville, California - George Air Force Base was a United States Air Force base located within the city limits, 8 miles northwest, of central Victorville, California, about 75 miles northeast of Los Angeles, California / Established by the United States Army Air Corps as an Advanced Flying School in June 1941, it was closed at the end of World War II / It was again activated as a training base by the United States Air Force with the outbreak of the Korean War in November 1950 / It remained a training base throughout the Cold War and in the immediate post-Cold War period, primarily for the Tactical Air Command (TAC) and later the Air Combat Command (ACC), training USAF, NATO and other Allied pilots and weapon systems officers in front-line fighter aircraft until being closed in 1993

Miscellaneous:

Casimer J. "Casey" Andrzejewski passed away at the age of 89 on 7 October 7, 2021

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Name: ANGELO

JOSEPH

Killed in Action **Hometown:** CLARENCE

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Joseph Angelo honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Joseph Angelo passed away on 27 December 2023 at the age of 92 years old



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Name: ANIBALDI

Killed in Action **Hometown:** WEST SENECA

JOHN

V.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

1014TH REGIMENT, COMPANY "G", 8TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL - GERMANY

NATIONAL DEFENSE RIBBON

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

Service Notes:

Private First-Class John V. Anibaldi honorably served in the United States Army / PFC John Anibaldi was deployed to Berlin, Germany as part of the United States Occupation Force following the collapse of Germany, ending World War II

Base Assignments:

Fort Dix, New Jersey - Fort Dix, located approximately 16.1 miles south-southeast of Trenton, New Jersey, was established in 1917 and was 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 / The fort served as a training and staging ground during the World War I and World War II and a demobilization center after World War II / On July 15, 1947, Fort Dix became a basic training center and the home of the 9th Infantry Division / In 1954, the 9th moved out and the 69th Infantry Division made the fort home until it was deactivated on March 16, 1956 / Since Vietnam, Fort Dix has sent soldiers to Operation Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Bosnia, Afghanistan, and Iraq / Fort Dix was an early casualty of the first Base Realignment and Closure process in the early 1990s, losing the basic-training mission that had introduced new recruits to military life since 1917 / Fort Dix became a major mobilization point for reserve and National Guard troops since the September 11 attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C.

Miscellaneous:

Prior to joining the Army, John Anibaldi worked as an auto mechanic / After his honorable discharge in 1954, Anibaldi was employed at the Bethlehem Steel Plant in Lackawanna / While working at the steel plant, Anibaldi attended Erie Community College, earning his Engineering Degree / Anibaldi left Bethlehem and joined DuPont Textiles Chemicals in Niagara Falls, then went to work for the New York Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) / John Anibaldi remained at the NYSDOT for 24 years until his retirement in 1992

Upon the defeat of Nazi Germany in World War II, the victorious Allies asserted their joint authority and sovereignty over



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'Germany as a whole', defined as all territories of the former German Reich which lay west of the Oder–Neisse line, having declared the extinction of Nazi Germany at the death of Adolf Hitler / The four powers divided 'Germany as a whole' into four occupation zones for administrative purposes, under the United States, United Kingdom, France and the Soviet Union respectively; creating what became collectively known as Allied-occupied Germany / The four zones were as agreed in February 1945 by the United States, United Kingdom and Soviet Union meeting at the Yalta Conference / While located wholly within the Soviet zone, because of its symbolic importance as the nation's capital and seat of the former Nazi government, the city of Berlin was jointly occupied by the Allied powers and subdivided into four sectors. Berlin was not considered to be part of the Soviet zone / In 1949, the occupying powers in both East and West Germany replaced their military governors with civilian leaders, and the occupations ended officially in the mid-1950s

The Eighth Army is a U.S. field army which commands all United States Army forces in South Korea / It is headquartered at the Camp Humphreys in the Anjeong-ri of Pyeongtaek, South Korea / Eighth Army relocated its headquarters from Yongsan to Camp Humphreys in the summer of 2017 / It is the only field army in the U.S. Army / It is responsible to United States Forces Korea and United States Army, Pacific / The unit first activated on 10 June 1944 in the United States / The Eighth Army took part in many of the amphibious landings in the Southwest Pacific Theater of World War II, eventually participating in no less than sixty of them / The first mission of the Eighth Army, in September 1944, was to take over from the U.S. Sixth Army in New Guinea, New Britain, the Admiralty Islands and on Morotai, in order to free up the Sixth Army to engage in the Philippines Campaign (1944–45) / During the Korean War, the Eighth Army was deployed to the war zone in July 1950 / The Eighth Army was decisively defeated at the Battle of the Chongchon River and forced to retreat all the way back to South Korea / The defeat of the U.S. Eighth Army resulted in the longest retreat of any U.S. military unit in history / The Eighth Army slowed and ultimately halted the Chinese advance at the battles of Chipyeong-ni and Wonju / It then counter-attacked the Chinese, re-took Seoul, and drove to the 38th parallel, where the front stabilized / During the aftermath of the Korean War, the Eighth Army remained in South Korea

The Army of Occupation Medal is a military award of the United States military which was established by the United States War Department on 5 April 1946 / The medal was created in the aftermath of the Second World War to recognize those who had performed occupation service in either Germany, Italy, Austria, Japan or Korea / 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, which features the same ribbon with its own medallion and clasps

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Name: APFEL

Killed in Action **Hometown:** TONAWANDA

RICHARD D.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch:

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Richard D. Apfel honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Richard D. Apfel passed away on 22 May 2025 at the age of 94 years old



Honoring Our Korean War and Korean Era Veterans



June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: ASARESE

Killed in Action **Hometown:** BUFFALO

OTTOVIANO L.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Ottaviano L. Asarese honorably served in the United States Army

Inducted into the Army, Corporal Ottaviano Asarese ran the presses for the Army newspaper, the "Stars and Stripes", in Darmstadt, Germany

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Ottaviano Asarese was born in Robertsdale, Pennsylvania / Asarese was the owner of the Royal Printing Company for over 70 years / Asarese was the founder of the West Side Ponytail Softball League / Ottaviano Asarese was inducted into the Western New York Softball Hall of Fame in 1998, the Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame in 2007 and Buffalo's Italian American Hall of Fame in 2010 / Ottaviano L. "Tovie" Asarese passed away on 29 August 2024 at the age of 96 years old and is interred at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York



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June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: ASCHIERI

Killed in Action **Hometown:** DEPEW

JOSEPH

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Joseph Aschieri honorably served in the United States Marine Corps and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Joseph Aschieri retired after 30 years from the General Motors Plant, Buffalo Division / Aschieri was a member of the St. Martha Holy Name Society / Joseph Aschieri passed away on 16 January 2026 at the age of 94 years old