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**Name:** **GAGNON**  
**PERCY**

**Hometown:** TONAWANDA

**Address:**

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Percy "Bud" Gagnon honorably served in the United States Army / PFC Percy Gagnon was deployed to Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Percy Gagnon was a Draftsman for WSF Industries in Tonawanda, New York before his retirement / Gagnon was a life member of the AMVETS Post #26 and American Legion Sikora Post #1322 / Gagnon was recognized on the Wall of Honor at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park / Percy "Bud" Gagnon passed away on 29 June 2023 at the age of 90 years old and is interred at the Western New York National Cemetery, Corfu, New York



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**Name:** **GAMBINO**

**Hometown:** HAMBURG

**JOSEPH**

**A.**

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Year Entered:** 1951

**Year Discharged:** 1955

**Unit / Squadron:**

1965TH HEADQUARTERS & SERVICE COMPANY, 802ND ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL-KOREA

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Joseph A. Gambino honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Joseph Gambino served over 4 years in the Army, including 16 months of duty in Korea with the 1965th Headquarters & Service Company, 802nd Engineer Aviation Battalion

Corporal Gambino was a talented trumpet player and played in several Military bands

CPL Joseph Gambino was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army on 5 May 1955

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Joseph Gambino earned a College Bachelor of Science Degree and a Master Degree in Business / Gambino was the regional manager for Lincoln-Mercury / Joseph Gambino was the owner of Fairway RV and Fairway Dodge / Joseph A. Gambino passed away on 18 December 2018 at the age of 87 years old and is interred at Lakeside Cemetery, Hamburg, New York

In 1939 Gen. Hap Arnold negotiated with the U.S. Army Chief of Engineers for a special engineer unit to work with the Air Corps / The original concept envisioned a small group of skilled construction and engineer troops, closely trained alongside air units, with the ability to repair bomb damaged airfields, to camouflage airfields and if necessary, to defend airfields / These troops would also be capable of constructing light duty airfields in forward locations / As the possibility of American involvement in a global war grew, the planners agreed to give the air forces enough men and equipment to construct their own heavy duty bases in forward areas / Without knowing exactly what would be needed to build air



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bases in deserts, in jungles and on coral islands, the planners devised the Engineering Aviation Battalion, a self-contained unit that became the core of aviation engineering efforts

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



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**Name:** **GANT**

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

**RAYMOND**

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Year Entered:** 1950

**Year Discharged:** 1952

**Unit / Squadron:**

US ARMY TRANSPORTATION CORPS

68TH TRANSPORTATION HEAVY TRUCK COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL (GERMANY)

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Raymond Gant honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Raymond Gant was deployed for 17 months in Germany, assigned to the 68th Transportation Heavy Truck Company

Raymond Gant was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army on 23 September 1952

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Raymond Gant was a Past Commander of the Jesse Clipper American Legion Post #430 in Buffalo / Raymond Gant passed away on 20 March 2023 and is interred at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Veterans Field of Valor, Buffalo, New York

The US Army Transportation Corps is a combat service support branch of the U.S. Army / It is responsible for the movement of personnel and material by truck, rail, air, and sea / It is one of three U.S. Army logistics branches, the others being the Quartermaster Corps and the Ordnance Corps / The Corps was established in its current form on 31 July 1942, with predecessor services dating back to the American Civil War / Currently headquartered at Fort Lee, Virginia / The Corps's motto is "Nothing Happens Until Something Moves"

The 68th Transportation Heavy Truck Company was constituted 1 May 1936 in the Regular Army as Company C, 1st Battalion, 46th Quartermaster Regiment / Reorganized and redesignated 2 December 1949 as the 68th Transportation Heavy Truck Company / The 68th participated in the World War II battles of Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia and Rome-Arno

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



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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:** GARLAND

**Hometown:** HAMBURG

PAUL

R.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Year Entered:** 1951

**Year Discharged:** 1953

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY H, 5TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

**Medals / Citations:**

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Paul R. Garland honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Paul Garland was classified as a Heavy Weapons Trainer while stationed in New Jersey / CPL Garland was deployed to Korea for 11 months and reclassified as a Company Clerk / While delivering a message to the front lines, CPL Garland sensed imminent enemy danger from a mortar borage and jumped out of his jeep / Running faster than his moving jeep, CPL Garland threw his body over a North Korean women and her two children to protect them

Corporal Paul Garland was Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Army on 19 January 1953

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Born in Buffalo, Paul Garland graduated from West Seneca Senior High School / Garland attended Chown Business School in Buffalo, and worked at the Ford Company, Buffalo before being drafted in the U.S. Army / Paul R. Garland passed away at the age of 94 years old on 13 January 2024 at the New York State Veterans Home, Batavia, New York

The 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized) - nicknamed the "Red Diamond", or the "Red Devils", was an infantry division of the United States Army that served in World War I, World War II and the Vietnam War, and with NATO and the U.S. Army III Corps / The 5th Division was organized in December 1917 from Regular Army troops as a part of the program for the expansion of the armed forces for service in World War I / In 1968 the division was stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado, as a mechanized formation / 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division was dispatched to South Vietnam after the Tet Offensive to replace a U.S. Marine Corps unit / The brigade, consisting of one battalion each of infantry, mechanized infantry and armor, served there from July 1968 until 1971 defending the Vietnamese Demilitarized Zone in northern Quảng Trị



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Province / It was inactivated on 24 November 1992 and reflagged as the 2nd Armored Division

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The Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB) is a United States Army military award / The badge is awarded to infantrymen and Special Forces soldiers in the rank of colonel and below, who fought in active ground combat while assigned as members of either an Infantry, Ranger or Special Forces unit, of brigade size or smaller, any time after 6 December 1941

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**Name:** GASIEWICZ

**Hometown:** CHEEKTOWAGA

EUGENE

V.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Eugene V. Gasiewicz honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Eugene Gasiewicz was deployed to Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Eugene Gasiewicz was a retired General Supervisor of the U.S. Postal Service / Eugene V. Gasiewicz passed away on 12 January 2021 at the age of 91 years old



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**Name:** GATES, SR.

**Hometown:** HAMBURG

RAYMOND J.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Raymond J. Gates, Sr. honorably served in the United States Navy / Raymond Gates served during World War II and the Korean War

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Raymond Gates retired from the United States Postal Service / Raymond J. Gates, Sr. passed away on 6 November 2017 at the age of 90 years old and is interred at SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Hamburg, New York



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**Name:** **GEHL**

**Hometown:** DERBY

**RONALD C.**

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SP2

**Year Entered:** 1953

**Year Discharged:** 1955

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 4TH ARMORED DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Specialist Second-Class Ronald C. Gehl honorably served in the United States Army / SP2 Ronald Gehl was assigned as an Aircraft Mechanic assigned to Headquarters Company, 4th Armored Division

SP2 Ronald Gehl was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army on 6 December 1955

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Ronald C. "Uncle Buz" Gehl passed away on 25 September 2017 at the age of 84 years old and is interred at Saint Vincent de Paul Cemetery, North Evans, New York

The 4th Armored Division was an armored division of the United States Army that earned distinction while spearheading General Patton's Third Army in the European Theater of World War II / The 4th Armored Division was activated on 15 April 1941 with 3,800 men / The 4th fought across France and participated in the Battle of the Bulge / After World War II, the 4th Armored Division remained in Germany until final inactivation in May 1971, when it was redesignated the 1st Armored Division

In United States Army units, a Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC) is a company-sized military unit, found at the battalion level and higher / Considered one unit, a Headquarters and Headquarters Company is essentially two elements within one company / In identifying a specific headquarters unit, it is usually referred to by its abbreviation as an HHC / While a regular line company is formed of three or four platoons, an HHC is made up of the headquarters staff and headquarters support personnel of a battalion, brigade, division, or higher level unit / The Headquarters and Headquarters Company provides command, staff, administrative, supply and maintenance, communication, engineer, and medical support for the battle group



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**Name:** **GEITTER**

**Hometown:** ORCHARD PARK

**RICHARD**

**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:**

**Service Notes:**

Richard F. Geitter honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Richard Geitter was a charter and lifetime member of the Hillcrest Volunteer Fire Company / Geitter was retired from the Orchard Park Highway Department / Richard F. Geitter passed away on 1 July 2024 at the age of 91 years old



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**Name:** GENIER

**Hometown:** TONAWANDA

GLENN

R.

**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:**

**Service Notes:**

Glenn R. Genier honorably served in the United States Marine Corps

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Glenn R. Genier passed away on 17 February 2026 at the age of 94 years old and is interred at the Western New York National Cemetery, Corfu, New York



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**Name:** **GENNARO**

**Hometown:** CLARENCE

**ANTHONY J.**

**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:**

**Service Notes:**

Anthony J. Gennaro honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Anthony Gennaro was a Mechanical Engineer and worked for over thirty years with General Motors until his retirement / Gennaro was a member of the Knights of Columbus (John Cardinal O'Hara Council) / Anthony J. Gennaro passed away on 17 February 2023 at the age of 89 years old



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**Name:** GENTILE

**Hometown:** LACKAWANNA

PATSEY

A.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

1ST INFANTRY DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Patsey A. Gentile honorably served in the United States Army / Patsey Gentile was assigned as a Mechanic

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Patsey Gentile retired from the Ford Stamping Plant after 35 years of employment Gentile was a member of UAW Local #897 / Patsey Gentile was a member of the Lake Erie Italian Club, a lifetime member of the Matthew Glab American Legion Post #1477, Colonel Weber VFW #898, and AMVETS Post NY #8113 / Patsey A. Gentile passed away on 22 March 2026 at the age of 96 years old and is interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, New York

The 1st Infantry Division (1ID) is a combined arms division of the United States Army, and is the oldest continuously serving division in the Regular Army / It has seen continuous service since its organization in 1917 during World War and was officially nicknamed "The Big Red One" (abbreviated "BRO) after its shoulder patch and is also nicknamed "The Fighting First" / A few weeks after the American entry into World War I, the First Expeditionary Division, later designated the 1st Infantry Division, was constituted on 24 May 1917, in the Regular Army, and was organized on 8 June 1917, at Fort Jay, on Governors Island in New York / The 1st Infantry Division fought in World War I and World War II / During the Korean War, the Big Red One was assigned to occupation duty in Germany, while acting as a strategic deterrent against Soviet designs on Europe / 1st Infantry Division troops secured the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials and later transported seven convicted Nazi war criminals to Spandau Prison in Berlin / The division fought in the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1970 / Arriving in July 1965, the division began combat operations within two weeks / By the end of 1965, the division had participated in three major operations: Hump, Bushmaster 1 and Bushmaster II / The division was involved in the Tet Offensive of 1968, securing the massive Tan Son Nhut Air Base / In the first half of 1969, the division conducted reconnaissance-in-force and ambush operations, including a multi-divisional Operation Atlas Wedge / The last part of the year saw the division take part in Dong Tien ("Progress Together") operations / These operations were intended to assist South Vietnamese forces to take a more active role in combat / The division officially departed South Vietnam on 7 April



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1970 / During its involvement in the Vietnam War, the division lost 6,146 killed in action, with a further 16,019 wounded / Twenty of its number were taken as Prisoners of War / 11 members of the division were awarded the Medal of Honor



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**Name:** **GENTRY**

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

**BILL**

**E.**

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** AIR FORCE

**Rank:** PFC

**Year Entered:** 1950

**Year Discharged:** 1953

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

BRONZE SERVICE STAR

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Bill Earl Gentry honorably served in the United States Air Force / PFC Bill Gentry was deployed to Korea and assigned as a Telephone and Telegraph Equipment Repairman

**Base Assignments:**

Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming - shortened as F.E. Warren AFB is a United States Air Force base (AFB) located approximately 3 miles west of Cheyenne, Wyoming / It is one of three strategic-missile bases in the U.S. / It was named in honor of Francis E. Warren in 1930 / Warren AFB is home of the 90th Missile Wing (90 MW), assigned to the Twentieth Air Force, Air Force Global Strike Command / The 90 MW operates the LGM-30G Minuteman III ICBM. It is also the home of Twentieth Air Force, which commands all U.S. Air Force ICBMs / Warren AFB is the oldest continuously active military installation within the Air Force, established in 1867 by the United States Army as Fort David Allen Russell / The facility came under the control of the United States Army Air Forces on 1 June 1947, and then of the United States Air Force (USAF) on 18 September 1947 / The 389th Air Base Group was established on 1 February 1958 to take control of the former ATC facilities as part of the transfer to Strategic Air Command (SAC) / The provisional 4320th Strategic Missile Wing was established that date with responsibility for 24 Atlas missile sites under SAC / Although not the first designated missile wing, Warren became the first fully operational ICBM base in the Air Force

**Miscellaneous:**

Bill Gentry was a member of Harvey D. Morin, VFW Post #2940 and a member of the Color Guard / Gentry was an active member of the St. David's Episcopal Church in West Seneca / Bill Earl Gentry passed away on February 4, 2020 at the age of 89

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The Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation is a military unit award of the government of South Korea that may be presented to South Korean military units, and foreign military units for outstanding performance in defense of the Republic of Korea / It is awarded for exceptional meritorious service to South Korea / The citation may be presented to units that participated in the defense of South Korea as part of the U.N. forces during the Korean War

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**Name:** GENTZ

**Hometown:** GRAND ISLAND

BRUCE

H.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** BT2

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS MIDWAY (CVB/CVA/CV-41)

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Boilerman Petty Officer 2nd Class Bruce H. Gentz honorably served in the United States Navy / BT2 Bruce Gentz served aboard the aircraft carrier, USS Midway

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Bruce Gentz worked for many years in auto repair and owned Grand Island Automotive, Inc. / Gentz was a member of the Twin Cities Camera Club and past President of the Rotary Club of Grand Island / Bruce H. Gentz passed away on 23 May 2021 at the age of 89 years old and is interred at White Chapel Memorial Park, Amherst, New York

A Navy Boilerman 2nd Class is responsible for performing tests on boiler water, fuel, and lubricating oils, as well as operating and performing preventive maintenance on boilers and boiler auxiliary equipment / Boilerman also operate distilling plants, test and calibrate gauges, and exercise environmental control procedures / Additionally, they may repair and test Fireroom (boilerroom) equipment, renew parts, repair boiler plates and brick-work of boilers, and check seams, rivets, welds, and fits pipes

USS Midway (CVB/CVA/CV-41) is an aircraft carrier, formerly of the United States Navy, the lead ship of her class / Commissioned on 10 September 1945, eight days after the end of World War II, Midway was the largest aircraft carrier in the world until 1955, as well as the first U.S. aircraft carrier too big to transit the Panama Canal / In 1952, the ship participated in Operation Mainbrace, North Sea maneuvers with NATO forces / The Midway sailed for the Far East 6 March 1965, and from mid-April flew strikes against military and logistics installations in North and South Vietnam, including the first combat use of AGM-12 Bullpup air-to-surface missiles / She operated for 47 years, during which time she saw action in the Vietnam War and served as the Persian Gulf flagship in 1991's Operation Desert Storm / Decommissioned on 11 April 1992, the Midway was stricken from the Naval Vessel Register on 17 March 1997 and she is now a museum ship at the USS Midway Museum, in San Diego, California



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**Name:** GERLACH

**Hometown:** LAKE VIEW

GRANT

A.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** E-5

**Year Entered:** 1951

**Year Discharged:** 1953

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY B, 420TH ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL-KOREA

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION

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

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Grant A. Gerlach honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Grant Gerlach was deployed to Korea for 18 months with Company B, 420th Engineer Construction Battalion

SGT Grant Gerlach was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army on 4 August 1953

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Grant Gerlach helped build Gerlach's Soda Bar (Wanakah Drugstore) / Grant A. Gerlach passed away on 26 April 2018 at the age of 88 years old and is interred at Lakeside Cemetery, Hamburg, 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

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 Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC) is a mid-level unit award of the United States Armed Forces / It is awarded to units for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services for at least six continuous months during a period of military operations against an armed enemy



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**Name:** GERSTER

**Hometown:** ORCHARD PARK

DONALD

W.

**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:**

**Service Notes:**

Donald W. Gerster honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Donald Gerster was a graduate of Amherst Central School / Donald Gerster was a long time employee of Protective Closures in Buffalo, New York / Donald W. Gerster passed away on 29 January 2025 at the age of 92 years old



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**Name:** **GLAESER**

**Hometown:** ORCHARD PARK

**MICHAEL A.**

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** A.

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Michael A. Glaeser honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Michael Glaeser was a longtime employee of Greif Buffalo, a packaging specialty company / Michael A. Glaeser passed away on 24 December 2024 at the age of 83 years old and is interred at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York



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**Name:** **GLASSMIRE**

**Hometown:** CLARENCE CENTER

**WILLIAM**

**W.**

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:** 1951

**Year Discharged:** 1953

**Unit / Squadron:**

82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION, "H" COMPANY, 504TH INFANTRY

**Medals / Citations:**

PARACHUTIST BADGE

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

William W. Glassmire honorably served in the United States Army / William Glassmire was attached to the 82nd Airborne Division, "H" Company, 504th Infantry as a Mechanic stateside

William Glassmire was Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Army on 29 October 1953

**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 / In May 2022, the Naming Commission officially recommended that Bragg be renamed Fort Liberty / On 10 February 2025, Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth issued a memorandum directing the Army to rename Fort Liberty back to Fort Bragg, but this time in honor of Private First Class Roland L. Bragg, a person other than the original namesake / Bragg was stationed at Fort Bragg during World War II and later fought with distinction in the European theater / He received the Silver Star for gallantry and the Purple Heart for wounds sustained, during the Battle of the Bulge / He was recognized for having saved a fellow soldier's life by commandeering an enemy ambulance

**Miscellaneous:**

William W. Glassmire passed away on 7 June 2024 at the age of 95 years old and is interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, New York

The 82nd Airborne Division is an airborne infantry division of the United States Army specializing in parachute assault operations into hostile areas with a U.S. Department of Defense mandate to be "on-call to fight anytime, anywhere" at



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"the knife's edge of technology and readiness / Primarily based at Fort Liberty, North Carolina, the 82nd Airborne Division is part of the XVIII Airborne Corps / The 82nd Airborne Division is the U.S. Army's most strategically mobile division / The division was organized on 25 August 1917, at Camp Gordon, Georgia and later served with distinction on the Western Front in the final months of World War I / Since its initial members came from all 48 states, the division acquired the nickname All-American, which is the basis for its "AA" on the shoulder patch / The division later served in World War II where, in August 1942, it was reconstituted as the first airborne division of the U.S. Army and fought in numerous campaigns during the war / In April 1965, the "All-Americans" invaded the Dominican Republic / Spearheaded by the 3rd Brigade, the 82nd deployed in Operation Power Pack / During the Vietnamese Tet Offensive, which swept across South Vietnam in January/February 1968, the 3rd Brigade was enroute to Chu Lai within 24 hours of receiving its orders / The 3rd Brigade performed combat duties in the Hue – Phu Bai area of the I Corps sector / Later the brigade moved south to Saigon, and fought in the Mekong Delta, the Iron Triangle and along the Cambodian border, serving nearly 22 months

The 504th Infantry Regiment, originally the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment (504th PIR), is an airborne forces regiment of the United States Army, part of the 82nd Airborne Division, with a long and distinguished history / The regiment was first formed in mid-1942 during World War II as part of the 82nd Airborne Division and saw service in Sicily, Italy, Anzio, the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany / The 504th also participated in the Global War on Terror (Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and Freedom's Sentinel)

The Army's Basic Parachutist Badge is awarded to all military personnel of any service who complete the US Army Basic Airborne Course at Fort Benning, Georgia / It signifies that the soldier is a trained military parachutist, and is qualified to participate in airborne operations

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



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**Name:** GLEASON, JR.

**Hometown:** TOWN OF BOSTON

GEORGE F

**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:**

**Service Notes:**

George F. Gleason Jr. honorably served in the United States Army / George Gleason was assigned as a Tank Commander in Germany for three years

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

George Gleason was a member of American Legion Post #527, AMVETS Post #219, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1419, Hamburg Moose Lodge #992 and the Local #17 Operating Engineers / George F. Gleason, Jr. passed away at the age of 90 years old on 16 April 2023



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**Name:** **GOEHLE**

**Hometown:** AKRON

**PAUL**

**F.**

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** SGT

**Year Entered:** 1951

**Year Discharged:** 1953

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Paul F. Goehle honorably served in the United States Marine Corps / SGT Paul Goehle was deployed to Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Paul F. Goehle was a graduate of Lockport High School, 1949 / A baseball catcher, he played semi-pro ball in the Niagara Suburban League and was invited to the Philadelphia Phillies training camp but elected to sign with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1950/ in 1951 Goehle enlisted in the U.S Marine Corps / After his Honorable Discharge from the Marine Corps, Paul F. Goehle became interested in the insurance business and in 1963 purchased the Daggett Insurance Agency in Lancaster, NY / Goehle coached Little League Baseball teams both in Lockport and Lancaster over the years, served as treasurer of the Lancaster Lions Club 1964 to 1969 and he served on the advisory board of Marine Midland Bank / Paul F. Goehle passed away on 25 March 2022 at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital at the age of 90 years old and is interred at Glenwood Cemetery, Lockport, New York



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**Name:** **GOLD**

**Hometown:** LANCASTER

**GORDON P.**

**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:**

Gordon Paul Gold honorably served in the United States Marine Corps / Gordon Gold was deployed to Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Gordon Paul Gold passed away on 20 January 2026 at the age of 93 years old



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **GOLEBIEWSKI**

**Hometown:** ORCHARD PARK

**EUGENE F.**

**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:**

**Service Notes:**

Eugene F. Golebiewski honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Eugene F. Golebiewski passed away on 20 February 2025 at the age of 96 years old and is interred at White Chapel Memorial Park, Amherst, New York



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**Name:** **GOLWITZER**

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

**RONALD A.**

**Address:**

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SFC

**Year Entered:** 1950

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

KOREA SERVICE MEDAL

KOREAN PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL (KOREA)

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant First-Class Ronald Anthony Golwitzer honorably served in the United States Army / SFC Ronald Golwitzer was deployed to Korea and later, during the Vietnam War, deployed to Vietnam

Sergeant First-Class Ronald Anthony Golwitzer was Killed In Action during the Vietnam War on 22 August 1968 from wounds suffered from small arms fire in Gia Dinh province, South Vietnam

Sergeant First-Class Ronald Golwitzer served nearly 19 years in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Ronald Golwitzer was a graduate of Seneca Vocational High School / Ronald Anthony Golwitzer was 39 years old at the time of his passing and is interred at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Buffalo, New York

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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

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**Name:** **GOOD**

**Hometown:** GRAND ISLAND

**WILLIAM H.**

**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:**

**Service Notes:**

William H. Good honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

William Good was a member of the Masonic Lodge for over 60 years / William Good was retired from Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (acquired by National Grid in 2000) / William H. Good passed away on 6 March 2018 at the age of 85 years old



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**Name:** **GORDON**

**Hometown:** ORCHARD PARK

**MILTON**

**W.**

**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:**

**Service Notes:**

Milton W. Gordon honorably served in the United States Marine Corps

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Milton Gordon was a retired Janitor with the City of Tonawanda / Gordon was an active member of the Conrad F. Kania Detachment #230, Department of New York Marine Corps League / Milton W. Gordon passed away 11 December 2025 at the age of 91 years old



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** GORE

**Hometown:** AMHERST

ROBERT E.

**Address:**

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** LTCOL

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Emmett Gore honorably served in the United States Army / LT COL Robert Gore served during the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War / Lt. Colonel Robert Gore also served with the Army National Guard and Army Reserve

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Robert Gore was a member of the Korean War Memorial Committee / Gore served the Buffalo Public School System for 30 years as an Attendance Teacher / Robert Emmett Gore passed away on 26 November 2023 at the age of 94 years old, after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease and is interred at Elmwood Cemetery, Buffalo, New York

The Army National Guard (ARNG) is an organized militia force and a federal military reserve force of the United States Army / It is simultaneously part of two different organizations: the Militia of the United States (consisting of the ARNG of each state, most territories, and the District of Columbia), as well as the federal ARNG, as part of the National Guard as a whole (which includes the Air National Guard) / It is divided into subordinate units stationed in each state or insular area, responsible to their respective governors or other head-of-government



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**Name:** **GORMAN**

**Hometown:** GRAND ISLAND

**JACK E.**

**Address:**

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:**

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:** 1948

**Year Discharged:** 1950

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Jack E. Gorman honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Jack Gorman was born in Lakewood, Ohio and educated in Berea, Ohio / Jack Gorman was a United States Border Patrol Inspector, startin in 1955 at El Paso, Texas / Rising through the ranks, Jack Gorman retired in 1984 as the Chief Patrol Agent of the Buffalo Sector of the US Border Patrol / After retirement, Gorman served as the Membership Chairman for the Fraternal Order of Retired Border Patrol Officers / Jack Gorman also worked as a Dispatcher for the Grand Island Fire Company for 5 years / Gorman was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Mary Star of the Sea, Council 4752 in Grand Island / Jack E. Gorman passed away on 16 May 2014 at the age of 84 years old



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**Name:** GORMAN, JR.

**Hometown:** BLASDELL

EDWARD J.

**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:**

**Service Notes:**

Edward J. Gorman, Jr. honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Edward J. Gorman, Jr. passed away On 2 November 2025 at the age of 94 years old and is interred at Hillcrest Cemetery, Hamburg, New York



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**Name:** **GOULDING**

**Hometown:** GRAND ISLAND

**ROBERT**

**P.**

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Robert P. Goulding honorably served in the United States Navy

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Robert Goulding was a member of the Riverside Lions Club for over 50 years and a member of Grand Island Lions Club / Robert Goulding was owner-operator of Brennan's Men's Wear in the Black Rock section of Buffalo / Robert P. Goulding passed away on 22 February 2023 at the age of 92 years old



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**Name:** GRACE

**Hometown:** KENMORE

JOHN

D.

**Address:** 1st Lt

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:**

First Lieutenant John D. "Jack" Grace honorably served in the United States Air Force

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

John Grace retired from sales at International Paper Company / John D. "Jack" Grace passed away on 26 April 2023 and interred at Elmlawn Cemetery, Buffalo, New York



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**Name:** GRADY

**Hometown:** AMHERST

WILLIAM R.

**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:**

William R. Grady honorably served in the United States Air Force / William Grady trained at the Niagara Falls Air Base as a Fireman

**Base Assignments:**

Niagara Falls Air Base, New York - Following the conclusion of World War II, Niagara became the home site for the original Camp Bell military installation / Along with this designation, Niagara also served as the home station for Bell Aerospace, who manufactured the Bell X-1A experimental aircraft / In 1947, General Chuck Yeager tested the Bell aircraft at Niagara before breaking the sound barrier at Edwards Air Force Base, California / Additionally, Niagara was home to the original Bell helicopter and the Bell rocket belt prototype.

**Miscellaneous:**

William Grady was originally born in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada / Grady served the Town of Amherst as a Highway Inspector, Building Inspector and as Amherst's first Fire Inspector / After retiring from the Town of Amherst, Grady had his own private Fire Inspection business and also worked 11 years at the Amigone Funeral Home / After his retirement, Grady earned his pilot's license / Grady served as a volunteer fireman with the Hutchinson Hose Fire Department / William R. Grady passed away at the age of 89 years old on 17 September 2022



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**Name:** **GRAESSER**

**Hometown:** TONAWANDA

**NORMAN C.**

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:** 1951

**Year Discharged:** 1953

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

KOREA SERVICE MEDAL W/2 BRONZE SERVICE STARS

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Norman C. Graesser honorably served in the United States Army / Norman Graesser was deployed to Korea and assigned to A Battery, 9th Field Artillery Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division /

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Norman Graesser attended St. James School and St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute / After receiving his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army, Norman Graesser graduated from Canisius College / Norman Graesser retired as an Industrial Engineer at the Chevrolet Motor Division of GM in Tonawanda / Norman C. Graesser passed away on 27 January 2021 at the age of 91 years old

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-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:** GRANICA

**Hometown:** BRANT

JUSTIN J.

**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:**

**Service Notes:**

Justin J. "Jud" Granica honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Justin J. "Jud" Granica passed away on 3 November 2019 at the age of 79 years old and is interred at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery, Brant, New York



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** GRANT

**Hometown:** ORCHARD PARK

JOHN

F.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

2ND CHEMICAL MORTAR BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

John Francis Grant honorably served in the United States Army / John Grant was deployed to Korea with the 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion, better known as the "Red Dragons"

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

John Grant was originally from Pittsford, New York / Following graduation from High School, Grant attended Sampson College, leaving to join the Army / After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army, John Grant enrolled in Alfred University, earning a Masters Degree in Ceramic Engineering / Employed by Corning Glass, Grant worked on several high-tech projects, such as developing the windshield for the military's X-15 supersonic aircraft / Leaving Corning, John Grant went to work for the Ferro Corporation in Buffalo, where he became Technical Director / Following his retirement, Grant stayed active in many volunteer organizations including the Nativity Church, Boy Scouts of America and Meals on Wheels / John Francis Grant passed away on 4 March 2023 at the age of 94 years old

The 2nd Chemical Battalion is a United States Army chemical unit stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, United States, and is part of the 48th Chemical Brigade / The battalion can trace its lineage from the 30th Engineer Regiment (Gas and Flame) and has served in World War I, World War II, Korean War, Operation Desert Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom / When the Korean War broke out on July 25, 1950, the battalion received movement orders on 7 September 1950 and moved so quickly that 47 days later, on 24 October, they fired their first combat mission / The journey. included travelling 700 miles up the Korean peninsula in four days, from Pusan South Korea to YongByon, North Korea / A week later the battalion was over run at Unsan when the Chinese made their first significant entry into the war / Many guns and vehicles were lost and 19 men were killed, some by capture and execution / On 26 November the Chinese made a major assault against the US 9th Infantry, which the Red Dragons were supporting / The Chinese over ran most of the battalion's gun positions, and men continued to fire missions for the infantry while under small arms fire. Six men were killed; two were awarded posthumous Silver Stars / On 14 February 1951, the Red dragons played a critical role in saving the US 23rd Infantry which



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was surrounded at Chipyeong-ni by 90,000 Chinese troops / When the United Nations advanced again in the spring of 1951 the battalion was moved literally from coast to coast / The Red Dragons were the only chemical mortar battalion to serve in the war, and routinely outperformed heavy mortar units of the infantry / It participated in eight of the ten United Nations campaigns of the war. Sixty-one members of the battalion were killed or missing in action / On 23 January 1953 all personnel and equipment of the 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion were transferred to the 461st Infantry Battalion (Heavy Mortar) / The Red Dragon personnel, serving as the 461st Infantry Battalion, continued in action until the Armistice, completing their ninth campaign, the tenth and last campaign of the war



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**Name:** GRASSO

**Hometown:**

LAWRENCE N.

**Address:**

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL-KOREA

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Lawrence N. Grasso honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Lawrence Grasso was deployed to Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Lawrence N. Grasso passed away in 2007 at the age of 75 years old and is interred at Saint Matthews Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

The Korean Service Medal (KSM) was 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 during the Korean War between 27 June 1950, and 27 July 1954

The United Nations Service Medal for Korea is an international military decoration established by the United Nations on 15 December 1950 as the United Nations Service Medal / The decoration was the first international award ever created by the United Nations and recognized the multi-national defense forces which participated in the Korean War / The United Nations Service Medal (Korea) is awarded to any military service member, of an Armed Force allied with South Korea, who participated in the defense of South Korea from North Korea between the dates of 27 June 1950 and 27 July 1954

The National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) is a service award of the United States Armed Forces established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953 / The National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) was first intended to be a "blanket campaign medal" awarded to service members who served honorably during a designated time period of which a



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"national emergency" had been declared during a time of war or conflict / It may also be issued to active military members for any other period that the Secretary of Defense designates / Currently, the National Defense Service Medal is the oldest service medal (as opposed to decorations for particular achievements such as valor or meritorious service and Good Conduct Medals) currently awarded by all branches of the United States Armed Forces



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**Name:** GREGORIO

**Hometown:** WILLIAMSVILLE

DANIEL

M

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** CMDR

**Year Entered:** 1951

**Year Discharged:** 1991

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

KOREAN WAR SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION RIBBON

UNITED NATIONS KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER (PISTOL)

NAVY PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION RIBBON

COAST GUARD ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION

ARMED FORCES RESERVE MEDAL W/HOURLASS DEVICE

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL W/2 SERVICE STARS

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

**Service Notes:**

Commander Daniel M. Gregorio honorably served in the United States Navy / Commander Daniel Gregorio was a Retired Commander with the United States Coast Guard, a United States Navy Veteran and served with the United States Marines Corps in the Korean War / Commander Gregorio served our nation during the period of 1951-1991 / His first 4 years from 1951-1955 were as an active-duty Navy Corpsman assigned to a Marine Corps Special Ops unit in Korea / Gregorio then enlisted in the Naval Reserve stationed at Naval Air Station, Niagara Falls, and in 1962 enlisted in the US Coast Guard Reserve, serving during the Vietnam War / From 1983-1985 Commander Gregorio served as Commanding Officer for the USCG Reserve Unit in Erie PA, and he was the first Commanding Officer at USCG Reserve Niagara River, which was commissioned in 1988 / CMDR Gregorio served there until his retirement on 6 October 1991

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Daniel M. Gregorio passed away at the age of 90 years old on 15 February 2022 and is interred at the Western New York National Cemetery, Corfu, New York

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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-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"

A Marksmanship Badge is a U.S. military badge or a civilian badge which is awarded to personnel upon successful completion of a weapons qualification course (known as marksmanship qualification badges) or high achievement in an official marksmanship competition (known as marksmanship competition badges) / The U.S. Army and the U.S. Marine Corps are the only military services that award marksmanship qualification badges / The U.S. military marksmanship qualification badges are awarded in three grades (highest to lowest): expert, sharpshooter, and marksman while their marksmanship competition badges are awarded in three to four grades (highest to lowest): distinguished, silver, and bronze for the U.S. Army and distinguished, gold, silver, and bronze for the Marine Corps

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 United Nations Service Medal for Korea is an international military decoration established by the United Nations on 15 December 1950 as the United Nations Service Medal / The decoration was the first international award ever created by the United Nations and recognized the multi-national defense forces which participated in the Korean War / The United Nations Service Medal (Korea) is awarded to any military service member, of an Armed Force allied with South Korea, who participated in the defense of South Korea from North Korea between the dates of 27 June 1950 and 27 July 1954

The Coast Guard Achievement Medal was established on 29 January 1964, by Secretary of the Treasury Douglas Dillon / The award was initially established as the Coast Guard Commendation for Achievement Ribbon and was redesignated as the Coast Guard Achievement Medal on 11 June 1968 / It is awarded for any member the Armed Forces serving alongside the Coast Guard whose service goes above and beyond the bounds of regular duty performance in a non-combat situation

The Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation was established in 1973, and is awarded in the name of the Commandant of the Coast Guard / It may be awarded to any unit of the Coast Guard that has distinguished itself by either valorous or meritorious achievement or service in support of Coast Guard operations not involving combat / The Commandant may also bestow the award upon a unit of another branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, provided the unit meets the standards established for Coast Guard units / To justify the award, the service performed as a unit must be comparable to that which would meet the award of a Coast Guard Achievement Medal to an individual / Normal performance of duty or participation in a large number of operational missions does not in itself justify the award / It will not be awarded to a large unit for actions of one or more of its sub-units unless the entire unit performed as a team

The Armed Forces Reserve Medal (AFRM) is a service medal of the United States Armed Forces that has existed since 1950 / The medal recognizes service performed by members of the reserve components and is awarded to both officers and enlisted personnel / The medal is considered a successor award to the Naval Reserve Medal and the Marine Corps Reserve Ribbon, which were discontinued in 1958 and 1967, respectively / If the medal is awarded for periods of service, it is accompanied by an hourglass device / Depending on the length of service, a bronze, silver, gold, or bronze and gold hourglass are worn on the suspension ribbon and service ribbon, indicating 10, 20, 30, or 40 years of service, respectively



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Commander Daniel M. Gregorio also was awarded the following Military Medals:

#### VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

The Vietnam Service Medal is a military award of the United States Armed Forces established on 8 July 1965 by order of President Lyndon B. Johnson / The medal is awarded to recognize service during the Vietnam War by all members of the U.S. Armed Forces provided they meet the award requirements

#### COAST GUARD COMMENDATION MEDAL

The Coast Guard Commendation Medal is a mid-level United States military decoration that is presented for sustained acts of heroism or meritorious service within the Coast Gard forces

#### GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL

The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal (GWOT-SM) is a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was created through Executive Order 13289 on 12 March 2003, by President George W. Bush / The medal recognizes those military service members who have supported operations to counter terrorism in the War on Terror from 11 September 2001



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**Name:** GRESCH

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

RICHARD

W.

**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:**

Richard W. Gresch honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Richard Gresch was born on 20 October 1943 in Eyota, Minnesota / Gresch later moved to West Seneca and worked as a Social Worker at the West Seneca Developmental Center for 30 years / Richard W. Gresch passed away on 18 November 2020 at the age of 77 years old



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**Name:** GRIFFIN

**Hometown:** CHEEKTOWAGA

THOMAS R.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** IC2

**Year Entered:** 1952

**Year Discharged:** 1956

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS BERGALL (SS-320)

**Medals / Citations:**

NAVY OCCUPATION SERVICE MEDAL (EUROPE)

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Interior Communications Electrician 2nd Class (Petty Officer 2) Thomas R. Griffin honorably served in the United States Navy / IC2 Thomas Griffin served aboard the submarine, USS Bergall, for 3 years

Thomas Griffin was Honorably Discharged from the United States Navy on 6 January 1956

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Griffin was Past Master and member of Harmonie Lodge # 699 / Thomas R. Griffin passed away on 13 January 2017 at the age of 85 years old and his remains were cremated

USS Bergall (SS-320), a Balao-class submarine, was the first ship of the United States Navy to be named for the Bergall, a small fish of the New England coast / Commissioned on 12 June 1944, the Bergall was assigned to the Pacific Fleet / Operating out of Fremantle, Australia, the submarine made five war patrols between 8 September 1944 and 17 June 1945 in the South China Sea, Java Sea, Lombok Strait, and north of the Malay Barrier / During these patrols Bergall sank two merchantmen totaling 14,710 tons and one 740-ton frigate / On 13 December 1944, Bergall engaged Japanese heavy cruiser Myōkō and both ships were damaged / Bergall had to end her patrol after being hit by a dud 8-inch shell / While patrolling off the Malay coast, 13 June 1945, she was damaged aft by an allied naval mine explosion and forced to retire to Subic Bay, Luzon, for emergency repairs / She remained on active duty with the Pacific Fleet until departing Pearl Harbor for the Atlantic 10 June 1950 / During this time she made one cruise to the Far East from 4 December 1948 to 28 February 1949 / On 11 July 1950 she transferred to New London, Connecticut, beginning her operations with the Atlantic Fleet with a Mediterranean Sea cruise / On 26 September 1958, Bergall left the United States, entered the Mediterranean on 9 October, and arrived in İzmir, Turkey, on 15 October, where she was decommissioned on 17 October 1958 and



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transferred to the Turkish Navy, commissioned there as Turgutreis / She was later sold to Turkey on 15 February 1973 / the USS Bergall received four battle stars during World War II

The Navy Occupation Service Medal is a military award of the United States Navy which was "Awarded to commemorate the services of Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel in the occupation of certain territories of the enemies of the U.S. during World War II" and recognized those personnel who participated in the European and Asian occupation forces during, and following World War II / The medal was also bestowed to personnel who performed duty in West Berlin between 1945 and 1990

The National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) is a service award of the United States Armed Forces established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953 / The National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) was first intended to be a "blanket campaign medal" awarded to service members who served honorably during a designated time period of which a "national emergency" had been declared during a time of war or conflict / It may also be issued to active military members for any other period that the Secretary of Defense designates / Currently, the National Defense Service Medal is the oldest service medal (as opposed to decorations for particular achievements such as valor or meritorious service and Good Conduct Medals) currently awarded by all branches of the United States Armed Forces

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



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**Name:** GRUBER

**Hometown:** GRAND ISLAND

DANIEL C.

**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:**

**Service Notes:**

Daniel C. Gruber honorably served in the United States Marine Corps

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Daniel Gruber was employed for 30 years at the GM Tonawanda Engine Plant / Daniel Gruber was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree and the Disabled American Veterans / Daniel C. Gruber passed away on 20 April 2018 at the age of 88 years old and is interred at Saint Stephens Roman Catholic Cemetery, Grand Island, New York



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**Name:** GUGINO, SR.

**Hometown:** AMHERST

ROBERT J.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS TICONDEROGA (CV/CVA/CVS-14)

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Robert J. Gugino, Sr. honorably served in the United States Navy / Robert Gugino was assigned as a Seabee and served as a Chaplain for the Navy Seabees / Gugino served aboard the USS Ticonderoga

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Robert Gugino was a Eucharistic minister at both St. Margaret's and St. Leo's churches, and a member of the St. Vincent DePaul Society / Robert Gugino owned and operated Gugino's Auto Service / Robert J. Gugino, Sr. passed away on 8 December 2022 at the age of 90 years old and is interred at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York

USS Ticonderoga (CV/CVA/CVS-14) was one of 24 Essex-class aircraft carriers built during World War II for the United States Navy / The ship was the fourth US Navy ship to bear the name, and was named after the capture of Fort Ticonderoga in the American Revolutionary War / Ticonderoga was commissioned in May 1944, and served in several campaigns in the Pacific Theater of Operations, earning five battle stars / Decommissioned shortly after the end of the war, she was modernized and recommissioned in the early 1950s as an attack carrier (CVA), and then eventually became an antisubmarine carrier (CVS) / She was recommissioned too late to participate in the Korean War, but was very active in the Vietnam War, earning three Navy Unit Commendations, one Meritorious Unit Commendation, and 12 battle stars / The Ticonderoga was decommissioned 1 September 1973 / Her name was struck from the Navy list on 16 November 1973 and sold for scrap 1 September 1975

United States Naval Construction Battalions, better known as the Navy Seabees, form the U.S. Naval Construction Force (NCF) / Naval Construction Battalions were conceived of as replacements for civilian construction companies in combat zones after the attack on Pearl Harbor / At the time civilian contractors had roughly 70,000 men working U.S. Navy contracts overseas / International law made it illegal for civilian workers to resist an attack and by doing so would classify them as guerrillas and could lead to summary execution / With roots dating back to World War II, the Seabees were



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formally established on 5 March 1942, to meet the Navy's growing need to construct bases, build airfields, conduct underwater construction and build roads, bridges and other support facilities while providing protection for themselves and those around them as part of the war effort / The Seabees were deployed to Vietnam twice in the 1950s to survey and map the roads / Seabee teams (501 and 502) arrived in January 1963 as the first Seabees of the Vietnam War / The last battalion withdrew late 1971 with the last Seabee teams out a year later / When it was over, 137 Seabee teams were sent to Vietnam and had built 15 CB camps and deployed 22 battalions / In the over seven decades since its founding, Seabees have gone on to serve in most major U.S. conflicts



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**Name:** GULL

**Hometown:** BOWMANVILLE

HENRY R.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

SIGNAL CORPS

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Henry R. "Hank" Gull honorably served in the United States Army / Henry Gull was deployed to Korea for 18 months and assigned to the Signal Corps

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Henry R. Gull served as a Scoutmaster in Bowmansville and was the owner of Gull's Garage in Lancaster / Gull was also very active in Lancaster politics / Henry R. "Hank" Gull passed away on 3 June 2022 at the age of 90 years old and is interred at Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Franklinville, New York

The United States Army Signal Corps was established in 1860 and was used in World War II to coordinate swift and accurate communication for air, ground, and naval units required more sophisticated technology and service /The Signal Corps develops, tests, provides, and manages communications and information systems support for the command and control of combined arms forces / The Signal Corps pioneered in the development of radar to detect approaching aircraft as well as mobile communications and deciphering machines / In addition to its primary role in military transmissions, the unit also played a key role in producing training films for army and civilian personnel, and documenting combat missions / During World War II, noted Hollywood producers, directors, and photographers (such as Darryl Zanuck, Frank Capra, John Huston, and George Stevens) all served in the Signal Corps



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**Name:** GULLO

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

JOSEPH

P.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** AIR FORCE

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:** 1952

**Year Discharged:** 1965

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Joseph P. Gullo honorably served in the United States Air Force

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Joseph P. Gullo passed away on 23 April 2014



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**Name:** GURZINSKI

**Hometown:** GRAND ISLAND

PAUL

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Paul Gurzinski honorably served in the United States Navy

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Paul Gurzinski was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania and moved to Buffalo / Paul Gurzinski passed away on 4 March 2019 at the age of 90 years old



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**Name:** **GUZEK**

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

**WALTER F.**

**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:**

**Service Notes:**

Walter F. Guzek honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Walter Guzek was an Eucharistic Minister and active in volunteer work / Guzek moved to Erie, Pennsylvania / Walter F. Guzek passed away at the age of 92 years old on 17 February 2023 and is interred in Saint Stanislaus Cemetery, Buffalo, New York