



Honoring Our Korean War and Korean Era Veterans



June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: JAGER

Hometown: WILLIAMSVILLE

FRANK 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:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Frank J. Jager honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Frank Jager was the House Organist for the Riviera Theater and various Roller Rinks throughout Western New York / Jager was a member of the Chopin Singing Society and served on the Buffalo School Board and as Past Vice President / Frank Jager was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Leonard Post #6521, serving on the Board of Directors / Frank J. Jager passed away on 17 December 2025 at the age of 92 years old and is interred at St. Adalbert Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York



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Name: JAGODZINSKI

Hometown: DEPEW

JOSEPH

A.

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 A. Jagodzinski honorably served in the United States Air Force

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Joseph Jagodzinski was a member of Lederhosen Ski Club, the St. Vincent De Paul Society, Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society / Joseph A. Jagodzinski passed away on 6 January 2025 at the age of 92 years old



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Name: JENNEY, JR.

Hometown: BOSTON

GEORGE

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:

George W. Jenney, Jr. honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

George Jenney was the owner and operator of the Dreams End Farm in Boston, New York for more than 30 years / George W. Jenney, Jr. passed away on 11 July 2023 and is interred at Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Cemetery, East Eden, New York



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Name: JOHNSON

Hometown: WEST SENECA

RALPH T.

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:

Ralph T. Johnson honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Ralph T. Johnson passed away on 11 January 2021



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Name: **JOHNSON**
RUSSELL

Hometown: ELMA

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1955

Unit / Squadron:

ANSBACH SIGNAL CORP

Medals / Citations:

ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL - GERMANY

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Russell Johnson honorably served in the United States Army

At the age of 18, Russell Johnson entered the Merchant Marine as a Deck Watchmen at Cleveland, Ohio, responsible for safety on deck / On 15 May 1951, Johnson was called to duty in the US Army and was trained as a Field Radio Repairman / Corporal Johnson served his nation for 23 months on active duty, including 19 months of foreign service assigned to Ansbach Signal Corp, Military Police, Augsburg, Germany

Russell Johnson was Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Army on 5 May 1955 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey

Base Assignments:

US Army Garrison, Ansbach Base, Germany - USAG Ansbach provided comprehensive base operations support to tactical units and individual residents of the community / Army Garrison Ansbach is a well-known Army Installation / During the first years after the end of WW II, there was a law-and-order vacuum in the bombed-out German towns / Beginning in November 1951, U.S. Army Light Armored Cavalry was deployed closer to the interior German border and, in Augsburg to provide security and order / The Cavalry was replaced by the first reserve unit of the 43rd Division (National Guard) / This military upgrade was due to the Korean War and the growing communist threat to the world / The United States policing era was terminated in in Augsburg in November 1997

Camp Kilmer, New Jersey – Camp Kilmer is a former United States Army camp in Central New Jersey that was a staging area and part of an installation of the New York Port of Embarkation / The camp was named for Joyce Kilmer, a poet killed in World War I while serving with 69th Infantry Regiment / Kilmer’s home was in nearby New Brunswick, New Jersey / Activated in June 1942, the camp was organized as part of the Army Service Forces Transportation Corps / Troops were quartered at Camp Kilmer in preparation for transport to the European Theater of Operations in World War II /



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Eventually, it became the largest processing center for troops heading overseas and returning from World War II, processing over 2.5 million soldiers / After V-E Day, the post was used to process troops returning from Europe, prior to sending them on to their local Personnel Center, Separation Center or Reception Station / The camp remained active until the fall of 1949 when it was no longer needed / In the fall of 1950, with hostilities in Korea, the camp was reactivated / It was placed on inactive status again in June 1955, but continued to serve as discharge site for troops returning from Europe / Camp Kilmer officially closed in 2009

Miscellaneous:

Russell Johnson became a highly respected electronic technician at Bell Aerospace, where he worked during the early days of the American rocket industry, collaborating with Werner von Braun and other pioneers whose work laid the foundation for modern space exploration / Later, Johnson went to work at Moog, where he eventually retired / Russell Johnson was a life member of the East Aurora Fish and Game Club / A fisherman and inventor, Johnson invented an underwater temperature probe capable of detecting light penetration, allowing identification of thermoclines and mineral layers, useful to serious anglers / Russell Johnson was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post #5861 / Russell Johnson passed away on 22 January 2026 at the age of 96 years old

The United States Merchant Marine (USMM) is an organization composed of U.S. civilian mariners and merchant vessels / It is managed by the Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration and includes privately-owned and federally owned, U.S.-registered merchant ships that provide waterborne transportation for passengers and cargo in domestic and international commerce / Some of these ships may also be called into military service

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

Field Radio Repairman install and repair radio equipment, including multichannel radio equipment, used by ground and aviation forces / Their duties include troubleshooting and repairing ground common radio systems

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

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



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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: JOHNSTON

Hometown: BUFFALO

GARNET C.

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:

Garnet C. Johnston honorably served with the United States Navy / Garnet Johnston served during World War II and the Korean War

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Garnet Johnston attended Clarkson University (Potsdam, NY) earning a Bachelor Degree in Electrical Engineering / Johnston went to work for Dupont, Sylvania and AT&T where he was employed as an Electrical Engineer until his retirement in 1988 / Johnston lived in Richmond, Virginia for 38 years and in Pennington, New Jersey for 11 years / Garnet C. Johnston passed away on 18 August 2023 at the age of 97 years old and is interred at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Cheektowaga, NY