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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **MADISON**

Hometown: EAST AURORA

MARVIN

M.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

189TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL-GERMANY

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Marvin M. Madison honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Marvin Madison was assigned to the U.S. Army Medical Services and was stationed in Germany for two years

Marvin Madison was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army on 7 May 1954

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Marvin Maddison was born in Plainview, Minnesota / Madison earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University at Buffalo / Marvin Madison was employed by Buffalo Savings Bank (later Goldome) rising to Officer in Charge/ Madison was a member of the East Aurora American Legion / Marvin M. Madison passed away on 11 August 2019 at the age of 86 years old

The 189th General Hospital was officially activated at Camp Barkeley, Abilene, Texas (Armored Division Camp & Medical Replacement Training Center) on 26 August 1944 / The 189th landed on Utah Beach on 15 October 1944 and eventually established a hospital in Mourmelon Sub Area, France / On 1 January 1945, the 189th Gen Hosp contained 891 patients of whom 618 were Prisoners of War / On 5 March 1945, the 189th was transferred to Camp Mourmelon, France

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Name: MADRID

Hometown: TONAWANDA

HERBERT H.

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:

Herbert H. Madrid honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Following his Honorable Discharge from the United States Navy, Herbert Madrid went to work for the Superior Tool Company in North Tonawanda, retiring in 1995 after 25 years of employment / Herbert H. Madrid passed away on 7 October 2022 at the age of 93 years old



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Name: **MAGGIO**

Hometown: BUFFALO

ROBERT

C.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-5

Year Entered: 1953

Year Discharged: 1955

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant Robert C. Maggio honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Robert Maggio was assigned as a Personnel Administrative Specialist / SGT Robert Maggio's most significant duty assignment was the Personnel Administration Specialist Service Company at Fort Benning, Georgia

SGT Robert Maggio was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army on 17 February 1955

Base Assignments:

Ft. Benning, Georgia - Fort Benning is a United States Army post straddling the Alabama–Georgia border next to Columbus, Georgia and is named after Henry L. Benning, a brigadier general in the Confederate States Army during the Civil War/ Fort Benning supports more than 120,000 active-duty military, family members, reserve component soldiers, retirees and civilian employees on a daily basis / Since 1909, Fort Benning has served as the Home of the Infantry / Fort Benning is one of ten U.S. Army installations named for former Confederate generals / The congressionally mandated Naming Commission has recommended it be renamed Fort Moore after Lieutenant General Hal and Julia Moore

Miscellaneous:

Robert C. Maggio passed away on 7 June 2022 at the age of 89 years old and is interred at Hillcrest Cemetery, Hamburg, New York

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Name: MAIER

Hometown: WILLIAMSVILLE

RALPH

J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Ralph J. Maier honorably served in the United States Army / Ralph Maier was deployed to the front lines during the Korean War to repair vehicles / Maier was also stationed in Tokyo, Japan to manage an Army Motor Pool

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Originally born in Lansing, Michigan, Ralph Maier moved to Williamsville in 1947 / In the late 1940's, Maier started his own auto repair business, Maier's garage, in Williamsville / After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army, Ralph Maier earned a Master's Degree in teaching from Buffalo State College / Selling his auto repair business, Maier joined the faculty at the Erie 1 BOCES Career and Technical Center on Potters Road in West Seneca / Ralph J. Maier passed away on 6 January 2023 in the Wellsville Manor Care Center, Wellsville, New York after a lengthy illness / Ralph J. Maier passed away on 6 January 2023 at the age of 92 years old



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Name: MAJCHRZAK

Hometown: BUFFALO

LEO

S.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: MR2

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1957

Unit / Squadron:

USS CAPE ESPERANCE (CVE-88)

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE RIBBON

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Machinery Repairman Second-Class Leo Stanley Majchrzak honorably served in the United States Navy / MR2 Leo Majchrzak was assigned as a repairman aboard the USS Cape Esperance

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Leo Majchrzak was a retired Conrail employee / Leo Stanley Majchrzak passed away on 15 April 2021 at the age of 85 years old and is interred at Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral Columbarium, Lancaster, New York

USS Cape Esperance (CVE-88) was a Casablanca-class escort carrier of the United States Navy / She was named after the Battle of Cape Esperance, an inconclusive naval engagement in support of the Guadalcanal campaign / Built for service during World War II, the ship was launched in March 1944, and commissioned on 9 April 1944, serving as a replenishment carrier / Postwar, she participated in Operation Magic Carpet / She was decommissioned on 22 August 1946, when she was mothballed in the Pacific Reserve Fleet / She was recommissioned on 5 August 1950, and assigned to become an auxiliary vessel as a part of Military Sealift Command / She was decommissioned again in January 1959, and ultimately sold for scrapping in May 1959

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Name: MALE

Hometown: WILLIAMSVILLE

DAVID G.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: SGT

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

BRONZE STAR MEDAL W/VALOR

PURPLE HEART - 2 MEDALS

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/3 SERVICE STARS

COMBAT ACTION RIBBON

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

NYS CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant David G. Male honorably served in the United States Marine Corps / SGT David Male was deployed to Korea where he was awarded the Bonze Star Medal for heroic action on the battlefield and was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in combat action

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

David Male was a member of Chaine de Rotisseurs Wine & Food Society of Buffalo, a school teacher at Maryvale High School and a member of Rotary International / David G. Male passed away on 9 August 2018 at the age of 86 years old and is interred at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, New York

The Bronze Star Medal (BSM) is a is the fourth-highest individual military award and the ninth-highest by order of precedence in the United States Armed Forces / The Bronze Star is awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces for either heroic achievement, heroic service, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service in a combat zone / When the medal is awarded by the Army and Air Force for acts of valor in combat, the "V" Device is authorized for wear on the medal

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

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



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service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns

The Combat Action Ribbon (colloquially "CAR"), is a high precedence United States Navy, United States Coast Guard, and United States Marine Corps military decoration awarded to United States sea service members "who have actively participated in ground or surface combat" / Coast Guardsmen, Navy sailors, and Marines active in clandestine, stealth or special operations are deemed eligible for consideration of the award / The CAR is awarded to members of the Navy and Marine Corps with a rank no higher than captain and colonel, respectively

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The NYS Conspicuous Service Cross may be awarded to any current New York State citizen or person who was a New York State citizen while serving on federal active duty; whose entire service was honorable subsequent to the time of receipt of the citation while serving in the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or in the Army female nurse corps, and who has received a personal decoration issued by a brigade or equivalent higher headquarters. The Conspicuous Service Cross may also be awarded to any citizen of New York State, who while serving with the allied forces, received a personal decoration published in order issued by a brigade or equivalent higher headquarters



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Name: MALEK

Hometown: ORCHARD PARK

RICHARD M.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Year Entered: 1949

Year Discharged: 1952

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY A, 317TH AIRBORNE FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT, 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Richard M. Malek honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Richard Malek attended high school in Buffalo / After receiving an Honorable Discharge from the Army, Malek attended Erie Technological Institute and received a degree in Civil Engineering / Malek retired as a Civil Engineer from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) / Malek was a member of the 82nd Airborne Veterans Association and also served as a Boy Scoutmaster in Orchard Park / Richard M. Malek passed away on 27 December 2017 at the age of 86 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 denied areas / Based at Fort Bragg, 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 and is considered the most highly trained light infantry division in the world / The 82nd Division was first constituted on 5 August 1917 during World War I in the National Army / It was organized and formally activated on 25 August 1917 at Camp Gordon, Georgia / The 82nd Division was redesignated on 13 February 1942 during World War II, just two months after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the German declaration of war, as Division Headquarters, 82nd Division / It was recalled to active service on 25 March 1942, and reorganized at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, under the command of Major General Omar Bradley / The division returned to the United States on 3 January 1946 on the RMS Queen Mary / Instead of being demobilized, the 82nd found a permanent home at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, designated a Regular Army division on 15 November 1948 / The 82nd was not sent to the Korean War, as both Presidents Truman and Eisenhower chose to keep it in strategic reserve in the event of a Soviet ground attack anywhere in the world / In 1966, the 82nd went into action in Vietnam moving south to Saigon, and fought in the Mekong Delta, the Iron Triangle and along the Cambodian border, serving nearly 22 months / The 1st Brigade of the 82nd deployed in April 2005 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF)



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and returned in April 2006 / 1st Battalion, 325th Infantry Regiment deployed in support of OEF from July through November 2005.

Name: MALLARE

Hometown: TONAWANDA

DOMINIC J.

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:

Dominic J. Mallare honorably served in the United States Air Force / Dominic Mallare jumped from a burning airplane during a training exercise, injuring his spine which pained him throughout his life

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Dominic Mallare was born in Jamestown, New York and attended Jamestown High School / After his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Air Force, Mallare studied Civil Engineering at Erie County Technical Institute (Erie Community College) / Mallare worked for the Herbert F. Darling, Inc., serving as Vice-President in 1987 / Dominic Mallare guided the major construction of the Kensington Expressway, the raising of the roof on the Memorial Auditorium, construction work on the Erie Basin Marina, the underground sections of the Metro Rail and numerous other project within and outside of New York State / Dominic Mallare retired in 2000 but continued to act as consultant for the Herbert F. Darling Company / Mallare was Past President of the Niagara Frontier Utility Contractors Association and a member of the Construction Employers Association of Central New York / Mallare was the Vice-President of the Town of Tonawanda Recreation Department's Football Board of Governors and a member of the Sheridan Transit Rod and Gun Club / Dominic J. Mallare passed away on 22 December 2023 at the age of 92 years old



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Name: MALONEY

Hometown: BUFFALO

ALBERT

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:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Albert Allden Maloney honorably served in the United States Air Force and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Albert Maloney was a model railroad enthusiast and a member of the Motoring & Miniatures / Albert Allden Maloney passed away on 8 January 2024 at the age of 93 years old and is interred at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Kenmore, New York



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Name: MALONEY

Hometown: GRAND ISLAND

JAMES

A.

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:

James A. Maloney honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

James A. Maloney passed away on 9 April 2014



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: MALZAN

Hometown: TONAWANDA

EDWIN

M.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank:

Year Entered: 1947

Year Discharged: 1951

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Edwin D. Malzan honorably served in the United States Air Force / Edwin Malzan was assigned as a Radio Operator during the Berlin, Germany airlift / Malzan continued serving in the Air Force Reserves until 1986

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Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Edwin D. Malzan passed away on 12 February 2025 at the age of 96 years old

The U.S. Air Force Reserve (AFRC) is a federal reserve component of the United States Air Force / It has approximately 450 aircraft assigned for which it has sole control, as well as access to several hundred additional active-duty USAF aircraft via AFRC "Associate" wings that are collocated with active-duty Air Force wings / The AFRC is actively involved in operations around the world and contributes to the Air Force mission



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Name: MAMMOSER

Hometown: ORCHARD PARK

EUGENE

A.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1953

Unit / Squadron:

28TH TRANSPORT COMPANY, FIRST ARMY

Medals / Citations:

KOREA SERVICE MEDAL W/ 2 SERVICE STARS

UNITED NATION SERVICE MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Eugene A. Mammoser honorably served in the United States Army / Eugene Mammoser was deployed to Korea for 1 year, 10 months and 6 days

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Eugene Mammoser entered into the U.S. Army at the age of 23 years old / Eugene Mammoser was a 35 year volunteer for the Erie County Fair / Eugene A. Mammoser passed away on 27 May 2024 at the age of 95 years old

Motor transport companies provide for the transport of personnel and a variety of commodities, including petroleum products, bulk cargo, and containers / They normally operate as part of a transportation battalion, a Combat Sustainment Support Battalion (CSSB) or Division Sustainment Support Battalion (DSSB)

The 28th Transportation Battalion was originally constituted in the Regular Army as the 1st Battalion, 28th Quartermaster Regiment on 10 February 1936 / Over time, it underwent several redesignations and reorganizations / During World War II, the battalion participated in various campaigns, including Algeria-French Morocco, Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, and Rhineland / On 1 April 1942, it was redesignated as the 1st Battalion, 28th Quartermaster Truck Regiment and on 5 December 1943, the battalion was broken up, and its elements were reorganized and redesignated / The battalion went through several changes, becoming the 28th Transportation Corps Truck Battalion, then the 28th Transportation Truck Battalion, and finally the 28th Transportation Battalion

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



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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

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

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Name: **MANCINI, SR.**

Hometown: DEPEW

MICHAEL E.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1953

Year Discharged: 1955

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY B, 597TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, 36TH FIELD ARTILLERY GROUP

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 Michael E. Mancini, Sr. honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Michael Mancini was assigned as a Wire Chief, Field during his 18 months of duty in Hanau, Germany

CPL Michael Mancini received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army on 12 April 1955

Base Assignments:

Hanau Army Garrison, Germany - The Hanau Army Garrison was located in the Central German state of Hessen / Although the base was run by the Americans, it was part of a wide net of military bases under the jurisdiction of NATO, run by the German regulations / The primary mission of this base was to support the military operations conducted everywhere in the world / U.S. Army Garrison Hanau was closed on April 18, 2008, marking the end of six decades of an American presence

Miscellaneous:

Michael E. Mancini, Sr. passed away on 16 May 2020 at the age of 86 years old and is interred at Elma Cemetery, Elma, New York

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

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Name: MANN

Hometown: EAST AURORA

RICHARD G.

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:

Richard G. "Dick" Mann honorably served in the United States Navy and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Richard Mann was the Past Commander of American Legion Post 362 (East Aurora) / Richard G. "Dick" Mann passed away on 8 January 2024 at the age of 92 years old



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Name: MANN

Hometown: WILLIAMSVILLE

ROBERT L.

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:

Robert L. Mann honorably served in the United States Army Air Corp

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Robert Mann retired from the Amherst Highway Department / Robert L. Mann passed away on 6 October 2024 at the age of 90 years old

The United States Air Force became a separate military service on 18 September 1947, with the implementation of the National Security Act of 1947



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Name: **MANSELL**

Hometown: WEST SENECA

WILLIAM L.

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 L. Mansell honorably served in the United States Air Force

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

William L. Mansell passed away on 10 February 2023 at the age of 86 years old and is interred at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York



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Name: **MARKOWSKI**

Hometown: ELMA

RONALD G.

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:

Ronald G. Markowski honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Ronald Markowski was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post #8113, West Seneca, New York



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Name: MARRANCA

Hometown: TONAWANDA

CARL 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:

Carl J. Marranca honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Carl Marranca was the Past Commander of the M.J. Brounshidle Post #206, Commander of Chapter #63 - Korean War Veterans and a member of the Harry E. Crosby Post / Carl J. Marranca passed away on 11 July 2022 at the age of 87 years old



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: MARTIN

Hometown: BUFFALO

EUGENE

R.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

101ST AIRBORNE INFANTRY REGIMENT

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Eugene R. Martin honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Ft. Benning, Georgia - Fort Benning is a United States Army post straddling the Alabama–Georgia border next to Columbus, Georgia and is named after Henry L. Benning, a brigadier general in the Confederate States Army during the Civil War/ Fort Benning supports more than 120,000 active-duty military, family members, reserve component soldiers, retirees and civilian employees on a daily basis / Since 1909, Fort Benning has served as the Home of the Infantry / Fort Benning is one of ten U.S. Army installations named for former Confederate generals / The congressionally mandated Naming Commission has recommended it be renamed Fort Moore after Lieutenant General Hal and Julia Moore

Miscellaneous:

Eugene Martin graduated from Buffalo State Teachers College and a graduate degree from the University of Buffalo / Martin taught Earth Science in Attica, New York and in the Kenmore-Tonawanda public school system for over 43 years / Eugene Martin was active with the Boy Scouts of America and was a Merit Badge Counselor to Kenmore Junior High School students / Eugene R. Martin passed away on 24 April 2024 at the age of 95 years old

The 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) ("Screaming Eagles") is a light infantry division of the United States Army that specializes in air assault operations / It can plan, coordinate, and execute multiple battalion-size air assault operations to seize terrain / These operations can be conducted by mobile teams covering large distances, fighting behind enemy lines, and working in austere environments with limited or degraded infrastructure / Established in 1918, the 101st Division was first constituted as an airborne unit in 1942 / During World War II, it gained renown for its role in Operation Overlord (the D-Day landings and airborne landings on 6 June 1944, in Normandy, France); Operation Market Garden; the liberation of the Netherlands; and its action during the Battle of the Bulge / From 1965 to 1967, the 1st Brigade operated independently as sort of a fire brigade and earned the reputation as being called the "Nomads of Vietnam" / They fought in every area of South Vietnam from the Demilitarized Zone up north all the way down the Central Highlands / The rest of



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the 101st was deployed to Vietnam in November 1967 and the 1st Brigade rejoined its parent division / The 101st was deployed in the northern I Corps region, operating against the People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) infiltration routes through Laos and the A Shau Valley for most of the war / Notable among these were the Battle of Hamburger Hill in 1969 and Firebase Ripcord in 1970 / The division began withdrawing from South Vietnam on 15 May 1971 with the departure of the 3rd Battalion, 506th Infantry / Most major units of the Division had redeployed by January 1972 / In the seven years that all or part of the division served in Vietnam, it suffered 4,011 killed and 18,259 wounded in action / The division, during this time, participated in 12 separate campaigns and 17 of the division's Medal of Honor recipients are from this period of time – all this giving the 101st Airborne Division a combat record unmatched by any other division



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Name: MARTINA, JR.

Hometown: BUFFALO

PETER T.

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:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Corporal Peter T. Martina, Jr. honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Peter Martina was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Peter Martina moved to Marshfield, Massachusetts in 1970, working for the Prudential Insurance Company / Martina transferred to Orlando, Florida for 31 years before returning to Marshfield, Massachusetts / Martina was a member of the Elks for over 70 years / Peter T. Martina, Jr. passed away on 26 March 2026 at the age of 95 years old



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Name: MARTS

Hometown: WEST SENECA

CHARLES

W.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: CPL

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Charles William “Bill” Marts honorably served in the United States Marine Corps / CPL Charles Marts was deployed to Korea

Charles William Marts also served in combat action during World War II

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Charles Marts co-founded the Marine Corps League of Lackawanna / Marts was a member of the West Seneca Auxiliary Police and a retired Bethlehem Steel Worker / Charles William “Bill” Marts passed away on 26 November 2023 at the age of 86 years old and is interred at Hillcrest Cemetery, Hamburg, New York



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: MARTS

Hometown: WEST SENECA

CHARLES

W.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch:

Rank: CPL

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Charles William "Bill" Marts honorably served in the United States Marine Corps / CPL Charles Marts also served in World War II

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Charles Marts co-founded the Marine Corps League of Lackawanna and a member of the West Seneca Auxiliary Police / Charles Marts was a retired Bethlehem Steel Worker / Charles William "Bill" Marts passed away on 26 November 2013 at the age of 86 years old and is interred at Hillcrest Cemetery and Mausoleum, Hamburg, New York



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Name: MARTZOLF

Hometown: EAST AURORA

GEORGE E.

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:

George E. Martzolf honorably served in the United States Navy and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

George Martzolf was a retired Aeronautical Engineer at the Calspan Corporation / Martzolf was a Life Member of American Legion Post #362 in East Aurora / George E. Martzolf passed away on 27 December 2022 at the age of 89 years old



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Name: **MASSET**

Hometown: WEST SENECA

WILLIAM J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: SSGT

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant William J. Masset honorably served in the United States Marine Corps / SSGT William Masset was deployed to Korea / SSGT William Masset served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **MAYNARD**

Hometown: WILLIAMSVILLE

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:**

Service Notes:

Richard William Maynard honorably served in the United States Army / Richard Maynard was stationed in Paris, France after his Army basic training

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Richard Maynard was born in Bridgewater Corners, Vermont Richard Maynard graduated from Springfield College where he earned a degree in Kinesiology / Maynard was the Buffalo Branch Manager for the World Book Encyclopedia / Richard William Maynard passed away on 11 September 2022 at the age of 91 years old



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: MAZUR

Hometown: BUFFALO

RICHARD

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:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Richard Mazur honorably served in the United States Air Force and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

After his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Air Force, Richard Mazur was employed by Westinghouse Corp and the Erie County Public Library until his retirement / Mazur was a member of the Frank L. Gierlach VFW Post #1320 and the American Legion / Richard Mazur passed away peacefully on 22 March 2024 in the Buffalo VA Hospital



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Name: MAZUR, JR.

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

STANLEY 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:

Stanley J. Mazur, Jr. honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army, Stanley Mazur went to work for the Consolidated Rail Corporation, retiring in 1982 / Mazur co-founded Twin City Automatic Transmission Inc., an automobile repair and maintenance business, in Lancaster, New York / Stanley J. Mazur, Jr. passed away on 4 April 2023 at the age of 92 years old and is interred at St. Matthew's Cemetery, West Seneca, New York



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Name: MAZUROWSKI
ARTHUR

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

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:

Arthur J. Mazurowski honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Arthur Mazurowski was a US Army veteran and was a member of Leonard Post VFW Post #6211, St. Martha Parish Senior Club and Cheektowaga Seniors / Arthur J. Mazurowski passed away on 18 August 2020 at the age of 91 years old



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Name: MAZUROWSKI
GEORGE

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

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:

George Mazurowski honorably served in the United States Air Force

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

George Mazurowski passed away on 18 January 2025 at the age of 92 years old and is interred at St. Matthew's Cemetery, West Seneca, New York



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Name: **MCCAFFERY SR.**

Hometown: EAST AURORA

EDWARD A.

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:

Edward A. McCaffery, Sr. honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Edward McCaffery was born in Warsaw, New York / After a career in Food and Drug Distribution, Edward McCaffery formed Team Food Brokers in 1983 and grew it from a one-man operation into a small but successful company with 12 employees / In 1994, McCaffery sold the business and retired to Port Charlotte, Florida / Edward McCaffery was a member of the Buffalo Food Brokers Association, serving as President in 1993 / McCaffery was a member of the Grand Island Lions for 21 years, a Past Commander of Bates-Courtney Post American Legion, a member of East Aurora American Legion Post No. #362, and exempt Volunteer Fireman and past-master of Oakland Masonic Lodge in Castile, New York / Edward A. McCaffery, Sr. passed away on 11 August 2011 at the age of 79 years old



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Name: MCCARTHY

Hometown: TONAWANDA

VINCENT

W.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Vincent W. McCarthy honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Vincent McCarthy graduated from St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute in 1951 / After his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army, Vincent McCarthy entered the Columbian Missionary order, completing his religious studies in Ireland / Following his graduation and priestly ordination, Reverend McCarthy served as a Columbian missionary with assignments in the Fiji Islands, Brazil, Peru and Mexico / Reverend Vincent W. McCarthy passed away on 14 August 2024 at the age of 91 years old

The 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) ("Screaming Eagles") is a light infantry division of the United States Army that specializes in air assault operations / It can plan, coordinate, and execute multiple battalion-size air assault operations to seize terrain / These operations can be conducted by mobile teams covering large distances, fighting behind enemy lines, and working in austere environments with limited or degraded infrastructure / Established in 1918, the 101st Division was first constituted as an airborne unit in 1942 / During World War II, it gained renown for its role in Operation Overlord (the D-Day landings and airborne landings on 6 June 1944, in Normandy, France); Operation Market Garden; the liberation of the Netherlands; and its action during the Battle of the Bulge / The 101st Airborne was allotted to the Regular Army in June 1948 and reactivated as a training unit at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky the following July, only to be inactivated the next year / It was reactivated in 1950 following the outbreak of the Korean War, again to serve as a Training Center at Camp Breckenridge until inactivated in December 1953 / From 1965 to 1967, the 1st Brigade operated independently as sort of a fire brigade and earned the reputation as being called the "Nomads of Vietnam" / They fought in every area of South Vietnam from the Demilitarized Zone up north all the way down the Central Highlands / The rest of the 101st was deployed to Vietnam in November 1967 and the 1st Brigade rejoined its parent division / The 101st was deployed in the northern I Corps region, operating against the People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) infiltration routes through Laos and the A



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Shau Valley for most of the war / Notable among these were the Battle of Hamburger Hill in 1969 and Firebase Ripcord in 1970 / The division began withdrawing from South Vietnam on 15 May 1971 with the departure of the 3rd Battalion, 506th Infantry / Most major units of the Division had redeployed by January 1972 / In the seven years that all or part of the division served in Vietnam, it suffered 4,011 killed and 18,259 wounded in action / The division, during this time, participated in 12 separate campaigns and 17 of the division's Medal of Honor recipients are from this period of time – all this giving the 101st Airborne Division a combat record unmatched by any other division

Name: MCDONALD

Hometown:

THOMAS

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:* KOREA

Service Notes:

Thomas F. McDonald honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Thomas McDonald was an attorney for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and past President of the IRS Buffalo Credit Union / McDonald was also a member of the Blackthorn Club / Thomas F. McDonald passed away on 2 April 2024 at the age of 89 years old



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Name: MCDONOUGH

Hometown: BUFFALO

PAUL J.

Address: 705 HOPKINS STREET

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Year Entered: 1950

Year Discharged: KIA

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS, 2ND BATTALION, 23RD INFANTRY REGIMENT, 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF KOREA WAR SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

ARMY PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Private Paul J. McDonough honorably served in the United States Army / PVT McDonough was deployed to Korea as a Light Weapons Infantryman and was Killed in Action on 16 May 1951 at Changu-Ni, South Korea

The remains of Paul McDonough were returned to the United States aboard the ship, "Maiden Voyage"

Paul McDonough is remembered at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Paul McDonough graduated from St. Agatha's School and attended South Park High School / McDonough worked in the Baggage Room at the New York Central Terminal (Buffalo) prior to entering the U.S. Army / Paul J. McDonough was 23 years old at the time of his passing and is interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, New York

Light Weapons Infantryman lack heavy weapons and armor or with a reduced vehicle footprint / Light infantry units lack the greater firepower, operational mobility and protection of mechanized or armored units, but possess greater tactical mobility and the ability to execute missions in severely restrictive terrain and in areas where weather makes vehicular mobility difficult / Light infantry forces typically rely on their ability to operate under restrictive conditions, surprise, violence of action, training, stealth, field craft, and fitness levels of the individual soldiers to compensate for their reduced



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lethality / Despite the usage of the term "light", forces in a light unit must carry everything they require to fight, survive and win due to lack of vehicles

The 23rd Infantry Division, known as the "Americal Division," was the only U.S. Army division formed outside the United States, activated on 27 May 1942 in New Caledonia / It played a significant role during World War II and was involved in the Vietnam War / The division is recognized for its contributions to infantry tactics and logistics, and it was nicknamed "Ever Ready"

The 2nd Infantry Regiment is an infantry regiment in the United States Army that has served for more than two hundred years / It was constituted on 12 April 1808 as the 6th Infantry and consolidated with 4 other regiments in 1815 to form the present unit / In September 1965 the First and Second battalions deployed to Vietnam, landing on the beach at Vung Tau in October 1965 / From there they proceeded to their assigned areas, Phuoc Vinh for the 1st Battalion and Lai Khe for the 2nd Battalion / The battalions initially fought as light infantry in the areas north and west of Saigon / On 2 January 1967 the 2nd Battalion officially became a mechanized infantry battalion / The 1st Battalion sustained its first major casualties of the war on 21 December 1965 when the enemy ambushed the command group of Company B as the company was moving out of Bien Hoa on routine patrol / On 25 August 1966 during Operation Amarillo a patrol from Company C, 1st Battalion was ambushed after stumbling into a Viet Cong base camp, losing 6 men killed of the 15-man patrol, total US losses in the operation were 41 killed, 45 Viet Cong bodies were found, while later intelligence indicated that Viet Cong losses were 171 men killed / During four and a half years the battalions were involved in major operations such as: Junction City, the largest operation conducted up to that time, Lam Son II, Paul Bunyan, Bu Dop (aka Battle of Hill 172), An Loc, and An Loc II and numerous other operations and small unit actions / Contact with the enemy was almost daily / When the 1st Infantry Division stood down in March and April 1970 the 1st and 2nd Battalion's colors were cased and the soldiers were either reassigned to other units in Vietnam or returned to the United States to be discharged

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

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 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

The United Nations Service Medal Korea (UNSMK) is an international military decoration established by the United Nations during the Korean War / It was awarded to military service members of allied forces who participated in the defense of South Korea from North Korea between 27 June 1950 and 27 July 1954

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



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units that participated in the defense of South Korea as part of the U.N. forces during the Korean War

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

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

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: MCGOLDRICK

Hometown: BUFFALO

JAMES 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:

James J. McGoldrick honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Dr. James J. McGoldrick was a retired Professor of Language at Canisius College / Dr. McGoldrick was instrumental in founding the Dortmund Buffalo Sister City Program / Dr. James J. McGoldrick passed away on 18 July 2022 at the age of 89 years old and is interred at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, New York



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Name: **MCGRATH**

Hometown: WEST SENECA

JAMES J.

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Year Entered:

Year Discharged: KIA

Unit / Squadron:

38TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| PURPLE HEART | KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL |
| REPUBLIC OF KOREA WAR SERVICE MEDAL | REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION |
| UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL | COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE |
| MARKSMANSHIP BADGE | PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION |
| NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL | GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL |

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

Service Notes:

Private First-Class James McGrath honorably served in the United States Army / PFC James McGrath was a Light Weapons Infantryman and assigned as a member of the 38th Infantry Division / Private First-Class James J. McGrath was Killed in Action on 12 February 1951 while fighting the enemy near Chipyeong-ni, South Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Private First Class James J. McGrath was 18 years of age at the time of his death and is interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, New York

James McGrath is remembered at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Light Weapons Infantryman lack heavy weapons and armor or with a reduced vehicle footprint / Light infantry units lack the greater firepower, operational mobility and protection of mechanized or armored units, but possess greater tactical mobility and the ability to execute missions in severely restrictive terrain and in areas where weather makes vehicular mobility difficult / Light infantry forces typically rely on their ability to operate under restrictive conditions, surprise, violence of action, training, stealth, field craft, and fitness levels of the individual soldiers to compensate for their reduced lethality / Despite the usage of the term "light", forces in a light unit must carry everything they require to fight, survive and win due to lack of vehicles



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The Battle of Chipyeong-ni, also known as the Battle of Dipingli, was a decisive battle of the Korean War, that took place from 13–15 February 1951 between American and French units of the US 23rd Infantry Regiment and various units of the Chinese People's Volunteer Army (PVA) around the village of Chipyeong-ni / The result was a United Nations Command victory / Due to the ferocity of the Chinese attack and the heroism of the defenders, the battle has also been called, "...one of the greatest regimental defense actions in military history"

The 38th Infantry Regiment is an infantry regiment of the United States Army and was established on 28 July 1866 / The 38th Infantry participated in the Korean Spring Offensive, the UN Summer-Fall Offensive, the Second Korean Winter Offensive, the Summer-Fall 1952 Offensive, the Third Korean Offensive and the Korean Summer Offensive of 1953 / Five members of the 38th Infantry Regiment were awarded the Medal of Honor for their actions in the Korean War

The 2nd Infantry Division (2ID) ("Indianhead") is a formation of the United States Army / Since the 1960's, its primary mission has been the pre-emptive defense of South Korea in the event of an invasion from North Korea / Approximately 17,000 soldiers serve in the 2nd Infantry Division, with 10,000 stationed in South Korea, accounting for about 35% of the United States Forces Korea personnel / Known as the 2nd Infantry Division-ROK/U.S. Combined Division (2ID/RUCD), the division is bolstered by rotational Brigade Combat Teams (BCTs) from other U.S. Army divisions / The 2nd Infantry Division is unique as the only U.S. Army division to incorporate South Korean soldiers through the KATUSA (Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army) program, which began in 1950 with the agreement of South Korean President Syngman Rhee / By the end of the Korean War, around 27,000 KATUSAs had served with U.S. forces / As of May 2006, roughly 1,100 KATUSA soldiers are assigned to 2ID / Between 1950 and 1954, over 4,748 Dutch soldiers also served with the division

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

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Name: MCHUGH

Hometown: LACKAWANNA

PATRICK H.

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:

Patrick H. McHugh honorably served in the United States Navy and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Patrick McHugh was a member of American Legion Post #63 / Patrick H. McHugh passed away on 20 May 2022



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: MCMANUS

Hometown: BUFFALO

PAUL E.

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:

Paul Everett McManus honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Paul Everett McManus passed away on 18 May 2025 at the age of 90 years old



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Name: **MCNAMARA**

Hometown: BUFFALO

RICHARD B

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:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Richard Bernard McNamara honorably served in the United States Air Force and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Air Force, Richard McNamara went to work for General Motors, retiring after 32 years of service / Richard Bernard McNamara passed away on 8 March 2017 at the age of 85 years old and is interred at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Kenmore, New York



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Name: MCSWAIN

Hometown: BUFFALO

CHARLES

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:

Charles "Charlie" McSwain honorably served in the United States Air Force

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Charles McSwain graduated from Canisius College / McSwain was an Accountant and employed by the City of Buffalo / Charles McSwain volunteered for Queen of Heaven parish and the Buffalo Irish Center / Charle McSwain was a member of American Legion Post #735 in West Seneca / Charles "Charlie" McSwain passed away on 26 September 2025 at the age of 93 years old and is interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, New York



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Name: MEHNE

Hometown: HOLLAND

HOWARD E.

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:

Howard E. "Bud" Mehne honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Howard Mehne was a member of American Legion Post #362 / Howard E. "Bud" Mehne passed away on 25 April 2025 at the age of 98 years old



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Name: **MELLERSKI**

Hometown: WEST SENECA

STEPHEN J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Year Entered: 1953

Year Discharged: 1955

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 373RD ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION, 4TH ARMOR GROUP, V CORPS,
SEVENTH US ARMY

Medals / Citations:

ARMY OCCUPATION MEDAL-GERMANY

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Stephen J. Mellerski honorably served in the United States Army / PFC Stephen Mellerski was deployed for 18 months of foreign duty at Camp Wildflecken, Germany, assigned to Company A, 373rd Armored Infantry Battalion, 4th Armor Group, V Corps, Seventh US Army

PFC Stephen Mellerski was Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Army on 4 March 1955

Base Assignments:

Camp Wildflecken, Germany - Wildflecken Training Area is a military training area near Wildflecken in the High Rhön mountains in Germany / It was established in 1938 by the German Wehrmacht / In April 1945, elements of the U.S. 14th Armored Division took control of the camp and was used by the US Army after the Second World War / After 1951, its range served as a US Army training base operated by the 7th Army Training Command in Grafenwöhr, and it was home station for several Army units including armored, mechanized infantry, military intelligence and logistics units (most notably the 373d Armored Infantry Brigade of the 19th (later 4th) Armored Group) / It also served as a base for West German Bundesgrenzschutz (border police) units and later for the new German Army / The Wildflecken Kaserne was decommissioned by the US Army and transferred to Germany in 1994 after a drawdown that began in 1991.

Miscellaneous:

After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army, Stephen Mellerski was a Millwright at Bethlehem Steel for 39 years / Stephen J. Mellerski passed away on 27 July 2022 at the age of 89 years old

The Armor Branch is a command centric branch that prepares officers to command combined arms formations across the



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full spectrum of military operations / The Armor Branch serves two primary functions in support of unified land operations: firstly, to provide combined arms formations the capability to close with and destroy the enemy using fire, maneuver, and shock effect; secondly, to provide cavalry and scout formations the capabilities to perform reconnaissance and security during combined arms maneuver and wide area security operations

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: **MENCLEWICZ**
LEON

Hometown: DEPEW

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:

Leon Menclewicz honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Leon Menclewicz was a longtime employee of International Chimney / Leon Menclewicz passed away on 28 August 2025 at the age of 94 years old and is interred at St. Adalbert's Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York



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Name: MENDOLIA, SR.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

JOHN J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

2ND INFANTRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

BRONZE STAR (2)

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

Service Notes:

Corporal John J. Mendolia, Sr. honorably served in the United States Army / CPL John Mendolia was deployed to Korea with the 2nd Infantry

CPL Mendolia was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat action / Corporal Mendolia was awarded 2 Bronze Star Medals for bravery during combat operations

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

John Mendolia was born in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania / Mendolia earned a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering from the University of Buffalo in 1959 / John Mendolia was an Engineer and Director of Technical Services for Danaher, owner of American Precision Industries / Mendolia worked for the company for 40 years / Mendolia was a member of the West Seneca Historical Society and had published several articles in engineering journals and was a member of East Aurora Country Club / John Mendolia was a member of Harvey D. Morin Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post #2940 / John J. Mendolia, Sr. passed away on 8 December 2004 at the age of 74 years old and is interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, New York

The 2nd Infantry Division (2ID, 2nd ID) ("Indianhead") is a formation of the United States Army / Its current primary mission is the pre-emptive defense of South Korea in the event of an invasion from North Korea / There are approximately 17,000 soldiers in the 2nd Infantry Division, with 10,000 of them stationed in South Korea / The 2nd Infantry Division arrived in Korea, via Pusan on 23 July 1950, becoming the first unit to reach Korea directly from the United States / The first big test for the 2nd Infantry came when the North Korean Korean People's Army (KPA) struck in a human wave attack on the night of 31 August 1950 / In the 16-day battle that followed, the division's clerks, bandsmen, technical and supply personnel joined in the fight to defend against the attackers / The division was the first unit to break



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out of the Pusan Perimeter starting on 16 September 1950 and Eighth Army then began a general offensive northward against crumbling KPA opposition to establish contact with forces of the 7th Infantry Division driving southward from the Inchon beachhead / The 2nd Infantry Division was within 50 miles of the Manchurian border when the Chinese People's Volunteer Army (PVA) launched their Second Phase Offensive on 25 November 1950 / During the Battle of the Ch'ongch'on River, soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division were given the mission of protecting the rear and right flank of the Eighth Army as it retired to the south / After this battle, while surrounded and outgunned, the division had to fight its way south through what was to become known as "The Gauntlet" - a PVA roadblock 6 miles long where the 23rd Infantry Regiment fired off its stock of 3,206 artillery shells within 20 minutes, a massive barrage that prevented PVA troops from following the regiment / The 2nd Infantry suffered 4,037 casualties, and lost most of its artillery pieces, 40 percent of its signal equipment, 45 percent of its crew-served weapons and 30 percent of its vehicles were lost during the battle / In August 1951, the division was on the offensive once again, ordered to attack a series of ridges that had been designated threats to the Eighth Army's line / These actions would devolve into the battles of Bloody Ridge and Heartbreak Ridge / The division would not receive relief until October, with its infantry regiments having suffered heavy losses / The 2nd Division was withdrawn after possessing both Bloody and Heartbreak Ridges, and the damage they inflicted upon the PVA/KPA (North Korean Korean People's Army) that held the ridges was estimated at 25,000 casualties / After the Korean Armistice Agreement was signed on 27 July 1953, the 2nd Infantry Division withdrew to positions south of the Korean Demilitarized Zone / After the armistice, the division remained in Korea until 1954, when it was reduced to near zero strength, the colors were transferred to Fort Lewis, Washington, Georgia and, in October 1954, the 44th Infantry Division was reflagged as the Second / The 2nd Infantry Division formally returned to South Korea in July 1965

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

The Bronze Star Medal (BSM) is a is the fourth-highest individual military award and the ninth-highest by order of precedence in the United States Armed Forces / The Bronze Star is awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces for either heroic achievement, heroic service, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service in a combat zone / When the medal is awarded by the Army and Air Force for acts of valor in combat, the "V" Device is authorized for wear on the medal



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Name: **MEOSKY**

Hometown: GRAND ISLAND

PAUL

R.

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:

Paul R. Meosky honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Paul R. Meosky passed away on 6 December 2015 and is interred at St. Stephen's Cemetery, Grand Island, New York



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **MERGEL**

Hometown: GRAND ISLAND

PHILIP

A.

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:

Philip A. Mergel honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Philip Mergel was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post #9249 / Philip A. Mergel passed away on 23 August 2023 at the age of 94 years old



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: MICHAEL

Hometown: LACKAWANNA

RAYMOND

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SSGT

Year Entered: 1950

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

CHEMICAL CORPS, 31ST INFANTRY REGIMENT, 7TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/2 SERVICE STARS

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL (KOREA)

COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Raymond "Ray" Michael honorably served in the United States Army / SSG Raymond Michael was deployed to Korea with the Chemical Corps, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division / SSG Michael saw much action during the Korean War and participated in the infamous Battle for Heartbreak Ridge in September-October 1951

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Raymond "Ray" Michael passed away 9 March 2017

The 31st Infantry Regiment has played a role in every major conflict and military operation involving the U.S. Army from World War I to the Global War on Terrorism / During the Korean War, elements of the 31st Infantry took part in operations around the Chosin Reservoir in late November as part of the 31st Regimental Combat Team (RCT) / After the armistice in July 1953, the 31st Infantry remained in Korea with the 7th Infantry Division

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Name: MICHLINSKI

Hometown: WEST SENECA

PAUL E.

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:

Paul E. Michlinski honorably served in the United States Air Force

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Paul E. Michlinski passed away on 14 December 2025 at the age of 94 years old



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: MIERZWA

Hometown: DEPEW

PAUL L.

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:

Paul A. Mierzwa honorably served in the United States Air Force / Mierzwa was a Drummer in the Air Force Band

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Paul Mierzwa was employed by the Whitmier & Ferris Company as an Artistic Designer / Paul A. Mierzwa passed away on 7 December 2024 at the age of 90 years old



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Name: MILKIE

Hometown:

RAMON S

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:

Ramon Saba George Milkie honorably served in the United States Air Force / Ramon Milkie graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Ramon Milkie graduated from Hutchinson Technical High School / After his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Air Force, Ramon Milkie went to work for Bell Aerospace, working on the Agena II space engine / Milkie attended one semester at the University of Buffalo / Along with family members, Ramon Milkie open 7 restaurants: The Villa Romano, The Forum Lounge, The Big Dipper, The Little Dipper, The Blue Galaxy, The Falling Star and the Milkie Way / Ramon Milkie started a company called MVR (Mechanical Vapor Recompression) Equipment / Milkie was a former President of the Engineering Society / Ramon Saba George Milkie passed away on 26 February 2025 at the age of 92 years old and is interred at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York



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Name: MILLER

Hometown: DEPEW

JOSEPH

D.

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:

Joseph D. Miller honorably served in the United States Navy and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Joseph Miller retired after 50 years in the printing business / Miller was a Captain and Past President of Knights of St. John, Commandery #204 / Joseph D. Miller passed away on 17 March 2025 at the age of 92 years old



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Name: MILLER

Hometown: BUFFALO

MARVIN

P.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: AB2

Year Entered: 1955

Year Discharged: 1961

Unit / Squadron:

USS TICONDEROGA (CVA-14)

USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43)

Medals / Citations:

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

CHINA SERVICE MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION RIBBON (4TH AWARD)

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

Service Notes:

Aviation Boatswain's Mate Petty Officer 2nd Class Marvin P. Miller honorably served in the United States Navy / AB2 Marvin Miller was deployed to Korea and trained as a Firefighter / AB2 Miller served aboard the USS Ticonderoga and the USS Coral Sea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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

USS Coral Sea (CV/CVB/CVA-43), a Midway-class aircraft carrier, was the third ship of the United States Navy to be named for the Battle of the Coral Sea / She earned the affectionate nickname "Ageless Warrior" through her long career / Initially classified as an aircraft carrier with hull classification symbol CV-43, she was reclassified as a "Large Aircraft Carrier" with

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hull classification symbol CVB-43 on 15 July 1943 / Coral Sea was one of the last U.S Navy carriers to be completed with a straight flight deck, with an angled flight deck added on during later modernizations / The Coral Sea operated in the Mediterranean for duty with the Sixth Fleet from 9 September 1950 to 1 February 1951 / Coral Sea was decommissioned at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard on 24 May 1957 to receive a major conversion (SCB 110A) / Following the Gulf of Tonkin incident in August 1963, Coral Sea departed on 7 December 1964 for duty with the Seventh Fleet / On 7 February 1965, her aircraft, along with those from Ranger and Hancock, conducted Operation Flaming Dart against the military barracks and staging areas near Đồng Hới in the southern sector of North Vietnam / The raids were in retaliation for a damaging Viet Cong attack on installations around Pleiku in South Vietnam / On 26 March, the Seventh Fleet units began their participation in Operation Rolling Thunder, a systematic bombing of military targets throughout North Vietnam / Pilots from Coral Sea struck island and coastal radar stations in the vicinity of Vinh / On 3 April Vietnam People's Air Force MiG-17s attacked aircraft from Coral Sea and Hancock in the first United States aerial combat of the Vietnam conflict / On 12 to 14 May 1975, Coral Sea participated with other Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps forces in the Mayaguez incident, the recovery of the U.S. merchant ship SS Mayaguez and her 39 crew, illegally seized on 12 May in international waters by Khmer Rouge gunboats / On 25 March 1983, Coral Sea, having been reassigned to the Atlantic Fleet, left Alameda for her new homeport of Norfolk / The Navy sent the ship on a six-month around-the-world cruise, with ports of call in five countries / After nearly 43 years of service, the Coral Sea was decommissioned on 26 April 1990 and stricken from the Naval Vessel Register two days later / On 7 May 1993, she was sold for scrap, minus her electronics, weapons, and other usable equipment

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Name: **MILLIGAN, JR.**

Hometown: LAKE VIEW

WALTER J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Walter Jay Milligan, Jr. honorably served in the United States Army / PFC Wlater Milligan was assigned to the Army Ordnance Corps stateside

PFC Walter Milligan was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army on 27 May 1954

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Walter Milligan was a past Commissioner for the Lake View Fire Department, as well as an Honorary member of the Armor Volunteer Fire Department / Milligan was the founder of JM Productions in Hamburg, New York / Walter Jay Milligan, Jr. passed away on 20 March 2017 at the age of 86 years old and is interred at Hillcrest Cemetery, Hamburg, New York

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Name: MINTON

Hometown: WALES CENTER

DONALD

A.

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 Donald A. Minton honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Donald Minton was assigned as a Missile Guidance Components Repairman

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Donald Minton graduated from East Aurora High School in 1949 / Donald Minton worked for Westinghouse and in 1954 went to work for New York State Electric & Gas as a Lineman and retired in 1990 / Donald A. Minton passed away on 9 February 2026 at the age of 95 years old and is interred at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery, Randolph, New York



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Name: **MIRCO, SR.**

Hometown: BUFFALO

MICHAEL V.

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:

Michael V. Mirco, Sr. honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Michael V. Mirco, Sr. passed away on 20 October 2022 at the age of 91 years old and is interred at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery



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Name: **MISENER**

Hometown: BUFFALO

HARVEY J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: CPL

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

4.2 MORTAR COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 1ST MARINES, 1ST MARINE DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF KOREA WAR SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

COMBAT ACTION RIBBON

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Harvey John Misener honorably served in the United States Marine Corps / CPL Harvey Misener was deployed to Korea with the 4.2 Mortar Company / CPL Misener was wounded in combat action on 25 September 1952 in Korea from non-hostile action / CPL Misener was transported to the U.S. Naval Hospital in Yokosuka, Japan and passed away on 10 November 1952

Harvey John Misener is remembered at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Harvey Misener attended South Park High School / Harvey John Misener was 23 years old at the time of his passing and is interred at Lakeside Memorial Park Cemetery, Hamburg, New York

The M2 4.2-inch mortar was a U.S. rifled 4.2-inch (107 mm) mortar used during the Second World War, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War / It entered service in 1943 and was nicknamed the "Goon Gun" (from its large bullet-shaped shells, monopod, and rifled bore) or the "Four-Deuce" (from its bore size in inches) / In 1951, it began to be phased out in favor of the M30 mortar of the same caliber

1st Battalion, 1st Marines (1/1) is an infantry battalion in the United States Marine Corps based out of Camp Pendleton, California, consisting of anywhere from 800 to 2,000 Marines and Sailors, but the number fluctuates depending on the battalion's mission / Falling under the command of the 1st Marine Regiment and the 1st Marine Division, they are



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commonly referred to as "The First of the First" / The battalion has been organized around fire and maneuver warfare in tropical, woodland, desert, or Arctic environments / 1/1 deployed to Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam in August 1965 and were reassigned to the 3rd Marine Division / They remained in Vietnam until May 1971, serving in or around Da Nang, Dong Ha, Con Thien, Quảng Trị, Hue, Phu Bai and Khe Sanh / 1st Battalion, 1st Marines returned to Camp Pendleton, California, in May 1971

The 1st Marine Division (1st MARDIV) is a Marine division of the United States Marine Corps headquartered at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California / It is the ground combat element of the I Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF) / It is the oldest and largest active duty division in the United States Marine Corps, representing a combat-ready force of 22,000 personnel / It is one of three active duty divisions in the Marine Corps today and is a multi-role, expeditionary ground combat force. It is nicknamed "The Old Breed" / The division is employed as the ground combat element (GCE) of the I Marine Expeditionary Force or may provide task-organized forces for assault operations and such operations as may be directed / The 1st Marine Division must be able to provide the ground amphibious forcible entry capability to the naval expeditionary force (NEF) and to conduct subsequent land operations in any operational environment / In March 1966, the 1st Marine Division Headquarters was established at Chu Lai, South Vietnam / By June 1966, the entire division was in South Vietnam, its Tactical Area of Responsibility (TAOR) was the southern two provinces of I Corps — Quang Tin and Quang Ngai / In August 1966 the division conducted Operation Colorado / Between March and October 1966 to May 1967, the division conducted 44 named operations and the division received its 7th Presidential Unit Citation for service from 29 March 1966 to 15 September 1967 / By April 1971, the Division was back in the United States / During combat actions in Vietnam, the 1st Marine Division lost 7,012 men killed in action / In 1975, the division supported the resettlement of South Vietnamese refugees by providing food and temporary shelter at Camp Pendleton for Vietnamese refugees as they arrived in the United States

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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

The Combat Action Ribbon (colloquially "CAR"), is a high precedence United States Navy, United States Coast Guard, and United States Marine Corps military decoration awarded to United States sea service members "who have actively participated in ground or surface combat" / Coast Guardsmen, Navy sailors, and Marines active in clandestine, stealth or



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Name: MOLEA

Hometown: LACKAWANNA

NICHOLAS D.

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:

Nicholas D. Molea honorably served in the United States Army / Nicholas MoMoleakski was deployed to Korea

Nicholas Molea also served in the Vietnam War

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Nicholas D. Molea passed away on 11 October 2006 at the age of 64 years old and is interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, New York



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Name: MONGER

Hometown: WEST SENECA

KENNETH R.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: PO2

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1956

Unit / Squadron:

USS MISSOURI (BB-63)

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/2 SERVICE STARS

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL-KOREA

EUROPEAN OCCUPATION MEDAL

CHINA SERVICE MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Petty Officer Second-Class Kenneth R. Monger honorably served in the United States Navy / PO2 Kenneth Monger was assigned as a Metalsmith, Welder 2nd Class while serving on the battleship USS Missouri (BB-63) for 40 months

Petty Officer Second-Class Kenneth Monger was Honorably Discharged from the United States Navy on 10 January 1956

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Kenneth R. Monger passed away on 11 March 2018 at the age of 84 years old and is interred at Lakeside Cemetery, Hamburg, New York

The USS Missouri (BB-63) is an Iowa-class battleship commissioned on 11 June 1944 and was the last battleship commissioned by the United States / The Missouri was assigned to the Pacific Theater during World War II, where she participated in the Battle of Iwo Jima and Okinawa / She shelled the Japanese home islands and her quarterdeck was the site of the surrender of the Empire of Japan, which ended World War II / Nicknamed the "Mighty Mo", she has been called the most historic battleship in the world / Missouri was the first American battleship to arrive in Korean waters and served as the flagship / She took part in numerous shore bombardment operations / The Missouri was decommissioned on 31 March 1992 and became a museum ship at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii as she watches over the remains of the Arizona and those interred within the Arizona's hull



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Name: **MONTOUR**

Hometown: BUFFALO

LEROY 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:

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

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Leroy Montour was a member of the Lower Cayuga Six Nations Reserve and a member of the Wolf Clan / Leroy Joseph Montour passed away on 15 October 2024 at the age of 92 years old and is interred at the Seneca Nation Cemetery, Irving, New York



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Name: **MOSES**

Hometown: BUFFALO

NICHOLAS 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:

Nicholas Raymond Moses honorably served in the United States Air Force

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Nicholas Raymond Moses passed away on 14 August 2024 at the age of 93 years old



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Name: **MOSSMAN**

Hometown: ALDEN

ROBERT

W.

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:

Robert W. Mossman honorably served in the United States Navy and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

After his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Navy, Robert W. Mossman joined the Cheektowaga Police Department / Mossman retired as a Police Detective after 32 years of service / Mossman also served as the Chief of Security at the Buffalo Bills Stadium / Robert W. Mossman passed away on 4 May 2022 at the age of 86 years old



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Name: MOURGAS

Hometown: BUFFALO

THOMAS L.

Address: T-5

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T-5

Year Entered: 1947

Year Discharged: 1949

Unit / Squadron:

706TH ORDNANCE (LM) COMPANY

"A" COMPANY, 124TH ARMORED ORDNANCE MAINTENANCE BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth-Grade Thomas L. Mourgas honorably served in the United States Army / T-5 Thomas Mourgas was assigned as an Ordnance Parts Clerk

Base Assignments:

Aberdeen Proving Grounds (APG) , Maryland - The Proving Grounds is a U.S. Army facility located adjacent to Aberdeen, Harford County, Maryland / APG is the U.S. Army's oldest active proving ground, established on 20 October 1917, six months after the U.S. entered World War I / Its location allowed design and testing of ordnance materiel to take place near contemporary industrial and shipping centers / At the peak of World War II, APG had billeting space for 2,348 officers and 24,189 enlisted personnel / Under the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) program, as announced in 2005, the APG is projected to lose the Ordnance School and associated R&D facilities with 3862 military and 290 civilian jobs moving to Fort Lee, Virginia

Camp Hillenmeyer, Kunsan, Korea - Kunsan Air Base is located on the coast of the Yellow Sea in western South Korea and falls under the command of the United States Air Force / It is one of only two United States Air Force installations in the Asian peninsula, with the other being found in Osan, nearly 6 hours away / The base was established in 1938 by occupying Japanese forces as an operating base / After the Japanese withdrawal, the United States took over the base / It first saw a limited use in 1945, and by 1949 only a small handful of US troops remained in the area / The close of 1949 saw the complete withdrawal of US troops from the Korean Peninsula, leaving the base completely vacant / The Korean War brought Kunsan Air Base back into action / When North Korean forces invaded the south in 1950, Kunsan Air Base was one of the first objectives to fall due its almost complete lack of defense / Within a few months US forces quickly regained the base and began stationing troops and assets at the location / The first resident of Kunsan Air Base, the 27th Fighter Escort Wing, became the main unit in 1951 / The 27th Fighter Escort Wing went on to become one of the most highly decorated Air Force units of the Korean War



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Miscellaneous:

The 706th Ordnance (LM) Company was activated 19 February 1943 at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland / Inactivated 2 November 1945 in Germany and activated 19 January 1948 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina / Reorganized and redesignated 21 November 1949 as the 6th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Squad / The broad mission of the Ordnance Corps is to supply Army combat units with weapons and ammunition, including at times their procurement and maintenance / Along with the Quartermaster Corps and Transportation Corps, it forms a critical component of the U.S. Army logistics system



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Name: MUELLER

Hometown: BUFFALO

DONALD 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:

Donald T. Mueller honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Donald Mueller enlisted in the U.S. Army on 28 May 1946 and was Honorably Discharged on 14 May 1947

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Donald Mueller spent his professional career working for Mobil Oil Company in Buffalo / Mueller ran the Orchard Park Recreational Badminton League / Donald T. Mueller passed away on 10 October 2025 at the age of 101 years old and is interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, Orchard Park, New York



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Name: MULLERSCHON

Hometown: ELMA

ADOLPH E.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Year Entered: 1950

Year Discharged: 1952

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant Adolph Ernst Mullerschon honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Adolph Mullerschon was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

A. Ernst Mullerschon immigrated from Raidwangen, Germany to the United States in 1949 / In 1955, Mullerschon was employed by Krug's Sausage and Meats, retiring in 1993 / Mullerschon served as president, treasurer and director of the board for the Buffalo Schwaben Vereine and Chor / Adolph Ernst Mullerschon passed away on 14 October 2022 at the age of 95 years old



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Name: MURPHY

Hometown: TOWN OF TONAWANDA

THOMAS

M.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered: 1948

Year Discharged: 1952

Unit / Squadron:

USS WREN (DD-568)

USS BORIE (DD-704)

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Thomas M. Murphy honorably served in the United States Navy / Thomas Murphy worked in the engines rooms aboard the USS Wren and the USS Borie

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Thomas Murphy attended from Kenmore High School, later earning his GED / After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Navy, Murphy worked at the Linde plant before retiring in 1992 / Murphy is credited with saving the life of a neighborhood teenager by rescuing him from the second floor of his smoke-filled house while the house was on fire / Murphy was a member of the Frontiersmen VFW Post 7545, Tonawanda, New York / Thomas M. Murphy passed away on 15 January 2023 at the age of 92 years old

USS Wren (DD-568) was a Fletcher-class destroyer of the United States Navy and named after Solomon Wren, a Sergeant in the marine Corps / In February 1804, Wren volunteered for the expedition to destroy the frigate USS Philadelphia, captured by the Tripolitan pirates on October 31, 1803 after grounding on an uncharted reef off Tripoli / Under the command of Lieutenant Stephen Decatur, Jr., Wren and 68 other sailors and marines entered Tripoli harbor on the night of February 16, in the ketch USS Intrepid and succeeded in setting fire to the former American ship during the First Barbary War / The USS Wren was commissioned on 20 May 1944 and saw duty with the Northern Pacific Force in the Aleutian Islands / Her duties there consisted largely of patrol and escort work between the islands of the Aleutian chain but did, participate in four shore bombardment missions against the Japanese Kuril Islands with Task Force 92 (TF 92) between November 1944 and April 1945 / In 1953, the Wren joined Task Force 77 (TF 77) in the Sea of Japan / While fast carriers conducted air operations there and in the Yellow Sea, the Wren provided screen and plane-guard services to them between 10 October and 26 November 1953 / Following that assignment, she joined the Australian carrier HMAS Sydney and provided similar services until mid-December 1953 when she returned to Japan / For the remainder of her



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active career, Wren operated out of Norfolk periodically making overseas deployments / Among her 2nd Fleet activities were midshipman summer cruises, some to northern European ports and others to West Indian and American ports / She also served with the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea on several occasions / Transferred to the Naval Reserve Force, the Wren was later used by a Naval Reserve unit in Houston, Texas and based in Galveston, Texas in the early 1960s / In December 1963, after almost a decade of duty with the Atlantic Fleet, the Wren was decommissioned and placed out of commission, in reserve / She spent the next 11 years in the Reserve Fleet, berthed at the Naval Inactive Ship Facility at Naval Station Philadelphia / In 22 October 1975, she was sold to the North American Smelting Co., Wilmington, Del., for scrapping / The USS Wren earned three battle stars during World War II / The ship is seen in the movie "Operation Petticoat" (Blake Edwards, 1959) / USS Wren is also portrayed as the destroyer that first communicates with "George Ray Tweed" in the 1962 Universal Pictures film "No Man is an Island" / Also seen in TV show 'Magnum, P.I.', [Operation Silent Night] Season 4, episode 10, 1983 (archival film footage only, since Wren had already been scrapped

USS Borie (DD-704), an Allen M. Sumner-class destroyer, was the second ship of the United States Navy to be named for Adolph E. Borie, Secretary of the Navy under President Ulysses S. Grant / The Borie was commissioned on 21 September 1944 and joined the Pacific Fleet, arriving at Pearl Harbor 4 January 1945 / She took part in the Iwo Jima bombardment (24 January) and invasion (19–23 February) / After joining TF 58, she participated in the Tokyo raids (16-17 and 25 February), Okinawa raid (1 March), and the raids in support of the occupation of Okinawa (17 March-14 May) / From 9 July-9 August, she served with TF 38 in its raids on the Japanese home islands / On 9 August, 4 kamikazes attempted to crash into Borie's, 1 achieving a hit on superstructure between the mast and the 5-inch gun director, causing extensive damage, killing 48 men, and wounding 66 / the 3 other were shot down or missed / After extensive repairs, the Borie remained in the Atlantic Fleet, except for one cruise to Korea (6 September 1950 – 9 June 1951), during which she served with TF 77 and took part in the Hungnam Evacuation / During a deployment (28 July-4 December 1956), she assisted in the evacuation of American nationals and United Nations truce teams from Haifa, Israel and Gaza, Egypt / She returned to more routine operations, with a few notable exceptions, her 1959 recovery of the Project Mercury nose cone and Sam, the space monkey and her 1960 surveillance duties with the Polaris missile submarines George Washington Carver and Robert E. Lee / In February 1968, Borie began her Vietnam deployment, serving in the Gulf of Tonkin as plane guard and completing radar picket duty / On the gun line, her gunners fired over 7,000 rounds at enemy positions at Phan Thiet and in the Mekong Delta / Returning to peacetime operations in 1969, Borie became a naval reserve training ship until June 1972, when she was decommissioned on 1 July 1972 / She was sold to the Argentine Navy and renamed Hipólito Bouchard (D-26) / She served in the Argentine navy until broken up for scrap in 1984 / The USS Borie received three battle stars for her World War II services and four battle stars for her participation in the Korean War



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Name: MYERS

Hometown: GRAND ISLAND

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R.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank: RICHARD

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Claude Richard Myers honorably served in the United States Air Force / Claude Myers served for 4 years in the Air Force Band

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

After his Honorable Discharge from the U.S Air Force, Claude Myers was the principal trombonist for the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra (BPO) in 1955 and finished his Bachelor's Degree at the University of Buffalo, after attending the Eastman School of Music / Myers was active in Local 92 of the American Federation of Musicians, served on contract negotiation committees and was a union spokesman for musicians, retiring in 1994 / In 1960, Claude Myers founded the Buffalo Trombone Choir and was its conductor for more than 50 years / Myers also played with the New Age Brass Quintet / Claude Myers was an adjunct professor of music at UB until 1994 / Claude Richard Myers passed away on 7 December 2014 at the age of 85 years old



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Name: **MYSZEWSKI**

Hometown: ORCHARD PARK

FREDERICK 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:**

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Frederick J. "Fred" Myszewski honorably served in the United States Navy

Miscellaneous:

Frederick J. "Fred" Myszewski passed away on 6 January 2022 in Scottsdale, Arizona at the age of 91 years old and is interred at Saint Stanislaus Roman Catholic Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York