



# Honoring Our Korean War and Korean Era Veterans



June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **SABUDA**

**Hometown:** LACKAWANNA

**EDWARD V.**

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** CPL

**Year Entered:** 1952

**Year Discharged:** 1955

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

REPUBLIC OF KOREA WAR SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Edward V. Sabuda honorably served in the United States Marine Corps / CPL Edward Sabuda was deployed to Korea for 12 months as an Aviation Mechanics Mate

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Edward Sabuda was a retired Lackawanna Fire Fighter / Edward Sabuda was past Commandant of the Bett Toomey Detachment #216 Marine Corps. League and past Commander of the American Legion Matthew Glab Post / Edward V. Sabuda passed away on 5 March 2026 at the age of 92 years old and is interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, New York

Aviation Machinist's Mates (abbreviated as AD) are United States Marine aircraft engine mechanics that inspect, adjust, test, repair, and overhaul aircraft engines and propellers / More specifically, ADs install, maintain, and service various aircraft engine types as well as various accessories, gear boxes, related fuel systems, and lubrication systems; determine reasons for engine degradation using various test equipment; perform propeller repairs; handle and service aircraft ashore or aboard ship; and can also serve as aircrewman in various types of aircraft

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**Name:** SALANSKY

**Hometown:** GRAND ISLAND

WILLIAM

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:**

William V. Salansky honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

William Salansky retired from the Buffalo Board of Education / Salansky was the former President of Local #515 District Council #4 / William V. Salansky passed away on 29 May 2025 at the age of 92 years old and is interred at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Kenmore, New York



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**Name:** SALETTA

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

ANTHONY J.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Anthony J. "Tony" Saletta honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Anthony Saletta worked for the City of Buffalo as a welder for more than 45 years and retired just before his 90th birthday / Anthony J. "Tony" Saletta passed away on 31 August 2025 at the age of 97 years old



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**Name:** **SALTER JR**

**Hometown:** ORCHARD PARK

**ALBERT**

**P.**

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:** 1954

**Year Discharged:** 1960

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Albert Pellew Salter, Jr. honorably served in the United States Navy and Naval Reserves for 26 years / Albert Salter was stationed at the Naval Torpedo Station Key Port, Washington; Naval District Washington D.C.; and the Naval Shipyards in Camden NJ where he oversaw the retrofit of the Naval Guided Missile Cruiser USS Little Rock (now a Naval Museum at the Buffalo, New York Waterfront)

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Albert Salter attended St. Benedict Grammer School, Canisius High School and graduated from Canisius College with a degree in Physics in 1952 / Salter worked as a civilian engineer for Bell Aircraft, Buffalo Forge and DJ Martin Company / Albert Salter was a Life Member of the Buffalo Canoe Club and the Sitzmarker Ski Club / Salter served as a volunteer on the Aurora Zoning Board for 20 years / Albert Pellew "Al" Salter, Jr. passed away on 24 August 2024 at the age of 95 years old

The Navy Reserve is a branch of the United States Navy made up of qualified sailors who serve part-time while working in civilian jobs or attending school / Members of the Navy Reserve are categorized as being in either the Selected Reserve (SELRES), the Training and Administration of the Reserve (TAR), the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR), or the Retired Reserve / They provide invaluable expertise, experience, and leadership while delivering critical support to global operations and planning / The Navy Reserve provides strategic depth and delivers operational capabilities to the Navy and Marine Corps team in a range of military operations from peace to war



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**Name:** SANTA LUCIA  
THOMAS

**Hometown:** WILLIAMSVILLE

**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:**

Thomas Santa Lucia honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Thomas Santa Lucia graduated from Tech High School, and earned undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Buffalo / Sant Lucia was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1956 / The law practice of Thomas Santa Lucia spanned a wide range of civil and criminal matters, from the smallest engagements (such as drafting wills and defending DUI charges) to some of the most prominent cases in the region / Thomas Santa Lucia was the former Assistant District Attorney in Buffalo and a member of the Buffalo Common Council / Thomas Santa Lucia passed away on 25 April 2026 at the age of 95 years old and is interred at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, New York



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**Name:** SAYGER

**Hometown:** CHEEKTOWAGA

RONALD G.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Ronald G. Sayger honorably served in the United States Marine Corps

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Ronald G. Sayger passed away on 19 December 2022 and interred at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Buffalo, New York



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**Name:** SCALZI

**Hometown:** TONAWANDA

CARMEN F.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** SSGT

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL (KOREA)

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

NAVY UNIT CITATION

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Staff Sergeant Carmen F. Scalzi honorably served in the United States Marine Corps / SSGT Carmen Scalzi was deployed to Korea and assigned as a Tank Leader

Carmen Scalzi was a Gold Star Father, losing a child who was who was killed while serving in the U.S. Military / His son, Carmen F. Scalzi, Jr., stationed with an armor division at Camp Baumholder, West Germany, died on 18 November 1975 when a vehicle that he was driving overturned

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Carmen F. Scalzi passed away on 4 March 2023 at the age of 92 years old and is interred in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York

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

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**Name:** SCARCELLO, SR.

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

JOSEPH J.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Joseph J. Scarcello, Sr. honorably served in the United States Navy and was deployed to Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Joseph J. Scarcello was a member of American Legion Post #735 and the Monsignor Nash Council #3875 Knights of Columbus / Joseph J. Scarcello, Sr. passed away on 14 June 2022



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**Name:** SCHACK

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

HARRY N.

**Address:**

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** E-4

**Year Entered:** 1951

**Year Discharged:** 1953

**Unit / Squadron:**

71ST CHEMICAL COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

KOREA SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL-KOREA

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Harry Norman Schack honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Harry Schack was deployed to Korea for 11 months with the 71st Chemical Company / CPL Schack participated in the infamous Battle of Pork Chop Hill / CPL Schack was also stationed in Okinawa

Harry Schack received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army on 1 August 1953

The Battle of Pork Chop Hill was a series of two battles during the spring and summer of 1953 / They occurred while the United Nations, North Korea and China were working on the Korean Armistice Agreement / While those forces under the UN command won the first battle, the second was lost to the People's Volunteer Army (PVA) of China / The second battle involved many more troops on both sides and was bitterly contested for five days, when the UN conceded the hill to the Chinese by withdrawing behind the main battle line/ The battle is also known as Battle of Seokhyeon-dong Northern Hill in China

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

After his Army service, Harry Schack attended the University of Buffalo, receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Chemistry in 1959 / Following his nine years as a polymer chemist at Lucidol, Harry Schack served as Chief Chemist in several malt houses until his retirement / Schack was a member and past Commander of the Harvey D. Morin, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Post #2940 / Harry Norman Schack passed away on 14 May 2018 at the age of 89 years old and is interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, New York



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The 71st Chemical Company was constituted on 16 May 1942 and participated in the Third Korean Winter Campaign and the Korean Summer 1953 Campaign / The Company was awarded the Army Meritorious Commendation in 1953

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**Name:** **SCHAEFER**

**Hometown:** LANCASTER

**ROBERT J.**

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** AIR FORCE

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

107TH MEDICAL GROUP

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Robert J. Schaefer honorably served in the United States Air National Guard / Robert Schaefer was assigned to the 107th Medical Group

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Robert Schaeffer graduated in 1946 from St. Joseph’s Collegiate Institute / Robert Schaefer graduated in Optical Technology from Buffalo State Technical Institute (SUNY Erie) in 1949 / In 1950 Schaeffer opened Robert Optical at West Ferry and Main Street in Buffalo, eventually moving the practice to Harlem Road in Snyder, New York / As an optician, Robert Schaefer served as an examiner for the New York State ophthalmic dispensing licensing exam and taught contact lens courses to ophthalmology residents / Schaeffer was a member of the New York State Society of Opticians, the Contact Lens Society of America and a member of PROBUS (Professional Business Association) / Robert Schaeffer was a member of the Buffalo Skating Club and the Buffalo Curling Club / After retirement, Robert Schaeffer moved to Bradenton, Florida / Robert J. Schaefer passed away on 9 July 2025 at the age of 97 years old

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



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**Name:** **SCHENBACK**

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

**WILLIAM**

**B.**

**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:**

William Bernard Schenback honorably served in Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

After his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Navy, William Schenback went to work for Niagara Mohawk, retiring after 46 years / William Bernard Schenback passed away on 26 January 2024 at the age of 93 years old



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**Name:** SCHINAMAN

**Hometown:** TONAWANDA

JOSEPH

C.

**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:**

Joseph C. Schinaman honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Joseph Schinaman graduated from Tonawanda High School in 1951 / Schinaman was employed by Tondisco for over 35 years / Schinaman was a member of the Tonawanda Hose Company and American Legion Tonawandas' Post #264 / Joseph C. Schinaman passed away on 19 November 2023 at the age of 91 years old and is interred at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Kenmore, New York



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**Name:** SCHMITT

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

RICHARD A.

**Address:** 2 BOURBON COURT

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Year Entered:** 1953

**Year Discharged:** 1956

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "G", 350TH INFANTRY

**Medals / Citations:**

KOREAN WAR SERVICE MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Richard A. Schmitt honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Richard Schmitt developed food poisoning on the way to the Korean front and was treated on the medical ship, USS Repose (AH-16) before continuing to his station in South Korea / Schmitt was a Browning Automatic Rifleman (BAR) while stationed on Hill 555 in South Korea

Following his tour in Korea, Coporal Schmitt was reassigned to Mannheim, Germany where he was stationed for one-and-a-half years before being discharged from active duty

**Base Assignments:**

Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Pennsylvania - Authorized in 1929, Indiantown Gap, the installation was used by the National Guard until 1940 when the reservation was leased to the Federal government / Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, the post was used to train soldiers for combat / Over 250,000 soldiers passed through the Indiantown Gap Military Reservation on the way to the European battlefront / At the end of the war, Indiantown Gap converted from a staging center to a Separation Center for GIs from Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Michigan / During the Korean War, the Fifth Infantry was quartered at the Gap and trained replacement troops for assignment to Korea / During the Vietnam War and its aftermath, Indiantown Gap hosted summer camps for the Reserve Officer Training Corps, and twice served as a Refugee Resettlement Camp / In 1975, the year the Reservation officially became Fort Indiantown Gap, its barracks sheltered over 32,000 Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees while they were processed and waiting for sponsorship / In 1980 it housed some 19,000 Cubans until they were placed with sponsors / Ownership of the Indiantown Gap Military Reservation reverted back to the commonwealth of in 1998

Fort Devens, Massachusetts - Camp Devens was established on 5 September 1917 and was named after jurist and Civil War general Charles Devens / At the onset of World War II, Fort Devens was designated a reception center for all men in



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New England who would serve one year as draftees / Devens also housed a prisoner of war camp for German and Italian prisoners from 1944 to 1946 / The 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division was located at Fort Devens from 1946 to 1950 / A battalion from Fort Devens was redesignated as the Third Battalion, Eighth Cavalry Regiment, and sent to Korea to join the 1st Cavalry Division / In the 1950s or 1960s the fort was home to the 56th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, part of 1st Region, Army Air Defense Command / Fort Devens was the home of the 10th Special Forces Group (Mountain), less 1st Battalion based in (West) Germany, from 1968 until the Group's move to Fort Carson, Colorado in 1995 / It was also the home of the 39th Engineer Battalion (CBT) until the 39th was inactivated in 1992 / The U.S. Army post which resided at Fort Devens was officially closed in 1996 after 79 years of service

Fort Carson, Colorado - Fort Carson is a United States Army installation located near the city of Colorado Springs and was established in 1942, following Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor / Camp Carson was named in honor of the legendary Army scout, General Christopher "Kit" Carson, who explored much of the West in the 1800s / During World War II, over 100,000 soldiers trained at Camp Carson / Nurses, cooks, mule packers, tank battalions, a Greek infantry battalion, and an Italian ordnance company trained at Camp Carson during the war years / Camp Carson was also home to nearly 9,000 Axis prisoners of war – mostly Italians and Germans / Camp Carson was designated Fort Carson in 1954 and in the 1960s, mechanized units were assigned to the fort

## Miscellaneous:

Richard Schmitt attended Kensington High School in Buffalo prior to enlisting in the Army / After receiving a Honorable Discharge, Schmitt worked for Sahlen's Meat Packing Company in Buffalo, New York where he retired as a supervisor after 33 years of employment / Richard Schmitt is a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post #8113 and American Legion Post #735

The Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR) is a family of American automatic rifles and machine guns used by the United States and designed by John Browning in 1917 / The BAR was designed to be carried by infantrymen during an assault advance while supported by the sling over the shoulder, or to be fired from the hip / The BAR was used as a light machine gun, often fired from a bipod (introduced on models after 1938) / Although the weapon did see some action in World War I, the BAR did not become standard issue in the US Army until 1938, when it was issued to squads as a portable light machine gun / The BAR saw extensive service in both World War II and the Korean War and saw limited service in the Vietnam War / The US Army began phasing out the BAR in the late 1950s

The 350th Infantry Regiment was constituted in the National Army on 5 August 1917 and assigned to the 88th Division

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**Name:** SCHNAUFER

**Hometown:** CLARENCE

EUGENE H.

**Address:**

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:** 1948

**Year Discharged:** 1952

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Eugene H. Schnauffer honorably served in the United States Navy

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Eugene H. Schnauffer passed away on 11 March 2026 at the age of 96 years old and is interred at the Eugene H. Schnauffer Western New York VA Cemetery, Corfu, New York



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**Name:** SCHNEEBERGER

*Hometown:*

PAUL F.

*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 Paul F. Schneeberger honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Paul Schneeberger was deployed to Korea

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

Paul Schneeberger graduated from Canisius High School and from Canisius College with a bachelor's degree in accounting / Schneeberger was a district cost accountant at LTV Steel, formerly Republic Steel, in South Buffalo for 35 years / Schneeberger was a member of Council 184, Knights of Columbus; the St. John Vianney Holy Name Society; and American Legion Post #567, in Orchard Park / Paul F. Schneeberger passed away on 18 August 1998 at the age of 67 years old and is interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, Orchard Park, New York



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**Name:** **SCHNELLER**

**Hometown:** DEPEW

**EUGENE**

**N.**

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:**

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Eugene N. Schneller honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Eugene Schneller worked for the Buffalo News, retiring after 47 years / Eugene N. Schneller passed away on 25 April 2025 at the age of 94 years old



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**Name:** **SCHRUEFER**

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

**RAYMOND J.**

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Year Entered:** 1952

**Year Discharged:** 1954

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/1 BRONZE STAR

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

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

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Raymond John Schruefer honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Raymond Schruefer was deployed to Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Raymond John Schruefer was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post #2940 / Raymond Schruefer was a Past Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post 7525 / Raymond John Schruefer passed away on 15 June 1999 at the age of 67 years old and is interred at Bath National Cemetery, Bath, New York

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

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

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:** SCHULTZ

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

THOMAS J.

**Address:** 268 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Year Entered:** 1952

**Year Discharged:** 1954

**Unit / Squadron:**

1745TH COMPANY "C", 35TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

**Medals / Citations:**

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/1 BRONZE STAR

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL (KOREA)

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Private Thomas Joseph Schultz honorably served in the United States Army / PVT Thomas Schultz was deployed to Korea and assigned as an Infantryman

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Thomas Schultz was a Millwright Helper for Bethlehem Steel prior to military service in the U.S. Army / Schultz was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post #2940

Infantryman refers to soldiers moving and fighting on foot, armed with hand weapons such as rifles, machine guns, grenades, mortars, etc.

The 35th Infantry Regiment was constituted on 1 July 1916 in the Regular Army / The Regiment's mission was the protection of the U.S. border with Mexico until 1919 / The 35th Regiment served in World War II at Guadalcanal, Northern Solomons and Luzon / At the end of World War II, the 35th Infantry Regiment initially took up occupation duties in the city of Nagoya and in January 1946 the 35th was transferred to the city of Otsu, where it conducted occupation duties until July 1950 / On 1 July 1950 the 24th Infantry Division was ordered to Korea / The 35th Infantry Regiment compiled a distinguished record as one of the best regiments in the Eighth Army, serving in all ten campaigns of the Korean War, receiving a Presidential Unit Citation and three Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations

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



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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"

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

The 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



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**Name:** SCHWAB

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

LYLE

P.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** SGT

**Year Entered:** 1950

**Year Discharged:** 1952

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL (KOREA)

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

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Lyle P. Schwab honorably served in the United States Marine Corps / SGT Lyle Schwab was deployed to Korea

**Base Assignments:**

Camp LeJeune, North Carolina - Camp Lejeune - Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune is a 246-square-mile United States military training facility in Jacksonville, North Carolina / Its 14 miles of beaches make the base a major area for amphibious assault training, and its location between two deep-water ports (Wilmington and Morehead City) allows for fast deployments

**Miscellaneous:**

Lyle Philip Schwab was a Truck Driver for S.M. Flickinger Company prior to enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps / Schwab was a Docent at the Buffalo Naval and Military Park for many years / Schwab was a member of Marine Corp. League Detachment #239, Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post 2940 and American Legion Post #735 / Lyle P. Schwab passed away on 17 June 2023 at the age of 94 years old and is interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, New York

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1954

**Name:** **SCHWABL**  
**ROBERT**

**Hometown:** LANCASTER

**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 Schwabl honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Robert Schwabl passed away on 1 September 2024 at the age of 96 years old and is interred at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Kenmore, New York



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**Name:** SCHWENK

**Hometown:** WILLIAMSVILLE

PAUL 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:**

Paul J. Schwenk honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Paul Schwenk retired from the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (National Grid) / Paul J. Schwenk passed away on 3 July 2025 at the age of 91 years old and is interred at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Buffalo, New York



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**Name:** **SCIANDRA**

**Hometown:** CLARENCE

**MILDRED**

**W.**

**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:**

Mildred W. Ondicko Sciandra honorably served in the United States Air Force

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Mildred W. Ondicko Sciandra passed away 29 January 2023 at the age of 92 years old and is interred at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** SEELEY

**Hometown:** EDEN

**JAMES**

**B**

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:** 1950

**Year Discharged:** 1953

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS SAIPAN (CVL-48)

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

James B. Seeley honorably served in the United States Navy / James Seeley served aboard the light Aircraft Carrier, USS Saipan during the Korean War and patrolled the South Pacific

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

James Seeley graduated from Angola High School in 1945 and received a degree in Business Administration from the Stratton Business Institute in 1947 / Seeley joined the United States Navy in 1950 and after receiving his Honorable Discharge, Seely graduated from the New York State Police Academy and became a Police Officer with the Evans Police Department / James Seeley also worked for the Bison Canning Company for 42 years, including 7 years with Goya Foods / James B. Seeley passed away on 12 April 2023 at the age of 95 years old

USS Saipan (CVL-48/AVT-6/CC-3) was a light aircraft carrier of the United States Navy, the lead ship of her class of carrier / Commissioned on 14 July 1946, Saipan trained student pilots out of Pensacola, Florida, from September 1946 to April 1947 / From November 1949 – March 1951, Saipan remained on the east coast, operating from the Virginia Capes south, except being deployed for three months in the western Mediterranean until the end of May 1951 / On 30 October 1952, she arrived at San Diego, continuing on to Pearl Harbor, Yokosuka, and duty off the coast of Korea in support of the uneasy truce agreement / Saipan was primarily engaged in surveillance and reconnaissance missions along the coast and in inspection patrols of the islands just south of the 38th parallel / In January 1954, she interrupted her patrols to provide air support for Japanese manned LSTs ferrying former Chinese POWs from Inchon to new homes on Taiwan / In early February 1954, she participated in amphibious exercises in the Ryukyus, then returned to Inchon to stand by in the event she was needed for an evacuation of Indian troops from Panmunjom / On 18 April 1954, VMA-324 pilots flew the AUs off her flight deck and landed them at Tourane (now Danang) Air Base, to support the French Aéronavale fighting at the battle of Dien Bien Phu in the latest days of the First Indochina War / There the aircraft were turned over to French forces / Later in the day, Saipan entered the harbor, offloaded spare parts and maintenance personnel, and departed for Manila



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/ She was later selected for conversion into a command ship in 1963–1964, but instead of becoming a command ship she was converted to the Major Communications Relay Ship and on 8 April 1965 renamed Arlington (AGMR-2), in honor of Arlington County, Virginia, the site of one of the Navy's first radio stations / As Arlington (AGMR-2), she sailed for Norfolk where she was recommissioned on 27 August 1966 / Departing Norfolk on 7 July 1967, the communications ship transited the Panama Canal and proceeded on to Pearl Harbor, Yokosuka, and Subic Bay, when, with Annapolis, she rotated on station off Vietnam / During her first patrol in the Tonkin Gulf from 21 August to 18 September 1967, she provided reliable message handling facilities for ships of the 7th Fleet in support of combat operations; and, in addition, assisted ships in repairing and better utilizing their electronic equipment / The Arlington (Saipan) was decommissioned on 14 January 1970 and berthed with the Inactive Fleet at San Diego / The ship was stricken from the Navy List on 15 August 1975, and was sold by the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service (DRMS) for scrapping on 1 June 1976



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**Name:** SEIBOLD

**Hometown:** TONAWANDA

FREDERICK G.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** AIR FORCE

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:** 1952

**Year Discharged:** 1954

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDIAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Frederick G. "Fred" Seibold honorably served in the United States Air Force

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Frederick Seibold retired in 1995 as a machine repairman at American Axel (former Chevy Axel plant) in Buffalo / Seibold was a life member of Amvets / Frederick G. "Fred" Seibold passed away on 26 May 2025 at the age of 90 years old

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:** SELBERT

**Hometown:** CHEEKTOWAGA

HENRY

P.

**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:**

Henry P. "Bud" Selbert honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Henry Selbert retired after 30 years of law enforcement with the Cheektowaga Police Force / Henry P. "Bud" Selbert passed away on 12 August 2022 at the age of 92 years old and is interred at Williamsville Cemetery, Williamsville, New York



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**Name:** SELOVER

**Hometown:** GRAND ISLAND

ARTHUR L.

**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:**

Arthur L. Selover honorably served in the United States Navy

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Arthur Selover was President of Selover Construction in Tonawanda for more than 35 years, retiring in 1995 / Selover was active in Tonawanda Little League Football and a former member of the Kiwanis Club of the Tonawandas and the Niagara Sailing Club / Arthur L. Selover passed away on 30 May 2015 at the age of 82 and is interred at Elmlawn Cemetery, Buffalo, New York



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**Name:** **SETH**

*Hometown:*

**RAYMOND H.**

*Address:*

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:*

*Year Entered:*

*Year Discharged:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

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

*Service Notes:*

Raymond H. Seth honorably served in the United States Army

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

Raymond Seth was Past Master at Masonic Lodge #1163 AFAM, Cheektowaga, New York / Raymond H. Seth passed away on 10 October 2024 at the age of 93 years old



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** SHANAHAN

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

WILLIAM J.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** SN

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Seaman William J. Shanahan honorably served in the United States Navy and was deployed to Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

William Shanahan was a former Commander of American Legion Post #735, West Seneca / Shanahan was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus / William J. Shanahan passed away on 11 October 2024 at the age of 91 years old



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** SHATZEL

**Hometown:** CHEEKTOWAGA

LEON

F.

**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:**

Leon F. Shatzel honorably served in the United States Navy and was deployed to Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Leon F. Shatzel passed away on 1 January 2023 at the age of 89 years old



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**Name:** **SHELTON, JR.**

**Hometown:** EAST AMHERST

**JAMES T.**

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:** 1949

**Year Discharged:** 1953

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

James Thomas Shelton, Jr. honorably served in the United States Navy / James Shelton completed basic training in San Diego before being stationed at the Naval Base on Treasure Island, California / Shelton was assigned to the Electronics and Communications division

**Base Assignments:**

Naval Station Treasure Island, California - Former Naval Station Treasure Island was located in San Francisco Bay, midway between San Francisco and Oakland, California / The Navy operated its first West Coast Naval Training Station on the island of Yerba Buena (YBI) until 1923 when the center was transferred to San Diego / Treasure Island is a man-made island and was constructed from 1936 to 1937 of sediments dredged from San Francisco Bay / Yerba Buena Island continued to function as a Naval Receiving Station until World War II when naval operations were transferred to Treasure Island (TI) after the Navy acquired it by condemnation in 1942 / The island became a major naval facility, processing approximately 12,000 military personnel per day for service overseas and upon their return to the United States / Treasure Island was closed on 30 September 1997, as a BRAC III Major Closure

**Miscellaneous:**

James Thomas Shelton, Jr. passed away on 14 March 2026 at the age of 94 years old and donated his remains to medical research



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**Name:** **SHELTON, JR.**

**Hometown:** AMHERST

**JAMES T.**

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:** 1949

**Year Discharged:** 1953

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

James Thomas Shelton, Jr. honorably served in the United States Navy / James Shelton enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1949, completing basic training in San Diego before being stationed at the Naval Base on Treasure Island, California, where he worked in the Electronics and Communications Division

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

James Shelton was born in Dallas, Georgia and moved to Buffalo after his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Navy / James Thomas Shelton, Jr. passed away on 14 March 2026 at the age of 94 years old



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**Name:** SHIELDS

**Hometown:** WILLIAMSVILLE

ROBERT

O.

**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 O. Shields honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Robert Shields grew up Rockland, Maine and New York City / Shields earned a degree in Civil Engineering and Economics through night school / Robert Shields became the site Manager for New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) at the Somerset Power Plant in Barker, New York / After earning a PhD. in Civil Engineering, Robert Shields taught grad classes at the University of Buffalo and started a computer and construction consulting firm / Shields spent 12 years in Taiwan working on several major construction projects / Robert O. Shields, PhD. passed away on 11 July 2025 at the age of 90 years old and is interred at Saints Peter & Paul Cemetery, Williamsville, New York



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**Name:** SIEBERT

**Hometown:** LANCASTER

ALLYNN

W.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:** 1952

**Year Discharged:** 1954

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Allynn W. Siebert honorably served in the United States Navy and was deployed to Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Allynn Siebert enlisted in the U.S. Navy on 8 October 1952 / Siebert was a member of the Carpenters Local #276 for 70 years and a 54 year member of the Ismalia Shriners / Allynn W. Siebert passed away on 7 March 2024 at the age of 93 years old



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**Name:** SILVESTRO

**Hometown:** CLARENCE

FRANK

B.

**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:**

Frank B. Silvestro honorably served in the United States Navy / Frank Silvestro was assigned to the United States Naval Construction Battalions (Naval Seabees) and was stationed in Subic Bay, Philippines during the Korean War, where he assisted in the construction of an airbase

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Frank Silvestro attended Hutchinson Technical High School / After his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Navy, Frank Silvestro earned both a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Physics from the University at Buffalo / Silvestro went to work for Calspan, where he coordinated with 3 other scientists to found Ecology & Environment (E&E) in 1970 / E&E was formed in response to the Clean Air Act and was one of the earliest companies dedicated to environmental conservation and enhancement / Frank Silvestro retired in 2019 as Chairman of the Board of Directors and he established a scholarship fund at UB that has helped numerous graduate students in the Physics Department / Frank B. Silvestro passed away on 17 February 2026 at the age of 89 years old

United States Naval Construction Battalions, better known as the Navy Seabees, form the U.S. Naval Construction Force (NCF) / Naval Construction Battalions were conceived of as replacements for civilian construction companies in combat zones after the attack on Pearl Harbor / At the time civilian contractors had roughly 70,000 men working U.S. Navy contracts overseas / International law made it illegal for civilian workers to resist an attack and by doing so would classify them as guerrillas and could lead to summary execution / With roots dating back to World War II, the Seabees were formally established on 5 March 1942, to meet the Navy's growing need to construct bases, build airfields, conduct underwater construction and build roads, bridges and other support facilities while providing protection for themselves and those around them as part of the war effort / The Seabees were deployed to Vietnam twice in the 1950s to survey and map the roads / Seabee teams (501 and 502) arrived in January 1963 as the first Seabees of the Vietnam War / The last battalion withdrew late 1971 with the last Seabee teams out a year later / When it was over, 137 Seabee teams were sent to Vietnam and had built 15 CB camps and deployed 22 battalions / In the over seven decades since its founding,



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Seabees have gone on to serve in most major U.S. conflicts

**Name:** **SIMMONS**

**Hometown:** WILLIAMSVILLE

**ROBERT**

**C.**

**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 Charles Simmons honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Charles Simmons retired from Niagara Mohawk after 46 years of service / Robert Charles Simmons passed away on 25 April 2026 at the age of 95 years old and is interred at Elmlawn Cemetery, Kenmore, New York



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**Name:** SIMONIAN  
GREGORY

**Hometown:** TOWN OF TONAWANDA

**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:**

Gregory Simonian honorably served in the Army National Guard

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Gregory Simonian was a member of the Buffalo Police Department, spending most of his career in the Detective Bureau as Assistant Chief of Detectives (1970s-1980s), Assistant Chief of the Homicide Squad and founded the department's Sex Offenses Squad in 1984 / Simonian retired in 1990 after 37 years on the Buffalo Police Force / Gregory Simonian passed away on 14 April 2025 at the age of 96 years old

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



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**Name:** SIMS, JR.

**Hometown:** GRAND ISLAND

BRUCE

F.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Year Entered:** 1951

**Year Discharged:** 1953

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Bruce F. Sims, Jr. honorably served in the United States Army / PFC Bruce Sims was deployed to Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Bruce Sims was employed by the General Motors Tonawanda plant for 30 years until retiring in 1989 / Bruce Sims was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post #9429 on Grand Island / Bruce F. Sims, Jr. passed away on 5 May 2025 at the age of 85 years old and his remains cremated



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** SKINDELL

**Hometown:** GRAND ISLAND

JAMES J.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS MISSOURI

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

James John Skindell honorably served in the United States Navy / James Skindell was deployed to Korea and served aboard the USS Missouri

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

James Skindell was born in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania / James Skindell was a member of the Charles N. DeGlopper Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post #9249 / James John Skindell passed away on 2 June 2011 at the age of 78 years old and is interred at Saint Stephens Roman Catholic Cemetery, Grand Island, 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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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** SKOP

**Hometown:** ELMA

DONALD H.

**Address:**

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Donald H. Skop honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Donald H. Skop passed away on 3 February 2024 at the age of 91 years old



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** SMITH

**Hometown:** ELMA

RICHARD M.

**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 Richard M. Smith honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Richard Smith was deployed to Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Richard M. Smith passed away (no further details)



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** SONNER

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

EARL

P.

**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:**

Earl P. Sonner honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Earl Sonner retired from the United States Postal Service after working for 30 years, resettling in Bradenton, Florida/ Sonner was a member of the Korean War Veterans, VFW #10141, Disabled Veterans and Honor Guard / Earl Paul Sonner passed away on 8 May 2023 at the age of 79 years old



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** SONTAG

**Hometown:** TONAWANDA

EDWIN J.

**Address:**

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:** 1948

**Year Discharged:** 1952

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

OCCUPATION SERVICE MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Edwin Jack J. Sontag honorably served in the United States Navy

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Edwin Sontag worked for Joy Manufacturing Company, retiring as Plant Manager / Sontag was a longtime member of the Niagara River Fishing Station Club on Grand Island, serving two years as Club President / Edwin Jack J. Sontag passed away on 23 November 2025 at the age of 96 years old

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



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **SORRENTO**

**Hometown:** WILLIAMSVILLE

**ANTHONY**

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Anthony Sorrento honorably served in the United States Army / Anthony Sorrento was stationed in Panama, assigned as a musician in the U.S. Army band

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Anthony Sorrento graduated from Hutch-Tech Hutch School and graduating from Buffalo State College with a Teaching Degree / Sorrento taught Mathematics at Clarence Central High School / Anthony Sorrento was a talented musician and played the saxophone, clarinet, flute and piano / Sorrento bowled on the Professional Bowlers Tour and was a member of the Professional Bowlers Hall of Fame, having three perfect 300 scores / Anthony "Tony" Sorrento passed away on 14 January 2025 at the age of 93 years old and is interred at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** SPAGNOLA

**Hometown:** TONAWANDA

JOSEPH

F.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SSGT

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Staff Sergeant Joseph "Joe Spags" Spagnola honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Joseph Spagnola was the owner of Joe Spag's Restaurant and JFS Parking / Joseph "Joe Spags" Spagnola passed away on 14 August 2021 and is interred at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Kenmore, New York



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** SPERDUTI

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

JAMES

V.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

James V. Sperduti honorably served in the United States Marine Corps and was deployed to Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

James V. Sperduti passed away on 20 December 2021 at the age of 87 years old and his remains cremated



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** SPINNER

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

FRANK J.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:** 1952

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Frank J. Spinner honorably served in the United States Marine Corps / Frank Spinner became an officer and was stationed stateside at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina

**Base Assignments:**

Camp LeJeune, North Carolina - Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune is a 246-square-mile United States military training facility in Jacksonville, North Carolina / Constructed in 1942, the base is named in honor of the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps, John A. Lejeune / Its 14 miles of beaches make the base a major area for amphibious assault training, and its location between two deep-water ports (Wilmington and Morehead City) allows for fast deployments / One of the satellite facilities of Camp Lejeune served for a while as a third boot camp for the Marines, in addition to Parris Island and San Diego

**Miscellaneous:**

Frank Spinner graduated from East High School in 1948 and was an Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America / While earning a Bachelor's Degree from Buffalo State Teachers College, Spinner worked as a drapery specialist at Hengerer's department store in downtown Buffalo / Frank Spinner went on to complete two Master's Degrees at Buffalo State / After his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps, Frank Spinner worked as a manager at F. N. Burt Co., then taught woodworking shop and other trade-related classes for 24 years in Niagara Falls, first at LaSalle High School and then at Trott Vocational High School until his retirement in 1988 / Spinner moved to Grand Island in the 1950s, and helped establish Little League baseball there and coached for many years / Spinner was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Buffalo State College Alumni Association / Frank Spinner volunteered at the Buffalo Psychiatric Center and was active in the Erie County Historical Society / Frank J. Spinner passed away on 29 November 2021 at the age of 93 years old



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **SPRINGER**

**Hometown:** TONAWANDA

**DONALD**

**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:**

**Service Notes:**

Donald A. Springer honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Donald Springer graduated from Tonawanda High School in 1950 and received his Bachelor Degree from the University of Buffalo / Springer owned and operated Springer's Insurance Agency in Tonawanda / Donald Springer was a member of the Tonawanda Masonic Lodge and president and longtime member of the Tonawanda Bowling Association / Springer was a Little League Baseball Coach and an Umpire in the Tonawanda's / Donald A. Springer passed away on 30 March 2024 at the age of 91 years old and is interred at Elmlawn Cemetery, Buffalo, New York



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**Name:** STACHOWICZ

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

JAN

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** E-3

**Year Entered:** 1951

**Year Discharged:** 1953

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

BRONZE STAR W/COMBAT "V"

KOREAN STAR MEDAL W/ 3 SERVICE STARS

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL FOR KOREA

NAVY/MARINE COMBAT ACTION RIBBON

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Jan "John" Stachowicz honorably served in the United States Marine Corps / CPL Jan Stachowicz served as an Intelligence Specialist in Korea / Corporal Stachowicz was awarded the Bronze Star for his heroic actions during hostile conditions while serving in Korea

Jan Stachowicz was Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps on 7 December 1953

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Jan "John" Stachowicz passed away on 24 June 2022 at the age of 93 years old

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

The United Nations Service Medal for Korea is an international military decoration established by the United Nations on



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

The Combat Action Ribbon 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 Combat Action Ribbon is awarded when there is evidence that the Sailor/Marine engaged the enemy, was under hostile fire, or was physically attacked by the enemy / The service member must have demonstrated satisfactory performance under enemy fire while actively participating in a ground or surface engagement

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



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** STANG, JR.  
EDWARD

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

**Address:**

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Edward Stang, Jr. honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Edward Stang, Jr. passed away on 3 May 2026 at the age of 92 years old and is interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, New York



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**Name:** STANTON

**Hometown:** DEPEW

WALTER C.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Walter C. Stanton honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Walter Stanton was the owner of Graves Pharmacy in Cheektowaga, closing his career at Rite Aid Pharmacy in East Aurora / Walter C. Stanton passed away on 15 December 2024 at the age of 93 years old



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** STARR

**Hometown:** KENMORE

DANIEL

P.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:** 1954

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Daniel P. Starr honorably served in the United States Army / Drafted into the Army in 1954, Daniel Starr was assigned as a Clerk in Korea with the support group for the United Nations Command's Military Armistice Commission

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Daniel Starr attended St. Paul's School and Holy Angels Collegiate Institute / Starr graduated from Bishop Fallon High School in 1952 / After receiving his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army, Daniel Starr enrolled in Canisius College under the GI Bill, earning a Bachelor's Degree in History in 1958 / In 1959, Starr received his Master's Degree from Rutgers College and completed his doctorate in American History in 1967 / A Canisius College faculty member for five years, Starr became the Academic Advisor to the Athletic Department in 1970, eventually becoming Athletic Director / Upon his retirement, Daniel Starr was the second-longest tenured Athletic Director in NCAA Division I Sports in the nation / Starr helped bring the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament and the NCAA Frozen Four men's hockey tournament to Buffalo / Dr. Starr taught various history courses and served on the Canisius Faculty Senate / Retired from teaching, Starr continued as a professor emeritus / In 2009, Starr published a book, "The Golden Age of Sports in Buffalo - 1945-1950" / Daniel Starr served on the Western New York Catholic newspaper / In 2002, Starr was appointed by Buffalo Mayor Anthony Masiello to co-chair a study for improvements in Buffalo's high school athletic programs / Daniel Starr was inducted into the Canisius College Sports Hall of Fame in 2010 and the Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame in 2010 / Starr was inducted into the College Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts / Daniel P. "Doc" Starr passed away on 11 September 2024 at the age of 90 years old



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**Name:** **STECK**

**Hometown:** ORCHARD PARK

**RAYMOND J.**

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

PURPLE HEART

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

**Service Notes:**

Raymond J. Steck honorably served in the United States Army / Raymond Steck was deployed to Vietnam and was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds suffered during combat action

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Raymond J. Steck passed away on 7 June 2025 at the age of 93 years old and is interred at Hold Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, New York

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



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**Name:** **STERLACE**  
**JAMES**

**Hometown:** LANCASTER

**Address:**

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:** 1948

**Year Discharged:** 1952

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

COLD WAR SERVICE MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Petty Officer 3rd Class James Sterlace honorably served in the United States Navy / PO3 James Sterlace was assigned as an Aviation Electronics Technician (AT) / PO3 Sterlace's duty stations included Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland

PO3 James Sterlace was Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Navy on 9 September 1952

**Base Assignments:**

NAS Patuxent, Maryland - Naval Air Station Patuxent River also known as NAS Pax River, is a United States naval air station in St. Mary's County, Maryland on the Chesapeake Bay near the mouth of the Patuxent River / It is home to Headquarters, Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR), the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, the Atlantic Test Range, Patuxent River Naval Air Museum, and serves as a center for test and evaluation and systems acquisition relating to naval aviation / The station also operates a small outlying field, NOLF Webster / Commissioned on 1 April 1943, on land largely acquired through eminent domain, the air station grew rapidly in response to World War II and continued to evolve through the Cold War to the present / In 1945 the Test Pilot School was established with the Navy's Flight Test Group transferred from Naval Air Station Anacostia, Washington, DC to NAS Patuxent River / On June 16, 1945, the Naval Air Test Center was established as a separate entity, incorporating flight test and other test groups, at the Naval Air Station / The base was used as a filming location for the Harrison Ford film, "Random Hearts" (1999) / Harrison Ford and director Sydney Pollack both visited Naval Air Station Patuxent River / Ford, a certified pilot, flew the aircraft himself

**Miscellaneous:**

James Sterlace was a 1980 graduate (BA/LS) of SUNY Brockport / James Sterlace was employed as an Installer at Western Electric before moving to Rochester to work at Stromberg-Carlson / Sterlace also worked at Taylor Instrument, Computer Consoles and retired in 1996 from Xerox as Systems Engineering Manager / Sterlace was active in the Rochester community where he was past president of the Rochester Engineering Society, a Life Member of IEEE, and Past Adjutant of The American Legion Brooks Shepard Post No. #765 / Sterlace was active in the Lancaster Senior Citizens Center where



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he served as Secretary, a member of the Board and was Volunteer of the year in 2007 / James Sterlace served as the Past Adjutant of The American Legion Brooks Shepard Post No. #765; Past Commander, Adjutant and Chaplain of The American Legion Post #1528; member of ECAL Past Commanders Club; Life Member of Buddy Knaus AMVETS Post #14; and member of 40&8 Voiture 51 / James Sterlace passed away on 24 October 2022 at the age of 91 years of age

Aviation Electronics Technicians are carefully trained to maintain all aviation electronic systems, from navigation and radar to tactical displays and warfare sensors / Aviation Electronics Technicians maintain, troubleshoot, repair and test complex electronic systems related to aviation on tactical jets, fixed wing aircraft or rotary winged helicopter systems / Technicians work with systems including digital computers, fiber optics, infrared detection, radar, laser electronics, navigation, pressure indication, and electrical power generation and distribution

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

The National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) is a service award of the United States Armed Forces established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953 / It is awarded to every member of the US Armed Forces who has served during any one of four specified periods of armed conflict or national emergency from 1950 to the present / Combat or "in theater" service is not a requirement for the award



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**Name:** STRASBURG

**Hometown:** CHEEKTOWAGA

LESTER

K.

**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:**

Lester K. Strasburg honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Lester Strasburg worked for the Ralston Purina Company in Dunkirk, New York for 27 years / Lester K. Strasburg passed away on 4 August 2024 at the age of 88 years old and is interred at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Silver Creek, New York



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**Name:** STRUEBING

**Hometown:** CLARENCE

NEIL

H.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Neil Henry Struebing honorably served in the United States Army / Neil Struebing was deployed to Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Neil Struebing was a Managing Director of Asia and Vice president of Importing for Montgomery Ward / Struebing was also a Managing Director of Importing and Sales for FTD Florists, as well as owning his own Import Export business / Neil Struebing was a member of the board of directors of the Clarence Senior Center and served as a Commander of the Clarence American Legion Post #838 / Neil Henry Struebing passed away on 1 February 2026 at the age of 94 years old and is interred at Clarence Centre Cemetery, Clarence, New York



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** STURM

**Hometown:** GRAND ISLAND

GAIL

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:**

**Service Notes:**

Gail B. (nee Ziegler) Sturm honorably served in the United States Air Force

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Gail B. (nee Ziegler) Sturm passed away on 30 October 2019



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**Name:** SWAINE

**Hometown:** MARILLA

STANLEY

G.

**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:**

Stanley G. Swaine honorably served in the United States Air Force and was deployed to Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Stanley Swaine was a longtime member and past commander of the Marilla Veterans / Stanley G. Swaine passed away on 8 November 2025 at the age of 93 years old and is interred at Maplewood Cemetery, Marilla, New York



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**Name:** SWARTZ, SR.

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

LAWRENCE 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:**

**Service Notes:**

Lawrence "Larry" D. Swartz, Sr. honorably served in the United States Navy

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Lawrence Swartz was a member of the Ghostlight Theater Company and a longtime employee of Niagara Frontier Transit Authority (NFTA) Metro / Lawrence "Larry" D. Swartz, Sr. passed away on 14 January 2022 at the age of 89 years old



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**Name:** SWIENCICKI

**Hometown:** EAST AMHERST

JAMES

F.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

James F. Swiencicki honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

James Swiencicki graduated from Pine Hill High School in Cheektowaga in 1953 before enlisting in the U.S. Army / James Swiencicki earned a Bachelor's Degree in Biology in 1959 from the University of Buffalo and a Master's Degree in Microbiology from St. Bonaventure University / In the 1960s, Swiencicki worked for Grand Island Biological Co., later GIBCO, a maker of biological products used by hospitals and laboratories in medical diagnosis and research / James Swiencicki earned a degree in general dentistry from the UB School of Dental Medicine and merged his practice with Western New York Dental Group in 2002 / Dr. James F. Swiencicki passed away on 31 March 2023 at the age of 88 years old



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**Name:** SWITALSKI

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

CHARLES 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:**

Charles J. Switalski honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Charles J. Switalski passed away on 2 January 2025



# Honoring Our Korean War and Korean Era Veterans



June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** SZCZEPANSKI, JR.

**Hometown:** EAST AURORA

EDWARD J.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Edward J. Szczepanski, Jr. honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Edward Szczepanski was deployed to Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

After his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army, Edward Szczepanski became an Electrical Engineer for Moog, Inc. / After his retirement, Szczepanski served as a consultant to Moog for unique and special projects / Edward J. Szczepanski, Jr. passed away on 11 February 2026 at the age of 94 years old



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June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** SZCZESNY

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

ROBERT G.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Robert G. "Bob" Szczesny honorably served in the United States Marine Corps

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Robert Szczesny was born in Buffalo, later moving to Granville, Ohio / Robert G. "Bob" Szczesny passed away on 4 March 2025 at the age of 93 years old and is interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, Orchard Park, New York