



# Honoring Our Korean War and Korean Era Veterans



June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **VALLONE**  
**ORAZIO**

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

**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:**

Orazio (Horace) "Val" Vallone honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Orazio (Horace) "Val" Vallone passed away on 8 November 2022



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**Name:** VALONE

**Hometown:** CLARENCE

DONALD C.

**Address:**

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** AIR FORCE

**Rank:** A2C

**Year Entered:** 1951

**Year Discharged:** 1952

**Unit / Squadron:**

17TH INSTALLATION SQUADRON

**Medals / Citations:**

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL (KOREA)

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Airman Second-Class Donald C. Valone honorably served in the United States Air Force / A2C Donald Valone was deployed to Korea for 3 months, assigned to the 17th Installation Squadron / A2C Donald Valone was assigned as a Military Police Officer stationed at the Missile Site, Nike Base in Grand Island, NY

A2C Donald Valone was Honorably Discharged from the United States Air Force in October 1952

Donald Valone joined the New York Army National Guard serving as a Military Police Officer and assigned to Battery-A, 2nd Missile Battalion, 209th Artillery Brigade (Nike Base) on Grand Island, New York

Donald Valone was Honorably Discharged from the NYS Army National Guard on 31 March 1970 with the rank of Specialist Four

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Donald Valone was the owner, operator and President of TryLock Roofing Company, Tonawanda, New York / Donald C. Valone passed away on 30 April 2023 at the age of 89 years old

Military Police Branch performs law enforcement duties on Army installations or operations under combat conditions / Its focus is on ensuring that Army values are upheld, laws are enforced and providing security for Army personnel and property within the Army training environment



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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

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

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

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

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

CHARLES D.

**Address:** 76 INNES ROAD

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Year Entered:** 1952

**Year Discharged:** 1954

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS, 105TH ASU

**Medals / Citations:**

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/2 SERVICE STARS

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Charles Donald Vastola honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Charles Vastola was deployed to Korea and assigned as a Machinist

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Wadsworth, New York - Fort Wadsworth is a former United States military installation on Staten Island in New York City, situated on The Narrows which divide New York Bay into Upper and Lower halves, a natural point for defense of the Upper Bay and Manhattan beyond / Prior to closing in 1994 it claimed to be the longest continually garrisoned military installation in the United States / It comprises several fortifications, including Fort Tompkins and Battery Weed and was given its present name in 1865 to honor Brigadier General James Wadsworth, who had been killed in the Battle of the Wilderness during the Civil War / Fort Wadsworth is now part of the Staten Island Unit of Gateway National Recreation Area, maintained by the National Park Service.

**Miscellaneous:**

Charles D. Vastola was employed at Vanott Machine Company prior to enlisting in the U.S. Army / Charles Vastola was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post #2940 / Charles Donald Vastola passed away on 1 February 2012 at the age of 80 years old and is interred at Forest Lawn, Buffalo, New York

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**Name:** VEANES

**Hometown:** CLARENCE

**ANTHONY 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:**

Anthony A. Veanes honorably served in the United States Army / Anthony Veanes was deployed to Korea as an Army Photographer

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

After his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army, Anthony Veanes became a baby photographer, barber, electrician and a successful entrepreneur of several family businesses / Anthony A. Veanes passed away on 20 February 2024 at the age of 90 years old and is interred at Elmlawn Cemetery, Tonawanda, New York



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**Name:** **VENNEMAN**

**Hometown:** ORCHARD PARK

**RICHARD C.**

**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:**

Richard C. Venneman honorably served in the United States Air Force

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Richard Venneman was a lifelong member of the Newton Abbott Fire Company / Venneman was Past Commander of Amvets Post #897, member of American Legion Post #735 and Amvets Post #45 / Richard C. "Dick" Venneman passed away on 30 January 2025 at the age of 93 years old



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**Name:** VIENNE SR

**Hometown:** LANCASTER

RICHARD P.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:** 1952

**Year Discharged:** 1956

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS LOWRY (DD-770)

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Richard P. Vienne, Sr. honorably served in the United States Navy / Richard Vienne served aboard the USS Lowry as a Fire Controlman on the destroyer's guns / Richard served with his twin brother, Robert Vienne aboard the USS Lowry

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Richard Vienne joined the United States Navy after graduating from High School / After his Honorable Discharge from the Navy, Vienne attended St. John Fisher College in Rochester, majoring in accounting and transferred to SUNY Brockport where he received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Math Education / Richard Vienne was employed by the Lancaster Central School District, spending most of his career in high school teaching algebra, advanced algebra and trigonometry / He retired from teaching in 1996 and served on the Board of New York State Retired Teachers Association-Retired Educators of New York / Vienne served for more than 20 years with the Lancaster Lions Club, including serving the organization as Treasurer and President / Richard Vienne volunteered with the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts and was a Little League Baseball Coach in the 1970's / He was a member of the Lancaster Country Club for more than 40 years and was an active member of the Rademacher Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post 5861 serving Elma, Marilla and Wales / Richard P. Vienne, Sr. passed away on 7 January 2023 at the age of 90 years old and interred at the Western New York National Cemetery in Corfu, New York

USS Lowry (DD-770), an Allen M. Sumner-class destroyer, is the only ship of the United States Navy to be named for Reigart Bolivar Lowry, who served in the Mexican–American War and was a member of Commodore Matthew C. Perry's expedition to Japan in 1855 / He served with distinction in the American Civil War, capturing New Orleans and in the first attack on Vicksburg (April–June 1862) / The Lowry was commissioned on 23 July 1944 and arrived San Pedro Bay on 14 December 1944 / From 19 to 29 December, she escorted convoys between Leyte and the Mindoro Island beachhead, and was also part of a special striking force that helped protect Mindoro from enemy attack / From 2 to 10 January 1945, she



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operated as an effective task force screen and gunfire support ship in the invasion of Luzon, then patrolled the approaches to Lingayen Gulf guarding the newly won beachhead until sailing for Ulithi on 22 January / Lowry then served as a radar picket off Okinawa and during this assignment, the ship engaged in numerous actions with enemy aircraft / The heaviest of these occurred on 28 May 1945, when accompanying the picket destroyer Drexler was hit by two kamikazes and sank with heavy loss of life / The Lowry, after fighting to prevent the loss of her companion, stood by to rescue survivors despite the continued presence of enemy aircraft in the area / From 29 June 1945 she covered minesweeping operations in the South China Sea / On 22 January 1952, Lowry sailed, via the Panama Canal, to join the 7th Fleet, arriving at Yokosuka on 27 February 1952 / With Task Force (TF) 77, Lowry served off the east coast of Korea on shore bombardment, plane guard, and screening duty until early April 1952, then had similar duty off the west coast of Korea with TF 95, the United Nations Blockading and Escort Force, through May / On 8 June 1945, she sailed to rejoin TF 77 for gun strike missions / During the Vietnam War, the USS Lowry was deployed to Vietnam, serving off the coast performing plane guard, naval gunfire support, and other duties for which the versatile destroyer was well suited / The USS Lowry was decommissioned and was struck from the Naval Registry on 31 October 1973 and transferred to the Brazilian Navy on the same day / The Lowry was scrapped October 1996 / The USS Lowry received four battle stars for World War II service and two for Korean service



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**Name:** **VOGEL**

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

**RICHARD M.**

**Address:** 3160 SENECA STREET

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Year Entered:** 1948

**Year Discharged:** 1951

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 1277TH ASU

**Medals / Citations:**

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Private Richard Martin Vogel honorably served in the United States Army / PVT Richard Martin served as a Payroll Clerk

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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:** **VOGEL JR**

**Hometown:** AMHERST

**FRANK**

**X**

**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:**

Frank X. Vogel, Jr. honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Frank Vogel was a retired History teacher and tennis coach from Lockport Senior High School / Frank X. Vogel, Jr. passed away on 30 November 2024 at the age of 91 years old



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**Name:** VOLKERT

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

RICHARD K.

**Address:**

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** AIR FORCE

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:** 1952

**Year Discharged:** 1956

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Richard K. Volkert honorably served in the United States Air Force / Richard Volkert was stationed with the US Air Force in Germany and Africa

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Richard Volkert graduated from Bennett High School / After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Air Force, Volkert attended the University of New York and became an Electrical Engineer / Volkert worked for thirty years at General Electric in Utica, Long Island and Buffalo / Richard Volkert moved to Venice, Florida in 2019 and was a member of the American Legion / Richard K. Volkert passed away after a short illness on 13 March 2023 and is interred at Elmwood Cemetery, Buffalo, New York



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**Name:** **VOUROS**

**Hometown:** ORCHARD PARK

**GEORGE S.**

**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:**

George S. Vouros honorably served in the United States Air Force and was deployed to Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

George S. Vouros passed away on 10 December 2025 at the age of 96 years old



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**Name:** VUKELIC

**Hometown:** LACKAWANNA

EUGENE P.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** SGT

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Eugene P. "Gene" Vukelic honorably served in the United States Marine Corps / SGT Eugene Vukelic was a Marine Corps Instructor

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Eugene Vukelic was a 1949 graduate of Canisius High School and later Le Moyne College / Vukelic worked for General Motors and Cottrell Bus Service / Eugene Vukelic was the Owner and Chairman of Try-It Distributing / Vukelic started Saratoga Eagle Sales & Service, which serves 21 counties in the Capital District and north to Lake Placid / Eugene Vukelic served on the Law Enforcement Foundation of Western New York for over two decades / Vukelic also served as president of the Buffalo Club, the Country Club of Buffalo, PROBUS, the Buffalo Executives Association, and the Mercy Hospital Foundation, and was treasurer of the Auto Club of Western & Central New York Board of Directors / For 25 years, Eugene Vukelic served as vice president of the Board of Directors for Restoring Sight International, an organization that provides free eye surgeries to underserved communities in the United States and the Philippines / Vukelic received numerous awards for his business and humanitarian efforts, including the Buffalo Niagara Business Ethics Award, the Buffalo Club Medal, the Christ the King Seminary Cure of Ars Award, the Buffalo History Museum's Red Jacket Award, the Buffalo Executives Oberst Award for Excellence, the Le Moyne College Distinguished Alumni Award, the Canisius High School Alumni Hall of Fame, the Canisius College Board of Regents Award, the Junior Achievement Entrepreneur Award, and the Amherst Chamber of Commerce Frank Ciminelli Lifetime Inspiration Award, among many others / Eugene P. "Gene" Vukelic passed away on 3 August 2025 at the age of 94 years old



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**Name:** **VULLO**

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

**VINCENT 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:**

Vincent L. Vullo honorably served in the United States Army / Vincent Vullo was assigned to Army Counter Intelligence Corps in Germany

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Vincent Vullo graduated from Grover Cleveland High School in 1948 and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Buffalo State Teachers College in 1952 / Vincent Vullo worked for the Buffalo Board of Education for 38 years / Vincent Vullo became acting assistant principal at School #81 in 1962 before he was assigned to School #43 / Vullo was assistant principal of Buffalo School #43, now Lovejoy Discovery School, from 1963 until he retired in 1990 / Vincent Vullo was a member of the Buffalo Retired School Administrators Association and the Buffalo Retired Teachers Association / Vullo was a life member of the Buffalo State Alumni Association and served on its Armed Service Committee / Vincent L. Vullo passed away on 11 November 2024 at the age of 93 years old

The Counter Intelligence Corps (Army CIC) was a World War II and early Cold War intelligence agency within the United States Army consisting of highly trained special agents / The CIC had its origins in the Corps of Intelligence Police founded in 1917 / This organization, operating within the USA and on attachment to the American Expeditionary Force in France, at its peak numbered over 600 men / At the end of World War II CIC agents were successful in Operation Paperclip that obtained German rocket scientists for the United States before the Soviets took them / This action aided in the success of the American rocket development program and resultant adventure into space / After World War II, in West Germany, the CIC also directed the so-called "Project Happiness" that sought to recruit former Gestapo and SD members as informants to infiltrate East German communist parties, such as the SED and KPD / CIC actively continued counterintelligence activities in the Cold War, Korean War and Vietnam War / Its role was taken over by the U.S. Army Intelligence Corps in 1961 and, in 1967, by the United States Army Intelligence Agency



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**Name:** **VULLO JR**

**Hometown:** KENMORE

**CHARLES 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:**

**Service Notes:**

Charles Jasper Vullo, Jr. honorably served in the United States Navy

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Charles Vullo retired from General Motors, Chevrolet Division, as a Tool & Die Maker at the Buffalo Plant / Vullo moved to New Jersey in 2018 / Charles Jasper Vullo, Jr. passed away on 12 January 2023 at the age of 92 years old

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