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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: WACHALA

Hometown: GRAND ISLAND

LEON

A.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Leon A. Wachala honorably served in the United States Navy and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Leon Wachala was employed at E.I. DuPont in the Town of Tonawanda before retiring in 1989 / Leon A. Wachala passed away on 2 July 2016 at the age of 85 years old



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Name: **WAGNER**

Hometown: HAMBURG

JAMES

D.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered: 1953

Year Discharged: 1955

Unit / Squadron:

570TH ORDNANCE COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

James D. Wagner honorably served in the United States Army / James Wagner was deployed to Korea for 1 year

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

James Wagner was born in Springville and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1953 / James D. Wagner passed away on 12 May 2024 at the age of 91 years old

The 570th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company was activated on 15 March 1950 in Nishinomiya, Honshu, Japan / Initially, it had 5 officers and 121 enlisted men and was assigned to the 192nd Ordnance Battalion / When the company arrived in Pusan, Korea on 8 July it became part of the Pusan Logistical Command / During its service, the 570th operated maintenance facilities and even provided an emergency mobile repair service that patrolled the main roads in the area

The U.S. Army Ordnance Corps mission was to support the development, production, acquisition, and sustainment of weapon systems, ammunition, missiles, electronics, and ground mobility material to the U.S. Army

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Name: **WAGNER**

Hometown: WEST SENECA

JAMES

A.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

James A. Wagner honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

James Wagner was a member of American Legion Post #735 / James A. Wagner passed away on 13 August 2025 at the age of 98 years old and is interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, New York



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Name: **WAGNER**

Hometown: WEST SENECA

RAYMOND L.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: BT-3

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1953

Unit / Squadron:

USS SHIELDS (DD-596)

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Boilerman Third-Class Raymond L. "Bud" Wagner honorably served in the United States Navy / BT-3 Raymond Wagner was deployed to Korea and served aboard the USS Shields

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Raymond Wagner retired in 1999 after a 44-year career with New York Telephone / Raymond Wagner was a past member of the Executive Board of the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO, Local No. 1122, serving as their president in the early 1970s / Raymond L. "Bud" Wagner passed away on 22 September 2012 at the age of 78 years old and is interred at Mount Hope Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

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

USS Shields (DD-596), was a Fletcher-class destroyer of the United States Navy / The ship was named for Thomas Shields, who was born in New Castle, Delaware / He was appointed Midshipman on 2 January 1804 and served on the USS Congress and USS Constitution until 1807 / While aboard Constitution, Shields sustained an injury which rendered him physically incapable of performing all the duties required of a line officer / Requesting an appointment as Purser, which he received on 14 April 1809, Shields served on the USS Nautilus until March 1811 when he was ordered to the New Orleans Naval Station / On 18 January 1815, following the Battle of New Orleans, he led a small expedition to harass the retreating British / Shields and his party succeeded in capturing numerous prisoners and destroyed several vessels Thomas Shields remained at the New Orleans Naval Station until his death on 22 May 1827 / The USS Shields was



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commissioned on 8 February 1945 and her short period of combat service in World War II, 24 May-15 August 1945, consisted almost entirely of escort duty between and patrol duty around Eniwetok, Ulithi, Leyte, Okinawa, and Borneo / Shields saw actual combat only once during the war; she shelled Japanese shore installations at Miri, Borneo, in support of Australian ground forces, on 26 June 1945 / On 15 July 1950. Shields arrived in the Far East in September 1951 for the first of three Korean War tours / During this cruise, which lasted until February 1952, she patrolled the Korean coast in the area of the bomblines and Kojo, providing fire support for the First ROK Corps and the First Marine Division / She participated in the assault on Kojo and provided harassing and interdiction fire / Her second Korean War tour, commencing on 1 November 1952, found her again cruising off the Korean coast near the bomblines supporting the First ROK Corps and the Eighth Army / Later she took part in antisubmarine warfare exercises off the coasts of Japan and Okinawa and concluded the deployment training Chinese Nationalist naval forces at Taiwan / Stopping at Hong Kong and Japan, Shields returned to San Diego on 1 June 1953 / Between 18 July 1954 and 30 November 1963, Shields was deployed to WESTPAC seven times / On 30 November 1963, Shields ceased operations as an active fleet unit and was assigned as a Naval Reserve Training ship, part of Reserve Destroyer Squadron 27 / The USS Shields was decommissioned on 1 July 1972 and sold to the Brazilian Navy / Shields was awarded the Korean Presidential Unit Citation (Korea) and three battle stars for service in the Korean War



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Name: **WAGNER**

Hometown: KENMORE

RICHARD F.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S1C

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

USS BREMERTON (CA-130)

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Seaman 1st Class Richard Francis Wagner honorably served in the United States Navy / S1C Richard Wagner served on the USS Bremerton which was heavily involved off the coast of Korea with the 7th Fleet, providing heavy fire against the enemy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Richard Francis Wagner passed away on 6 May 2019

USS Bremerton (CA-130), was a Baltimore-class heavy cruiser, named for the city of Bremerton in Washington state / She was commissioned on 29 April 1945 and served as flagship for the Atlantic Fleet / She joined the 7th Fleet for her first cruise of the Korean War zone / Her guns blasted enemy lines at Wonsan, Kojo, Chongjin, and Changjon Hang, Korea / On 13 September 1952 she was relieved and returned to Long Beach / On 5 April 1953 Bremerton again departed Long Beach for a tour with the 7th Fleet / Upon joining TF 77 her guns pounded enemy installations, troops, and railroads in Korea / Completing her tour in November 1953, Bremerton returned to Long Beach / From 19955 through 1957, the Bremerton was assigned to the Pacific fleet / Bremerton was decommissioned on 29 July 1960 after serving a total of 11.5 years in commissioned service / She lingered in the mothball fleet but was stricken from the Naval Vessel Register on 1 October 1973 / She was sold as scrap to Zidell Explorations Corp., Portland Oregon on 11 July 1974



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Name: **WAGNER**

Hometown: WEST SENECA

THOMAS J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: PFC

Year Entered: 1948

Year Discharged: 1952

Unit / Squadron:

4TH BATTALION, 11TH MARINES, 1ST MARINE DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

SILVER STAR MEDAL

PURPLE HEART

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/3 SERVICE STARS

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL-KOREA

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Thomas "Beaver" J. Wagner honorably served in the United States Marine Corps / PFC Thomas Wagner was deployed to Korea and assigned as a Field Artillery Cannoneer and also served as a Machine Gunner while involved in several campaigns during the Korean War, including the infamous Chosin Reservoir battle

While attached to Battery K, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, 1st Marine Division, on 29 November 1950 PFC Wagner performed conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity during intense action against the enemy, earning him a Silver Star / The next day, he was wounded in action, earning him a Purple Heart

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Thomas Wagner received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Marine Corps on 31 January 1952 / Wagner was a lifetime member of the International Union of Operating Engineers and worked out of Local 17, Buffalo for over 40 years / Thomas "Beaver" J. Wagner passed away on 17 March 2018 at the age of 87 years old is interred in the Forest Lawn Cemetery's "Veterans Field of Valor", Buffalo, New York

The 11th Marine Regiment is an artillery regiment of the Marine Corps and is known as the "Canon Cockers" / The 11th marine Regiment fought in many Korean combat actions from 1950 - 1952 / The 11th Marines left Korea in March 1955

The Silver Star Medal (SSM) is the United States Armed Forces' third-highest military decoration for valor in combat / The



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Silver Star Medal is awarded primarily to members of the United States Armed Forces for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States / The gallantry displayed must have taken place while in action against an enemy of the United States, while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force

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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Hometown: WEST SENECA

WILLIAM

Address: ORCHARD PARK ROAD

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Year Entered:

Year Discharged: KIA

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY C, 1ST BATTALION, 32ND INFANTRY REGIMENT, 7TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

REPUBLIC OF KOREA WAR SERVICE MEDAL

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

ARMY PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Corporal William Wagner honorably served in the United States Army / CPL William Wagner was deployed to Japan for 18 months before being re-deployed to Korea / CPL Wagner was declared a casualty of the Korean War when while warming himself next to a fire on 3 May 1951 near Inje, Korea, a grenade exploded, taking his life

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

William Wagner was a graduate of West Seneca High School and joined the Army in 1951 / William Wagner passed away on 3 May 1951 and is interred at the Buffalo Cemetery, Buffalo, New York / William Wagner is honored at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington

The 32nd Infantry Regiment is a battalion within the United States Army / The 32nd Regiment was first organized on 7 August 1916, on Oahu, Hawaii from elements of the 1st and 2nd Infantry Regiments / At its activation, it was known as "The Queen's Own" Regiment, a title bestowed by the last queen of Hawaii, Liliuokalani / In June 1950, the 32nd boarded troopships, departing for Inchon, Korea / The 32nd went ashore on 16 September 1950, and were immediately met by small arms, mortar, and tank fire from communist forces / The 32nd advanced north toward the Han River, the last natural barrier to Seoul / The "Buccaneers" of the 32nd, in the cold morning hours of 25 September, crossed the Han River under intense enemy fire and captured their first objective, a dominating hill mass outside Seoul / The regiment



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was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for their actions in relieving pressure on the Marines Corps that were battling the enemy / The division was relieved of the responsibility for the Seoul area on 30 September 1950 and moved 350 miles overland, arriving in Pusan to begin training for another landing at Riwŏn and advancing to the Korean-Manchurian border / Landing at Riwŏn on the 29th of October, the regiment moved quickly northward with the 1st Battalion on the east coast of the Chosin Reservoir and the 2nd and 3rd in the Fusan Reservoir area / On 29 November 1950, when the full force of the Chinese attack struck the UN forces, the 2nd and 3rd Battalions stood their ground until UN elements further north moved to join the battle / Together all these UN elements made an orderly withdrawal from the Fusan area / The 1st Battalion on the east coast of the Battle of Chosin Reservoir was with elements of the 31st Infantry Regiment and the 1st Marines, who were cut off by Chinese forces / Only after long and bloody fighting did these forces work their way south to Koto-ri, and then to the Hungman perimeter / Elements of the regiment were among the units that participated in the Battle of Triangle Hill from October to November 1952 / With the signing of the Korean Armistice Agreement and the end of the Korean war, the regiment began defensive preparations on the Korean peninsula, in case of a resumption of hostilities / The regiment was later reorganized and activated as the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment

The 7th Cavalry Regiment is a United States Army cavalry regiment formed in 1866 / Its official nickname is "Garryowen", after the Irish air "Garryowen" that was adopted as its march tune / The regiment participated in some of the largest battles of the Indian Wars, including its famous defeat at the Battle of Little Bighorn, where its commander Lieutenant Colonel George A. Custer was killed / The 7th Cavalry became part of the 1st Cavalry Division in the 1920s, it went on to fight in the Pacific Theater of World War II and took part in the Admiralty Islands, Leyte and Luzon campaigns / It later participated several key battles of the Korean War / The unit later participated in the Vietnam War / The 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 7th Cavalry fought in one of the first American engagements of the Vietnam War, the Battle of Ia Drang / Over the course of the war, seven men earned the Medal of Honor while serving with the 7th Cavalry in Vietnam / It distinguished itself in the Gulf War and in the Global War on Terror where its squadrons and battalions now serve as Combined Arms Battalions or as reconnaissance squadrons for Brigade Combat Teams in Iraq and Afghanistan

The Korean War Service Medal, also known as the Republic of Korea War Service Medal, is a military award of South Korea which was first authorized in December 1950 / The Korean War Service Medal was first authorized to South Korean troops who had participated in the initial counter-assaults against North Korean aggression in June 1950 / On 15 September 1951, President Syngman Rhee referred to and authorized the commander-chief of the United Nations Command to confer the award of the "Korean War Medal" and "Korean War Ribbon" ("Korean War Service Medal"), "to the brave and valiant members of the United Nations Command who have been, and are now, combating the communist aggressor in Korea"

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



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

The Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation was awarded to units of the United Nations Command for service in Korea during the Korean Conflict from 1950 to 1954 / In recognition of allied military service to South Korea during the Korean War, all United States military departments were authorized the unit award for that period

The 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: WALIER

Hometown: LAKE VIEW

ARTHUR

A.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SSG

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1955

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Arthur A. Walier honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

After his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army, Arthur Walier attended Syracuse University / Eugene Walier had a career with Sierra Research Center, where he played a vital role in designing guidance systems for the Nike Missile program / The radar systems Walier helped develop were later used in the B-2 Stealth Bomber / Walier served as a Eucharistic Minister at St. John Paul II Church and was the Director of Operation Good Neighbors for Western New York / Arthur Walier received the Outstanding Volunteer Contributions Award for all of Erie County, presented by the Governor of New York / Walier volunteered as a firefighter, Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts and the Buffalo Soup Kitchen / Arthur A. Walier passed away on 19 January 2026 at the age of 92 years old and is interred at St. Vincent's Cemetery, Springbrook, New York



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Name: WALKER

Hometown: BUFFALO

NORMAN G.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: RM

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

USS ARNOLD J. ISBELL (DD-869)

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Radioman Norman Gibson Walker honorably served in the United States Navy / RM Norman Walker was trained as a Radioman and served aboard the destroyer, USS Arnold J. Isbell in the Sea of Japan during the Korean War / RM Walker sustained a disability due to the proximity of the radio room to the ship's artillery as it shelled the Korean coast

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Norman Walker attended School 45 and attended Lafayette High School before enlisting in the Navy / After his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Navy, Norman Walker earned a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education in 1958 from Buffalo State Teachers College (SUNY Buffalo State University) / Dr. Walker taught fourth to sixth grades at Parker Elementary School in Clarence and Windermere Elementary School in Amherst / Dr. Walker completed his Master's Degree in Elementary Education in 1962 at Buffalo State and joined the faculty as an Assistant Professor / In 1967, Walker was named coordinator for all student programs at Buffalo State, leaving to pursue a doctorate in education at Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana / Dr. Walker returned to Buffalo State, becoming Chairman of the Department of Curriculum and Supervision (Elementary Education Department) in 1978 / Walker also did post-doctoral work at Gesell Institute at Yale University / Dr. Walker was a volunteer at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, an amateur magician, a 32nd Degree Mason and Master Mason / Walker was also a member of Occidental Lodge 766, F&AM and Worshipful Master of Master Builder Lodge 911 and the Western New York Lodge of Research 9007 / Dr. Norman Gibson Walker passed away on 1 September 2024 at the age of 92 years old

Navy Radioman (RM) was a rating for United States Navy and United States Coast Guard enlisted personnel, specializing in communications technology / The Radiomen of the US Navy were responsible for transmitting and receiving radio signals, and processing all forms of telecommunications through various transmission media aboard ships, aircraft and at shore facilities / Their duties also included message systems for generalized broadcasts and unit specific messages that were



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handled based on message priority and handling procedures / They were also responsible for the proper handling and destruction of classified material / Radiomen were also responsible for periodic maintenance of the communications equipment, to include transmitters, receivers and antennas

USS Arnold J. Isbell (DD-869), a Gearing-class destroyer, was the only ship of the United States Navy to be named for Arnold J. Isbell, an aircraft carrier captain during World War II / The ship was laid down on 14 March 1945 at Staten Island, New York, by Bethlehem Mariners Harbor, launched on 6 August 1945 and commissioned on 5 January 1946 / Constructed too late to see action in World War II, the vessel initially served as a training ship with the United States Atlantic Fleet, before transferring to the Pacific and deploying to Korea during the Korean War and off the Vietnam coast during the Vietnam War / In 1972, the USS Arnold J. Isbell was made part of the reserve training fleet and in 1974, sold to Greece where the ship was renamed "Satchouris" and served with the Hellenic Navy until being sold for scrap in 2002



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Name: WALKER, JR.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

JOSEPH E.

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: EN3

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1956

Unit / Squadron:

USS AMPERE (ADG-11)

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

KOREAN PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Engineman Petty Officer 3rd Class Joseph Edward Walker Jr. honorably served in the United States Navy / EN3 Joseph Walker was assigned as an Electrician on the USS Ampere and trained in Atomic Defense Monitoring and Radioactive Instruments

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Joseph Walker, Jr. was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post 2940

USS Ampere (PCE-919/AM-359/YDG-11/ADG-11) was originally planned as a PCE-905-class patrol craft for the United States Navy, PCE-919, and laid down as an Admirable-class minesweeper, named Drake, for the male duck / Before she was commissioned, her name was cancelled and she was reclassified as a District Degaussing Vessel (the ship's hull, made of steel, acts like a large floating magnet surrounded by an even larger magnetic field / When the ship moves through the water, the magnetic field moves along with it and produces disturbance in the earth's magnetic field / She was later renamed Ampere, after the ampere, a unit of electric current, which takes its name from the French physicist André-Marie Ampère / Drake was laid down on 24 November 1943, at Portland, Oregon by the Willamette Iron and Steel Works, and launched on 12 August 1944 / On 20 April 1945, her name was canceled, and she was re-designated as a degaussing vessel, YDG-11 / The ship was placed in service on 15 August 1945, the day after the Japanese surrender

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Name: WALLINE, SR.

Hometown: WILLIMASVILLE

JAMES E.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

James Edward Walline, Sr. honorably served in the United States Army / James Walline served for three years in the Army as a cryptanalyst during the Korean War, stationed at Fort Devens, Massachusetts and in Arlington, Virginia

Base Assignments:

Fort Devens, Massachusetts - Fort Devens is a United States Army Reserve military installation in Worcester County in Massachusetts and was established on 5 September 1917 / It was named after jurist and Civil War general Charles Devens / In 1940, at the onset of World War II, Fort Devens was designated a reception center for all men in New England who would serve one year as draftees / The 1st, 32nd, and 45th Divisions trained at Devens during World War II / Devens also housed a prisoner of war camp for German and Italian prisoners from 1944 to 1946 / It was designated as early as 1942 for detaining "enemy aliens" of Italian, German and Japanese birth / The U.S. Army post which resided at Fort Devens was officially closed in 1996 after 79 years of service

Miscellaneous:

James Walline was born in Fargo, North Dakota and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and Education from Moorhead State Teachers College in North Dakota / Walline went on to get a Master's Degree in Zoology from North Dakota State University and advanced certificates in Education from Brandeis University and Boston University / James Walline began his career in education as a Biology Teacher at Warren Junior High School in Newton, Massachusetts and taught for several years at schools in Massachusetts / James Walline was principal of Pembroke High School from 1972 to 1976 and from 1993 to 1996, he was principal of Cardinal O'Hara High School in the Town of Tonawanda / James Walline became the Principal of Grand Island Senior High School from 1976 to 1993 / Walline worked with General Motors and the United Auto Workers to develop a "School to Work" program that connected teachers with local businesses to help train students in job skills / In retirement, Walline was an adjunct professor at Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations / James Walline was an officer in the Kenawan Figure Skating Club and was a member of the Western New York Writing Project at Canisius College, an affiliate of the National Writing Project / James Edward Walline, Sr. passed away on 30 January 2013 at the age of 77 years old from a battle with Parkinson's Disease and is interred at



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Name: **WALSH**

Hometown:

CHRISTOPHER P.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Year Entered: 1950

Year Discharged: 1952

Unit / Squadron:

24TH REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM (RCT)

548TH COMBAT ENGINEERS

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL (JAPAN)

NEW YORK CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant Christopher P. Walsh honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Christopher Walsh was deployed to Korea

SGT Christopher Walsh was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1952

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Christopher Walsh served as the Chairman of the West Seneca Democratic Committee and elected as a two-term Town Board Councilman during the 1990's / Christopher P. Walsh passed away on 24 July 2020 at the age of 92 years old

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

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



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The Army of Occupation Medal (AOM) was awarded to US Army and Air Force personnel who served 30 consecutive days in Japan between September 3, 1945, and April 27, 1952

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



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Name: **WALTON**

Hometown: HAMBURG

THOMAS E.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: BM3

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1955

Unit / Squadron:

USS VAN VALKENBURGH (DD-656)

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL (KOREA)

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Petty Officer 3rd-Class Thomas E. Walton honorably served in the United States Navy / BM3 Thomas Walton was assigned as a Boatswain's Mate aboard the USS Van Valkenburgh / BM3 Walton served on the USS Van Valkenburgh for 45 months

Thomas Walton received his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Navy on 19 April 1955

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Thomas Walton was a charter member and EMT with the Eden Emergency Squad / Thomas Walton was a 62-year member of the Hamburg American Legion Post #527, and a life member of the VFW Post #8647 in Mayville, New York / Thomas E. Walton passed away on 10 May 2022 at the age of 91 years old and is interred at Lakeside Cemetery, Hamburg, New York

USS Van Valkenburgh (DD-656) was a Fletcher-class destroyer of the United States Navy, named for Captain Franklin Van Valkenburgh (1888–1941), captain of the battleship Arizona when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor / The Van Valkenburgh was commissioned on 2 August 1944 and operated out of Pearl Harbor, engaging in an intensive slate of training activities making practice torpedo runs, antiaircraft firings, and shore bombardments / In February 1945, the Van Valkenburgh participated in the bombardment and transport of Marines for the Battle of Iwo Jima / The Van Valkenburgh also participated in the Battle of Okinawa / In August 1951, the Van Valkenburgh commenced a period of operations in support of the I Corps, Republic of Korea (ROK) Army / Over the ensuing days, Van Valkenburgh expended over 2,400 rounds of ammunition against a variety of targets, ranging from houses to bunkers, artillery positions to sampans, trenches to tents and supply dumps, frequently using air spotters / On one occasion, 9 August 1952, Van Valkenburgh



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dueled with a communist shore battery / Taking 10 rounds of 76-millimeter projectiles from Suwan Dan, the destroyer returned immediate counterbattery and slow destructive fire, using air spotters, expending 51 rounds of 5-inch projectiles / The Van Valkenburgh was decommissioned on 26 February 1954 and transferred on loan to the Government of Turkey on 28 February 1967, Van Valkenburgh became TCG İzmir (D 341) and operated with the Turkish Navy into the early 1970s / Struck from the U.S. Navy List on 1 February 1973, the destroyer was returned to the United States on 15 February but was simultaneously sold to Turkey / The Van Valkenburgh won the Navy Unit Commendation for her service off Okinawa, was awarded three battle stars for her World War II duty and received one for Korean War operations

The Korean War Service Medal, also known as the Republic of Korea War Service Medal, is a military award of South Korea which was first authorized in December 1950 / The Korean War Service Medal was first authorized to South Korean troops who had participated in the initial counter-assaults against North Korean aggression in June 1950 / On 15 September 1951, President Syngman Rhee referred to and authorized the commander-chief of the United Nations Command to confer the award of the "Korean War Medal" and "Korean War Ribbon" ("Korean War Service Medal"), "to the brave and valiant members of the United Nations Command who have been, and are now, combating the communist aggressor in Korea"

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

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: WARNER

Hometown: BLASDELL

RALPH E.

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1953

Unit / Squadron:

7TH BASE POST OFFICE

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Private Ralph Edward Warner honorably served in the United States Army / PVT Ralph Warner was assigned as a Post Office Clerk

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Ralph Edward Warner was employed by Bethlehem Steel Corporation prior to induction into the U.S. Army on 22 May 1951 / Ralph Warner was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post #2940

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Name: WARREN

Hometown: WILLIAMSVILLE

WILLIAM 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:**

Service Notes:

Sergeant William J. "Bill" Warren honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

William Warren was the owner and operator of Warren Dental Arts Studio in Williamsville / William J. "Bill" Warren passed away on 12 March 2024 at the age of 95 years old



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Name: **WASS**

Hometown: HAMBURG

ROY

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:

Roy Wass honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Roy Wass played the French Horn with the Kansas City Philharmonic and after his Army service, joined the Cleveland Orchestra / Wass later joined the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra / Roy Wass earned a Ph. D in Electrical Engineering in 1968 from Case Western Reserve / Wass worked for Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory (Calspan) as an Engineer and Section Head / Roy Wass was the principal founder of Buffalo Computer Graphics in 1980 and worked into his 80's as President and CEO / Roy Wass passed away on 12 February 2025 at the age of 95 years old



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Name: **WEBB**

Hometown:

CLYDE E.

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered: 1948

Year Discharged: 1952

Unit / Squadron:

USS CABOT (CVL-28)

Medals / Citations:

NAVY OCCUPATION SERVICE MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Clyde E. Webb honorably served in the United States Navy / Clyde Webb was deployed to Korea aboard the USS Cabot as a Fireman, Machinists Mate Striker (MMFM) / Webb had 3 1/2 years of sea duty

Clyde Webb was Honorably Discharged from the United States Navy on 16 July 1952

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Clyde E. Webb passed away on 22 September 2021 at the age of 91 years old and is interred at the Western New York National Cemetery, Corfu, New York

Machinist's Mates (MM) perform the task of the operation and maintenance of not only steam turbines and gears for ship propulsion but also the auxiliary machinery / Additionally, they maintain refrigeration plants, desalinization plants, electrohydraulic steering engines, and air conditioning systems

USS Cabot (CVL-28/AVT-3) was an Independence-class light aircraft carrier in the United States Navy, the second ship to carry the name / Cabot was commissioned in 24 July 1943 and served until 1947 / During World War II, the Cabot participated in the battles of Palaus, Yap, Ulithi, and Woleai at the close of March 1944 / The Cabot and its Air Group 31 pounded Japanese bases on Iwo Jima, Pagan, Rota, Guam, Yap and Ulithi as the carrier continued her support of the Marianas operation until 9 August 1944 / She was recommissioned as a training carrier from 1948 to 1955 / From 1967 to 1989, she served in Spain as Dédalo / After attempts to preserve her failed, the Cabot was scrapped in 2002 / The USS Cabot earned nine Battle Stars during World War II

The Navy Occupation Service Medal is a military award of the United States Navy which was "Awarded to commemorate



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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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Name: **WEBB**

Hometown: GRAND ISLAND

HENRY

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1956

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Henry Webb honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Henry Webb was a member of the American Legion, George F. Lamm Post / Henry Webb passed away on 2 April 2022 at the age of 89 and is interred at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Kenmore, New York



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Name: WEBER

Hometown: BUFFALO

RAYMOND M.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

USS MCNAIR (DD-679)

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Raymond M. Weber honorably served in the United States Navy / Raymond Weber was deployed to Korea and served aboard the destroyer, USS McNair

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Raymond Weber retired to Florida / Raymond M. Weber passed away on 12 February 2023 at the age of 87 years old and is interred at Forest Lawn, Buffalo, New York

USS McNair (DD-679) was a Fletcher-class destroyer of the United States Navy and was named for Rear Admiral Frederick Valette McNair who served as Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy from 1898 to 1900 / The McNair was Commissioned on 30 December 1943 and during World War II, assigned to Destroyer Squadron 54 (DesRon 54) / On 14 June 1944, she was in the screen for the battleships that opened their guns against Japanese shore installations on Saipan and for the next 19 days, she provided fire support and carried out antisubmarine patrols / The McNair participated in the Iwo Jima offensive and the Okinawa offense / During the Korean War, the McNair served as gunfire support ship for United Nations troops and as guardian of carriers of the 7th Fleet / The USS McNair was Decommissioned on 30 December 1963 / McNair was stricken from the Naval Vessel Register on 1 December 1974 and was sold on 10 June 1976 and broken up for scrap / McNair received eight battle stars for World War II service and two for the Korean War



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Name: WEIBEL

Hometown: ALDEN

GERALD R.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Gerald R. Weibel honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Gerald R. Weibel passed away on 12 July 2023 at the age of 88 years old and is interred at Saint Adalberts Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York



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Name: **WEISER**

Hometown: BUFFALO

RAYMOND R.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

187TH AIRBORNE REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Raymond R. Weiser honorably served in the United States Army / PFC Raymond Weiser was wounded during combat action in Korea and was awarded the Purple Heart

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Raymond R. Weiser passed away at the age of 90 years old on 1 September 2022 at the age of 90 years old and his remains were cremated

The 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team (RCT) has a storied history, originally organized as a glider infantry unit in World War II / It fought in the Korean War as part of an airborne regimental combat team and is notable for being the only airborne regiment in the U.S. Army to have participated in every war since airborne tactics were introduced, including the Vietnam and Persian Gulf Wars / The team has utilized various modes of airborne warfare, including gliders, parachutes, and helicopters / During the Korean War, it was involved in significant operations, including Operation TOMAHAWK, where it was deployed into a blocking position near the Imjin River / In September 1950, the 187th made an airborne assault at Suncheon-Sukchon, thirty miles north of Pyongyang, to cut off an estimated 30,000 retreating North Korean soldiers and rescue U.S. POWs believed to be with those forces / The drop included a number of firsts, including the first combat drop from C-119s and the first successful heavy drop of 105mm howitzers, jeeps and other equipment / Throughout the rest of the Korean War, the 187th saw heavy fighting, particularly at Wonju in February 1951 and in March 1951, the RCT made another airborne assault at Munsan-ni / In 1952, the 187th was withdrawn to Japan as part of the U.S. Far East Command reserve / Troops of the 187th later helped subdue POW camp riots in June 1952 / For its service in Korea, the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team was awarded four unit citations, and three soldiers were



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awarded the Medal of Honor / In total, the 187th suffered 2,115 casualties in Korea, including 442 killed in action

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

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

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Name: WESOLOWSKI

Hometown: HAMBURG

EDMUND J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: PO3

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1956

Unit / Squadron:

USS GREAT SITKIN (AE-17)

USS RECOVERY (ARS-43)

Medals / Citations:

COLD WAR SERVICE MEDAL.

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Petty Officer 3rd Class Edmund J. Wesolowski honorably served in the United States Navy / PO3 Edmund Wesolowski was assigned as a Gunner's Mate and Salvage Diver / PO3 Wesolowski had 3 years, and 4 months of sea service aboard the USS Great Sitkin (AE-17) and the USS Recovery (ARS-43)

Petty Officer 3rd Class Edmund J. Wesolowski was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy on 14 June 1956

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Edmund Wesolowski was a member of the Newell - Faulkner American Legion Post #880 in Eden, New York / Edmund J. Wesolowski passed away on 17 October 2022 at the age of 87 years old

A US Navy Gunner's Mate is a sailor who specializes in the operation, maintenance, and repair of different types of firearms on board ships / They are responsible for the operation and maintenance of guided missile launching systems, gun mounts, and other ordnance equipment, as well as small arms and magazines / The primary responsibility of a Gunners Mate is to maintain various types of large-caliber weapons systems on naval ships such as cannons, machine guns or torpedoes / Besides maintaining these weapon systems they are also responsible for storing and issuing ammunition as required / A gunnery mate may also be assigned with the task of operating any type or caliber gun on-board / During training sessions or live operations they could work with deck crews to coordinate firing solutions while keeping track targets using radar equipment installed below decks



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USS Great Sitkin (AE-17) was a Mount Hood class ammunition ship, which served in the United States Navy from 1945 to 1973 / USS Great Sitkin supported USN operations in several major theatres, including the Mediterranean, the Atlantic, Cuban Missile Blockade, Guantanamo Bay, and the Vietnam War / USS Great Sitkin was commissioned on 11 August 1945 and in the tradition of naming ammunition ships after volcanos, AE-17 was named after the Great Sitkin Volcano in Alaska / After shakedown out of Norfolk, Great Sitkin sailed to New York on 25 November 1945 to begin dumping condemned ammunition in an assigned area off Sandy Hook, New Jersey / From 1951, Great Sitkin served as a mobile ready reserve source of ammunition / Great Sitkin regularly deployed to the Mediterranean to support regional operations of the Sixth Fleet, and served the fleet during crises in trouble spots such as Lebanon and Suez / During the Cuban Missile Crisis, she sailed for the Caribbean Sea on 23 October 1962, following President Kennedy's announcement of a naval quarantine around Cuba / USS Great Sitkin cruised the Caribbean during the next several weeks carrying reserve ammunition for American ships on quarantine duty off Cuba / In 1968, Great Sitkin supported the Seventh Fleet during U.S. Naval operations in the Vietnam War / The USS Great Sitkin participated in the Vietnamese Counteroffensive - Phase IV and Vietnamese Counteroffensive - Phase V, from May to October 1968 / Great Sitkin was awarded 2 campaign stars for Vietnam War service / USS Great Sitkin was decommissioned and struck from the Naval Register on 2 July 1973 / The ship was sold by the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service for scrapping, 1 March 1974 to US Ship Co., Camden, New Jersey for \$152,666.60 / USS Great Sitkin was dismantled from March to October 1974

USS Recovery (ARS-43) was a Bolster-class rescue and salvage ship of the United States Navy, which remained in commission for over 48 years / Laid down on 6 January 1945 by the Basalt Rock Company in Napa, California, the ship was launched on 4 August 1945, and commissioned on 15 May 1946 / In American service, the vessel supported NASA's Project Mercury spaceflights and recovery and assisted in searching for the lost submarine, USS Thresher / From 30 August, until September 1953, the ship performed salvage, repair, and towing operations in the Canal Zone and the Caribbean; provided men and equipment for underwater projects of the Army Engineers and served as a training ship for Naval Reservists of the 15th Naval District / The ship was removed from American service and transferred to Taiwan and commissioned on 1 March 1999 in the Republic of China Navy as ROCS Da Juen (ARS-556) / The vessel was later renamed Ta De

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
passed away on 17 October 2022

The Good Conduct Medal is one of the oldest military awards of the United States Armed Forces / The U.S. Navy's variant of the 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 Good Conduct 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: **WHEELOCK**

Hometown: BUFFALO

ALTON J.

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank: A3C

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Airman Third-Class Alton John Wheelock honorably served in the United States Air Force / A3C Alton Wheelock was deployed to Korea

Alton J. Wheelock also honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Alton Wheelock was a member of the Communications Workers of America (CWA) / Alton John Wheelock passed away on 18 June 1998 at the age of 67 years old and is interred at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York



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Name: WHIDDON JR

Hometown: KENMORE

IVY

N.

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:

Ivy N. Whiddon, Jr. honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Ivy Whiddon worked for the United States Post Service, retiring from the William Street Post Office / Whiddon also worked as a Greeter at Walmart / Ivy N. Whiddon Jr. passed away on 10 April 2023 and is interred at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Kenmore, New York



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Name: WHITING

Hometown: MARILLA

THOMAS G.

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Year Entered: 1954

Year Discharged: 1956

Unit / Squadron:

517TH ORDNANCE COMPANY, 81ST ORDNANCE BATTALION, 51ST ORDNANCE GROUP, 7TH U.S. ARMY

Medals / Citations:

ARMY OCCUPATION MEDAL (GERMANY)

COLD WAR SERVICE MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Thomas G. Whiting honorably served in the United States Army / PFC Thomas Whiting was assigned as a Radio Operator and stationed in Germany for 13 months

PFC Thomas Whiting was Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Army on 21 February 1956

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Thomas Whiting joined Marilla Fire Company on 2 December 1959 / Whiting was a Past Fire Chief and 63-year active member of the Marilla Fire Company / Thomas G. Whiting passed away on 5 August 2022 at the age of 88 years old

The Field Radio Operator is skilled in the long list of radios for all frequency ranges and uses / The radios used are divided among the frequency range as well as for their specific uses / The Radioman will not be an infantryman or a tanker, but if assigned to those units, he will be fighting side by side with the members of those combat units and carrying a radio or operating the vehicle-mounted radio / Some select radiomen will get assigned to go out with the infantry companies and will be responsible for the communications in that company / However, in the larger communication units, the radioman will be with other radiomen and fellow communicators

The Army of Occupation Medal is a military award of the United States military which was established by the United States War Department on 5 April 1946 / The medal was created in the aftermath of the Second World War to recognize those who had performed occupation service in either Germany, Italy, Austria, Japan or Korea / The original Army of Occupation Medal was intended only for members of the United States Army, but was expanded in 1948 to encompass



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the United States Air Force shortly after that service's creation / The Navy and Marine equivalent of the Army of Occupation Medal is the Navy Occupation Service Medal, which features the same ribbon with its own medallion and clasps

The 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

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Name: **WHITNEY**

Hometown: WEST SENECA

EDWARD 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:

Edward L. Whitney honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Edward Whitney was a Life Member and former Commander of Amvets Post #8113 / Edward L. Whitney passed away on 17 April 2025 at the age of 90 years old and is interred at St. Martins Cemetery, Langford, New York



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Name: **WHITNEY**

Hometown: BUFFALO

HARVEY

G.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: ICFN

Year Entered: 1947

Year Discharged: 1952

Unit / Squadron:

USS LEYTE (CV-32)

USS CURTISS (AV-4)

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Fireman, Interior Communications Electrician Striker Harvey Gordon Whitney honorably served in the United States Navy / ICFN Harvey Whitney was deployed to Korea and served aboard the aircraft carrier USS Leyte for 33 months and the seaplane tender USS Curtiss for 5 months

Harvey Whitney was Honorably Discharged from the United States Navy on 11 February 1952

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Harvey Whitney was employed as a truck driver for Bethlehem Steel, Gibraltar Industries and Republic Steel / Whitney hauled the staging for the Rolling Stones "Steel Wheels" tour all over North America / Whitney drove a truck until he was 81 with price Trucking / Harvey Whitney was a member of the Patriot Guard Riders / Harvey Gordon Whitney passed away on 21 July 2020 at the age of 90 years old and is interred at the Western New York National Cemetery, Corfu, New York

USS Leyte (CV/CVA/CVS-32, AVT-10) was one of 24 Essex-class aircraft carriers built during and shortly after World War II for the United States Navy / The ship was the third US Navy ship to bear the name / Leyte was commissioned on 11 April 1946, too late to serve in World War II / She spent most of her career in the Atlantic, Caribbean, and Mediterranean, but also saw service in the Korean War, in which she earned two battle stars / She was reclassified in the early 1950s as an attack carrier (CVA), then as an Antisubmarine Aircraft Carrier (CVS), and finally (after inactivation) as an aircraft transport (AVT) / She was redesignated AVT-10 and decommissioned on 15 May 1959, and was assigned to the Philadelphia group of the Atlantic Reserve Fleet, where she remained until sold for scrap in September 1970



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USS Curtiss (AV-4) was the first purpose-built seaplane tender constructed for the United States Navy / She was named for Glenn Curtiss, an American naval aviation pioneer that designed the Curtiss NC-4, the first aircraft to fly across the Atlantic Ocean / The Curtiss was commissioned on 15 November 1940 / Curtiss operated out of Norfolk, Virginia, and in the Caribbean for training and in fleet exercises through the spring of 1941 / On 26 May 1941, she got underway for Pearl Harbor, from which she served as local guard ship, as well as tending two patrol bomber squadrons / When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on 7 December, Curtiss was able to get underway and returned fire at the attacking Japanese aircraft / At 08:36, she sighted the periscope of a Japanese Midget Submarine and opened fire / A torpedo from this submarine missed Curtiss, running over and into a dock at Pearl City / Four minutes later, the same submarine surfaced and was further damaged by gunfire before diving again, after which the destroyer Monaghan sank the submarine with a ram and depth charge attack / After repairs the Curtiss returned to the Pacific and participated in the battles of Noumea, the Solomons and Okinawa / On 21 June 1945 while in Okinawa to serve as flagship for Commander, Fleet Air Wing 1, a kamikaze and its bomb ripped two holes in her hull and detonated on the third deck, killing 35 and wounding 21 of her crew / Damage control kept her afloat and four days later she was underway for an overhaul at Mare Island Navy Yard / Shortly after the outbreak of the Korean War, the Curtiss sailed from San Diego, to join the 7th Fleet in July 1950, on patrol in the Korea Strait / Sailing out of Iwakuni and Kure, she tended two Martin PBM Mariner squadrons and a squadron of British Short Sunderlands operating over Korean territory / The USS Curtiss was decommissioned on 24 September 1957 / The Curtiss was struck from the Naval Vessel Register on 1 July 1963, and was sold for scrapping in February 1972

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Name: **WIATROWSKI**

Hometown: WEST SENECA

VICTOR E.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

27TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/2 SERVICE STARS

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL-KOREA

COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Victor E. Wiatrowski honorably served in the United States Army / PFC Victor Wiatrowski was deployed to Korea for 15 months with the 27th Infantry regiment

Victor Wiatrowski was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army on 22 June 1954

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Victor Wiatrowski was life member of Amvets Post #45 / Victor E. Wiatrowski passed away on 5 April 2017

The 27th Infantry Regiment, nicknamed the "Wolfhounds", is a regiment of the United States Army established in 1901, that served in the Philippine–American War, in the Siberian Intervention after World War I, and as part of the 25th Infantry Division ("Tropic Lightning") during World War II, the Korean War, and later the Vietnam War / The 27th Infantry Regiment departed for Pusan, South Korea, in July, 1950 to assist in holding the Pusan perimeter at the onset of the Korean War / The unit saw heavy action throughout the war, where they were considered the "fire brigade" for the 25th Infantry Division, in essence, making first combat contact with enemy forces / The 27th saw significant fighting at Sandbag Castle, Korea that was a 96 day defense action from July-October 1952 / The 27th Infantry Regiment earned ten campaign streamers and three Presidential Unit Citations / Upon conclusion of hostilities in Korea, the unit returned to Schofield Barracks.

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

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

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Name: **WICHER**
NORBERT

Hometown: BLASDELL

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:

Norbert Wicher honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Norbert Wicher passed away on 19 May 2022 at the age of 94 years old and is interred at Lakeside Memorial Cemetery



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Name: **WIECZOREK**

Hometown:

DAVID R.

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:* KOREA

Service Notes:

Sergeant David R. Wieczorek honorably served in the United States Marine Corps and deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Marine Corps. David Wieczorek joined National Fuel until his retirement / David R. Wieczorek passed away on 26 March 2024 at the age of 87 years old and is interred at St. Adalbert's Cemetery, Lancaster, New York



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Name: **WIGHTMAN JR**

Hometown: HOLLAND

CHARLES W.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Charles W. Wightman, Jr. honorably served in the United States Army / Charles Wightman was stationed at White Sands, New Mexico and Cal Tech in Pasadena, California as a member of the distinguished unit of military engineers nicknamed the "Broomsticks" / During his tour of duty, Wightman was singled out for his work on the Corporal rocket

Base Assignments:

White Sands, New Mexico - White Sands Missile Range is the widest and largest military base in the United States of America and covers almost 3205 miles and spreads over five different counties / It is located in the southern part of New Mexico, close to Fort Bliss and its 926 mile range forms a huge area exclusively used for military tests / The base is operated by the United States Army and its primary mission is testing weapons for the Army / NASA also used White Sands for a landing site during the Space Shuttle operation / Some of the most popular operations that take place at White Sands include satellite tests before launching, flight tests and missile testing / The primary mission of the site is to support the Army regardless of the actions it is involved in

Miscellaneous:

Charles Wightman was a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the State University of New York at Buffalo / After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army, Wightman went to work for the Calspan Corporation, retired after 35 years of service / Wightman was awarded Honorary Lifetime Membership in the Nature Sanctuary Society of WNY for his years of service to the group / Charles W. Wightman, Jr. passed away on 14 August 2023 at the age of 98 years old

The WAC Corporal Rocket was the first sounding rocket developed in the United States and the first vehicle to achieve hypersonic speeds / It was an offshoot of the Corporal program, that was started by a partnership between the United States Army Ordnance Corps and the California Institute of Technology (named "ORDCIT") in June 1944 with the ultimate goal of developing a military ballistic missile / The design of the WAC Corporal was innovative in that main structure containing the oxidizer, fuel, and pressurizing air tanks was of monocoque design, and that it had only three stabilizing



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fins, rather than the four that the Army preferred / Since the WAC Corporal was conceived as an atmospheric sounding rocket to be utilized in part near populated locations, it was provided with a parachute recovery system for the rocket itself, along with a separate system for recovering the Signal Corps radiosonde payload / The production of the WAC Corporal was by Douglas Aircraft Corporation with critical parts supplied by JPL and the engines by Aerojet / While the WAC Corporal was soon replaced in its intended role of sounding rocket, its legacy was long-lasting / WAC Corporals are on display at the National Air and Space Museum and in the White Sands Missile Range Museum



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Name: **WILKES**

Hometown: EAST AURORA

KENNETH R.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1953

Unit / Squadron:

ARMY SIGNAL CORPS

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/1 SERVICE STAR

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL-KOREA

REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Kenneth R. Wilkes honorably served in the United States Army / PFC Kenneth Wilkes was deployed to Korea for 18 months and stationed with the US Army Signal Corps in Daegu, Korea

Kenneth Wilkes received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army on 3 April 1953

Kenneth Wilkes served in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in Buffalo, New York

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Kenneth Wilkes attended the University of Bridgeport and graduated with a degree in Industrial Design / After working for General Electric, Wilkes moved to East Aurora and worked for Fisher Price designing toys / Kenneth Wilkes was a member of the East Aurora Art Society / Kenneth R. Wilkes passed away on 27 January 2020 at the age of 90 years old and his remains cremated

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



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Huston, and George Stevens) all served in the Signal Corps

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The Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation was awarded to units of the United Nations Command for service in Korea during the Korean Conflict from 1950 to 1954 / In recognition of allied military service to South Korea during the Korean War, all United States military departments were authorized the unit award for that period

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Name: WILLIAMS

Hometown: WEST SENECA

CLARENCE C.

Address: 4914 SENECA STREET

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: PFC

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT

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

Service Notes:

Private First Class Clarence C. Williams honorably served in the United States Marine Corps / PFC Clarence Williams was trained as a Basic Armament Repairman and trained on the .50 caliber Machine Gun

Base Assignments:

Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia - Established in 1917, MCB Quantico is a Marine Corps installation located near Triangle, Virginia / Used primarily for training purposes, MCB Quantico is known as the "Crossroads of the Marine Corps"

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina - Parris Island is used for the training of enlisted Marines / Marines were first stationed on Parris Island in 1891 / During the Korean War, more than 138,000 recruits were trained at Parris Island / Male recruits living east of the Mississippi River and female recruits from all over the United States report here to receive their initial training

Miscellaneous:

Clarence Williams graduated from West Seneca Senior High School / Prior to his military service, Williams worked at Bethlehem Steel Corporation and was a fireman with the Union Fire Company / After his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps, from the military, Clarence Williams worked for the West Seneca Highway Department until his retirement in 1990

The .50 Caliber Machine Gun is also known as the M2 Browning. It is a heavy machine gun designed for use against aircraft and light armored vehicles / The prototype was developed by John M. Browning in 1918, right after WWI / It has since become one of the most widely used machine guns in the world

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A Marksmanship Badge is a military badge of the United States Armed Forces presented to personnel upon successful completion of a weapons qualification course or high placement in an official marksmanship competition. The U.S. Military's Marksmanship Qualification Badges are awarded in three grades (highest to lowest): Expert, Sharpshooter, and Marksman

Name: WILLIAMS

Hometown: BUFFALO

JOHN

A.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: LTJG

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Lieutenant (Junior Grade) John A Williams honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

John Williams attended Nichols School and attended Yale University / After his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Navy, Williams took over as president of the family business, Williams Gold Refining Company and remained president until the company was sold in 1986 / John Williams served on the Alumni Board of Trustees at Nichols School from 1964 - 1976 / During his time as a Trustee he was president of the Long Range Planning Committee and was instrumental in advancing the school to become coeducational in the short term rather than the long term and received the Distinguished Alumnus award in 1977 / John Williams served on the Board at the University of Buffalo and Marine Midland / Williams was also a long term member of the National Dental Association where he served as president for more than one term / John Williams was a pilot and long-standing member of the Buffalo Chapter QB Hanger / John Williams passed away on 28 July 2025 at the age of 96 years old

Lieutenant (junior grade) ranks above ensign and below lieutenant and is equivalent to a first lieutenant in the other uniformed services (the Army, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Space Force)



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Name: WINTERS

Hometown: HAMBURG

ROBERT J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Robert J. Winters honorably served in the United States Air Force and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Robert Winters was a retired electrician from the Durez Plant / Winters was a member of American Legion #246 and the Elks Lodge / Robert J. Winters passed away on 14 March 2024 at the age of 94 years old



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Name: **WIRTH**

Hometown: ALDEN

EDWARD G.

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:

Edward George Wirth honorably served in the United States Army National Guard / Edward Wirth was deployed to Korea

Edward Wirth served in the Army National Guard for 32 years

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Edward Wirth worked as a welder at Westinghouse Electric, Cheektowaga and retired with 36 years of service / Edward Wirth retired as a welder from Westinghouse / Edward George Wirth passed away on 12 June 2024 at the age of 93 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: **WIRTH**

Hometown: WEST SENECA

RAYMOND E.

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CORPORAL

Year Entered:

Year Discharged: KIA

Unit / Squadron:

21ST INFANTRY, 24TH DIVISION, "B" COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL KOREA

ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL (JAPAN)

REPUBLIC OF KOREA WAR SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Raymond E. Wirth honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Raymond Wirth was a member of Company B, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division / Corporal Raymond Wirth was Killed in Action while fighting during "Operation Ripper" near Seoul, Korea on 4 April 1951

Operation Ripper, also known as the Fourth Battle of Seoul, was a United Nations military operation / Launched on 6 March 1951, Operation Ripper had two primary objectives, destroying as many units as possible of the Chinese communist People's Volunteer Army and North Korean military around Seoul, Hongch'on and Ch'unch'on / The operation also aimed to bring UN troops to the 38th parallel / Preceded by the largest artillery bombardment of the Korean War, American infantry divisions liberated Seoul on 15 March 1951 forcing the Communists northward out of the capital city / By the end of March 1951, US forces reached the 38th parallel

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Raymond E. Wirth was Killed in Action on 4 April 1951 and was 22 years of age at the time of his death and is interred at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York

The 21st Infantry Regiment was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division on 26 August 1941 / After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the regiment guarded the northern shore of Oahu from Japanese attacks / The division underwent combat training and departed for Australia in May 1943 / The regiment deployed to Australia with the 24th Infantry Division,



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where it trained for combat in the Pacific Theater and first engaged the Japanese at Tanahmerah Bay, New Guinea, on 22 April 1944 / The regiment fought in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, as well as Operation Iraqi Freedom / Task Force Smith, the first American unit to see action in the Korean War, was derived from the regiment's 1st Battalion

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

The Army of Occupation Medal (AOM) was awarded to US Army and Air Force personnel who served 30 consecutive days in Japan between September 3, 1945, and April 27, 1952

The Korean War Service Medal, also known as the Republic of Korea War Service Medal, is a military award of South Korea which was first authorized in December 1950 / The Korean War Service Medal was first authorized to South Korean troops who had participated in the initial counter-assaults against North Korean aggression in June 1950 / On 15 September 1951, President Syngman Rhee referred to and authorized the commander-chief of the United Nations Command to confer the award of the "Korean War Medal" and "Korean War Ribbon" ("Korean War Service Medal"), "to the brave and valiant members of the United Nations Command who have been, and are now, combating the communist aggressor in Korea" / Bronze service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns

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

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Name: WISCHMAN

Hometown: ELMA

ROBERT C.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-5

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1953

Unit / Squadron:

2ND SIGNAL COMPANY, 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/3 SERVICE STARS

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL (KOREA)

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant Robert C. Wischman honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Robert Wischman was deployed to Korea for 17 months and stationed with the 2nd Signal Company, 2nd Infantry Division

Robert Wischman was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army on 5 August 1953

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Robert C. Wischman passed away on 12 October 2018 at the age of 88 years old

The 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-US Combined Division is the last remaining permanently forward-stationed division in the U.S. Army / The 2nd Infantry Division deters aggression and maintains peace on the Korean Peninsula; and if deterrence fails, "Fight Tonight" in support of the U.S-Republic of Korea Alliance

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Name: **WOHLFEIL**

Hometown: BUFFALO

HAROLD C.

Address: 116 GREENFIELD AVENUE

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SP4

Year Entered: 1955

Year Discharged: 1956

Unit / Squadron:

7TH DIVISION, C COMPANY, HEADQUARTERS PLATOON
73RD TANK BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN OCCUPATION MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Specialist Fourth-Class Harold C. Wohlfiel honorably served in the United States Army / SP4 Harold Wohlfiel was deployed to Dongducheon, Korea and worked on the M46 and M47 Patton Tanks / SP4 Harold Wohlfiel was trained as a tank mechanic at Fort Knox, Kentucky

Harold Wohlfiel was Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Army in December 1956

Base Assignments:

Dongducheon - Located in Gyeonggi Province, South Korea, Dongducheon was strategically important for the defense of Seoul, the South Korean capital

Fort Knox, Kentucky - Located south of Louisville, Fort Knox was named after Henry Knox, the Continental Army's chief of artillery during the Revolutionary War and the country's first Secretary of War / Fort Knox was the home of the U.S. Army Armor Center and the U.S. Army Armor School / It was responsible for establishing armored formations, doctrine, and training in the use of armored vehicles

Camp Carson, Colorado - Home of the nation's oldest Army armor unit, Camp Carson is located near Colorado Springs and was established in 1942, following Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor / Between 1942 and 1956, pack mules were a common sight at Camp Carson and were used by Field Artillery (Pack) battalions to carry equipment, weapons and supplies over mountainous terrain

Miscellaneous:



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Harold Wohlfiel graduated from Burgard High School / Prior to enlisting in the Army in January 1955, Wohlfiel worked at Bliss & Laughlin (Cold Rolled Steel Mill) / After his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army, Harold Wohlfiel joined the International Union Of Operating Engineers Local #17 in Buffalo and was a construction equipment operator and master mechanic for several companies, including F. Darling Contractors, Higgins Erector and Haulers, Sigfried Construction, and the JW Cowper Company / Wohlfiel retired after 40 years of working in the construction field / In 1995, Harold Wohlfiel joined the West Seneca American Legion Post #735 and was appointed Post Secretary / Harold "Bud" Wohlfiel currently resides in Orchard Park, New York

Originally numberd as the 76th Tank Battalion, it was renumbered in 1949 as the 73rd Heavy Tank Battalion, under which name it served in the Korean War, with M4 Sherman and M26 Pershing tanks / It would later be redesignated the 73rd Armor Regiment and was finally disbanded in 1996

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Name: **WOHLHUETER**

Hometown: EAST AURORA

CARLTON C.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank: A1C

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1953

Unit / Squadron:

89TH FOOD SERVICE SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

OCCUPATION MEDAL-GERMANY

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Airman First-Class Carlton C. "Carl" Wohlhueter honorably served in the United States Air Force / A1C Carlton Wohlhueter was stationed in Germany for 29 months with the 89th Food Service Squadron as a Cook

Carlton Wohlhueter was Honorably Discharged from the United States Air Force on 13 November 1953

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Carlton Wohlhueter served a 30-year career as a Law Enforcement Officer with the East Aurora Police Department / Wohlhueter was the manager of Bob-O-Link Golf Club for 15 years / Carlton C. "Carl" Wohlhueter passed away on 31 May 2018 at the age of 86 years old

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Name: **WOJCINSKI**

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

JOSEPH 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:**

Service Notes:

Joseph S. Wojcinski honorably served in the United States Air Force

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Joseph Wojcinski was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles / Wojcinski was also a 3rd degree Knight for Fr. Justin Council and 4th degree Knight for the Kolbe Assembly / Joseph S. Wojcinski passed away on 13 August 2023 at the age of 91 years old and is interred at St. Adalbert's Cemetery, Lancaster, New York



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Name: **WOJCINSKI**

Hometown: ELMA

THADDEUS 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:

Thaddeus J. "Ted" Wojcinski honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Thaddeus Wojcinski was a retired Mathematician with Calspan Corporation / Thaddeus J. "Ted" Wojcinski passed away on 30 January 2026 at the age of 94 years old



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Name: **WOJCINSKI**

Hometown: ELMA

THADDEUS 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:**

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Name: **WOLCOTT**

Hometown: AMHERST

DAVID

P.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: E-6

Year Entered: 1948

Year Discharged: 1952

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant David Paul Wolcott honorably served in the United States Marine Corps / SSGT David Wolcott was deployed to Korea and assigned as a Cook

David P. Wolcott was Honorably Discharged from the United States Marine Corps on 29 July 1952

Base Assignments:

Parris Island Depot, South Carolina - Parris Island Depot is a Marine military installation located within Port Royal, South Carolina and consists of 8,095 acres of land, of which only 3,262 acres are habitable / The remaining acres are primarily marsh / On 1 November 1915, Parris Island was officially designated a Recruit Depot, and United States Marine Corps Recruit Training when enlisted male training began at Parris Island in November 1915 and enlisted female training began in February 1949 / Marines have trained at the Parris Island Depot during each major conflict of the 20th and 21st century / In World War I, 41,000 enlisted Marines trained at Parris Island, 205,000 during World War II and 138,000 Marines trained during the Korean War

Miscellaneous:

David Wolcott was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post #2940 / David Paul Wolcott passed away on 8 May 2022

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Name: WOLF

Hometown: LACKAWANNA

VALENTINE

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:

Valentine Wolf honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Valentine Wolf passed away on 19 April 2023 at the age of 89 years old



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Name: **WOLFE**

Hometown: BOWMANSVILLE

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:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Raymond H. Wolf honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Raymond Wolfe was a retired Lancaster Central School Teacher for over 30 years / Wolfe was a member of the Lancaster Historical Society and a Life Member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) / Raymond H. Wolf passed away on 19 February 2025 at the age of 92 years old and is interred at Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery, Bowmansville, New York



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Name: **WOODS**

Hometown: WILLIAMSVILLE

ARTHUR E.

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Arthur E. Woods honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Arthur Woods graduated from East High School and worked at Lackawanna Steel as a template maker before he was drafted into the U.S. Army / After his Honor able Discharge from the Army, Woods got his Real Estate license and worked over 50 years as a Real Estate Broker / Woods worked for the MJ Peterson Realty Group and the Giallanza Corp / Woods was awarded the "2007 Realtor Emeritus" award for being the longest serving realtor in Western New York / Arthur E. Woods passed away on 28 July 2024 at the age of 95 years old and is interred at St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Buffalo, New York



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Name: **WORTMAN**

Hometown: HAMBURG

RONALD D.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch:

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Ronald D. Wortman honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Ronald Wortman was a Mechanical Engineer at Gaymar Industries for 30 years / Ronald D. Wortman passed away on 23 March 2024



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **WOTHERSPOON**

Hometown: KENMORE

BRUCE T.

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:

Bruce T. Wotherspoon honorably served in the United States Air Force / After his Air Force enlistment was completed, Bruce Wotherspoon joined the United States Air Force Reserve, retiring in 1991 following Operation Desert Storm

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Bruce Wotherspoon joined the Buffalo Fire Department, retiring after 27 years of service / Bruce T. Wotherspoon passed away on 23 September 2022 at the age of 88 years old

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



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Name: **WOZNIAK**

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

FRANK J.

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1952

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Frank J. Wozniak honorably served in the United States Army / PFC Frank Wozniak was assigned to the Infantry and deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Frank J. Wozniak passed away on 17 December 2024 at the age of 95 years old and is interred at St. Matthew's Cemetery, West Seneca



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Name: WROBLEWSKI, JR.

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

FELIX

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS.

Rank: SGT

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1956

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/1 STAR

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

KOREAN PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant Felix T. "Phil" Wroblewski, Jr. honorably served in the United States Marine Corps / SGT Felix Wroblewski was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

An Apprentice employed by New York Central Railroad, Felix Wroblewski enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on 8 April 1952 / Felix Wroblewski was a retired Cheektowaga Police Officer with over 35 years of service and a member of the PBA / Felix Wroblewski was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post #2940 / Felix T. "Phil" Wroblewski, Jr. passed away on 7 August 2001

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