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June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: ZACCONI

Hometown: WILLIAMSVILLE

CARMINE J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Carmine J. Zacconi honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Carmine J. Zacconi passed away on 22 December 2023 at the age of 90 years old



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: ZARBO

Hometown: GRAND ISLAND

TOM

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:

Tom Zarbo honorably served in the United States Air Force / Tom Zarbo was stationed in Nome, Alaska and assigned as an Information Specialist

Base Assignments:

Marks Air Force Base, Alaska - Marks AFB is a former United States Air Force facility located two miles west of Nome, Alaska / The base was named in honor of Major Jack S. Marks, a United States Army Air Forces pilot based at Ladd Army Airfield who died when his aircraft was shot down over the Aleutians in July 1942 / In World War II, the civilian Nome Airport shared use of the runway with Marks Army Airfield for transfer of Lend-Lease aircraft to the Soviet Union and in 1942, for air defense of the western coast of Alaska / Marks AAF units included the 404th Bombardment Squadron, the 28th Bombardment Group and the 56th Fighter Squadron of the 54th Fighter Group / On 15 August 1947, the Arctic Indoctrination Survival School (colloquially known as "Cool School") was formed at Marks Army Air Base / Renamed Marks Air Force Base in 1948, the military installation was used as a fighter-interceptor forward base until they were pulled back to Galena Airport / Marks AFB closed in 1950 and an air base squadron was at Nome Airport until December 1956 / Following its closure, it was redeveloped into Nome Airport

Miscellaneous:

Tom Zarbo was a photographer at the Buffalo News, News Reel Camera Specialist for WBEN Channel 4 (WIVB-TV) and public relations for Bell Aerospace, Mennen Medical and Tops Markets / Tom Zarbo was a past Membership Chairman for the Industrial Audio-Visual Association / Zarbo serving as a Scout Master and served on the Tonawanda District Scout Council; past president of the Grand Island Lyons Club and, Grand Island Taxpayers Association / Tom Zarbo was honored as a Civic Citizen of the Year by the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce / Tom Zarbo passed away on 18 January 2021 at the age of 89 years old and is interred at Whitehaven Cemetery, Grand Island, New York



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Name: ZARCONE, JR.

Hometown: ORCHARD PARK

AMILCARE

Address: NORTH BUFFALO ROAD

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: EMPFN

Year Entered: 1948

Year Discharged: 1953

Unit / Squadron:

USS SANDOVAL (APA-194)

USS BROWNSON (DD-868)

USS KYNE (DE-744)

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Electrician's Mate (Power & Light) Fireman Amilcare Zarccone, Jr. honorably served in the United States Navy and was deployed to Korea / EMPFN Amilcare Zarccone serviced generators on a transport ship and took part in the invasion of Inchon and Busan

EMPFN Zarccone helped liberated Korean prisoners from an island and returned them to shore

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

After his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Navy, Amilcare Zarccone went to work at the steel plant as an Electrician and later became a Machinist / Zarccone was Past Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post #6264 / Amilcare Zarccone, Jr. passed away on 24 Jan 2020 at the age of 88 years old and is interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, Orchard Park, New York

USS Sandoval (APA-194/LPA-194) was a Haskell-class attack transport in service with the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946, from 1951 to 1955 and from 1961 to 1970 / The Sandoval was originally commissioned on 7 October 1944 / Five years later, after war had again broken out in the Far East, Sandoval was ordered activated to support the United Nations effort in Korea / Recommissioned on 22 September 1951, she joined the Pacific Fleet's Amphibious Force in mid-October; and, after operations off the U.S. West Coast, she sailed west on 3 March 1952 / On 24 March 1952, she arrived in Japan; and, in mid-April, she carried cargo to Inchon, whence she moved troops to Koje Do to assist in stemming the prisoner of war (POW) riots on that island / In May and early June, she conducted amphibious training exercises; and, at mid-month, she headed south to the Philippines and Hong Kong / In July, she returned to Japan, where she resumed cargo and amphibious training operations / In 1953, she completed inactivation overhaul and was decommissioned at Mare Island,



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California, on 22 June 1955 / Four and one-half years later, on 10 December 1959, she was transferred to the Maritime Administration's National Defense Reserve Fleet; and, on 1 July 1960, her name was struck from the Navy list/ She was scrapped in 1983

USS Brownson (DD-868) was a Gearing-class destroyer and the second ship of the United States Navy to be named for Rear Admiral Willard H. Brownson, USN (1845–1935) / in February 1951 she joined the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean / The period between October 1951 and August 1952 was spent in the vicinity of Newport / In August 1952 she went to the North Atlantic with the 2nd Fleet for NATO's Operation Mainbrace / In October 1952 she rejoined the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean / Returning to Newport in February 1953, she operated along the Atlantic seaboard and in the Caribbean until August 1954, with the exception of one Midshipmen cruise and participation in Operation Springboard / Brownson was decommissioned and stricken from the Naval Vessel Register on 30 September 1976 and sold for scrap on 10 June 1977

USS Kyne (DE-744) was a Cannon-class destroyer escort built for the United States Navy during World War II / She was commissioned on 4 April 1944 and served in the Pacific Ocean and provided escort service against submarine and air attack for Navy vessels and convoys / She returned home after the war with a very commendable accumulation of six battle stars / The Kyne was decommissioned at Green Cove Springs, Florida, on 14 June 1946 and operated as a reserve training ship out of Fort Schuyler, New York / She was recommissioned on 21 November 1950 and was assigned to the 3rd Naval District as a reserve training ship / For the next nine years, Kyne provided the training necessary to maintain a well-drilled reserve, ready to defend the nation during any crisis / The Kyne was decommissioned on 17 June 1960, at New York and she remained in the Atlantic Reserve Fleet at Philadelphia until she was sold for scrapping on 1 November 1973



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Name: ZAWODZINSKI, JR.

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

FRANCIS L.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Francis L. Zawodzinski, Jr. honorably served in the United States Navy and was deployed to Korea / After his enlistment with the Navy was up, Francis Zawodzinski joined the United States Marine Corps

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Francis L. Zawodzinski, Jr. passed away on 20 October 2022 and his remains cremated



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Name: ZERILLI

Hometown: GRAND ISLAND

CHARLES 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:

Charles A. Zerilli honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Charles Zerilli was born in Staten Island, New York / Charles Zerilli was a member of the Teamsters Local #449 for 25 years retiring in 1993 / Charles A. Zerilli passed away on 5 August 2016 at the age of 82 years old and is interred at Holy Trinity Cemetery, Lewiston, New York



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Name: ZIELINSKI
JOHN

Hometown: AKRON

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

John Zielinski honorably served in the United States Marine Corps and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

John Zielinski came to the US in 1949 as a Polish refugee, eventually arriving and settling in Buffalo / After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Marine Corp., Zielinski was employed in a number of professions, including a machinist, diesel mechanic, and truck driver / John Zielinski passed away on 9 October 2022 at the age of 92 years old



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Name: ZIKA

Hometown: LANCASTER

PAUL J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-5

Year Entered: 1949

Year Discharged: 1952

Unit / Squadron:

407TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/5 SERVICE STARS

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:

Sergeant Paul J. Zika honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Paul Zika was deployed to Korea for 13 months and was assigned as a Power Shovel Operator with the 407th Engineer Combat Battalion

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Paul Zika received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army on 19 September 1952 / Zika was a life member of the Pvt. Leonard Post, Jr., Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #6251, Cheektowaga, NY / Paul J. Zika passed away on 11 March 2019

Engineering Battalions performed many engineering tasks, including demolitions, obstacle emplacement, fortification, and light bridge building / Engineer general service regiments and battalions performed construction, repair, and maintenance duties of all kinds behind the front lines / When needed, combat engineers also could act as infantry

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

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



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Korea, who participated in the defense of South Korea from North Korea between the dates of 27 June 1950 and 27 July 1954

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 National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) is a service award of the United States Armed Forces established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953 / The National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) was first intended to be a "blanket campaign medal" awarded to service members who served honorably during a designated time period of which a "national emergency" had been declared during a time of war or conflict / It may also be issued to active military members for any other period that the Secretary of Defense designates / Currently, the National Defense Service Medal is the oldest service medal (as opposed to decorations for particular achievements such as valor or meritorious service and Good Conduct Medals) currently awarded by all branches of the United States Armed Forces



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Name: ZIMMERMAN

Hometown: ELMA

JOSEPH R.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Joseph R. Zimmerman honorably served in the United States Marine Corps and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Joseph R. Zimmerman passed away on 28 August 2023 and his remains cremated



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Name: ZIMMERMAN, JR.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

WILLIAM G.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: RD2

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

USS HOLLIS (DE-794/APD-86)

USS MONMOUTH COUNTY (LST-1032)

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Radarman Second Class William G. Zimmerman, Jr. honorably served in the United States Navy / RD2 William Zimmerman was deployed to Korea / RD2 Zimmerman served aboard the destroyer-escort USS Hollis and the tank landing ship, the USS Monmouth County

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

William Zimmerman was retired from Bethlehem Steel in Lackawanna, New York / Zimmerman was a member of St. John Vianney Knights of St. John / William G Zimmerman, Jr. passed away in 29 September 2018 at the age of 88 years old

A Radarman was a rating in the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard during, and after, World War II / The radarman was generally required to attend and complete a U.S. Navy Class "A" radar school at a designated Naval Training Centers (NTC) in the United States / Once assigned to a ship or shore station, the radarman was required to operate and maintain the installed radar and electronic warfare equipment / Radarmen were specially trained in emergency repair procedures, as their assigned vessels went into combat areas / Radarman also operates radar, navigation, and communications equipment in shipboard and combat information centers (CICs) or bridges / They detect and track ships, planes, and missiles. They operate and maintain IFF (identification friend or foe) systems

USS Hollis (DE-794/APD-86) was a Buckley-class destroyer escort in service with the United States Navy from 1944 to 1947 and from 1951 to 1956 / The USS Hollis was named after Lt. (j.g.) Ralph Hollis who was killed aboard the USS Arizona during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941 / The Hollis was commissioned on 24 January 1944 at Orange, Texas / Hollis escorted convoys in the Mediterranean, and escorted a convoy to the southern France invasion area on 15 August 1944, as Allied troops stormed ashore / In the months that followed, as the offensive gained momentum, Hollis continued her role as an escort in the Mediterranean, ensuring the flow of vital supplies and men /



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Fitted out to carry amphibious assault troops, Hollis was reclassified APD-86, on 24 January 1945 and immediately began training with Underwater Demolition Teams, the Navy's famed "frogmen", on Maui island in the Pacific / Converted to a UDT flagship, Hollis sailed to Eniwetok and Guam as the Japanese were accepting surrender terms, arriving Apra Harbor, Japan on 23 August 1945 / Hollis, now flagship for Pacific UDT forces, sailed to Tokyo Bay to assist in the occupation, arriving on 1 September 1945 / There she witnessed the formal surrender ceremonies of the Japanese Empire the next day / Following occupation duties, the ship sailed for San Diego California, where she arrived on 23 October 1945 before sailing to Green Cove Springs, Florida, on 13 October 1946 / The USS Hollis was decommissioned on 5 May 1947 and entered the Atlantic Reserve Fleet / With the increase in fleet strength brought about by the Korean War, Hollis was recommissioned on 6 April 1951 / For the next five years, the Hollis participated in amphibious exercises, antisubmarine training, and maneuvers / In 1954 and 1955 she served briefly as school ship for Fleet Sonar School, Key West, Florida / In 1954 she took part in a North Atlantic cold weather exercise off Labrador, and in 1955 her schedule included a month of training of Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps midshipman training / Hollis arrived in Green Cove Springs, Florida, on 17 July 1956, and was decommissioned there 16 October 1956 / Stricken from the Navy Register on 15 September 1974, the USS Hollis was sold for scrap on 1 July 1975 / The USS Hollis received one battle star for World War II service

USS Monmouth County (LST-1032) was an LST-542-class tank landing ship built for the United States Navy during World War II / She was named after Monmouth County, New Jersey and was the only U.S. Naval vessel to bear the name / Originally laid down as LST-1032 on 9 June 1944 by the Boston Navy Yard, Boston, Massachusetts; the ship was launched on 9 July 1944 and commissioned on 1 August 1944 / After shakedown, LST-1032 sailed on 23 January 1945 to take part in the assault on Iwo Jima / While debarking Marines there, on 20 February, an enemy shell struck her bow, killing one Marine and wounding nine / Despite this, rough seas, and stiff Japanese opposition, she completed debarking her troops and supplies on the 22nd, and proceeded to Saipan / She next sailed from Saipan to take part in the Okinawa invasion, arriving off that island on 1 April 1945 / Discharging her cargo and men, she departed for Saipan, returning to Okinawa on 30 May 1945 with more supplies / LST-1032 then steamed to the Philippines, arriving San Pedro Bay on 15 June 1945 / Until Japan's surrender, she ferried troops and munitions among the Philippines, with two additional runs to Okinawa / She carried occupation troops to the Japanese home islands until 19 November 1945, when she sailed for the United States, arriving San Francisco on 30 December 1945 / Sailing to the east coast, LST-1032 anchored off Little Creek, Virginia on 15 April 1946 and joined the Amphibious Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, with which she operated for the next nine years / She joined expeditions to Greenland in 1951 and 1952, and took part in training exercises in the Caribbean / LST-1032 was re-named the USS Monmouth County on 1 July 1955 / The ship was decommissioned on 14 October 1955, and berthed in the Florida Group, Atlantic Reserve Fleet until August 1961 when she transferred to the Philadelphia Group / The USS Monmouth County was recommissioned on 28 May 1963 as a unit of Reserve LST Squadron 2, based at Little Creek, Virginia / In 1966, Monmouth County sailed for South Vietnam / Assigned to the Service Force, Pacific Fleet, she operated between the Demilitarized Zone and the Mekong Delta, carrying foodstuffs, ammunition, and construction equipment / Following a visit to the Republic of China in February 1967, she returned to Vietnamese waters for three additional tours between 1968 and March 1970 / The Monmouth County was decommissioned at Vallejo, California and struck from the Naval Vessel Register on 12 August 1970 / The Monmouth County was sold for scrapping to Zidell Explorations, Inc. of Portland, Oregon on 11 September 1971 / LST-1032 received either two (Navsource) or four (DANFS) battle stars for World War II service / USS Monmouth County earned 11 Campaign Stars for Vietnam service



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Name: ZIOMEK

Hometown: GRAND ISLAND

STANLEY

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:

Stanley A. Ziomek honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Stanley Ziomek was employed as a Maintenance Technician with Rural/Metro Ambulance until his retirement / Ziomek was as a member of the Niagara River Yacht Club serving as a past Commodore, member of the Wheatfield Senior Citizens and an Exempt member of the St. Johnsburg Fire Company and Fire Police serving as past Secretary and President / Ziomek moved to Wheatfield, New York / Stanley A. Ziomek passed away on 29 May 2011 at the age of 76 years old



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: ZON

Hometown: BUFFALO

JOSEPH

V.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Joseph V. Zon honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Joseph Zon was a member of Niagara Frontier Post #1041 and served as a Scout Master for Troop #142 / Joseph V. Zon passed away on 18 January 2023 at the age of 90 years old and is interred at St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Buffalo, New York



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Name: ZOSH

Hometown: ALDEN

JOHN 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:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Major John Lucas Zosh honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

John Zosh was a member of American Legion Post #1377 in Alden, NY / John Lucas Zosh passed away on 29 November 2022 at the age of 77 years old and is interred in the Western New York National Cemetery, Corfu, New York



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: ZULAWSKI

Hometown: EAST EDEN

JOHN 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:

John N. Zulawski honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

John N. "Hunce" Zulawski passed away on 26 January 2023 at the age of 89 years old and is interred at St. Mary's Church Cemetery, Lancaster, New York



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Name: ZUPA

Hometown: BUFFALO

RICHARD

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:

Richard Zupa honorably served in the United States Army / Richard Zupa was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

After his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army, Richard Zupa began a career at Moog, Inc., retiring after 39 years / Richard Zupa passed away on 21 April 2026 at the age of 97 years old and is interred at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York



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Name: ZYGMUNT

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

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" Zygmunt honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Thaddeus Zygmunt was a retiree of the United States Post Office / Thaddeus J. "Ted" Zygmunt passed away on 27 October 2025 at the age of 92 and is interred at St. Matthew's Cemetery, West Seneca, New York



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Name: ZYWICZYNSKI

Hometown: WALES

RICHARD 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:

Richard J. Zywiczyński honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Richard Zywiczyński was employed by the United States Postal Service as a rural mail carrier in both Holland and Elma for 27 years / Richard J. Zywiczyński passed away on 27 September 2025 at the age of 96 years old