



West Seneca Answers the Call to Arms Residents in World War II



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **RADDER**

CHARLES

E.

Address: 4951 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "K", 327TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Charles Radder was stationed in Italy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **RADDER**

CLIFFORD

Address: 4951 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: 2ND LT

Unit / Squadron:

SQUADRON E, BACHELOR OFFICER QUARTERS 757

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Second Lieutenant

Base Assignments:

Chatham Field, Georgia - Chatham Army Airfield, named for its Georgia county location, was activated on 19 September 1943 / Located near Savannah, Chatham Field was used as a bomber and crew training base for B-24's and fighter aircraft

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **RADDER**

ELSWORTH

Address: 4951 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 793RD MILITARY POLICE BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The Military Police provides expertise in police, detainment and stability operations in order to enhance security and enable mobility / In World War II, Military Police soldiers moved traffic along the Burma Road, supported amphibious operations on Normandy beachheads, and managed enemy prisoners of war from Italy to the South Pacific

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Name: **RADDER**

HERMAN

Address: 4951 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

3854TH QUARTERMASTER GAS SUPPLY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps was responsible for procuring and delivering various supplies to units in all theaters of war during World War II / Quartermaster units were charged with providing food (steady supply of food and rations), clothing, petroleum products (gasoline, kerosene, aviation fuel, diesel oil, fuel oil and petroleum-based lubricants) and general supplies (diverse items as rope, soap, candles, knives, forks and spoons, etc.) to troops stationed in the United States and to the far-flung armed forces around the world. More than 32,000 officers, officer cadets and key enlisted personnel received their training at the Quartermaster School between July 1, 1940 and December 3, 1945. The physical conditioning of entrants was emphasized from the beginning of the training program. In addition, the rigorous military training entailed learning to use all armed methods of protection, crawling through simulated battlefields, taking refuge in foxholes (of their own digging), making technical decisions regarding rations, and learning every aspect of ammunition supply points (ASPs)

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Name: **RADDER**

HOWARD

Address: 4951 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/5

Unit / Squadron:

5TH GENERAL HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

3 BATTLE STARS

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal)

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **RADDER**

ROBERT

J.

Address: 4951 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 451ST A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

5TH ARMY

7TH ARMY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

6 BATTLE STARS

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER / NORTH AFRICAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Robert Radder saw combat action in Anzio (Italy), Belgium and in North Africa

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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The Battle of Anzio began on 22 January 1944 and concluded with the fall of Rome on 5 June 1944. The campaign was part of the Italian Theater of World War II

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Name: **RADDER**

WARREN

V.

Address: 56 ORCHARD AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "A", 838TH A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Hulen, Texas - Located near Palacios, Texas, Camp Hulen supported the largest concentration of troops for field training in the United States military / The camp was renamed for Major John A. Hulen (1871–1957) / German prisoners of war were housed at Camp Hulen from 1943 to 1945

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Name: **RADOTAVICH**

CHARLES

Address: 1566 BERG ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 35TH SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 35th Signal Communications Battalion provided critical battlefield communications in support of combat operations worldwide during World War II

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Name: RAHN

EDWARD J.

Address: 25 LUDWIG AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

6TH GENERAL HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

PRE-PEARL HARBOR MEDAL

2 BATTLE STARS

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER / NORTH AFRICAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **RAINS**

JAMES

A.

Address: 56 LAFAYETTE AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

REGIMENT HEADQUARTERS, 164TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION RIBBON WITH 1 BRONZE STAR

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON WITH 2 BRONZE STARS

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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The Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to infantrymen and Special Forces Soldiers in the rank of Colonel and below, who personally fought in active ground combat while assigned as members of either an infantry, Ranger or Special Forces unit, of brigade size or smaller, any time after 6 December 1941

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military awarded to any member of the United States Military who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945. Bronze service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns

The World War II Victory Medal was first issued as a service ribbon referred to as the "Victory Ribbon". By 1946, a full medal had been established which was referred to as the World War II Victory Medal. The medal commemorates military service during World War II and is awarded to any member of the United States military, including members of the armed forces of the Government of the Philippine Islands, who served on active duty, or as a reservist, between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946

The Philippine Liberation Medal was a military award of the Republic of the Philippines presented to any service



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member, of both Philippine Commonwealth and allied militaries, who participated in the liberation of the Philippine Islands between the dates of 17 October 1944 and 2 September 1945. The Philippine Liberation Medal is intended to recognize military service in the last days of World War II when the military of Japan was driven from the Philippines and then to eventually surrender in September 1945. To be awarded the medal, a service member must have served in the Philippines for at least thirty days during the eligible time period

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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

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Name: **RAMSDELL**

HOWARD

C.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **RAPPOLD**

ARTHUR

W.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

INFANTRY, COMPANY "B", 4TH PLATOON

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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JAMES

E.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private James Rappold was a tank driver and tank mechanic

Base Assignments:

Fort Knox, Kentucky - A new Armored Force (Tanks) was established in July 1940 with its headquarters at Fort Knox / It was responsible for establishing armored formations, doctrine, and training in the use of armored vehicles

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **RAPPOLD**

RAYMOND N.

Address: 36 FLOHR AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE **Rank:** CPL

Unit / Squadron:

510TH FIGHTER-BOMBER SQUADRON, 405TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

In March 1944, the 510th Fighter Bomber Squadron moved to RAF Christchurch, England, and began combat operations / During World War II, the 510th moved to mainland Europe with the advance of Allied troops, flying from Picauville and Saint-Dizier, France, Ophoven, Belgium, and Kitzingen, Germany / The unit was credited with 39 kills

The 405th Fighter Bomber Group was assigned to Ninth Air Force in England, flying its first combat mission on 1 May 1944 / The group received a Distinguished Unit Citation for a mission in France on 24 September 1944; answering a request from Third Army for support near Laneuveville-en-Saulnois, two squadrons flying on instruments through rain and dense overcast, were directed by ground control toward a furious tank battle where, in spite of severe ground fire, one squadron repeatedly bombed and strafed enemy tanks; the second squadron, unable to find this target because of the weather, attacked a convoy of trucks and armored vehicles; later the same day, the third squadron hit warehouses and other buildings and silenced ground opposition in the area / The group flew its last mission in early May 1945

A bombardment group or bomb group was a group of bomber aircraft the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) during World War II. It was the equivalent of an infantry regiment in the Army Ground Forces. A bombardment group was the key tactical control and administrative organization for bombers in all theaters of operation. U.S. bomb groups were numbered and classified into four types: Very Heavy (VH), Heavy (H), Medium (M), and Light (L). Groups which combined bombers of differing categories into a single administrative organization were designated "Composite" groups

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Name: **RASALAWSKI**
EDWARD

Address: 265 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Edward Raslawski passed away while in the service

Base Assignments:

Pope Field, Fort Bragg - North Carolina - In 1918, Congress established Camp Bragg, an Army field artillery site named for the Confederate General Braxton Bragg. An aviation landing field was added a year later. The War Department officially established "Pope Field" in 1919, and it ranks as one of the oldest installations in the Air Force / Camp Bragg became a permanent Army post renamed Fort Bragg.

Miscellaneous:



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Name: RASALAWSKI

GEORGE

Address: 265 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "D", 197TH A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: RASALAWSKI

JOE

Address: 265 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

759TH BOMBER SQUADRON, 459TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 459th Bombardment Group was one of a number of B-24 Liberator groups assigned to the 15th Air Force flying out of Italy in 1944 and 1945 / Based out of Giulia Air Field (Italy) the 459th Bombardment Group, a member of the 304th Bombardment Wing, flew missions in Italy, France, the Balkans, Austria and Germany / The 459th Bombardment Group received a Distinguished Unit Citation for leading the 304th Wing through enemy interceptors and intense flak to raid an airfield and aircraft assembly plant at Bad Voslau (Austria) on 23 April 1944

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Name: RASALAWSKI

JOHN L.

Address: 265 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE **Rank:** SGT

Unit / Squadron:

SECTION "E", CREW 133

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Westover Field, Massachusetts - The installation was named for Major General Oscar Westover who was commanding officer of the Army Air Corps in the 1930s. Westover was killed on 21 September 1938 in the crash of his high-speed Northrop A-17AS at Lockheed Aircraft's air field in Burbank, California / The mission of Westover was to organize and provide initial training to new combat units. Pilots, navigators, bombardiers, flexible gunners and other aircrew would arrive and be assigned to newly organized squadrons and groups

Miscellaneous:



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Name: RASP

PAUL

C.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: G.M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

S/S JAMES J. HILL (LIBERTY SHIP #0494)

USS KASAAN BAY (CVE-69)

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER / PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Gunner's Mate Third-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The USS Kasaan Bay (CVE-69) was a Casablanca class escort carrier and served in the Atlantic and Pacific campaigns / During the invasion of southern France, the Kasaan Bay carried out a variety of missions in support of the landings and fighting inland / In January 1945, the Kasaan Bay was assigned to the Pacific Fleet and sailed to Pearl Harbor, Guam, and Ulithi with planes and replacements for other ships of the Fast Carrier Task Force / Commissioned on 4 December 1943 and decommissioned on 6 July 1946

Liberty ships were named after prominent (deceased) Americans, starting with Patrick Henry and the signers of the Declaration of Independence / The Hill was named after James Jerome Hill (September 16, 1838 - May 29, 1916), who was a Canadian-American railroad executive. He was the chief executive officer of a family of lines headed by the Great Northern Railway, which served a substantial area of the Upper Midwest, the northern Great Plains, and Pacific Northwest. Because of the size of this region and the economic dominance exerted by the Hill lines, Hill became known during his lifetime as The Empire Builder

The Liberty ships, a vast new fleet for the war effort, were built in a national "Virtual Shipyard" that harnessed skills, resources, and facilities all across America. From 1941 to 1945, the United States increased its shipbuilding capacity by more than 1,200% and produced over 2,700 Liberty Ships, 800 Victory Vessels, 320 T-2 Tankers, and various other commercial and naval auxiliary vessels for a total of 5,200 ships constructed for the period / A Liberty ship was designed to carry about 10,000 tons of cargo, but in wartime conditions often carried much



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more. Liberty ships were nicknamed "ugly ducklings" by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt

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The American Campaign Medal/Ribbon (also known as the (ATO) American Theater of Operations Ribbon) was a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on November 6, 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The ribbon was intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the American Theater of Operations during World War II. The requirements for the American Campaign Ribbon were for service within the American Theater between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946. The American Campaign Medal was issued as a service ribbon only for the entirety of the Second World War, and was only made a full-sized medal in 1947

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **RASP**

VINCENT

R.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: F 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

E.R. SHOP 1-A (ENGINEERING & REPAIR), SUBMARINE BASE - NAVY 128

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Fireman First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military awarded to any member of the United States Military who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **RAUSCH**

JOHN

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

159TH INFANTRY, CANNON COMPANY, FOURTH ARMY CORPS

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: RAUSCH

RAYMOND J.

Address: 145 DUERSTEIN STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

USS CISCO (SUBMARINE SS-290)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

On 28 September 1943, the USS Cisco was attacked by antisubmarine forces of the Imperial Japanese Navy, 954th Naval Air Squadron west of Mindanao (Philippines). The sub was lost with all 76 hands on board. Ray Rausch was reported missing on November 15, 1943.

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The USS Cisco (SS-290) was a Balao-class World War II era submarine, was the only ship of the United States Navy to be named for the cisco, a whitefish of the Great Lakes / She put out on her first war patrol 20 September 1943, but never returned / The Cisco was commissioned on 10 May 1943 and sunk by Japanese aircraft west of Mindanao, 28 September 1943

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military awarded to any member of the United States Military who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **REAGAN**

JOHN

K.

Address: 2459 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S.K. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

PIER 92

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Storekeeper Third-Class

Base Assignments:

New York City, New York - Receiving ship station

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: REAUTZEL

HARRY

Address: 161 DUERSTEIN STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

SIDN-A5

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **REBMAN**

EDWIN

J.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

60TH WEATHER SQUADRON, 1461ST A.A.F. BASE UNIT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Minneapolis, Minnesota - The Weather Squadron had overall responsibility for planning, providing, and/or arranging weather support for the United States Army

Miscellaneous:

During the early years of World War II, weather information was needed to support fleet operations in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters and to analyze weather conditions for combat engagements / Military forces were able to use weather conditions to their advantage, but they also provided examples of engagements where the weather was ignored, to the detriment of the participants / Radar was developed to identify weather systems and using weather conditions, help maximize the efficiency of aircraft takeoff from carriers



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: RECHLIN

CLARENCE H.

Address: 390 COLLINS AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 286TH C.A. BATTALION (COAST ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Fort John Custis - Cape Charles, Virginia - Established in 1940 as Fort Winslow to complement Fort Story in protecting the entrance to Chesapeake Bay the fort was renamed Fort John Custis in 1942, after Captain John Parke Custis, USA

Miscellaneous:

Coastal artillery is the branch of armed forces concerned with operating anti-ship artillery or fixed gun batteries in coastal fortifications



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: RECHLIN

EDWARD H.

Address: 390 COLLINS AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "D", 17TH ARMY

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: RECHLIN

NORMAN E.

Address: 390 COLLINS AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: A.S.

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY 315-D11-B-119, U.S.N.R. (UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Apprentice Seaman

Base Assignments:

Camp Peary, Virginia - During World War II, beginning in 1942, the United States Navy took over a large area on the north side of the Virginia Peninsula in York County, Virginia which became known as Camp Peary, initially for use as a Seabee training base / The mission of Camp Peary changed as the war progressed and a new need presented itself to the U.S. Navy. It became a stockade for special German prisoners-of-war (POWs) / The POWs kept at Camp Peary were not just an ordinary sort, but rather, many came from captured German submarine and ship crews which the Germans had thought lost at sea with crews presumed dead. It was important for Nazi authorities to be unaware of their capture, since that also meant secret code books thought lost at sea may also have been compromised. Thus, extra secrecy was necessary

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **RECHLIN**

THEODORE A.

Address: **MAIN STREET**

Service Branch: **NAVY**

Rank: **S.F. 3/C**

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Shipfitter Third-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **RECKTENWALT**

LELAND

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: REED

HARVEY J.

Address: 92 LIND AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

212TH ORDNANCE M.A.M. COMPANY (MEDIUM AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

SOLDIERS MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Harvey Reed, with help from several other soldiers, braved flames and exploding ammunition to rescue a pilot whose plane crashed in Mangaldan, Luzon (Philippine Islands)

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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 during World War II to provide combat power to the U.S. Army

The Soldier's Medal is an individual decoration of the United States Army. The Soldier's Medal is awarded to any person of the Armed Forces of the United States or of a friendly foreign nation who, while serving in any capacity with the Army of the United States distinguished himself or herself by heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **REED**

RICHARD

A.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



West Seneca Answers the Call to Arms Residents in World War II



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **REGAN**

JOHN

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

U.S.A.T. THOMAS H. BARRY (UNITED STATES ARMY TRANSPORT SHIP)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Only ships owned, under long term bareboat charter or allocation to the Army, first through the Quartermaster Corps and later the Transportation Corps, were formally designated as a U.S. Army Transport (U.S.A.T.) / The Transportation Corps is responsible for the movement of personnel and materiel by truck, rail, air, and sea

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: REICH

CLARENCE

W.

Address: 75 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: A. M. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

N.A.T.T.C. (NAVAL AIR TRAINING CENTER), BUILDING #16

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Apprentice Metalsmith Second-Class Clarence Reich was a Aviation Metalsmith instructor

Base Assignments:

Norman, Oklahoma - Naval based trained in Advanced Aviation, Combat Aircrewman Training and Aviation Metalsmiths

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: REICHLÉ

EDWARD

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Mitchel Field - Long Island, New York - Established in 1918 as Hazelhurst Aviation Field #2, the facility was renamed Mitchel Field in honor of former New York City Mayor John Purroy Mitchel who was killed while training for the Air Service in Louisiana / In 1940 Mitchel Field was the location of the Air Defense Command, a command charged with the mission of developing the air defense for cities, vital industrial areas, continental bases, and military facilities in the United States

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: REICHLÉ

LOREN

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Walla Walla Army Air Base - Walla Walla, Washington / Walla Walla was used to train pilots how to fly B-17 bomber airplanes / One well known plane, the "Memphis Belle" became the first B-17 to complete 25 missions in Europe / In 1943, Walla Walla became a training base for B-24 Liberator crews

Miscellaneous:

The Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress was a four-engine heavy bomber aircraft primarily used in the daylight precision strategic bombing campaign of World War II against German industrial and military targets / During World War II, the B-17s dropped 640,036 tons of bombs on European targets



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: REID

JOHN

F.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

I.R.T.C. (INFANTRY REPLACEMENT TRAINING CENTER), 4TH SERVICE COMMAND, PERSONNEL CENTER

Medals / Citations:

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER (CARBINE)

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER (M-1 RIFLE)

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Fort Gordon - Augusta, Georgia - Formerly known as Camp Gordon, the fort was first established in July 1917 and then reconstructed in July 1941 / The fort was home to three divisions during the war: the 4th Infantry, the 26th Infantry, and the 10th Armored / From October 1943 to January 1945 Fort Gordon served as an internment camp for foreign prisoners of war / From May 1945 until April 1946 the U.S. Army Personnel and Separation Center processed nearly 86,000 personnel for discharge from the Army

Miscellaneous:

At an Infantry Replacement Training Center (I.R.T.C.), new recruits received an intensive 17 week training course prior to be sent into combat. Replacements were trained in preparation for the effort to retake Europe from Nazi Germany

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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



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: REINARD

JOHN

C.

Address: 129 DUERSTEIN STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

N.A.T.T.C. (NAVAL AIR TRAINING CENTER), O.S. 14C

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class

Base Assignments:

Kingsville, Texas - Opened in 1942, personnel at the base numbered between 6,000 and 7,000

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **RESOWSKI**

THADDEUS S.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: REUKAUF

OWEN

C.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

107TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL, 3RD ARMY

Medals / Citations:

BRONZE STAR

5 BATTLE STARS

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

In the years from June 30, 1943 to June 30, 1945 the Medical Department trained 189 General Hospitals, 74 Field Hospitals and 61 Station Hospitals for overseas service. In 1945, when the peak of overseas shipments occurred, the War Department sent 81 General, 35 Field, and 8 Station Hospitals to the various Theaters of Operations (European, African and Asiatic-Pacific). By May 1945, when the peak in Hospital beds overseas was reached, there were 335,000 fixed beds and about 87,000 mobile beds in all Theaters

The Bronze Star Medal is the fourth-highest individual military award and the ninth-highest by order of precedence in the US Military. It may be awarded for acts of heroism, acts of merit, or meritorious service in a combat zone

Battle (Combat) Stars were presented to military personnel who were engaged in specific battles in combat under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action

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Town of West Seneca, New York

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **REUKAUF**

ROBERT

W.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: F. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

OPTICAL SHOP

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Fireman First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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West Seneca Answers the Call to Arms Residents in World War II



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **REUKAUF**

ROY

A.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

PHOTOGRAPHIC SQUADRON #4

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: REYNOLDS

LEALAND

D.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

B-7-3 F.A.R.T.C. (3RD BATTALION OF THE 1ST REGIMENT, FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENTAL
COMMAND)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Fort Bragg, North Carolina - In 1918, Congress established Camp Bragg, an Army field artillery site named for the Confederate General Braxton Bragg / Camp Bragg became a permanent Army post renamed Fort Bragg

Miscellaneous:

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



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **RIBBECK**

TAYLOR

R.

Address: 105 TINDLE AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Charlotte, North Carolina

Miscellaneous:



West Seneca Answers the Call to Arms Residents in World War II



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: RICHARDSON

JOSEPH

A.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



West Seneca Answers the Call to Arms Residents in World War II



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: RICHT

RICHARD

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

449TH ORDNANCE H.A.M. COMPANY (HEAVY AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: RICHTER

HENRY E.

Address: 46 SENECA CREEK ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE **Rank:** CPL

Unit / Squadron:

SEC. 11 SQUADRON C, B.A.D. #2 (BASE AIR DEPOT 2)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Henry Richter's plane was forced down over Switzerland by the Germans and taken as a Prisoner of War

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: RIEGLE

IRWIN

W.

Address: 66 WESTMINSTER ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

3704TH A.A. GROUP, BASE UNIT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Kessler Field, Mississippi - The base is named in honor of aviator 2nd Lt. Samuel Reeves Keesler, Jr., a Mississippi native killed in France during the First World War / The Tuskegee Airmen were trained at Keesler, with more than 7,000 black soldiers stationed at Keesler Field by the autumn of 1943. These soldiers included pre-aviation cadets, radio operators, aviation technicians, bombardiers, and aviation mechanics

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: RIENARD

GEORGE

F.

Address: 28 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "G", 289TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

SILVER STAR MEDAL

PURPLE HEART

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 289th Infantry Regiment was activated 15 April 1943 at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and fought in the Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe campaigns

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

The Silver Star Medal is the third highest military decoration for valor that can be awarded to any person serving in any capacity with the United States Armed Forces. The medal is awarded for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States

The Purple Heart was instituted in 1782 by George Washington and is the first American decoration. Originally it was awarded for bravery in action, currently it is awarded to those wounded or killed in action

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Name: **RILEY**

RAYMOND J.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



West Seneca Answers the Call to Arms Residents in World War II



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **ROBERTS**

E.

E.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



West Seneca Answers the Call to Arms Residents in World War II



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **ROBINSON**

ANNETTE

M.

Address: 109 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: 2ND LT

Unit / Squadron:

107TH GENERAL HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Second Lieutenant

Base Assignments:

Fort Dix, New Jersey - Fort Dix is named for Major General John Adams Dix, a veteran of the War of 1812 and the Civil War / Fort Dix served as a reception and training center for men inducted under the draft of 1939 / Ten divisions and many smaller units trained and staged here before entering the battlefields of World War II / At the end of the war, the reception center became the separation center, returning more than 1.2 million soldiers to civilian life.

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **ROBINSON**

DORIS

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: A.S.

Unit / Squadron:

U.S.N.T.C. WR (U.S. NAVAL TRAINING CENTER - HOSPITAL CORPS SCHOOL)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Apprentice Seaman

Base Assignments:

Bronx - New York City, New York

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **ROBINSON**

LEWELLYN E.

Address: 75 SUMMIT AVENUE

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON 51, M.A.B. 5T (MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Majore, California

Miscellaneous:

As an expeditionary force, the Marine Amphibious Brigade is capable of rapid deployment and employment via amphibious shipping and/or strategic airlift



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Name: **ROBINSON**

VERNON

C.

Address: 1635 ORCHARD PARK ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 226 BATTALION, 69TH REGIMENT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Blanding - Jacksonville, Florida - Camp named in honor of Lieutenant General Albert H. Blanding who commanded the 2nd Florida Infantry during the Mexican Border Service in 1916 and 1917 / Camp Blanding served as an infantry replacement training center, an induction center, a German Prisoner-Of-War (POW) compound, and a separation center

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **ROBINSON**

WILLIAM

H.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/5

Unit / Squadron:

275TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 70TH INFANTRY

15TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

PURPLE HEART MEDAL

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

OCCUPATION RIBBON (GERMANY)

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal) William Robinson was also assigned to the 1144th Labor Supervision Company

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

In World War II, the 3rd Infantry Division landed with Gen. Patton's task force in a contested amphibious landing on the coast of Morocco, overwhelming Vichy French defenders in November 1942. North Africa / In 1943, the division invaded Sicily in July, and invaded Italy at Salerno in September, before fighting in France and finally Germany / The division suffered the highest casualty rate of any American Division in World War II / Its exploits are aptly illustrated by its Medal of Honor recipient Audie Murphy, featured in the Hollywood movie, "To Hell and Back."

The Purple Heart was instituted in 1782 by George Washington and is the first American decoration. Originally it was awarded for bravery in action, currently it is awarded to those wounded or killed in action

The Bronze Star Medal is the fourth-highest individual military award and the ninth-highest by order of precedence in the US Military. It may be awarded for acts of heroism, acts of merit, or meritorious service in a combat zone

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The Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to infantrymen and Special Forces Soldiers in the rank of Colonel and below, who personally fought in active ground combat while assigned as members of an infantry, Ranger or Special Forces unit, of brigade size or smaller, any time after 6 December 1941

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 Germany, Italy, Austria, or Japan. The original Army of Occupation Medal was intended only for members of the United States Army, but was expanded in 1948 to encompass the United States Air Force shortly after that service's creation. The Navy and Marine equivalent of the Army of Occupation Medal is the Navy Occupation Service Medal

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Name: **ROCHE**

LEO

T.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: ROCHE

THOMAS

J.

Address: 267 ALLENDALE ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS MUSKEGON (FRIGATE PF-24)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC FLEET

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

USS Muskegon (PF-24), a Tacoma-class frigate, was the first ship of the United States Navy to be named for Muskegon, a city on Michigan's west coast / Serving as plane guard and rescue ship as well as relaying weather data, Muskegon on occasion escorted convoys into Boston, joined in anti-submarine operations, and carried ammunition / Commissioned 19 February 1944 and decommissioned on 15 March 1946

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Name: **ROEHR**

LEROY

F.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **ROESER**

FLOYD

O.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

2ND BATTALION, 149TH INFANTRY, 38TH DIVISION, HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON WITH 3 BRONZE STARS

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION RIBBON WITH 1 BRONZE STAR

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN (RIFLE)

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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driven from the Philippines and then to eventually surrender in September 1945. To be awarded the medal, a service member must have served in the Philippines for at least thirty days during the eligible time period

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Name: **ROGERS**

DONALD

J.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **ROLLINS**

CARL

R.

Address: 210 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/4

Unit / Squadron:

A.P.C. (ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER), 7TH GROUP, 3RD REGIMENT
3187TH SIGNAL SERVICE BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL 3 BATTLE STARS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fourth-Grade (Sergeant) Carl Rollins earned 3 Battle Stars for his actions during the battles for the Ardennes Forest, Central Europe and the Rhineland

Base Assignments:

Camp Reynolds - Greenfield, Pennsylvania - Originally named Camp Shenango, the name was changed to Camp Reynolds on September 21, 1943, in honor of Pennsylvania Civil War hero General John F. Reynolds, who was killed on the first day of the battle of Gettysburg / Camp Reynolds purpose was to receive, process and forward both officers and enlisted men, who were mostly bound for the European Theater of Operations / During its existence, over 1,000,000 soldiers passed through the camp

Miscellaneous:

Battle (Combat) Stars were presented to military personnel who were engaged in specific battles in combat under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action

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Name: RORICH

K.

L.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 276TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri - The post was created in December 1940 and named in honor of General Leonard Wood (former Chief of Staff) in January 1941. Originally intended to train infantry troops, in 1941 it became an engineer training post with the creation of the Engineer Replacement Training Center

Miscellaneous:

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



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Name: ROSOWSKI

T.

S.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: T/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 72ND BASE DEPOT

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technical Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **ROST**

F.

E.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **ROTH**

FREDERICK G.

Address: 4597 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CAPT

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Captain Frederick C. Roth was held as a Prisoner of War (POW) in the Japanese Philippines' Military Prison Camp #2 on or around 29 November 1943. Captain Roth later died aboard a Japanese prison ship.

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military awarded to any member of the United States Military who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945



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Name: **ROTH**

GEORGE

R.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

125TH QUARTERMASTER, COMPANY SERVICE GROUP AVIATION

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN RIBBON

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

3 OVERSEAS SERVICE BARS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER / NORTH AFRICAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class George Roth served in England and Africa

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps was responsible for procuring and delivering various supplies to units in all theaters of war during World War II / Quartermaster units were charged with providing food (steady supply of food and rations), clothing, petroleum products (gasoline, kerosene, aviation fuel, diesel oil, fuel oil and petroleum-based lubricants) and general supplies (diverse items as rope, soap, candles, knives, forks and spoons, etc.) to troops stationed in the United States and to the far-flung armed forces around the world. More than 32,000 officers, officer cadets and key enlisted personnel received their training at the Quartermaster School between July 1, 1940 and December 3, 1945. The physical conditioning of entrants was emphasized from the beginning of the training program. In addition, the rigorous military training entailed learning to use all armed methods of protection, crawling through simulated battlefields, taking refuge in foxholes (of their own digging), making technical decisions regarding rations, and learning every aspect of ammunition supply points (ASPs)

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An Overseas Service Bar indicates a soldier has served six months of service in a combat zone. Service Bars are cumulative, in that each bar worn indicates another six-month period. Time spent overseas is also cumulative, meaning one bar could be earned for two separate deployments totaling six months

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Name: **ROTH**

WILLIAM

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

D-8-3-TR., 443 F.A.R.T.C. (FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENTAL COMMAND)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Fort Bragg, North Carolina - In 1918, Congress established Camp Bragg, an Army field artillery site named for the Confederate General Braxton Bragg / Camp Bragg became a permanent Army post renamed Fort Bragg / Various units trained at Fort Bragg during World War II, including the 9th Infantry Division, 2nd Armored Division, 82nd Airborne Division, 100th Infantry Division, and various field artillery groups

Miscellaneous:

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



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Name: **ROTHENBERGER**

HAROLD L.

Address: 54 BENSON AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: M.M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

U.S NAVAL HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Machinist Mate Third-Class Harold Rothenberger graduated with honors from U.S. Navy Diesel School at Norfolk, Virginia

Base Assignments:

Pensacola Naval Air Station - Pensacola, Florida - Air Station was the primary training base for all Navy, Marine and Coast Guard aviators and Naval Flight Officers during World War II / Naval aviators from Pensacola NAS were called upon to train the Doolittle Raiders at Eglin Field in 1942 in carrier take-offs in their B-25 Mitchell bombers

Norfolk, Virginia - The aviation service school at Norfolk offered courses in metalsmith work, engine repair, radio repair and ordnance. The advanced base aviation training unit helped sailors develop the skills necessary to maintain all types of aircraft at advanced bases in combat area. The aircraft they completed went to the fleet pool for distribution to squadrons in the process of commissioning

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **ROTHENBERGER**

KENNETH

Address: 41 KIRKWOOD DRIVE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S.F. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS CLARENCE K. BRONSON (DD-668)

USS COMFORT (AH-6)

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

9 BATTLE STARS

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Shipfitter Third-Class Kenneth Rothenberger served on the USS C. K. Bronson for 15 months and on the USS Comfort for 10 months

Base Assignments:

Sampson, New York - In the three-and-a-half years of its operation during World War II, the Sampson Naval Training Station trained 411,429 naval recruits before closing in 1946 / The camp was named in honor of a local Seneca County native, Rear Admiral William T. Sampson, from Palmyra, New York, a hero of the Battle of Santiago during the Spanish-American War

Miscellaneous:

USS Clarence K. Bronson (DD-668) was a Fletcher-class destroyer of the United States Navy, named for naval aviator Lieutenant (junior grade) Clarence K. Bronson (1888–1916) / The Bronson provided screen cover for strikes supporting the landings on Kwajalein, and raids on Truk, Saipan, and Guam in 1944 / The Bronson escorted cruisers to Iwo Jima for pre-invasion bombardment and fire support to the forces ashore after the assault on 19 February 1945 / Commissioned on 11 June 1943 and decommissioned 29 June 1960

The USS Comfort (AH-6) was one of three hospital ships built, commanded and crewed by the Navy for the Army. These ships, unlike the Navy hospital ships, were intended for evacuation and transport of patients after primary care had been given. Medical equipment and personnel were provided by the Army / The Comfort received two battle stars for World War II service / Commissioned on 5 May 1944 and decommissioned on 19 April 1946

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Name: **ROTHENBERGER**

RALPH

C.

Address: 41 KIRKWOOD DRIVE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

"A" BATTERY , 574TH A.A.A. A.W. BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY) (AIR WARNING)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Davis, North Carolina - Camp Davis was built by the United States Army as an anti-aircraft artillery training facility and was manned by about 20,000 officers and men

Miscellaneous:

With much of World War II fought in the air, anti-aircraft weapons were weapons that could specifically direct their offense against air targets / The mission of the Anti-Aircraft Artillery units were to detect hostile aircraft and destroy them / Radar aided anti-aircraft gunners by providing accurate information about the range, speed, and altitude of incoming enemy planes

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Name: **ROTHENBERGER**

ROY

L.

Address: 41 KIRKWOOD DRIVE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

4TH ORDNANCE COMPANY M.M. (MEDIUM MAINTENANCE), COMPANY "A", 219TH ITB

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Fort Ord, California - Fort Ord is near Monterey Bay in Monterey County, California, approximately 80 miles south of San Francisco / Named in honor of Maj. Gen. Edward Ord, a Union Army leader during the American Civil War who also served in the Second Seminole War and Indian Wars / In 1941, the fort was the primary facility for basic training for the Army

Camp Blanding - Jacksonville, Florida - Camp named in honor of Lieutenant General Albert H. Blanding who commanded the 2nd Florida Infantry during the Mexican Border Service in 1916 and 1917 / Camp Blanding served as an infantry replacement training center, an induction center, a German prisoner-of-war compound, and a separation center

Miscellaneous:

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 during World War II to provide combat power to the U.S. Army



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **ROTTERMAN**

FRANCIS J.

Address: 126 TINDLE AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE **Rank:** PFC

Unit / Squadron:

SECTION "H", 327TH AH BASE UNIT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Drew Field - Tampa, Florida - Drew Field was primarily used for advanced combat training of fighter and bomber units prior to their deployment to combat theaters overseas / The major training mission at Drew in 1943 was the training of ground support pilots, using the A-24 Dauntless Dive Bomber (an Army conversion of the Navy Douglas SBD Dauntless)

Miscellaneous:

The Douglas SBD Dauntless U.S. Navy's main carrier-borne scout plane and dive bomber. The SBD Dauntless was an excellent naval scout plane and the world's best dive bomber. It possessed long range, good handling characteristics, maneuverability, potent bomb load capacity, great diving characteristics, defensive armament and ruggedness



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Name: **RUDDY**

CALVIN

W.

Address: 29 TAMPA DRIVE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

N.T.S. N.O.B. DRILL OFFICE (NAVAL TRAINING SCHOOL NAVAL OPERATING BASE)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class

Base Assignments:

Camp Bradford - Norfolk, Virginia - Initially Camp Bradford was a training base for Navy Seabees, but in 1943 it was changed into a training center for the crews of LSTs (Landing Ship Tank) / The camp also provided amphibious assault training for landing large numbers of American troops on foreign shores

Miscellaneous:



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Name: RUPP

HAROLD P.

Address: 118 BARNSDALE AVENUE

Service Branch: MERCHANT MARINE **Rank:** A.S.

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY 576, UNIT "G"

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Apprentice Seaman Harold Rupp served with the Merchant Marine at Fort Trumbull in New London, Connecticut and took his basic training at Sampson, New York

Base Assignments:

Sampson, New York - In the three-and-a-half years of its operation during World War II, the Sampson Naval Training Station trained 411,429 naval recruits before closing in 1946 / The camp was named in honor of a local Seneca County native, Rear Admiral William T. Sampson, from Palmyra, New York, a hero of the Battle of Santiago during the Spanish-American War

Fort Trumbull - New London, Connecticut - Fort Trumbull takes its name from Jonathan Trumbull, Connecticut's Revolutionary wartime governor / Fort Trumbull graduated 15,473 Merchant Marine officers in 76 classes between 1939 and 1946

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **RUSINIAK**

STANLEY

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

NAVY 138, ACTIVITY 7, FLEET AIR WING 2

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military awarded to any member of the United States Military who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **RUSSELL**

JAMES

W.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **RUSSO**

WALTER J.

Address: 109 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS C.C.B., 2ND A.D. (COMBAT COMMAND B - ARMORED DIVISION)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The European-African-Middle Eastern (EAME) Campaign Medal was a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on 6 November 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The medal was intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the European Theater (to include North Africa and the Middle East) and was awarded for any service performed between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946. The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal was awarded as a service ribbon throughout the entire Second World War



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: RUST

EDWARD M.

Address: 374 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: MERCHANT MARINE **Rank:** CPO

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER / PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Chief Petty Officer Edward Rust saw service in Australia, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal and Italy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: RYAN

HELEN

S.

Address: 32 MAPLEWOOD AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TRAINING CENTER

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Palm Beach, Florida

Miscellaneous:

In June 1943, the Biltmore Hotel in Palm Beach was used for the first dedicated school for the Coast Guard Women's Reserve. SPARs, as it was known for its creed, "Semper Paratus, Always Ready," was created by the U.S. legislature on 23 November 1942, to allow more men to be sent overseas



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: RYAN

JAMES J.

Address: 40 WICHITA ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

FINANCE OFFICE

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Bangor, Maine

Miscellaneous:

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