



# Honoring Our Vietnam War and Vietnam Era Veterans



February 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** TYCZKA

EDWARD A.

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

**Address:** BOSSE LANE

*Vietnam Era*

*Vietnam War Veteran*

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS.

**Rank:** SGT

**Year Entered:** 1961

**Year Discharged:** 1966

**Unit / Squadron:**

3RD BATTALION, 8TH MARINES

USS BOXER (LPH-4)

**Medals / Citations:**

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

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

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant (E-5) Edward A. Tyczka was stationed on the aircraft carrier, the USS Boxer, in the Caribbean Sea off the Cuban coast during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Lejeune, North Carolina - Located in Jacksonville, North Carolina, construction on Camp Lejeune was begun in 1941 and named in honor of the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps, John A. Lejeune / As a military training facility, the Camp's 14 miles of beaches make it a major area for amphibious assault training, and its location between two deep-water ports (Wilmington and Morehead City) allows for fast deployments

Clarksville Base, Tennessee - Built in 1942 and operated by the U.S. Navy from 1948 through 1969, Clarksville Base was a heavily-guarded Cold War secret / The Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) built more than 240 buildings and logistic structures within Fort Campbell for the sole purpose of transporting, storing and assembling the nation's fast-growing stockpile of nuclear weapons / At one time, one-third of America's nuclear weapons were stored at Clarksville / Operations at Clarksville Base ended in 1965, and control of the facility was transferred to the Army in 1969

**Miscellaneous:**

Edward Tyczka was a graduate of Seneca Vocational High School prior to his service in the Marine Corps / After his Honorable Discharge, Tyczka joined the West Seneca Police Department / Tyczka retired as a Detective after 34 years on the Police Force / Edward Tyczka is an active lifetime member and an officer of American Legion Post



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The 3rd Battalion 8th Marines (3/8) is an infantry battalion in the United States Marine Corps based out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina consisting of approximately 1,100 Marines and Sailors / The battalion was deactivated 26 March 1946 following World War II and was reactivated on 15 January 1951 at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and assigned to the 2nd Marine Division / During the 1960s they participated in the Cuban Missile Crisis from October to December 1962 and Operation Powerpack in the Dominican Republic in 1965.

The USS Boxer (CV/CVA/CVS-21, LPH-4) was one of 24 Essex-class aircraft carriers of the United States Navy, and the fifth ship to be named for the HMS Boxer, which had been captured from the British during the War of 1812 / The Boxer was commissioned on 16 April 1945, too late to see action in World War II / The USS Boxer supported the Inchon landings and subsequent invasion of North Korea, and was among the ships that provided support during the Chinese counteroffensive against an under-prepared and spread out United Nations (UN) force / She saw three subsequent combat tours in Korea conducting close air support and strategic bombing in support of UN ground troops fighting along the 38th parallel / The Boxer was awarded eight battle stars for her service in Korea / During the 1960's, the USS Boxer operated mainly out of the Caribbean as an amphibious assault carrier / During this duty, she was on station during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis / In 1964, she undertook her first tour to the Mediterranean when she took part in Operation Steel Pike, the largest amphibious exercise in history / The USS Boxer was decommissioned on 1 December 1969 after 25 years of service, and sold for scrap on 13 March 1971