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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **IGOE**

DENNIS

P.

Hometown: HAMBURG

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Dennis Patrick Igoe honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Dennis Igoe graduated from Bishop Timon High School in 1962 and attended Canisius College, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in History and English and a Master of Science Degree in Education / Igoe taught in the Holland Central School System and the Orchard Park Central School System / With the Orchard Park Central School District, Igoe served as a 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher, an Assistant Principal, Director of Pupil Services and Assistant Superintendent / Igoe retired in 2001, after 32 years of service to teaching / Dennis Patrick Igoe passed away on 2 October 2023 at the age of 79 years old



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Name: **IMERESE**

JAMES

D.

Hometown: BUFFALO

Address: 312 VERMONT STREET

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: LCPL

Year Entered: 1966

Year Discharged: KIA

Unit / Squadron:

3RD MARINE DIVISION, 1ST BATTALION, 9TH MARINES, B COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

MARINE CORPS PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

COMBAT ACTION RIBBON

VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSS

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Lance Corporal James David Imerese was deployed to Vietnam as a Radio Telegraph Operator / LCPL James Imerese was Killed In Action on 2 July 1967 from hostile artillery rocket fire during an ambush on Route 561 NE of Con Thien, Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam

On the first day of Operation "Buffalo", 2 July 1967, Company B formed up along Route 561 several kilometers northeast of Con Thien in Quang Tri Province and headed north towards the DMZ / The Marines were unaware that elements of the NVA 324B Division were waiting for them in freshly dug and camouflaged positions / As the Company moved forward the NVA opened up with devastating fire on the men in the open who found themselves caught in a well prepared trap in the vicinity of Route 561 and 605 / Snipers were picking off individual Marines and heavy enemy machinegun fire prevented the Marines to move in any direction / Ordered to link up with the Marines under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, Company A was prevented to move forward by the enemy using their supporting arms fire / The engagement developed into a day long battle / By the time reinforcements were able to reach the men, little remained of Company B / Among the dead and wounded were the Company Commander, two Platoon Commanders, the Forward Artillery Observer, and Forward Air Controller / The battle was costly for the Marines, eighty-eight men were killed in action, many more were wounded, and fifty-three men who died were from Company B / One the many casualties was LCpl James Imerese who was killed in the action as a result of fragmentation wounds from hostile artillery fire



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Base Assignments:

Parris Island Marine Corps Recruit Depot, South Carolina - Abbreviated as MCRD, Parris Island is an 8,095-acre military installation located within Port Royal, South Carolina, approximately 5 miles south of Beaufort / MCRD Parris Island is used for United States Marine Corps Recruit Training of enlisted United States Marines / Recruits living east of the Mississippi River report there to receive initial training / Marines were first assigned to Parris Island on 26 June 1891 with military buildings and family quarters constructed between 1891 / World War I formed the nucleus of the Parris Island and was officially designated a Recruit Depot / From 1941 to 1945, the Marines trained 204,509 recruits there, and at the time of the Japanese surrender, the Depot contained more than 20,000 recruits / The Korean War began in 1950, when 2,350 recruits were in training / From then until the 1st Marine Division withdrew from Korea, Parris Island drill instructors trained more than 138,000 recruits / In March 1952, the training load peaked at 24,424 recruits / The recruit tide again flooded during the years of the Vietnam War, reaching a peak training load of 10,979 during March 1966

Miscellaneous:

James Imerese graduated from Buffalo Public School #38 and Canisius High School / Imerese was a sophomore at St. Bonaventure University before enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corp 17 February 1966 / James David Imerese was 20 years old at the time of his passing and is interred at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York

James David Imerese is honored on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington D.C. - Name inscribed at VVM Wall, Panel 22e, Line 105

A Radio Telegraph Operator operates and keeps in repair equipment used in radiotelegraph communications / Listens to telegraph signal, types message on form, and relays it to addressee by telephone or teletype / Manipulates key to call ships or stations by code, and to send messages after acknowledgment / Monitors emergency frequency for distress calls / Performs routine repairs and maintenance, such as changing tubes, resistors, and transmitters

The 3rd Marine Division is a division of the United States Marine Corps based at Camp Courtney, Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler in Okinawa, Japan / It is one of three active duty infantry divisions in the Marine Corps and together with the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (1stMAW) and the 3rd Marine Logistics Group (3rd MLG) forms the III Marine Expeditionary Force (III MEF) / The division was first formed during World War II and saw four years of continuous combat in the Vietnam War / Today, elements of the 3rd Marine Division are continuously forward deployed and forward postured to carry out the US Government's mission of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific in conjunction with its sister services

The 1st Battalion 9th Marines (1/9) was an infantry battalion of the United States Marine Corps / Formed during World War I, it served until the mid-2000s when it was deactivated to make room for one of three light armor reconnaissance battalions / During the Vietnam War, the unit earned the name "The Walking Dead" for its high casualty rate / The battalion endured the longest sustained combat and suffered the highest killed in action (KIA) rate in Marine Corps history, especially during the Battle of July Two / The battalion was engaged in combat for 47 months and 7 days, from 15 June 1965 to 19 October 1966 and 11 December 1966 to 14 July 1969 / Based on a typical battalion strength of 800 Marines and Navy hospital corpsmen, 2,892 Marines passed through the unit over those 47 months; 747 were killed in action (KIA) and 2 were missing in action (MIA)



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

The Vietnam Service Medal is a military award of the United States Armed Forces established on 8 July 1965 by order of President Lyndon B. Johnson / The medal is awarded to recognize service during the Vietnam War by all members of the U.S. Armed Forces provided they meet the award requirements / Bronze Service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns

The Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, also known as the Vietnam Campaign Medal is a South Vietnamese military campaign awarded during the Vietnam War (Second Indochina War), the South Vietnamese government awarded the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device (1960–) to members of the U.S. military for support of operations in Vietnam In May 1966 / The medal was awarded for two different periods of service in Vietnam / The first period for the award was from 8 March 1949 to 20 July 1954 / The second period was from 1 January 1960 to the end of the Vietnam War

The Combat Action Ribbon (colloquially "CAR"), is a high precedence United States Navy, United States Coast Guard, and United States Marine Corps military decoration awarded to United States sea service members "who have actively participated in ground or surface combat" / Coast Guardsmen, Navy sailors, and Marines active in clandestine, stealth or special operations are deemed eligible for consideration of the award / The U.S. Navy first authorized the Combat Action Ribbon on 17 February 1969 / The CAR is awarded to members of the Navy and Marine Corps with a rank no higher than captain and colonel, respectively

The Presidential Unit Citation, originally called the Distinguished Unit Citation, is awarded to units of the United States Armed Forces for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy on or after 7 December 1941

The Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Medal, also known as the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross or Vietnam Cross of Gallantry is a military decoration of the former Government of South Vietnam (Republic of Vietnam) / The medal was created on August 15, 1950 and was awarded to military personnel, civilians, and Armed Forces units and organizations in recognition of deeds of valor or heroic conduct while in combat with the enemy / Individuals who received the medal, ribbon, and a citation were personally cited at the Armed Forces, Corps, Division, Brigade or Regiment level / The United States military began authorizing the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross in March 1968 with retroactive presentation of the decoration to 1961

The Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal is a military award of the United States Marine Corps / It was established on 8 May 1919 as the Marine Corps Expeditionary Ribbon / To be awarded the Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, a Marine must have engaged in a landing on foreign territory, participated in combat operations against an opposing force, or participated in a designated operation for which no other service medal is authorized / After 1961, some commands permitted eligible personnel to choose between the Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, or the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, depending on the nature of the operation in question

The National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) is a service award of the United States Armed Forces established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953 / It is awarded to every member of the US Armed Forces who has



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served during any one of four specified periods of armed conflict or national emergency from 1950 to the present / Combat or "in theater" service is not a requirement for the award

The Good Conduct Medal is one of the oldest military awards of the United States Armed Forces / The U.S. Navy's variant of the Good Conduct Medal was established in 1869, the Marine Corps version in 1896, the Coast Guard version in 1923, the Army version in 1941, and the Air Force version in 1963 / The Good Conduct Medal is awarded to any active duty enlisted member of the United States military who completes three consecutive years of "honorable and faithful service" / Such service implies that a standard enlistment was completed without any non-judicial punishment, disciplinary infractions, or court martial offenses



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Name: **INCARDONA**
COSIMO D.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address:

- Vietnam Era*
- Vietnam War Veteran*

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Cosimo D. Incardona honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Vietnam

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Cosimo Incardona was a graduate of Seneca Vocational High School/ After his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army, Cosimo worked for the United States Postage Service, retiring after 35 years of service / Cosimo Incardona was a member of the Seneca High School Alumni Association and the Post Office NARFE / Incardona was a lifetime member of the Private Leonard Post Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post 6251 and the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #77 / Cosimo D. Incardona passed away on 9 February 2024 at the age of 81 years old and is interred at St. Matthews Cemetery, West Seneca, New York



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Name: **INCORVAIA**
JAMES

Hometown: BUFFALO

Address:

- Vietnam Era**
 Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SP-5

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Specialist Fifth-Class James Incorvaia honorably served in the United States Army / SP-5 James Incorvaia was assigned as a Company Clerk with the 101st Airborne Division and stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Base Assignments:

Fort Campbell, Kentucky – Fort Campbell is a United States Army installation located astride the Kentucky–Tennessee border / Opened in 1942, the base is named in honor of Union Army Brigadier General William Bowen Campbell, the last Whig Governor of Tennessee / From that time until the end of World War II, Camp Campbell was the training ground for the 12th, 14th and 20th Armored divisions, Headquarters IV Armored Corps and the 26th Infantry Division / From 1950 to 1962, the post operated an Airborne Course which trained nearly 30,000 soldiers as paratroopers / The 1st Brigade was sent for duty in Vietnam in July 1965 / With the escalation of hostilities in Southeast Asia, the rest of the division was sent to Vietnam / Also in response to the military buildup, the 6th Infantry Division was reactivated at Fort Campbell on 24 November 1966, and inactivated 25 July 1968 / The Sabalauski Air Assault School, named after Command Sergeant Major Walter James Sabalauski is located on Fort Campbell / Courses taught include Air Assault, Pathfinder, Pre-Ranger, Jumpmaster Refresher, and Rappel Master / The school is also home to the Division's Parachute Demonstration Team

Miscellaneous:

James Incorvaia attended Holy Cross School and was a 1965 graduate of Cardinal Dougherty High School / James Incorvaia helped in the family store, Charlie's Del-West Food Market at West and West Delavan Avenues and later, worked at Bethlehem Steel before being drafted / After his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army, Incorvaia sold policies for Prudential Insurance Co. and worked in restaurants / James Incorvaia owned and operated Rigatoni's, an Italian restaurant in Kenmore, for 10 years / In 1981, Incorvaia opened the first Jim's



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SteakOut on Elmwood, near West Delavan Avenue, eventually have 10 shops in the city and suburbs / James Incorvaia passed away on 5 October 2025 at the age of 78 years old

The 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) ("Screaming Eagles") is a light infantry division of the United States Army that specializes in air assault operations / It can plan, coordinate, and execute multiple battalion-size air assault operations to seize terrain / These operations can be conducted by mobile teams covering large distances, fighting behind enemy lines, and working in austere environments with limited or degraded infrastructure / Established in 1918, the 101st Division was first constituted as an airborne unit in 1942 / During World War II, it gained renown for its role in Operation Overlord (the D-Day landings and airborne landings on 6 June 1944, in Normandy, France); Operation Market Garden; the liberation of the Netherlands; and its action during the Battle of the Bulge / The 101st Airborne was allotted to the Regular Army in June 1948 and reactivated as a training unit at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky the following July, only to be inactivated the next year / It was reactivated in 1950 following the outbreak of the Korean War, again to serve as a Training Center at Camp Breckenridge until inactivated in December 1953 / From 1965 to 1967, the 1st Brigade operated independently as sort of a fire brigade and earned the reputation as being called the "Nomads of Vietnam" / They fought in every area of South Vietnam from the Demilitarized Zone up north all the way down the Central Highlands / The rest of the 101st was deployed to Vietnam in November 1967 and the 1st Brigade rejoined its parent division / The 101st was deployed in the northern I Corps region, operating against the People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) infiltration routes through Laos and the A Shau Valley for most of the war / Notable among these were the Battle of Hamburger Hill in 1969 and Firebase Ripcord in 1970 / The division began withdrawing from South Vietnam on 15 May 1971 with the departure of the 3rd Battalion, 506th Infantry / Most major units of the Division had redeployed by January 1972 / In the seven years that all or part of the division served in Vietnam, it suffered 4,011 killed and 18,259 wounded in action / The division, during this time, participated in 12 separate campaigns and 17 of the division's Medal of Honor recipients are from this period of time – all this giving the 101st Airborne Division a combat record unmatched by any other division



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Name: **INMAN**
EBER

Hometown: HAMBURG

Address:

- Vietnam Era
- Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Eber Inman honorably served in the United States Military / Eber Inman was deployed to Vietnam

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **INSALACO**

THOMAS P.

Hometown:

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch:

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Thomas P. Insalaco honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Vietnam

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Thomas P. Insalaco passed away on 21 April 2016 at the age of 69 years old and is interred at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, New York



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Name: **IPPOLITO**

PHILIP

G.

Hometown: LANCASTER

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SP-4

Year Entered: 1967

Year Discharged: 1969

Unit / Squadron:

72ND ARMOR, EIGHTH ARMY

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Philip G. Ippolito honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Philip Ippolito was stationed in the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), Korea and was later deployed to Vietnam

Base Assignments:

Fort Belvoir is a United States Army installation in Fairfax County, Virginia, United States / The post was founded during World War I as Camp A. A. Humphreys, named for American Civil War Union Army general Andrew A. Humphreys, who was also Chief of Engineers / The post was renamed Fort Belvoir in the 1930s / Camp Humphreys was established in World War I as the U.S. Army Engineers Training School /It served as the post-graduate institution for U.S. Military Academy engineers and a finishing school for engineering troops headed to war

Miscellaneous:

Philip Ippolito was a retired employee of Republic Waste Systems, and a volunteer with Buffalo Veteran's Treatment Court / Ippolito was a member of the Harvey D. Morin Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post #2940 / Philip G. Ippolito passed away on 9 September 2018 at the age of 71 and is interred at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, New York

The 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment was born of Armor in 1943 as "A" Company, 5th Armored Regiment and was activated for battle in July 1943 at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas

The Eighth Army was officially activated at Memphis, Tennessee, on June 10, 1944 and deployed to the Southwest Pacific/ The Eighth Army methodically eliminated the last fanatical enemy resistance remaining on New Guinea and New Britain / From 26 December 1944 until 15 August 1945, Eighth Army was actively engaged



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in the reconquest of the Philippines, the largest joint campaign of the War in the Pacific / Eighth Army has transformed multiple times since its establishment / During World War II, it fought in the Pacific Theater of Operations as a field army / In the immediate post-World War II era, Eighth Army served in Japan as an Army of Occupation / At the outbreak of the Korean War, the Eighth Army was sent into Inchon, Korea / The Eighth Army was decisively defeated at the Battle of the Chongchon River and forced to retreat all the way back to South Korea / The defeat of the U.S. Eighth Army resulted in the longest retreat of any U.S. military unit in history / The overstretched Eighth Army suffered heavily with the Chinese offensive, who were able to benefit from shorter lines of communication and with rather casually deployed enemy forces / The Chinese broke through the U.S. defenses despite U.S. air supremacy and the Eighth Army and U.N. forces retreated hastily to avoid encirclement./ A reformed Eighth Army returned to combat effectiveness over several months / Eighth Army slowed and ultimately halted the Chinese advance at the battles of Chipyeong-ni and Wonju / It then counter-attacked the Chinese, re-took Seoul, and drove to the 38th parallel, where the front stabilized / During the aftermath of the Korean War, the Eighth Army remained in South Korea / During the Korea War, the Eighth Army served as both a field army and theater army and throughout the preponderance of the Cold War, it remained primarily a theater army / On November 20, 1954, it was merged with US Army Forces Far East (AFFE) as the major Army command in the region / The Eighth Army is a U.S. field army which commands all United States Army forces in South Korea. It is headquartered at the Camp Humphreys in the Anjeong-ri of Pyeongtaek, South Korea



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Name: IRWIN

RONALD E.

Hometown:

Address:

- Vietnam Era
- Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: EM2

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

USS NEW JERSEY

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Electrician's Mate Second-Class Ronald E. Irwin honorably served in the United States Navy and was deployed to Vietnam

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Ronald Irwin retired from the former Niagara Machine & Tool Company / Ronald E. Irwin passed away on 17 January 2023 at the age of 76 years old and interred in the Western New York National Cemetery in Corfu, New York

USS New Jersey (BB-62) is an Iowa-class battleship, commissioned on 23 May 1943 and was the second ship of the United States Navy to be named after the US state of New Jersey / She was often referred to fondly as "Big J" and earned more battle stars for combat actions than the other three completed Iowa-class battleships, and was the only US battleship providing gunfire support during the Vietnam War / During World War II, New Jersey shelled targets on Guam and Okinawa, and screened aircraft carriers conducting raids in the Marshall Islands / During the Korean War, she was involved in raids up and down the North Korean coast, after which she was decommissioned into the United States Navy reserve fleets, better known as the "mothball fleet" / She was briefly reactivated in 1968 and sent to Vietnam to support US troops before returning to the mothball fleet in 1969 / Reactivated once more in the 1980s as part of the 600-ship Navy program, New Jersey was modernized to carry missiles and recommissioned for service / In 1983, she participated in US operations during the Lebanese Civil War / The USS New Jersey was decommissioned for the last time in 1991 (after serving a total of 21 years in the active fleet), having earned a Navy Unit Commendation for service in Vietnam and 19 battle and campaign stars for combat operations during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Lebanese Civil War, and



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service in the Persian Gulf / After a brief retention in the mothball fleet, she was donated to the Home Port Alliance in Camden, New Jersey, and has served as a museum ship there since 15 October 2001



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Name: **ISAACS, JR.**

CHESTER

M.

Hometown: HAMBURG

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: E-5

Year Entered: 1966

Year Discharged: 1969

Unit / Squadron:

USS LLOYD THOMAS (DD764)

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Petty Officer 2nd Class Chester M. Isaacs, Jr. honorably served in the United States Navy as an Electricians Mate onboard the USS Lloyd Ythomas

PO2 Chester Isaacs, Jr. was Honorably Discharged from the US Navy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Chester M. Isaacs, Jr. passed away on 29 June 2022

Electrician's Mates are responsible for the operation and repair of a ship's or station's electrical power plant and electrical equipment / They also maintain and repair power and lighting circuits, distribution switchboards, generators, motors and other electrical equipment / Specially qualified electrician's mates are employed onboard nuclear-powered ships to maintain the control subsystems in nuclear reactors

The third USS Lloyd Thomas (DD/DDE-764) was a Gearing-class destroyer in the United States Navy during the Korean War and the Vietnam War / The ship was named after Lloyd Thomas who was born on 10 March 1912 in Nelsonville, Ohio and became an Aviator Ensign / During World War II, Thomas was assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise and promoted to Lieutenant, Junior Grade / Lieutenant Thomas, piloting a Douglas TBD Devastator torpedo bomber on 4 June 1942, died in his squadron's attack during the Battle of Midway / He was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross / The ship was commissioned on 21 March 1947 and conducted antisubmarine operations in the Caribbean and made yearly voyages to the Mediterranean / The 1952 voyage



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included a NATO amphibious landing on the coast of Denmark (Operation "Mainbrace") and port calls in Scotland in England / During 1953 she again operated with NATO, this time in the Mediterranean, and visited Cannes and Naples / In April 1972, in what would later be called the Battle of Đồng Hới, the Lloyd Thomas with three other US Navy warships were engaged in a naval strike just below the Vietnamese Demilitarized Zone against North Vietnamese coast artillery when attacked by artillery, MIGs and automatic weapons fire / Among other minor damage, the Lloyd Thomas was struck by a single artillery shell on the port bow above the waterline / Three sailors had minor injuries and the Lloyd Thomas remained on the firing line / She was decommissioned on 12 October 1972 and struck from the Naval Vessel Register on the same day / The Lloyd Thomas was sold to Taiwan on 12 October 1972, and renamed ROCS Dang Yang (DD-911) / The ship was sunk as artificial reef on 31 October 2002

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Name: **ISAACS, JR.**

CHESTER

M.

Hometown: HAMBURG

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: EM2

Year Entered: 1966

Year Discharged: 1969

Unit / Squadron:

USS LLOYD THOMAS (DD-764)

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Electrician's Mate Petty Officer 2nd Class Chester M. Isaacs, Jr. honorably served in the United States / EM2 Chester Issacs was stationed aboard the USS Lloyd Thomas (DD-764) as an Electrician's Mate

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Chester M. Isaacs, Jr. passed away on 29 June 2022

A Navy Electrician's Mate performs electrical work for Navy facilities and equipment / They are responsible for operating a ship's electrical equipment, including electrical power generation systems, lighting systems, electrical equipment, and electrical appliances / They may perform their work aboard ships or submarines or on equipment onshore installations / Electrician's Mates monitor and maintain various electrical equipment, including generators, switchboards, and control equipment

The USS Lloyd Thomas (DD/DDE-764) was a Gearing-class destroyer in the United States Navy during the Korean War and the Vietnam War / The ship was named after Lieutenant, Junior Grade Lloyd Thomas who died while piloting a Douglas TBD Devastator torpedo bomber on 4 June 1942 during the Battle of Midway / During the 1960's the Lloyd Thomas participated in naval activities in the Mediterranean Sea, including from 10 October to 19 November 1964, when the Lloyd Thomas escorted 28,000 Marines from Little Creek, Va. to the coast of Spain during "Operation Steel Pike I", the largest peacetime amphibious operation ever conducted / On 19 April 1972, in what would later be called the Battle of Đồn Hới, the Lloyd Thomas with three other US Navy warships were engaged in a naval strike just below the Vietnamese Demilitarized Zone against North Vietnamese coast artillery



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Name: ISCH

DAVID R.

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

Address:

- Vietnam Era
- Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment: VIETNAM

Service Notes:

David R. Isch honorably served in the United States Army and deployed to Vietnam

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

David Isch was a Master Mechanic and a Customer Representative at Lowe's / David R. Isch passed away on 9 October 2023 at the age of 76 years old



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Name: **IZYDORCZAK III**

JOHN

F.

Hometown: ALDEN

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

John F. Izydorczak, III honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Vietnam

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

John F. Izydorczak, III passed away on 3 January 2024