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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** YETMAN

DAVID T.

**Hometown:** CHAFEE

**Address:**

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

PURPLE HEART

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment: VIETNAM

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class David Thomas Yetman honorably served in the United States Army / PFC David Yetman was deployed to Vietnam / PFC Yetman was wounded in combat operations and awarded the Purple Heart Medal

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

David Thomas Yetman passed away on 14 September 2017 at the age of 70 years old and is interred at Lakeside Memorial Park Cemetery, Hamburg, New York

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 / An oak leaf cluster is a ribbon device to denote preceding decorations and awards consisting of a miniature bronze or silver twig of four oak leaves with three acorns on the stem

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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

**Name:** YETMAN

KENNETH

O.

**Hometown:** BLASDELL

**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:

**Service Notes:**

Kenneth O. Yetman honorably served in the United States Army as a Military Policeman

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Kenneth O. Yetman passed away on 11 August 2022 at the age of 86 years old and is interred at Prospect Lawn Cemetery, Hamburg, New York

The United States Army Military Police Corps (USAMPC) is the uniformed law enforcement branch of the United States Army / Investigations are conducted by Military Police Investigators under the Provost Marshal General's Office or Special Agents of the Department of the Army Criminal Investigation Division (CID) / United States Army Military Police units have combat zone responsibilities in addition to their law enforcement duties / These responsibilities include mounted and dismounted patrols, response force operations, area damage control, route reconnaissance, cordon and search operations, critical site security, and convoy and personnel escorts / Operationally, these duties fall under the "security and mobility support" discipline of the Military Police Corps



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**Name:** YORK

GEORGE F.

**Hometown:** GRAND ISLAND

**Address:**

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Vietnam War Veteran

**Service Branch:** AIR FORCE

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment:

**Service Notes:**

George F. York honorably served in the United States Air Force

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

George York was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania / George York retired as a corporate systems engineer with EMC Corporation / George York was a member of the Tri Five of WNY, the Free Wheelers of Niagara Falls and the Buffalo Launch Club / George F. York passed away on 9 January 2017 at the age of 71 years old and is interred at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Lewiston, New York



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**Name:** **YOUNG**

**ANDREW R.**

**Hometown:** TONAWANDA

**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:**

Andrew R. Young honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Vietnam

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Andrew Young graduated from Tonawanda High School in 1962 / Young was a member of Twin City Elk's Lodge #860 and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #77 / Andrew R. Young passed away on 24 January 2024 at the age of 79 years old and is interred at White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery, Amherst, New York



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**Name:** **YOUNG**

**JOSEPH**

**R.**

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

**Address:** 17 DOWNING STREET

*Vietnam Era*

*Vietnam War Veteran*

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SP4

**Year Entered:** 1970

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

18TH ENGINEER BRIGADE, 39TH ENGINEER BATTALION, 45TH ENG GROUP, 160TH ENG COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

ARMY PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Specialist Fourth-Class Joseph Robert Young honorably served in the United States Army / SP4 Joseph Young was deployed to Vietnam as a Plumber / SP4 Joseph Young died on 15 September 1971 from non-hostile injuries while serving in Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam

SP4 Robert Young was critically injured in a grenade accident in Quang Tri Province, RVN / He died four days later / The cause of death was coded as burns

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Dix - Trenton, New Jersey - Fort Dix was established in 1917 and named for Major General John Adams Dix, a veteran of the War of 1812 and the Civil War / Dix served as a training and staging ground during World War II and a demobilization center after the war / 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:**

Joseph Young graduated from South Park High School / Young worked for the New York State Thruway Authority before entering the U.S. Army in March 1970 / Joseph Robert Young was 20 years old at the time of his passing and is interred at Lakeside Memorial Park Cemetery, Hamburg, New York



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Joseph Robert Young is honored on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington D.C. - Name inscribed at VVM Wall, Panel 02w, Line 17

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

The 18th Engineer Brigade (Theater Army) is an engineer brigade of the United States Army / It is currently a subordinate unit of 21st Sustainment Command (Theater) and is headquartered at Conn Barracks in Schweinfurt, Germany / Soldiers of the 18th Engineer Brigade provide various supportive duties to other Army units, including construction, engineering, and mechanical work on other Army projects / The brigade served in Europe during World War II, a fact which was included on its Distinctive Unit Insignia when the 20th Engineer Brigade received one on 10 February 1966 / The four corners of the crenelated square allude to their four campaigns in World War II, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe / The 18th Engineer Brigade later deployed to Vietnam, during the Vietnam War, where its battalions saw six years of combat service and supported fourteen campaigns, building infrastructure for both military and civilian projects / The brigade participated in a massive number of road construction projects and airfield constructions, supporting numerous infantry units and operating all over Vietnam / After serving in Vietnam, the brigade became attached to Seventh United States Army / It has since undertaken and completed numerous projects in support of US Army, Europe, and participated in Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom

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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



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**Name:** **YOUNG**  
**KEITH**

**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:**

Keith Young honorably served in the United States Military / Keith Young was deployed to Vietnam

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **YOUNG**

**MICHAEL K.**

**Hometown:** **BUFFALO**

**Address:**

**Vietnam Era**

**Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** **NAVY**

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Michael K. Young honorably served in the United States Navy

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Michael K. Young passed away on 8 January 2026 at the age of 71 years old

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**Name:** **YOUNG**

**WELDON H.**

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

**Address:** 64 URBAN STREET

*Vietnam Era*

*Vietnam War Veteran*

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Year Entered:** 1966

**Year Discharged:** KIA

**Unit / Squadron:**

25TH INFANTRY DIVISION, 1ST BATTALION, 35TH INFANTRY, B COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

SILVER STAR MEDAL

PURPLE HEART

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

ARMY PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSS

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Weldon Horace Young honorably served in the United States Army / PFC Weldon Young was deployed to Vietnam on 6 August 1966 as a Light Weapons Infantryman / PFC Weldon Young was Killed In Action on 20 Nov 1966 during combat operations in Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam

PFC Weldon H. Young was awarded the Silver Star Medal for his exemplary courage under fire

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Dix - Trenton, New Jersey - Fort Dix was established in 1917 and named for Major General John Adams Dix, a veteran of the War of 1812 and the Civil War / Dix served as a training and staging ground during World War II and a demobilization center after the war / 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

Fort Gordon, Georgia - Fort Gordon, formerly known as Camp Gordon, is a United States Army installation established in October 1941 and named after John Brown Gordon, a Major General in the Confederate States Army during the Civil War / Fort Gordon is located southwest of Augusta, Georgia / It is the current home of the United States Army Signal Corps, United States Army Cyber Command, and the Cyber Center of Excellence / It was once the home of The Provost Marshal General School and Civil Affairs School / The fort is one of the major



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components of the installation is Advanced Individual Training for Signal Corps military occupational specialties / Signals Intelligence has become more visible and comprises more and more of the fort's duties / During the Vietnam War, Fort Gordon was home to Camp Crockett, an area of the post conducting 9-week advance airborne infantry training courses for soldiers in line to attend the remaining 3 weeks of Airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia, and then be assigned to Airborne units in Vietnam / Between 1966 and 68, approximately 2,200 Signal Officers were trained at Fort Gordon's Signal Officer Candidate School (OCS) / Fort Gordon is one of the U.S. Army installations named for Confederate soldiers to be renamed by the Commission on the Naming of Items of the Department of Defense that Commemorate the Confederate States of America or Any Person Who Served Voluntarily with the Confederate States of America

## *Miscellaneous:*

Weldon Young attended McKinley High School / Young was employed by the William Hengerer Company before entering the U.S. Army in February 1966 / Weldon Horace Young was 21 years old at the time of his passing and is interred at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo, New York

Weldon Horace Young is honored on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington D.C. - Name inscribed at VVM Wall, Panel 12e, Line 98

Light Weapons Infantryman lack heavy weapons and armor or with a reduced vehicle footprint / Light infantry units lack the greater firepower, operational mobility and protection of mechanized or armored units, but possess greater tactical mobility and the ability to execute missions in severely restrictive terrain and in areas where weather makes vehicular mobility difficult / Light infantry forces typically rely on their ability to operate under restrictive conditions, surprise, violence of action, training, stealth, field craft, and fitness levels of the individual soldiers to compensate for their reduced lethality / Despite the usage of the term "light", forces in a light unit must carry everything they require to fight, survive and win due to lack of vehicles

The 25th Infantry Division (nicknamed "Tropic Lightning") is a United States Army division based at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii / The division, which was activated on 1 October 1941 in Hawaii, conducts military operations primarily in the Asia-Pacific region / When the Korean War began in June 1950, the division was deployed to South Korea, where it fought in the defense of and the breakout from the Pusan Perimeter in mid-1950, with elements advancing as far as the Amnok River in November 1950 / The division defended Seoul against Chinese Communist attack from May 1953 to the July armistice, returning to Hawaii in late 1954 / After undergoing major reorganizations in 1957 and 1963 to adapt to changing tactics, the division deployed to South Vietnam to fight in the Vietnam War between late 1965 and early 1966 / The 25th served in Vietnam until its withdrawal back to Hawaii in 1970–1971, participating in Operation Attleboro, Operation Cedar Falls, Operation Junction City, the Battle of Saigon during the North Vietnamese Tet Offensive, and the Cambodian Incursion / It was reorganized as a light infantry division in 1985, and elements have participated in the Iraq War and the War in Afghanistan / Its present deployment is composed of light infantry and aviation units / Tropic Lightning soldiers regularly train with other U.S. military branches to practice and maintain joint operations capabilities

The 35th Infantry Regiment ("Cacti") was created on 1 July 1916 at Douglas, Arizona from elements of the 11th, 18th and 22nd Infantry Regiments / The 35th served on the Mexico–US border during the First World War and was stationed at Nogales, Arizona in 1918 / It fought a border skirmish on 27 August 1918 during the Battle of Ambos Nogales / In World War II, Korea, and Vietnam it served as part of the 25th Infantry (Tropic Lightning)



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Division / In August 1965, elements of the 35th Infantry started their rotation into the Vietnam War, arriving in South Vietnam / The 1st and 2d battalions, along with the 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry, and the 2d Battalion, 9th Artillery provided the core combat units of the 3d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division and were deployed to the Central Highlands at Pleiku / Final units arrived by Christmas 1965 / The battalions of the 35th Infantry were heavily engaged from January 1966 until 1972 throughout the I Corps and II Corps areas of operations (the Central Highlands and central coastal areas of Vietnam) / In August 1967, operational control of the two battalions of the 35th Infantry and all of the other parts of the 3d Brigade were transferred from the 25th Infantry Division to the 4th Infantry Division / From May through June 1970, the battalions of the 35th Infantry participated in the Incursion operations against enemy sanctuaries located in Cambodia, seizing thousands of tons of supplies and hundreds of weapons / Following its return from Cambodia to South Vietnam, the division resumed its place in the Vietnamization Program / By late December 1970, elements of the 35th Infantry were able to begin redeployment to Schofield Barracks / The 35th Infantry had three Medal of Honor recipients in Vietnam

The Silver Star Medal (SSM) is the United States Armed Forces' third-highest military decoration for valor in combat / The Silver Star Medal is awarded primarily to members of the United States Armed Forces for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States / The gallantry displayed must have taken place while in action against an enemy of the United States, while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force

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

A Marksmanship Badge is a U.S. military badge or a civilian badge which is awarded to personnel upon successful completion of a weapons qualification course (known as marksmanship qualification badges) or high achievement in an official marksmanship competition (known as marksmanship competition badges) / The U.S.



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Army and the U.S. Marine Corps are the only military services that award marksmanship qualification badges / The U.S. military marksmanship qualification badges are awarded in three grades (highest to lowest): expert, sharpshooter, and marksman while their marksmanship competition badges are awarded in three to four grades (highest to lowest): distinguished, silver, and bronze for the U.S. Army and distinguished, gold, silver, and bronze for the Marine Corps

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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:** **YOUNG**

**WILLIAM**

**V.**

**Hometown:** GRAND ISLAND

**Address:**

**Vietnam Era**

**Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** AIR FORCE

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

William V. Young honorably served in the United States Air Force / William Young was stationed in the Philippines

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

William Young graduated from St. Joseph Collegiate Institute and attended Canisius College / Young was a Sales Representative for Tri-Tech Electronics / William Young was an active member of the Rotary Club and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) / William V. Young passed away on 3 April 2024 at the age of 79 after a lengthy battle with cancer and is interred at the Western New York National Veterans Cemetery, Corfu, New York



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**Name:** **YOUNG, SR.**  
**EDWARD G.**

**Hometown:** SPRINGVILLE

**Address:**

- Vietnam Era**
- Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:** 1962

**Year Discharged:** 1965

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Edward G. Young, Jr. honorably served in the United States Army

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Edward Young was born in Buffalo, New York / Young was a Battalion Chief for the Buffalo Fire Department / Edward Young was a member of the Safari Club / Edward G. Young, Jr. passed away on 31 March 2025 at the age of 84 years old