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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: FACHKO

Hometown: WEST SENECA

JAMES J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: COAST GUARD

Rank: MCPO

Year Entered: 1948

Year Discharged: 1971

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

James J. Facho honorably served in the United States Coast Guard / MCPO James Facho retired from the U.S. Coast Guard with the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer

MCPO James J. Facho was a body bearer at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in 1958

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

James J. Facho passed away on 31 October 2024



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Name: FANTASKE

Hometown: BLASDELL

JOSEPH J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Joseph J. Fantaske honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Joseph Fantaske was born and raised in Renovo, Pennsylvania before moving to Western New York / Fantaske retired from Bethlehem Steel in Lackawanna / Joseph J. Fantaske passed away on 11 January 2025 at the age of 92 years old



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Name: FANTI

Hometown: GRAND ISLAND

JERRY J.

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Jerry J. Fanti honorably served in the United States Air Force and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Jerry J. Fanti passed away on 5 February 2014 at the age of 83 years old and is interred at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York



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Name: FAVRE JR.

Hometown: DEPEW

ALFRED L.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: E-5

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1955

Unit / Squadron:

USS WASP (CVA-18)

Medals / Citations:

CHINA SERVICE MEDAL

KOREA SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL (KOREA)

NAVY OCCUPATION MEDAL W/EUROPEAN CLASP

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Petty Officer Second-Class Alfred L. Favre, Jr. honorably served in the United States Navy / PO2 Alfred Favre was assigned as an Electrician's Mate-Power & Light (EMP) for 3 1/2 years aboard the USS Wasp

PO2 Alfred Favre Jr. was Honorably Discharged from the United States Navy on 24 June 1955

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Alfred L. Favre Jr. passed away on 14 May 2021 at the age of 89 years old

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

USS Wasp (CV/CVA/CVS-18) was one of 24 Essex-class aircraft carriers built during World War II for the United States Navy / The ship, the ninth US Navy ship to bear the name, was originally named Oriskany, but was renamed while under construction in honor of the previous Wasp (CV-7), which was sunk 15 September 1942 / The Wasp was commissioned on 24 November 1943, and served in several campaigns in the Pacific Theater of Operations, earning eight battle stars / Like many of her sister ships, she was decommissioned shortly after the end of the war, but was modernized and recommissioned in the early 1950s as an attack carrier (CVA), and then eventually became an antisubmarine carrier (CVS)



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/ In her second career, she operated mainly in the Atlantic, Mediterranean, and Caribbean / She played a prominent role in the manned space program, serving as the recovery ship for five Project Gemini missions: Gemini IV, Gemini VI, Gemini VII, Gemini IX, and Gemini XII. She was decommissioned on 1 July 1972 and sold for scrap in 1973

The China Service Medal was a service medal awarded to U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard personnel / The medal was instituted by Navy Department General Order No. 176 on 1 July 1942 / The medal recognized service in and around China before and after World War II

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

The United Nations Service Medal for Korea is an international military decoration established by the United Nations on 15 December 1950 as the United Nations Service Medal / The decoration was the first international award ever created by the United Nations and recognized the multi-national defense forces which participated in the Korean War / The United Nations Service Medal (Korea) is awarded to any military service member, of an Armed Force allied with South Korea, who participated in the defense of South Korea from North Korea between the dates of 27 June 1950 and 27 July 1954

The Navy Occupation Service Medal is a military award of the United States Navy which was "Awarded to commemorate the services of Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel in the occupation of certain territories of the enemies of the U.S. during World War II" and recognized those personnel who participated in the European and Asian occupation forces during, and following World War II / The medal was also bestowed to personnel who performed duty in West Berlin between 1945 and 1990

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



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Name: **FEDCHAK, SR.**

Hometown: BUFFALO

WILLIAM R.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

William "Bill" R. Fedchak, Sr. honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

William Fedchak was employed by the Nichols School for 38 years as the supervisor and manager of the Ice Rink / Fedchak was a member of the American Legion / William "Bill" R. Fedchak, Sr. passed away on 16 September 2022 at the age of 91 years old and is interred at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Kenmore, New York



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Name: **FEDERIO**

Hometown: GRAND ISLAND

ANTHONY J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Anthony J. Federio honorably served in the United States Navy and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Anthony Federio was a retired Vice President of Production and Control at HFW Industries (an industrial equipment manufacturer and machine rebuilding shop) / Anthony J. Federio passed away at the age of 89 years old on 3 August 2022



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Name: **FEDERIO**

Hometown: GRAND ISLAND

ANTHONY J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Anthony J. Federio honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Anthony Federio was a retired Vice President of Production and Control at HFW Industries / Anthony J. Federio passed away on 3 August 2022 at the age of 89 years old and is interred at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Kenmore, New York



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Name: FEHR

Hometown: GRAND ISLAND

RONALD R.

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch:

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Ronald R. Fehr honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Ronald fehr was a Truck Mechanic / Ronald R. Fehr passed away on 16 February 2024 at the age of 91 years old and is interred at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Kenmore, New York



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Name: FELICH

Hometown: GRAND ISLAND

ANTHONY

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1953

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Anthony Felich honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Anthony Felich worked for the railroad, building houses, The Courier Express and Buffalo News before retiring / After his retirement, Anthony Felich moved to Kansas City, Kansas / Anthony Felich passed away on 16 may 2011 at the age of 79 years old and is interred at Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Overland Park, Kansas



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Name: FERRENTINO, JR.
THOMAS

Hometown:

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank:

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1955

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Thomas "Honch" Ferrentino, Jr. honorably served in the United States Air Force

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Thomas "Honch" Ferrentino, Jr. Paased away on 24 August 2022 at the age of 91 years old and is interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, New York



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Name: FETTO
LOUIS

Hometown: SLOAN

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Louis Fetto honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Louis Fetto was the owner and operator of the Sloan Supermarket for 33 years / Louis Fetto passed away on 29 May 2024 at the age of 92 years old and is interred at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York



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Name: FINN

Hometown: GRAND ISLAND

THOMAS F.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

USS ARCADIA (AD-23)

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Thomas Francis Finn honorably served in the United States Navy / Thomas Finn served aboard the USS Arcadia, a destroyer tender

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Thomas Finn attended St. Joseph Collegiate High School, graduating in 1949 / Thomas Francis Finn passed away on 13 October 2018 at the age of 86 years old

USS Arcadia was one of four Klondike-class destroyer tenders built at the tail end of World War II for the United States Navy, and the third U.S. Naval vessel to bear that name / Destroyer tenders were typically named after U.S. National Parks, the destroyer tender AD-23 was apparently misnamed Arcadia in an effort to commemorate Acadia National Park in Maine / The Arcadia was commissioned on 13 September 1945 / Following shakedown training off San Diego, the destroyer tender departed the west coast to join the Atlantic Fleet at Charleston, South Carolina / Arcadia served as tender to destroyers joining the inactive fleet at Charleston, and she also developed the official program for decommissioning and inactivation to be used by tenders of her own class / Arcadia was placed in commission, in reserve, on 7 February 1947 and served as accommodation vessel for Submarine Group 1 of the Charleston group, Atlantic Reserve Fleet / She was placed in full commission on 1 August 1951 and assigned a new home port, Newport, R.I., where she tended destroyers in the Narragansett Bay area / Arcadia supported the Atlantic Fleet with repair services until 1968 when she was decommissioned on 28 June 1968 / The Arcadia transferred to the Maritime Administration on 30 June 1969 / Her name was struck from the Naval Vessel Register on 1 July 1973, and she was sold to Levin Metals of San Jose, California on 1 August 1974 and scrapped in San Pedro, California



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Name: **FIX, JR.**

Hometown:

NORMAN E.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1955

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 185TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Norman Edward Fix, Jr. honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Norman Fix was employed as a Drill Press Operator at Di Escastin Company prior to being inducted into the U.S. Army on 5 December 1952 / Norman Fix was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post #2940 / Norman Edward Fix, Jr. passed away on 5 July 2024 at the age of 91 years old

An Engineer Combat Battalion (ECB) was a designation for a battalion-strength combat engineer unit in the U.S. Army / Best known for pontoon bridge construction and clearing hazards in amphibious landings, their duties also included serving as sappers deploying and deactivating explosive charges and unexploded munitions, mapmaking, camouflage, and a wide variety of construction services supporting frontline troops / They also fielded defensive .30 cal. and .50 cal. machine gun squads, anti-tank rocket and grenade launchers, and were required to fight as infantry as a secondary mission

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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



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The Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC) is a mid-level unit award of the United States Armed Forces / It is awarded to units for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services for at least six continuous months during a period of military operations against an armed enemy

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Name: FLECKENSTEIN

Hometown: HAMBURG

FRANK

E.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Frank E. Fleckenstein honorably served in the United States Marine Corps

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Frank E. Fleckenstein passed away on 28 March 2025 at the age of 94 years old and is interred at SS Peter & Paul Cemetery, Hamburg, New York



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Name: FORSYTH

Hometown: BUFFALO

FREDERICK J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Year Entered: 1953

Year Discharged: 1956

Unit / Squadron:

11TH AIRBORNE

187TH AIRBORNE REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

82ND AIRBORNE, 101ST AIRBORNE

Medals / Citations:

PARACHUTIST BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE RIBBON

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

Service Notes:

In addition to performing vehicle maintenance in the Motor Pool at Camp Chickamauga, Japan, PFC Frederick Forsyth also attended Sniper and Metiscopic School

Base Assignments:

Ft. Devens, Massachusetts - Camp Devens was established in 1917 as an Army Reserve military installation and is located in the towns of Ayer and Shirley / Ft. Devens was named after jurist and Civil War general Charles Devens / With the outbreak of the Korean Conflict, Devens was designated as a reception center for the third time in its history / The U.S. Army post which resided at Fort Devens was officially closed in 1996 after 79 years of service

Ft. Campbell, Kentucky - Fort Campbell is a United States Army installation located astride the Kentucky-Tennessee border between Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and Clarksville, Tennessee / The fort is named in honor of Union Army Brigadier General William Bowen Campbell, the last Whig Governor of Tennessee / Fort Campbell was the home to the 101st Airborne Division and the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment / From 1950 to 1962 the post operated an Airborne Course which trained nearly 30,000 soldiers as paratroopers before its inactivation

Ft. Benning, Georgia - Fort Benning, established in October 1918, is a United States Army base straddling the Alabama-Georgia border next to Columbus, Georgia / Ft. Benning was named after Henry L. Benning, a brigadier general in the Confederate States Army during the Civil War / Since 1918, Fort Benning has served as the Home of the Infantry / The Airborne School on Main Post has three 249-foot drop towers called "Free Towers" that were used to train paratroopers

Ft. Bragg, North Carolina - Fort Bragg is the largest military base in the world (by population) with more than 50,000 active



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duty personnel / The base is located within Cumberland, Hoke, Harnett and Moore counties, North Carolina / The fort is named for Confederate general Braxton Bragg / Following World War II, the 82nd Airborne Division was permanently stationed at Fort Bragg / Fort Bragg became a center for unconventional warfare, with the creation of the Psychological Warfare Center in April 1952

Camp Chickamauga, Japan - Camp Chickamauga is located near Beppu on the northeast coast of Kyushu, the most southern of Japan's main islands

Camp Stoneman, California - Named after George Stoneman, a cavalry commander during the Civil War, Camp Stoneman was located in Pittsburg, California / Activated in 1942, the facility served as a major staging area for the Army in World War II and the Korean War / Camp Stoneman was deactivated as a military post in 1954

Miscellaneous:

Frederick J. Forsyth graduated from Riverside High School and prior to military service, worked at SB Whistler & Sons Inc. in Medina, New York / After his Honorable Discharge from the Army, Forsyth returned to SB Whistler & Sons Inc. where he worked as a Machinist until his retirement in 1995 / Frederick Forsyth has remained very active in various veterans associations including the 82nd Airborne Association where he served as the Sunshine Chairman / Forsyth is also a member of the 187th Airborne Association and AMVETS Post 897

Airborne forces are military units, usually light infantry, set up to be moved by aircraft and "dropped" into battle, typically by parachute / They can be rapidly placed behind enemy lines, and have the capability to deploy almost anywhere with little warning / The formations are limited only by the number and size of their aircraft, so given enough capacity a huge force can appear "out of nowhere" in minutes, an action referred to as vertical envelopment / Airborne forces typically lack the supplies and equipment for prolonged combat operations, and are therefore more suited for airhead operations than for long-term occupation / Parachute operations are particularly sensitive to adverse weather conditions / Advances in helicopter technology since World War II have brought increased flexibility to the scope of airborne operations, and air assaults have largely replaced large-scale parachute operations, and (almost) completely replaced combat glider operations.



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Name: FORTH SR

Hometown: WEST SENECA

LEONARD P.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-5

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

518TH ORDNANCE COMPANY (DIRECT SUPPORT)

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/1 SERVICE STAR

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL-KOREA

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant Leonard P. Forth, Sr. served 15 months in Korea with the 518th Ordnance Company

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Leonard Forth, Sr. was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army on 17 July 1954 / Forth was a member and past Commander of the Francis J. Donovan American Legion Post 1626 in Cheektowaga / Leonard P. Forth, Sr. passed away on 11 February 2019

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 the Korean War to provide combat power to the U.S. Army

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Name: FOSTER

Hometown: TONAWANDA

CHARLES A.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

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

Service Notes:

Charles A. Foster honorably served in the United States Marine Corps / Charles Foster was deployed to Korea and was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered in combat action

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Charles A. Foster passed away on 27 March 2023 at the age of 91 years old

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



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Name: FOSTER

Hometown: ORCHARD PARK

GORDON W.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Gordon Wright Foster honorably served in the United States Army National Guard

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Gordon Foster was born in Washington, D.C. and attended the University of Cincinnati for engineering / Foster graduated in 1961 from Princeton Theological Seminary with a Divinity Degree and served as Pastor at the Waverly Park Presbyterian Church in Newark, New Jersey / Gordon Foster moved to Buffalo and worked as a Transportation Planner for the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) until his retirement in 1996 / Foster served as Minister for the Orchard Park Presbyterian Church / Gordon Wright Foster passed away on 6 October 2024 at the age of 92 years old

The Army National Guard (ARNG) is an organized militia force and a federal military reserve force of the United States Army / It is simultaneously part of two different organizations: the Militia of the United States (consisting of the ARNG of each state, most territories, and the District of Columbia), as well as the federal ARNG, as part of the National Guard as a whole (which includes the Air National Guard) / It is divided into subordinate units stationed in each state or insular area, responsible to their respective governors or other head-of-government



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Name: FOSTER

Hometown: BUFFALO

RAYMOND A.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1953

Unit / Squadron:

169TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN OCCUPATION MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Raymond Allan Foster was an Infantryman

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Raymond Allan Foster was employed by Di Bello Motor Sales prior to induction into the U.S. Army / Raymond Foster was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post 2940



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Name: **FOX, JR.**

Hometown: EAST AURORA

FRED

F.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

FLEET MARINE FORCE

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Fred F. Fox, Jr. honorably served in the United States Marine Corps / CPL Fred Fox was assigned as a Truck Driver (Heavy) with the Marine Corps

CPL Fred Fox, Jr. received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Marine Corps on 17 January 1954

Base Assignments:

Fleet Marine Force (Atlantic), Norfolk, Virginia - Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic (FMFLANT) is an American maritime landing force that is spread across the Atlantic Ocean / It is headquartered at Naval Station Norfolk and directs and commands all the subordinate elements of the Navy Expeditionary Strike Force and Marine Air-Ground Task Force components that follow under the 2nd (Disestablished and merged with US Fleet Forces Command on 30 September 2011), 4th, and 6th Fleet and the Marine Forces Command (MarForCom)

Miscellaneous:

Fred F. Fox, Jr. passed away on 25 August 2017

The United States Fleet Marine Forces (FMF) are combined general- and special-purpose forces within the United States Department of the Navy that perform offensive amphibious or expeditionary warfare and defensive maritime employment / The Fleet Marine Forces (FMF) consists of Marine Corps' operating forces components that constitute the Fleet Marine Forces on the Pacific and Atlantic coasts / The Fleet Marine Forces provide the National Command Authority (NCA) with a responsive force that can conduct operations in any spectrum of conflict around the globe

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"national emergency" had been declared during a time of war or conflict / It may also be issued to active military members for any other period that the Secretary of Defense designates / Currently, the National Defense Service Medal is the oldest service medal (as opposed to decorations for particular achievements such as valor or meritorious service and Good Conduct Medals) currently awarded by all branches of the United States Armed Forces

Name: FRANK, SR.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

DONALD

E.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Donald E. Frank, Sr. honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Donald Frank was a member of the Harvey D. Moran, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #2940 in West Seneca, New York / Donald E. Frank, Sr. passed away on 7 June 2020 and is interred at St. Matthew's Cemetery, West Seneca, New York



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Name: FRANKHAUSER, JR.

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

HENRY E.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MERCHANT MARINE **Rank:** PFC

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1956

Unit / Squadron:

329TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Henry E. Frankhauser, Jr. honorably served in the United States Merchant Marine / After his duty with the Merchant Marine ended, Private First-Class served for 2 years on active duty in the US Army Transportation Corps from 1955-1956, as a Machinist / PFC Henry Frankhauser was assigned to the 329th Transportation Company at Fort Eustis, Virginia

Private First-Class Frankhauser was Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Army on 14 December 1956

Base Assignments:

Fort Eustis, Newport News, Virginia - is a United States Army installation in Newport News, Virginia / Camp Abraham Eustis was established in 1918 as a coast artillery replacement center and is named for Brevet Brigadier General Abraham Eustis, a 19th-century U.S. military leader who had been the first commanding officer of Fort Monroe, a defensive fortification at the mouth of Hampton Roads / The post is the home to the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, the U.S. Army Aviation Logistics School, the 7th Transportation Brigade, and Joint Task Force - Civil Support / In 2010, Fort Eustis was merged with nearby Langley Air Force Base as Joint Base Langley-Eustis

Miscellaneous:

Henry E. Frankhauser, Jr. passed away on 10 July 2022 at the age of 91 years old

On 31 July 1942 the Transportation Service became the Transportation Corps / The Transportation Corps was a combat service support branch of the U.S. Army and responsible for the movement of personnel and material by truck, rail, air, and sea during World War II / By the end of the war, the Transportation Corps had moved more than 30 million soldiers within the continental United States and 7 million soldiers, plus 126 million tons of supplies overseas

The United States Merchant Marine (USMM) is an organization composed of U.S. civilian mariners and merchant vessels / It is managed by the Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration and includes privately-owned and federally



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owned, U.S.-registered merchant ships that provide waterborne transportation for passengers and cargo in domestic and international commerce / Some of these ships may also be called into military service

Name: FRASER

Hometown: GRAND ISLAND

DONALD

B.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: MSG

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Master Sergeant Donald B. Fraser honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Donald Fraser graduated from the University of Buffalo / Donald Fraser was a Town Committeeman, director of the Chamber of Commerce, member of the Zoning Board of Appeals (1972-1979), Taxpayers Association, Lions Club, and the University Club of Buffalo / Donald Fraser worked as a general contractor and in 1965 became sole owner of Donald S. Fraser and Son, Inc. / After closing the business he became Assessor of Grand Island and went on to work for the New York State Office of General Services / Donald B. Fraser passed away on 2 July 2017 at the age of 88 years old and is interred at Whitehaven Cemetery, Grand Island, New York



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Name: **FRAWLEY**

Hometown: HAMBURG

PATRICK J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Patrick J. Frawley honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Patrick Frawley worked as a Nurse Anesthetist at the Erie County Medical Center / Frawley was a volunteer Fireman with the Helmuth and Collins Volunteer Departments / Patrick Frawley was a longtime member of the Gowanda County Club / Patrick J. Frawley passed away on 9 December 2024 at the age of 90 years old and is interred at Hillcrest Cemetery, Hamburg, New York



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Name: **FRECHETTE**

Hometown: TOWN OF TONAWANDA

FRANCIS J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Francis Frechette honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Francis Frechette was a retired Ceramic Engineer who held several patents / Francis Frechette passed away on 31 August 2024 at the age of 92 years old and is interred at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Tonawanda, New York



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Name: **FRONTERA, JR.**
THOMAS

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: CPL

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Thomas Frontera, Jr. honorably served in the United States Marine Corps

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Thomas Frontera was a member of Union Fire Company, Fire Dist. #2 West Seneca / Thomas Frontera, Jr. passed away on 17 February 2020 at the age of 88 years old and is interred at Saint Matthews Cemetery in the Veteran's Field of Valor, West Seneca, New York