



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



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: ADAMS

HOWARD E.

Address: 163 EDSON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CADET

Unit / Squadron:

7TH COMPANY, 4TH CLASS COMPANY "F", 2ND REGIMENT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Cadet

Base Assignments:

U.S. Military Academy (West Point, New York) - The Continental Army first occupied West Point on 27 January 1778 and became the oldest continuously operating U.S. Army post in the United States / West Point played a prominent role in World War II; four-out-of-five of the five-star generals were alumni

Miscellaneous:

A cadet refers to those training to become an officer in the military, often a person who is a junior trainee



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Name: ADAMS JR.

CHESTER

H.

Address: 1331 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **ADVEY**

WILLIAM E.

Address: 23 NORTH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

4TH ORDNANCE H.A.M. (HEAVY AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE), 403RD ORDNANCE COMPANY,
189TH ORDNANCE BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON W/1 BRONZE STAR

2 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private William E. Advey earned 2 Battle Stars for combat action in the Pacific Theater

Base Assignments:

Hawkins Field (Jackson, Mississippi) - The airfield was named Hawkins Field after A.F. Hawkins, a city commissioner with an interest in aviation / In May 1941 the Dutch government-in-exile, following the occupation of the Netherlands, established the Royal Netherlands Military Flying School at Hawkins Field / Hawkins Field was activated 1 on May 1942 and was used by the United States Army Air Forces' Flying Training Command as a basic flying training airfield (Army Air Forces Pilot School, Miscellaneous Fields for Basic and Advanced Single and Twin-Engine training)

Miscellaneous:

William E. Advey passed away on 26 May 2012

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Name: **ALBIG**

LEONARD

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: **ALBRECHT**

JOHN

J.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **ALLAN**

HOWARD

E.

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: **ALLAN**

HUGH

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 23RD INFANTRY REGIMENT, 2ND DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

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| EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL | 3 BATTLE STARS |
| MARKSMANSHIP BADGE | GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL |

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Hugh Allan received three Battle Stars for combat action in the Ardennes, Middle Europe and Central Germany

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

From 1937 to 1942, the 23d Infantry, as a part of the 2nd Division, pioneered in the development of the triangular infantry division and in perfection of airborne infantry tactics and logistics / During 1941 and 1942, the 23d Infantry furnished three full regimental cadres for newly activated units and numerous smaller cadres / On 8 June 1944, the Twenty Third Infantry landed on Omaha Beach with the first invasion forces / The 23rd pushed all the way through Europe to the Czechoslovakian border, where it came in contact with the Russian Army

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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: **ALLAN**

JOHN

E.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

106TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

John E. Allan served in the European Theater of Operations with the 106th Infantry Division

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 106th Infantry was activated on 15 March 1943 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina / In the Ardennes-Alsace Campaign, the Germans attacked the 106th on 16 December 1944 / The division's 422nd and 423rd Infantry Regiments were encircled and cut off by a junction of enemy forces in the vicinity of Schönberg / They regrouped for a counterattack, but were blocked by the enemy / The two regiments surrendered on 19 December / The Germans gained 6,000 prisoners in one of the largest mass surrenders in American military history / Nearly 50% of the division's strength was brushed aside in the first days of the Battle of the Bulge / The remnants of the division were reinforced by the 112th Infantry Regiment of the 28th Infantry Division and withdrew over the Our River and joined other units at Saint Vith / The division was never officially added to the troop list following the war

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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 was 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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PAUL E.

Address: 227 SENECA CREEK ROAD

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

Unit / Squadron:

421 B.U (BATTLE UNIT)

864TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 494TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

3 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: CARBINE

GUNNERS RATING

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Paul E. Allan was based on the island of Angaur in the Palau Islands and at an airbase on the Ryukyu Islands of Okinawa / Sergeant Allan served as an armorer and nose gunner on a Consolidated B-24 Liberator Bomber / Sergeant Allan earned his Battle Stars in the campaigns for Ryukyu Islands (Okinawa), China and Japan

Base Assignments:

Laredo Army Air Field (Laredo, Texas) - Opened on 23 September 1942 as Laredo Army Airfield, cadets were taught aerial gunnery for B-17 Flying Fortress and B-24 Liberator duty, training on the .50 and .30 caliber Browning machine guns / In December 1973, Laredo AFB was closed and turned over to the City of Laredo / Today the facility is known as Laredo International Airport.

Miscellaneous:

The 494th Bombardment Group, or "Kelly's Cobras", was the last B-24 Liberator bombardment group to be dispatched from the United States during the Second World War / The 494th was allocated to the Seventh Air Force, fighting in the Pacific / Towards the end of 1944 the group moved to Angaur, officially arriving on 30 September 1944, although the last members of the group did not reach the island until December / The group entered combat with a series of attacks on Japanese held islands in the Palau group, and the first of a long series of attacks on the Philippines / The Philippines became the group's main target during its first six months in the Pacific / The group carried out a large number of attacks on targets on Luzon, as well as taking part in the bombardment of Corregidor, and carrying out a series of raids over Mindanao / On 24 June 1945 the group moved to Okinawa / Forty-eight aircraft from the 494th became the first B-24 Liberator bombers to attack the Japanese home islands from Okinawa / Their targets were Japanese airfields, starting with Omura Airfield and



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facilities around the Omura-Nagasaki area / During the last two months of the war the group attacked targets on the Japanese home islands and in Japanese occupied China / After the end of the war, the 494th was used to transport personnel and supplies into Tokyo and to liberate Allied prisoners of war being held in Japan

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

The Consolidated B-24 Liberator is an American heavy bomber, designed by Consolidated Aircraft of San Diego, California / The B-24 was used extensively in World War II. It served in every branch of the American armed forces as well as several Allied air forces and navies / Along with the B-17, the B-24 was the mainstay of the US strategic bombing campaign in the Western European theater / Due to its range, it proved useful in bombing operations in the Pacific, including the bombing of Japan / Long-range anti-submarine Liberators played an instrumental role in closing the Mid-Atlantic gap in the Battle of the Atlantic.

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Name: **ALLEN**

DOUGLAS O.

Address:

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

Unit / Squadron:

4100TH A.A.F. BASE UNIT, SECTION "B"

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Patterson Field, Ohio - Located approximately 10 miles northeast of Dayton and named in honor of Lt. Frank Stuart Patterson, who was killed in 1918 during a flight test of a new mechanism for synchronizing machine gun and propeller, when a tie rod broke during a dive from 15,000 feet , causing the wings to separate from his Airco DH.4 / Patterson Field was used as a flying field, armorers' school and a temporary storage depot

Miscellaneous:



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Name: ALLEN

JOHN

E.

Address: 227 SENECA CREEK ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 102ND BATTALION, 75TH REGIMENT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Camp Joseph F. Robinson, Arkansas - Camp Joseph T. Robinson, located in North Little Rock, was originally established as Camp Pike in 1917, named for General Zebulon Montgomery Pike, famed U.S. Army officer and explorer, who was killed in action 27 Apr 1813, during the War of 1812 / Renamed for U.S. Senator Joseph Taylor Robinson of Arkansas in 1937 / With the start of World War II, the post took on a new role as a replacement training center / Initially, there were two centers, one for basic training and the other for medics / In 1944, the two were combined into the Infantry Replacement Training Center (IRTC) / In addition to its role in training soldiers, Camp Robinson also housed a large German prisoner of war facility, with a capacity of 4,000 prisoners

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **AMBROSE**

THADDEUS A.

Address: 69 WOODBINE AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: W.T. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

U.S.S. SHAMROCK BAY (CVE-84) , "B" DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL W/1 BRONZE STAR

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER / PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Watertender First-Class Thaddeus A. Ambrose served in both the Atlantic and Pacific campaigns during World War II

Base Assignments:

U.S.N.T.S.C. (United States Naval Training Center) (Great Lakes, Illinois) - The Great Lakes Naval Training Center, located in North Chicago, was the largest single training facility for the U.S. Navy / During the course of World War II, Great Lakes supplied about a million men, just over a third of all personnel who served in the U.S. Navy

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, NY, a hero of the Battle of Santiago during the Spanish-American War

Milwaukee, Wisconsin - Inspector of Naval Material

Miscellaneous:

A Watertender is a crewman aboard a steam-powered ship who is responsible for tending to the fires and boilers in the ship's engine room / Maintained, repaired, and overhauled boiler system

USS Shamrock Bay (CVE-84) was a Casablanca-class escort carrier commissioned on 15 March 1944 / The carrier had a complement of 12 Avengers and 20 Wildcat aircraft / In 1944 the Shamrock Bay headed to the Philippines for the Lingayen Gulf invasion of Luzon / In 1945, the ship participated in the Iwo Jima landings / The Shamrock Bay earned 3 Battle Stars and was decommissioned on 6 July 1946



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Name: **AMES**

DERWOOD E.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **AMIGONE**

GEORGE

N.

Address: 23 ROSE AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

"B" BATTERY, 389 A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT) ARTILLERY, S/L BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

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 antiaircraft gunners by providing accurate information about the range, speed, and altitude of incoming enemy planes



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Name: **AMIGONE**

GIRARD

D.

Address: 23 ROSE AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

93RD AIR SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **AMSCHLER**

FRANK

Address: 3895 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/3

Unit / Squadron:

3111TH ORDNANCE COMPANY, 611TH ORDNANCE BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Third-Grade (Staff Sergeant)

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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HOWARD

W.

Address: 3895 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

N.C.T.C.S. (NAVAL CONSTRUCTION TRAINING CENTER)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class

Base Assignments:

Davisville, Rhode Island - The Navy acquired property at Quonset Point on Narragansett Bay in 1939 and built Naval Air Station Quonset Point / In 1942, adjoining properties were developed for training Seabees, including the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) at Davisville

Miscellaneous:

Seamen served as members of damage control or emergency and security alert teams / They participated in Navy ceremonies and took part in underway replenishment (transferring supplies from ship to ship at sea), and they worked with qualified personnel to gain job training and experience / A Seaman was knowledgeable in naval drill duties, knots, steering and signaling / Also stood watch and handled gunnery duties

Seabees / After the attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, and the use of civilian labor in war zones became impractical so the Navy created Construction Battalions (from which the abbreviation "C.B." became Seabees) / The Seabees have a history of building bases, bulldozing and paving thousands of miles of roadway and airstrips, bridges, roads, gasoline storage tanks, and Quonset huts for warehouses, hospitals, and housing

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Name: **ANDERSON**

FREDERICK C.

Address: 186 WESTMINSTER ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

2ND UNIT, 185TH M.P. (MILITARY POLICE)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

Base Assignments:

Fort Bliss, Texas - The fort is located in El Paso and named for Mexican-American War soldier William Wallace Smith Bliss / During World War II, Fort Bliss focused on training anti-aircraft artillery battalions (AAA) / The Anti-Aircraft Artillery School was ordered from Camp Davis to Fort Bliss to make the training of anti-aircraft gunners easier

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: **ANDERSON**

HEYLMAN

W.

Address: 1224 ORCHARD PARK ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS, 256TH F.A. (FIELD ARTILLERY) BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

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: **ANDERSON**

JAMES

P.

Address: 3659 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: B.M. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS PIERCE (APA-50)

USS ANCON (AGC-4) / USS THUBAN (AKA-19)

LCI(L) 452 (LANDING CRAFT INFANTRY - LARGE) / USS LCC-25491 (LANDING CRAFT, CONTROL)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Boatswain's Mate Second-Class

Base Assignments:

Amphibious Training Base (Little Creek, Virginia) - The Amphibious Training Base (A.T.B.) was the center for all types of amphibious training and the training of ship's crews for LSM (landing ship medium), LCI (landing craft infantry), and LCU (landing craft utility); LCM (landing craft mechanized), and LCVP (landing craft vehicle, personnel) boat crews were also trained at Little Creek / During World War II over 200,000 Naval personnel and 160,000 Army and Marine Corps personnel trained at Little Creek

Miscellaneous:

Boatswain's Mates trained, directed and supervised personnel in ship's maintenance duties in all activities relating to marlinspike (a tool used to help tie large knots), deck, boat seamanship painting, upkeep of ship's external structure, rigging, deck equipment and boats / Boatswain's Mates took charge of working parties; performed seamanship tasks; acted as petty officer-in-charge of picketboats, self-propelled barges, tugs, and other yard and district craft / Directed salvage operations / Operated and maintained equipment used in loading and unloading cargo, ammunition, fuel, and general stores / Took charge of and supervised Underway Replenishment procedures and equipment / Were integral to ship's navigation and served as ship's Helmsman

USS Pierce (APA-50) was an Ormsby-class attack transport that served with the US Navy / In 1943, the Pierce sailed as a unit of the task force assigned to capture, occupy and defend the Japanese held island of Makin, Gilbert Islands / In 1944 the Pierce participated in the invasion of Kwajalein and the invasion of Saipan / Later in 1944, the ship was instrumental in the landings at Leyte and Luzon in the Philippine Islands / In 1945, the Pierce transported troops for the battle of Okinawa / Commissioned in 30 June 1943 and decommissioned 11 March



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1946 / The USS Pierce received 6 Battle Stars for her service in World War II

The USS Thuban (AKA-19/LKA-19) was an Andromeda-class attack cargo ship, named after Thuban, the brightest star in the constellation Draco / On 20 November 1943, Thuban arrived at her assigned position in the transport area off Betio Island and began lowering boats and "amph-tracs" for the initial assault on Tarawa / Arriving at Kwajalein on 1 February 1944, she began lowering and dispatching her landing craft, 18 of which took part in the initial landings on the islands of the atoll that day / For four days, she unloaded powder, projectiles, tanks, and other items as her boats supported landings on the islands of the atoll / Then, on the 6th, she began reloading troops and cargo / On 12 January 1945, the Thuban unloaded personnel and equipment for the battle for Iwo Jima / Thuban received seven battle stars for World War II service / Commissioned on 10 June 1943 and decommissioned in October 1967

USS Ancon (AGC-4) was an ocean liner acquired by the United States Navy during World War II and converted to a combined headquarters and communications command ship / In April 1945, she anchored off the western beaches of Okinawa and supported forces ashore / At the battles of Subic Bay and Manila, Philippines the Ancon served as the flagship of Commander, 7th Amphibious Force / Commissioned on 12 August 1942 and decommissioned on 25 February 1946

USS LCI(L)-452 earned five battle stars for World War II service in addition to the Navy Unit Commendation as a member of LCI(G) Flotilla 3 (31 January to 28 July 1944) for Occupation of Kwajalein and Eniwetok Atolls in the Marshall Islands and Capture and occupation of Saipan, Guam and Tinian in the Marianas

Amphibious Command Ships (LCC) in the United States Navy are large, special purpose ships, originally designed to command large amphibious invasions

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: **ANDERSON**

ROBERT

F.

Address: 3659 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "B", 74TH A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY) GUN BATTALION, 1ST ARMY, 9TH ARMY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL
3 BATTLE STARS

PURPLE HEART W/ OAK LEAF CLUSTER
MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT - RIFLE

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Robert F. Anderson shipped to Europe on the Liberty ship USAT McAndrew / Private Anderson participated in the battles for Rome-Arno, Northern France, and the Rhineland / While shipping home on the USS West Point, his convoy was attacked while anchoring off Oran, Africa and the ship was hit by a bomb wounding Private Anderson

Base Assignments:

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

The Army Transport ship, USAT McAndrew, was a Type C3-P&C troop ship for the United States Army during World War II / While serving as a U.S. Army transport ship in 1945, she collided with French aircraft carrier Béarn with the loss of several lives / Built in 1942 and scrapped in 1972

The SS America was an ocean liner built in 1940 and acquired by the Navy on 1 June 1941 to be used as a troop transport / The ship was renamed the USS West Point (AP-23)

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1941 and 2 March 1946 / The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal was awarded as a service ribbon throughout the entire Second World War

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 / A Purple Heart is awarded for the first wound suffered, but for each subsequent award an oak leaf cluster is worn in lieu of the medal

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

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: **ANDERSON**

VERNON

R.

Address: 39 WESTMINSTER ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

SECTION "C", FLIGHT "I"

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Altus Air Field, Oklahoma - Altus is a city and county seat in Jackson County, Oklahoma / Base was established on 17 June 1942 / During World War II, the base trained 5,377 pilots on twin-engine aircraft

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **ANGER**

RICHARD

Address:

CENTER ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

SQUADRON "T", 338TH BASE UNIT R.T.U. (REINFORCEMENT TRAINING UNIT)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Page Field (Fort Myers, Florida) - The field was active during World War II as a Third Air Force training airfield / Page Field was named to honor Captain Richard Page, a World War I aviator who was credited with three German aircraft destroyed in combat and was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross along with the French Croix de Guerre and other awards / Page Field was closed on 30 September 1945

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **ANGER JR.**

EARNEST

R

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

ADVANCED T.S.

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Metalsmith Third-Class

Base Assignments:

Treasure Island (San Francisco, California) - Treasure Island is a man-made landform in San Francisco Bay and a neighborhood of the City of San Francisco / The U.S. Navy seized Treasure Island on 17 April 1942 and built an Auxiliary Air Facility and a Navy/USMC electronics school

Miscellaneous:

A Metalsmith was assigned to the ship's Engineering Department and operated and maintained auxiliary equipment such as pumps, valves and engines / Also made repairs which involved the use of shop[machines such as lathes, shapers, grinders and milling machines / Other responsibilities included cutting, shaping, forming welding, brazing and riveting metal



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Name: **ANTHON
LOUIS**

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: **ARCHER**

KARL

W.

Address: 4468 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/5

Unit / Squadron:

117TH ORDNANCE BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal) Karl Archer went missing in action (MIA) on 9 June 1944 and declared Killed in Action (KIA) on 19 July 1944 while serving in Europe

Corporal Karl W. Archer is interred in the Normandy American Cemetery (Basse-Normandie, France)

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Karl W. Archer was employed as a mechanic prior to his enlistment in the Army on 16 May 1942

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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Name: **ARRIGO**

JAMES

T.

Address: 1081 ORCHARD PARK ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

H & S COMPANY, 1308TH ENGINEERING G. S. (GENERAL SERVICE) REGIMENT

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **ASHBERRY**

WILLIAM

A.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: R.T. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE (USNR)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Radio Technician First-Class

Base Assignments:

Washington, D.C. - Radio Material School

Miscellaneous:

Radio Technicians maintained all radio equipment onboard ship



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: ASKEY

ROBERT

B.

Address: 3412 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "G", 168TH INFANTRY, 34TH DIVISION, 23RD FINANCE (DISBURSEMENT SECTION),
7TH ARMY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL 4 BATTLE STARS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Robert Askey was stationed in England in October 1941 / Sent to Africa for the African invasion in November 1942 / Sgt Askey participated in the initial landing at Casablanca and Tunisia / Sergeant Askey earned 4 Battle Stars for combat action during the battles for Rome, Arno, Southern France, and the Rhineland

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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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



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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: **AST JR.**

RAYMOND J.

Address: 5122 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: G.M. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS LST-572

USS LST-573 (LANDING SHIP, TANK)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

3 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL W/2 BRONZE STARS

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Gunners Mate First-Class Raymond J. Ast Jr. earned 3 Battle Stars for combat action during the war in the Pacific

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, NY, a hero of the Battle of Santiago during the Spanish-American War

Newport, Rhode Island - The U.S. Naval Base at Newport served as a PT-Boat (Patrol Torpedo) training center, a torpedo training school, gunnery school and a Naval Air Training Center

Solomons Islands, Maryland - During World War II, the island was chosen by the Allied command as the site for training amphibious invasion forces. The lessons learned at Solomons proved invaluable on D-Day, at Tarawa, Guadalcanal, and in numerous other military operations / The Solomons was the site for the Naval Mine Warfare Test Station, Naval Amphibious Training Base, Mine Warfare Experimental Station and the Naval Dispensary, Naval Amphibious Training Base

St. Andrews Bay (Panama City, Florida) - Panama City became an important port, and was used for building ships (and later dismantling them) during World War II

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



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Miscellaneous:

A Gunner's Mate took charge of gun and crew / Assembled and fired all types of guns / Handled ammunition, mines and depth charges.

Naval Training Centers introduced recruits to "boot camp" training and indoctrination / The recruits were given a battery of tests to determine their educational and skill levels, then trained in indoctrination, ordnance and gunnery, seamanship, fire fighting, physical training, military drill and shipboard duties

LST-573 was commissioned on 21 June 1944 / Assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater / Participated in the Leyte, Mindoro and Philippines Landings / Decommissioned on 24 January 1946

USS LST-572 was commissioned on 19 June 1944 and assigned to the Europe-Africa-Middle East Theater (convoy HXM 301) and later reassigned to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater / LST-572 participated in the assault and occupation of Okinawa in June 1945 / USS LST-572 earned one battle stars for World War II service / The USS LST-572 was decommissioned on 8 March 1946

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

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

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

The Philippine Liberation Medal was a military award of the Republic of the Philippines presented to any service 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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **ATHERTON**

HYATT

W.

Address: 531 MAIN STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

3854 QUARTERMASTER GAS SUPPLY COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **ATHERTON**
WILLIAM

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)
