



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



Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **INMAN**

**E.**

**C.**

*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:** IPPOLITO

JOSEPH J.

**Address:** TERRACE BOULEVARD

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

116TH A.A.F. BASE UNIT

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Dix Army Air Base (Fort Dix, New Jersey) - The base originated in 1941 as Fort Dix Army Air Force Base / Closed briefly after World War II, it reopened in 1948 as McGuire Air Force Base / The base was named after Major Thomas B. McGuire, Jr., Medal of Honor recipient, and the second leading ace in American history

**Miscellaneous:**

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*Name:* **IRR**

**FRANK**

**V.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* PFC

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

PURPLE HEART

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Private First-Class Frank V. Irr served in the Infantry and was Killed In Action (KIA)

Private First-Class Frank V. Irr is buried in Woodlawn National Cemetery (Elmira, New York)

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

Frank V. Irr enlisted in the Army on 25 February 1943

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**Name:** IRWIN

JAMES

E.

**Address:** 22 BENSON AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

BATTERY "B", 363RD A.A.A. BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

1ST DIVISION, 18TH REGIMENT, "K" COMPANY, 3RD BATTALION, 2ND SQUAD

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PURPLE HEART W/CLUSTER

3 BATTLE STARS

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT - RIFLE

UNIT CITATION

3 MARKSMANSHIP CITATIONS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class James E. Irwin earned three Battle Stars while on combat missions in Europe / PFC James Irwin was wounded in combat action

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Stewart, Georgia - During World War II, Fort Stewart was the largest Army installation east of the Mississippi River / In November 1940, the Anti-Aircraft Artillery Training Center was officially designated as Camp Stewart, in honor of General Daniel Stewart, a native of Liberty County, who had fought with Francis Marion during the American Revolution, and who became one of the county's military heroes

**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 European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (EAME) was a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on 6 November 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt / The medal was intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the European Theater (to include North Africa and the Middle East) and was awarded for any service performed between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946 / The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal was awarded as a service ribbon throughout the entire Second World War



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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 World War II Victory Medal was first issued as a service ribbon referred to as the "Victory Ribbon" / By 1946, a full medal had been established which was referred to as the World War II Victory Medal / The medal commemorates military service during World War II and is awarded to any member of the United States military, including members of the armed forces of the Government of the Philippine Islands, who served on active duty, or as a reservist, between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946

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

A Unit Citation is a formal, honorary mention by high authority of a military unit's specific and outstanding performance, notably in battle / Similar mentions can also be made for individual soldiers / Alternatively or concurrently, the unit can be awarded an honorary title, a mention on the flag or a decoration

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 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:** ITZENPLITZ

ARTHUR

E.

**Address:** 85 CHAMBERLIN DRIVE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

1452ND ENGINEERING SURVEY COMPANY, 4TH PROVISIONAL REGIMENT

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Ellis, Illinois - Camp Ellis opened on 16 April 1943 and named after Sergeant Michael B. Ellis, a World War I Medal of Honor recipient from East Saint Louis, Illinois / Camp Ellis was established as a World War II Army Training Center in 1943 / Camp Ellis provided basic training and advanced unit training for engineer, medical corps, signal corps, and quartermaster troops / Approximately 125,000 American troops trained at the camp during the war / A Prisoner of War (POW) camp, housing 2,500 German and Austrian soldiers was later added

**Miscellaneous:**

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