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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **DAILY**

Hometown: WEST SENECA

RALPH

G.

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:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Ralph Daily retired from the Transparent Bag Company where he had been employed as a Graphics Art Coordinator / Daily also served as a longtime volunteer at Buffalo Mercy Hospital / Ralph G. Daily passed away at the age of 91 years old on 2 September 2022



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Name: DALY

Hometown: TOWN OF TONAWANDA

RICHARD D.

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:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army, Richard Daly was a Buyer for Westinghouse for 38 years until his retirement / Richard D. Daly passed away on 18 March 2023



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Name: DAUM

Hometown: ORCHARD PARK

RICHARD C.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1953

Unit / Squadron:

595TH RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (RM) SERVICE COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/1 SERVICE STAR

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Richard Charles Daum served as an Auto Mechanic

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Richard C. Daum was employed as an Auto Mechanic for Wassman Brothers prior to his induction into the U.S. Army on 22 May 1951 / Richard Daum was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post 2940

The Resource Management (RM) office mission is to serve as the principal advisor on all Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution functions within the Army Support Activity (ASA)

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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



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Name: **DAVIS**
ROLAND

Hometown: BUFFALO

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SSGT

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 11TH INFANTRY, FIFTH US ARMY

Medals / Citations:

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL W/OAK LEAF

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL W/2ND CLASP

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

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Roland Davis served a total of 25 years during the Korea and Vietnam Eras in the Adjutant General's Corps / SSgt Davis served during the Korean War and Vietnam Era, stationed with both the US Army Pacific and the US Army Europe

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Roland Davis received his Honorable Discharge and retired from the United States Army on 30 June 1971 / Roland Davis passed away on 27 February 2017

The 11th Infantry was redesignated 19 February 1962 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 11th Infantry, assigned to the 5th Infantry Division, and activated at Fort Carson, Colorado / The 11th Infantry participated in battles during the American Civil War, Indian Wars, War with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection, World War I and World War II

The Army Commendation Medal, created in 1945, is a mid-level United States military decoration presented for sustained acts of heroism or meritorious service

The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM) is a military award of the United States Armed Forces, which was first created in 1961 by Executive Order of President John Kennedy / The medal is awarded to members of the U.S. Armed Forces who, after July 1, 1958, participated in U.S. military operations, U.S. operations in direct support of the United Nations, or U.S. operations of assistance for friendly foreign nations



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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: DE REU
CLAYTON

Hometown: BUFFALO

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1955

Unit / Squadron:

USS SUTTON (DE-771)

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN DEFENSE MEDAL
NATIONAL DEFENSE RIBBON

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

USS Sutton (DE-771) was a Cannon-class destroyer escort commissioned on 22 December 1944 / The ship was named for Shelton B. Sutton Jr., who was killed in action on 13 November 1942 when his ship, the USS Juneau, was torpedoed and sunk by an Imperial Japanese Navy submarine during the Naval Battle of Guadalcanal / On 9 May 1945, the Sutton and the USS Neal A. Scott were sent to intercept the German submarine U-1228 which wished to surrender / They contacted the submarine the next day, and the two ships began escorting it to Casco Bay / The Sutton was soon detached to accept the surrender of U-234 and Sutton met the latter U-boat two days later, and she escorted it towards the United States / On 15 May, she put a 15-man boarding party on the submarine and embarked 37 prisoners / Sutton's destination was changed to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where she arrived with U-234 on the 19th / The submarine and the prisoners were delivered to a representative of the 1st Naval District / U-234 had left Germany with a cargo bound for Japan of a disassembled Messerschmitt Me 262 jet plane, two Japanese scientists, and two high ranking German officers, including General der Flieger Ulrich Kessler of the Luftwaffe / While this was enough to create a media sensation, it was decades later before the U.S. government revealed that the submarine also carried a load of uranium oxide produced by the German atomic weapons program bound for a last-ditch Japanese effort / The approximately 550 kg of uranium dioxide was transferred to the Manhattan Project / Sutton steamed on to New York two days later and remained there until early June / The USS Sutton was decommissioned on 19 March 1984 and loaned to the Republic of Korea on 2 February 1956 under the Grant Aid Program and served that government as ROKS Kang Won (F-72) until she was stricken on 28 December 1977 and sent to the Philippines for cannibalization of parts

The Korean War Service Medal, also known as the Republic of Korea War Service Medal, is a military award of South



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Korea which was first authorized in December 1950 / The Korean War Service Medal was first authorized to South Korean troops who had participated in the initial counter-assaults against North Korean aggression in June 1950 / On 15 September 1951, President Syngman Rhee referred to and authorized the commander-chief of the United Nations Command to confer the award of the "Korean War Medal" and "Korean War Ribbon" ("Korean War Service Medal"), "to the brave and valiant members of the United Nations Command who have been, and are now, combating the communist aggressor in Korea"

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Name: DEAN

Hometown: BLASDELL

RICHARD A.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: E-5

Year Entered: 1950

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Petty Officer 2nd Class Richard Allen Dean served as an Aerographer's Mate (AG) while assigned 22 months at Navy #103 Base in Argentia, Newfoundland

Base Assignments:

Naval Station Argentia, Newfoundland - Navy #103 Base is a former base of the United States Navy that operated from 1941 to 1994 / It was established in the community of Argentia in what was then the Dominion of Newfoundland, which later became the tenth Canadian province, Newfoundland and Labrador / Established under the British-US destroyers for bases agreement of 1940, the base was first occupied on 25 January 1941 / United States Army Coast Artillery Corps troops were first deployed to Argentia in early 1941, at first a single coast defense battery with two or four 155 mm guns and an anti-aircraft battery / In the spring of 1943 a 7,000 ton floating drydock was installed at Argentia, along with a ship repair facility. In August 1943, Task Force 24 Flag Headquarters moved ashore to permanent facilities / In 1944, Argentia served as one of the two stopover bases for the refueling, maintenance, and crew changes of the six United States Navy (USN) K-class blimps that made the first transatlantic crossings of non-rigid airships / Naval Air Station Argentia was decommissioned and the land transferred in 1975 to the Government of Canada

Miscellaneous:

Richard Dean was Honorably Discharged from the United States Navy on 28 October 1954 / Richard Allen Dean passed away on 8 December 2019

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Name: **DERNER**

Hometown: CITY OF TONAWANDA

ROBERT

W.

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:

Robert W. Derner served in the United States Navy and was a member of Company "K", New York National Guard

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Robert Derner was a 1950 graduate of Tonawanda High School / Derner was a General Contractor and helped develop North Tonawanda's Wadsworth Court and River Edge Townhouses / Robert W. Derner passed away at the age of 90 years old on 2 March 2023



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Name: **DEVANEY**

Hometown: WILLIAMSVILLE

JOSEPH

P.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Year Entered: 1950

Year Discharged: 1953

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS CO., 7TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/3 SERVICE STARS

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL (KOREA)

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Joseph P. Devaney served with the Headquarters Co., 7th Infantry Division in Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Joseph Devaney was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army on 13 January 1954 / Joseph P. Devaney passed away on 3 March 2017

The Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 7th Infantry Division was organized 1 January 1918 at Camp Wheeler, Georgia and activated 1 July 1940 at Camp Ord, California / The Division received the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered INCHON, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered KOREA 1950-1953 and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered KOREA 1945-1948; 1953-1971

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The Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation was awarded to units of the United Nations Command for service in Korea during the Korean Conflict from 1950 to 1954 / In recognition of allied military service to South Korea during the Korean War, all United States military departments were authorized the unit award for that period



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Name: **DICKMAN**

Hometown: EAST AMHERST

ALLAN

C.

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:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Allan Dickman retired from Bell Aerospace / Allan C. Dickman passed away on 16 May 2023



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Name: **DIXON**

Hometown: WEST SENECA

PAUL

A.

Address: 23 GREENFIELD AVENUE

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: CPL

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: KIA

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY G, 3RD BATTALION, 1ST MARINES

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

COMBAT ACTION RIBBON

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

KOREAN WAR SERVICE MEDAL W/2 STARS

REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

UNITED NATIONS KOREA SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Paul A. Dixon was Killed in Action on 25 July 1953 during the Battle of Boulder City on Hill 119, the last ground battle of the Korean War / Corporal Dixon's remains were never recovered

Base Assignments:

Camp Lejeune, North Carolina - Constructed in May 1941, Camp LeJeune is a Marine Corps. amphibious assault training facility located in Jacksonville, North Carolina / The base is named in honor of the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps, John A. Lejeune / The camps is also the home of the Marine Corps Expeditionary Forces in Readiness

Camp Pendleton, California - The camp was established in 1942 to train U.S. Marines for service in World War II / In October 1944, Camp Pendleton was declared a "permanent installation" and by 1946, it became the home of the 1st Marine Division / The camp was named after Major General Joseph Henry Pendleton (1860–1942), who had long advocated setting up a training base for the Marine Corps on the west coast.

Miscellaneous:

The last ground action fought by the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War was the Battle of Boulder City on 23-27 July 1953 near the 38th parallel, 30 miles north of Seoul. Approximately 3,000 Chinese Communists launched an attack in the Berlin Complex ("Boulder City") area held by the 7th Marine regiments on Hill 111 and the 1st Marine regiments on Hill 119. With the peace talks in Panmunjom reaching a conclusion, the Chinese had been eager to gain a last-minute victory over the UN forces and the battle was the last of the war before the official signing of the Korean Armistice



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During the action the Chinese had attempted to make a breakthrough to the Imjin River along the divisional boundary between the US 1st Marine Division and the 1st Commonwealth Division (Australian) in order to turn the Marine division's flank. The Marines had endured the brunt of the attack, repelling the Chinese onslaught with their infantry and artillery but suffering casualties in the process. Only a few hours later the Armistice Agreement was signed, ultimately ending the war

Corporal Paul Augustus Dixon is memorialized at the Honolulu Memorial on the "Courts of the Missing" along with more than 8,000 other Americans Missing In Action from the Korean War

Paul A. Dixon joined the United States Marine Corps in 1951 and was 19 years of age at the time of his death



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Name: DOLE

Hometown: EDEN

DONALD R.

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:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army, Donald Dole was employed by Conrail where he worked as a Carman, retired after 44 years of service / Dole was a member of the Hamburg Knights of Columbus, Orchard Park Seniors and the Eden American Legion / Donald R. Dole passed away on 6 April 2023 at the age of 90 years old / Dole is interred at St. Mary's Cemetery, Dunkirk, New York



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Name: **DONHAUSER
NORBERT**

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

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:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Norbert Donhauser passed away in 2019



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Name: DRAJEM

Hometown: BUFFALO

LEONARD R.

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1957

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Leonard R. Drajem served in Korea / After completion of his two year Active Duty commitment, Drajem was transferred to the US Army Reserve on 9 April 1953

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army on 25 March 1957, Drajem was employed by the State of New York as a Stationary Engineer / Drajem was a long-time member of the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) / Leonard Richard Drajem passed away on 6 November 2011



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Name: DRESSLER

Hometown:

NORMAN 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:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Norman J. Dressler lived in Cheektowaga and retired from the U.S. Postal Service / Norman J. Dressler passed away on 26 March 2022



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Name: DRYJA

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

ARTHUR J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant Arthur J. Dryja served in the United States Army during the Korean War / Arthur Dryja served in the Merchant Marines during WWII in both the Atlantic War Zone and the Mediterranean Middle East War Zone / Merchant Mariners who served in WWII are officially recognized as Veterans / Dryja joined the Merchant Marines at the age of 16 and served 6 years / Dryja was later drafted during the Korean War

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Arthur J. "Whitey" Dryja passed away on 19 August 2017



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Name: DUNKEL

Hometown: FARNHAM

RAYMOND H.

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGM

Year Entered: 1947

Year Discharged: 1970

Unit / Squadron:

4TH INFANTRY, PANEL BRIDGE COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Command Sergeant Major Raymond H. Dunkel served in the Korean War and two tours in the Vietnam War / Dunkel was awarded the Bronze Star Medal / Sergeant Major Dunkel served on various bases in the United States and Germany serving with various Combat and Armored Engineer Battalions

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Raymond Dunkel was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army in 1970 / Dunkel retired from M&T Bank in 1988 as an Assistant Physical Security Manager / Raymond Dunkel was a member of the American Legion Lackawanna Post 63, Harvey D. Morin VFW Post 2940, Silver Creek VFW, Past President of the National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association, Past President of the 4th Infantry Ohio Chapter, Society of the First Infantry Division, the 547 Engineer Battalion (Combat) Association, Association of the US Army, the Army Engineer Society, Disabled American Veterans Association, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 459, Army Historical Society, Loyal Order of Moose, Gowanda NY Lodge 1382, Past Master of Tyrian Lodge No 925 F&AM, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Buffalo USA, International Ismailia Shriners, Village of Farnham Veteran's Committee and the Brant Historical Society / Raymond H. Dunkel passed away on 17 December 2022 at the age of 92 years old / Sergeant major Dunkel is interred in the National Veterans Cemetery, Pembroke, New York

The 4th Infantry Division is a division of the United States Army based at Fort Carson, Colorado. It is composed of a division headquarters battalion, three brigade combat teams (two Stryker and one armor), a combat aviation brigade, a division sustainment brigade, and a division artillery.

The 4th Infantry Division's official nickname, "Ivy", is a play on words of the Roman numeral IV or 4 / Ivy leaves symbolize tenacity and fidelity which is the basis of the division's motto: "Steadfast and Loyal" / The second nickname, "Iron Horse",



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has been adopted to underscore the speed and power of the division and its soldiers / The 4th Division was organized at Camp Greene, North Carolina on 10 December 1917 / The 4th participated in France during World War I and World War II / The 4th Infantry Division deployed from Fort Lewis to Camp Enari, Pleiku, Vietnam on 25 September 1966 and served more than four years, returning to Fort Carson, Colorado on 8 December 1970 / In May 2009 the 4th Brigade Combat Team deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom X for a 12-month combat rotation

The Bronze Star Medal (BSM) is a is the fourth-highest individual military award and the ninth-highest by order of precedence in the United States Armed Forces / The Bronze Star is awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces for either heroic achievement, heroic service, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service in a combat zone / When the medal is awarded by the Army and Air Force for acts of valor in combat, the "V" Device is authorized for wear on the medal