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June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: PATERSON

Hometown: ANGOLA

ROBERT G.

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Robert G. Paterson passed away at the age of 91 years old on 1 July 2017

A Marksmanship Badge is a U.S. military badge or a civilian badge which is awarded to personnel upon successful completion of a weapons qualification course (known as marksmanship qualification badges) or high achievement in an official marksmanship competition (known as marksmanship competition badges) / The U.S. Army and the U.S. Marine Corps are the only military services that award marksmanship qualification badges / The U.S. military marksmanship qualification badges are awarded in three grades (highest to lowest): expert, sharpshooter, and marksman while their marksmanship competition badges are awarded in three to four grades (highest to lowest): distinguished, silver, and bronze for the U.S. Army and distinguished, gold, silver, and bronze for the Marine Corps



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Name: **PATRZYK SR.**

Hometown: LANCASTER

RICHARD J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1953

Unit / Squadron:

A BATTERY, 633RD ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY (GUN) BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

ARMY OCCUPATION MEDAL (GERMANY)

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Richard John "Dick the Barber" Patrzyk, Sr. served as an Anti-Aircraft Chief in Wiesbaden, Germany for 12 months

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Richard Patrzyk, Sr. was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army on 13 March 1953 / Patrzyk was a former member of the Depew Fire Department Hook & Ladder Company #1 / Richard John "Dick the Barber" Patrzyk, Sr. passed away on 8 May 2021

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 of Occupation Medal is 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 either Germany, Italy, Austria, Japan or Korea / 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, which features the same ribbon with its own medallion and clasps

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Name: PAWLOWSKI

Hometown: WEST SENECA

FLORYAN P.

Address: TE3

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1955

Unit / Squadron:

USS DENNIS J. BUCKLEY (DDR-808)

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

NAVY OCCUPATION MEDAL W/EUROPE CLASP

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

Service Notes:

Petty Officer Third-Class Floryan P. "Floyd" Pawlowski served nearly four years aboard the USS Dennis J. Buckley as a Teleman (TE) and completed three tours in the Mediterranean Sea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

After his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Navy on 27 October 1955 , Floryan P. Pawlowski was employed by the Buffalo News and retired as manager in the engraving department after 38 years of employment / Floryan "Floyd" P. Pawlowski passed away on 1 May 2022

USS Dennis J. Buckley (DD/DDR-808) was a Gearing-class destroyer of the United States Navy / The ship was named after Fireman First Class Buckley, who was posthumously awarded the Silver Star for displaying exceptional courage in attempting to salvage the German blockade runner Karin which had been intercepted by his ship, the destroyer USS Eberle on 10 March 1943 / The explosion of demolition charges planted by the blockade runner's crew took his life / In March 1949, the USS Buckley was reclassified as a Radar Picket Destroyer (DDR) / The USS Buckley spent 1949, 1952 and 1955 on duty in the Mediterranean Sea and patrolled the Pacific region during the 1960's / The Buckley was commissioned on 2 March 1945 and decommissioned on 2 July 1973 / The USS Dennis J. Buckley was sold for scrap on 29 April 1974

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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



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Name: PEINKOFER

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

JOSEPH S.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1950

Year Discharged: 1952

Unit / Squadron:

US ARMY SIGNAL CORPS

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/3 SERVICE STARS

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL-KOREA

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Joseph S. Peinkofer served in Korea as a Lineman for 19 months

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Joseph Peinkofer received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army on 3 October 1952 / Joseph S. Peinkofer passed away on 18 October 2018

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 stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns

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 United States Army Signal Corps was established in 1860 and was used in World War II to coordinate swift and accurate communication for air, ground, and naval units required more sophisticated technology and service /The Signal Corps develops, tests, provides, and manages communications and information systems support for the command and



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control of combined arms forces / The Signal Corps pioneered in the development of radar to detect approaching aircraft as well as mobile communications and deciphering machines / In addition to its primary role in military transmissions, the unit also played a key role in producing training films for army and civilian personnel, and documenting combat missions / During World War II, noted Hollywood producers, directors, and photographers (such as Darryl Zanuck, Frank Capra, John Huston, and George Stevens) all served in the Signal Corps

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Name: PETERSON

Hometown: HAMBURG

ALBERT

N.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

USS GOODRICH (DD/DDR-831)

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Albert Peterson retired from the General Motors Powertrain Plant in Tonawanda, NY / Albert N. Peterson passed away at the age of 89 years old on 8 December 2022

USS Goodrich (DD/DDR-831) was a Gearing-class destroyer of the United States Navy, named for Rear Admiral Caspar F. Goodrich (1847–1925), and his son, Lieutenant Caspar Goodrich (died 1907) and commissioned on 24 April 1945 / After shakedown training in the Caribbean, Goodrich transited the Panama Canal on 12 November 1945 to support the occupation of Japan / She patrolled between principal Japanese ports until October 1946; then she based at Tsingtao, China, for patrol along the coast of Korea / Goodrich was reclassified a radar picket destroyer, DDR-831, on 18 March 1949 / When the Middle East crisis erupted in 1956, the Goodrich was sent to the Mediterranean Sea in November 1956 to protect Americans in that area / The destroyer supported the landing of Marines at Beirut, Lebanon, on 14 July 1958 / The Goodrich was on Project Mercury recovery station on 12 February 1962 as Lieutenant Colonel John H. Glenn, USMC, made his successful orbital space flight / Goodrich went on alert again with the 6th Fleet during 24 October to 20 November 1962 when the Navy responded to President John F. Kennedy's call for a quarantine of Cuba that choked off the flow of military supplies and enforced the American demands for the withdrawal of the Soviet missile experts and equipment / Goodrich was reclassified DD-831 on 1 January 1969, and was decommissioned on 30 November 1969 / Berthed at Orange, Texas, Goodrich was struck from the Naval Vessel Register on 1 February 1974 / The USS Goodrich was sold on 12 September 1977, and broken up for scrap