



Honoring Our Korean War and Korean Era Veterans



June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: QUINN

Hometown: BUFFALO

JOSEPH

M.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: HN

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1955

Unit / Squadron:

USS PARICUTIN (AE-18)

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Hospitalman Joseph Michael Quinn served as a Ship's Hospital Corpsman

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Joseph M. Quinn was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post 2940

USS Paricutin (AE-18) was a Wrangler Class ammunition ship, launched 30 January 1945 / After shakedown she joined the Pacific Fleet and was engaged in the transfer of excess ammunition from the forward areas in the Pacific to Bangor, Washington, and Port Chicago, California until 20 November 1947 when she was ordered to Mare Island Naval Shipyard for inactivation / On 30 April 1948, Paricutin was placed out of commission in reserve and berthed with the San Francisco Group of the Pacific Reserve Fleet / Reactivated 24 June 1950, due to the Korean War, Paricutin recommissioned 28 July 1950 and was assigned to Service Squadron 1 / She sailed for the Far East 8 October and arrived Japan 24 October / Operating from U.S. Fleet Activities Sasebo, she rearmed the carrier task forces off both coasts of Korea, surface bombardment and blockading forces, and shore based Marine air groups / Paricutin spent 18 months servicing combat units before returning to the States in March 1952 / On 31 July she sailed again for operations off Korea, this time spending nearly seven months on the line rearming warships / She returned to San Francisco 19 March 1953 and was stateside when the Korean Armistice Agreement was announced in July 1953 / The USS Paricutin was commissioned on 3 March 1945 and decommissioned on 30 April 1948 / The Paricutin was stricken from Naval records on 1 June 1973

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



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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

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