



Honoring Our Korean War and Korean Era Veterans



June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: ZARCONE JR.

Hometown: BUFFALO

AMILCARE

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: EMPFN

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1953

Unit / Squadron:

USS SANDOVAL (APA-194)

USS BROWNSON (DD-868)

USS KYNE (DE-744)

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

ELECTRICIAN'S MATE (POWER & LIGHT) FIREMAN

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

USS Sandoval (APA-194/LPA-194) was a Haskell-class attack transport in service with the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946, from 1951 to 1955 and from 1961 to 1970 / The Sandoval was originally commissioned on 7 October 1944 / Five years later, after war had again broken out in the Far East, Sandoval was ordered activated to support the United Nations effort in Korea / Recommissioned on 22 September 1951, she joined the Pacific Fleet's Amphibious Force in mid-October; and, after operations off the U.S. West Coast, she sailed west on 3 March 1952 / On 24 March 1952, she arrived in Japan; and, in mid-April, she carried cargo to Inchon, whence she moved troops to Koje Do to assist in stemming the prisoner of war (POW) riots on that island / In May and early June, she conducted amphibious training exercises; and, at mid-month, she headed south to the Philippines and Hong Kong / In July, she returned to Japan, where she resumed cargo and amphibious training operations / In 1953, she completed inactivation overhaul and was decommissioned at Mare Island, California, on 22 June 1955 / Four and one-half years later, on 10 December 1959, she was transferred to the Maritime Administration's National Defense Reserve Fleet; and, on 1 July 1960, her name was struck from the Navy list/ She was scrapped in 1983

USS Brownson (DD-868) was a Gearing-class destroyer and the second ship of the United States Navy to be named for Rear Admiral Willard H. Brownson, USN (1845–1935) / in February 1951 she joined the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean / The period between October 1951 and August 1952 was spent in the vicinity of Newport / In August 1952 she went to the North Atlantic with the 2nd Fleet for NATO's Operation Mainbrace / In October 1952 she rejoined the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean / Returning to Newport in February 1953, she operated along the Atlantic seaboard and in the Caribbean



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until August 1954, with the exception of one Midshipmen cruise and participation in Operation Springboard / Brownson was decommissioned and stricken from the Naval Vessel Register on 30 September 1976 and sold for scrap on 10 June 1977

USS Kyne (DE-744) was a Cannon-class destroyer escort built for the United States Navy during World War II / She was commissioned on 4 April 1944 and served in the Pacific Ocean and provided escort service against submarine and air attack for Navy vessels and convoys / She returned home after the war with a very commendable accumulation of six battle stars / The Kyne was decommissioned at Green Cove Springs, Florida, on 14 June 1946 and operated as a reserve training ship out of Fort Schuyler, New York / She was recommissioned on 21 November 1950 and was assigned to the 3rd Naval District as a reserve training ship / For the next nine years, Kyne provided the training necessary to maintain a well-drilled reserve, ready to defend the nation during any crisis / The Kyne was decommissioned on 17 June 1960, at New York and she remained in the Atlantic Reserve Fleet at Philadelphia until she was sold for scrapping on 1 November 1973



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Name: ZAWODZINSKI JR.

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

FRANCIS L.

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:

Francis L. Zawodzinski, Jr. served in the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Francis L. Zawodzinski, Jr. passed away on 20 October 2022



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Name: **ZECK**

Hometown: WEST SENECA

ROBERT C.

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:

Robert C. Zeck served during the Korean War

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Robert C. Zeck passed away at the age of 78 years on 14 November 2020



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Name: ZIELINSKI
JOHN

Hometown: AKRON

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORP

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

John Zielinski came to the US in 1949 as a Polish refugee, eventually arriving and settling in Buffalo / After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Marine Corp., Zielinski was employed in a number of professions, including a machinist, diesel mechanic, and truck driver / John Zielinski passed away on 9 October 2022 at the age of 92 years old



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Name: ZIKA

Hometown: LANCASTER

PAUL J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-5

Year Entered: 1949

Year Discharged: 1952

Unit / Squadron:

407TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/5 SERVICE STARS

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL-KOREA

REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant Paul J. Zika served as a Power Shovel Operator during his 13 months in Korea assigned to the 407th Engineer Combat Battalion

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Paul Zika received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army on 19 September 1952 / Zika was a life member of the Pvt. Leonard Post, Jr., Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 6251, Cheektowaga, NY / Paul J. Zika passed away on 11 March 2019

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

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



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Korea, who participated in the defense of South Korea from North Korea between the dates of 27 June 1950 and 27 July 1954

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

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



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Name: ZON

Hometown: BUFFALO

JOSEPH

V.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch:

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Joseph Zon was a member of Niagara Frontier Post #1041 and served as a Scout Master for Troop #142 / Joseph V. Zon passed away at the age of 90 years old on 18 January 2023



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Name: ZOSH

Hometown: ALDEN

JOHN L.

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:

Major John Lucas Zosh served in Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

John Zosh was a member of American Legion Post 1377 in Alden, NY / John Lucas Zosh passed away at the age of 77 years old on 29 November 2022 / John Zosh is interred in the WNY National Cemetery, Corfu, NY



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Name: ZULAWSKI

Hometown: EAST EDEN

JOHN

N.

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:

John N. "Hunce" Zulawski passed away on 26 January 2023 and is interred at St. Mary's Church Cemetery