



# Honoring Our Vietnam War and Vietnam Era Veterans



February 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **NAGY JR.**  
**LOUIS J.**

**Hometown:** ORCHARD PARK

**Address:**

- Vietnam Era*
- Vietnam War Veteran*

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**



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**Name:** **NEWMAN**

**RODERICK D.**

**Hometown:** EAST AURORA

**Address:**

**Vietnam Era**

**Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** E-4

**Year Entered:** 1960

**Year Discharged:** 1962

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY-E, 1ST BRIGADE, 30TH INFANTRY

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Specialist 4th Class Roderick Davis Newman was deployed for 20 months of active duty in Germany serving as a Heavy Weapons Infantryman

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Roderick Newman was Honorably Discharged from the Army on 23 April 1962 / Roderick Davis Newman passed away on 12 June 2019

Infantry refers to soldiers moving and fighting on foot, armed with hand weapons such as rifles, machine guns, grenades, mortars, etc.

The 30th Infantry Division was a unit of the Army National Guard in World War I and World War II / It was nicknamed the "Old Hickory" division, in honor of President Andrew Jackson / The 30th Infantry Division was regarded as the number one American infantry division in the European Theater of Operations (ETO), involved in 282 days of intense combat over a period from June 1944 through April 1945



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**Name:** **NEWTON**  
**RONALD D.**

**Hometown:** WILLIAMSVILLE

**Address:**

- Vietnam Era**  
 **Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** E-5

**Year Entered:** 1959

**Year Discharged:** 1963

**Unit / Squadron:**

31ST AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY BRIGADE

**Medals / Citations:**

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER (CARBINE RIFLE)

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

**Service Notes:**

Specialist Fifth-Class Ronald D. Newton served as an Air Defense Fire Distribution System Crewman and was attached to the 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade at Lockport Air Force Station, Lockport, NY

**Base Assignments:**

Lockport Air Force Station, Lockport, NY - Lockport Air Force Station is a closed United States Air Force ADCOM General Surveillance Radar station in Cambria, New York / Initially established at Fort Niagara in 1950 before relocating to Lockport site, it was a joint USAF and US Army station from 1951 to 1969 / The Air Defense squadron inactivated on 29 June 1979 / The key infrastructure of three radomes (AN/FPS-7 and twin AN/FPS-6 radars) were demolished / Today the former station is partially vacant with base apartments for private use and commercial redevelopment

**Miscellaneous:**

Ronald D. Newton passed away on 1 December 2021

The 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade was constituted on 1 January 1918, during World War I, in the National Army as Headquarters, 31st Heavy Artillery Brigade, Coast Artillery Corps at Key West, Florida but would see numerous name changes over the lifetime of the unit / The unit, commanded by Brigadier General George Washington Gatchell, rapidly transitioned into World War I where the brigade earned four battle streamers for participation in the campaigns Aisne-Marne, Oise-Aisne, Meuse-Argonne, and Champagne 1918 / The 31st Brigade was deployed to the European Theater in World War II where it participated in and earned three more battle streamers for campaigns in Rome-Arno, Southern France, and the Rhineland / On 30 June 1946, the



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brigade was deactivated at Laned-Sebold, Germany / This unit would encounter numerous activations and inactivations over the years to come to include a 1946 inactivation in Germany, reactivation in 1948 at Fort Bliss, Texas and in 1958 was reorganized as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 31st Artillery Brigade / The headquarters was inactivated in 1960 at McChord Air Force Base, Washington and then reactivated on 15 December 1961 at Lockport Air Force Station, N.Y., as the 31st Artillery Brigade (Air Defense) / In response to the Cuban Missile Crisis, the brigade was set up with nine Hercules and Hawk battalions defending southern Florida from attack by Cuba and the Soviet Union

The National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) is a service award of the United States Armed Forces established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953 / It is awarded to every member of the US Armed Forces who has served during any one of four specified periods of armed conflict or national emergency from 1950 to the present / Combat or "in theater" service is not a requirement for the award

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

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:** NICHOLSON

DENNIS J.

**Hometown:**

**Address:** LACKAWANNA

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** E-1

**Year Entered:** 1968

**Year Discharged:** 1971

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment:

**Service Notes:**

Private Dennis J. Nicholson served as an Administrator in the Marine Corps

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Dennis Nicholson received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Marine Corps on 23 April 1971 / Dennis J. Nicholson passed away on 8 April 2018

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**Name:** NIEMCZAL

EUGENE E.

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

**Address:**

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- Vietnam War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SP-4

**Year Entered:** 1965

**Year Discharged:** 1967

**Unit / Squadron:**

144TH SIGNAL BATTALION, 7TH U.S. ARMY

**Medals / Citations:**

NATIONAL DEFENSE RIBBON

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

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Eugene Edward Niemmczal was trained as a Cryptographer Machine Operator

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**



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**Name:** **NOWAK**

**MARTIN**

**E.**

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

**Address:**

**Vietnam Era**

**Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** E-4

**Year Entered:** 1966

**Year Discharged:** 1969

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

**Medals / Citations:**

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL W/2 BRONZE SERVICE STARS

VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER (RIFLE)

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Martin E. Nowak served in the Marine Corps as a Surveyor

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Martin Nowak was Honorably Discharged from the US Marine Corps on 18 March 1969 / Martin E. Nowak passed away on 8 June 2020

The 7th Engineer Support Battalion (7th ESB – "Big Red") is an engineering support unit of the United States Marine Corps and is headquartered at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California / The unit falls under the command of 1st Marine Logistics Group and the I Marine Expeditionary Force / The mission of the 7th Engineer Support Battalion is to provide general engineering support of an expeditionary nature to the Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF), to include mobility, counter mobility and survivability enhancements, Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD), and general supply support to include the handling, storage and distribution of bulk water and fuel

The Vietnam Service Medal is a military award of the United States Armed Forces established on 8 July 1965 by order of President Lyndon B. Johnson / The medal is awarded to recognize service during the Vietnam War by all members of the U.S. Armed Forces provided they meet the award requirements / Service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns



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The Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, also known as the Vietnam Campaign Medal is a South Vietnamese military campaign awarded during the Vietnam War (Second Indochina War), the South Vietnamese government awarded the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device (1960–) to members of the U.S. military for support of operations in Vietnam In May 1966 / The medal was awarded for two different periods of service in Vietnam / The first period for the award was from 8 March 1949 to 20 July 1954 / The second period was from 1 January 1960 to the end of the Vietnam War

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