



Honoring Our Korean War and Korean Era Veterans



June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: BARNES

Hometown: WEST SENECA

JOHN

Address: MILL ROAD

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: E.

Year Entered: 1953

Year Discharged: 1957

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

John E. Barnes served during World War II aboard the destroyer, U.S.S. Brister and had been Honorably Discharged in 1946 / With the outbreak of the Korean Conflict, Barnes was recalled to active duty where he handled general/clerical duties

Base Assignments:

Niagara Falls Naval Air Base, New York - Following the conclusion of World War II, Niagara became the home site for the original Camp Bell military installation / Along with this designation, Niagara also served as the home station for Bell Aerospace, who manufactured the Bell X-1A experimental aircraft / In 1947, General Chuck Yeager tested the Bell aircraft at Niagara before breaking the sound barrier at Edwards Air Force Base, California / Additionally, Niagara was home to the original Bell helicopter and the Bell rocket belt prototype.

Miscellaneous:

John E. Barnes enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1943 after graduating from Bishop Fallon High School / After his World War II naval service with a Honorable Discharge, Barnes attended Canisius College in 1950 / Barnes was recalled to active duty during the Korean Conflict and was again Honorably Discharged from the Navy in 1958 / John Barnes was employed by Curtis Wright for 35 years where he sold extrusion parts to the military and commercial airlines until his retirement / Barnes was a life-long resident of West Seneca and a life member of the Harvey D. Morin Post, VFW Post 2940 / John (Jack) E. Barnes passed away on 8 July 2015



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Name: **BURDICK**

Hometown: WEST SENECA

LARRY

M.

Address:

MAIN STREET

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Year Entered: 1953

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

7TH DIVISION, HQ COMPANY 31ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Larry Burdick entered the Army in January 1953 / After an Honorable Discharge in December 1954, Burdick transferred to the Army Reserves to complete eight years of service / Larry Burdick received the Korean War Service Medal on the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War / PFC Burdick spent 17 months on overseas duty

Korean War Service Medal: The medal marked the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. The blue boxes for the medal from South Korea has written in English, "Korean War Service Medal", the reverse side of the enclosed medal is inscribed in Korean writing, "6.25 Incident Participation Medal".