



# 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:** BORKOWSKY

**Hometown:** NEW YORK CITY

MELVIN

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Year Entered:** 1950

**Year Discharged:** 1952

**Unit / Squadron:**

SPECIAL SERVICE COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Private First Class Melvin Borkowsky served as a bandsman, playing the drums in the Special Service Company

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

After his honorable discharge, Melvin Borkowsky continued playing the drums on a professional level in the Dave Cheskin Orchestra / Borkowsky also performed at Carnegie Hall and Madison Square Garden / Taking up permanent residence in West Seneca, Borkowsky spent 27 years at the Buffalo News as a printer before retiring / Borkowsky served the community as an Inspector for the West Seneca Auxiliary Police Department, putting nearly 40 years into the organization before the unit was retired / Borkowsky is a resident of the Seneca Health Care Center in West Seneca / Melvin Borkowsky is an active member of the American Legion Post 735



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**Name:** **BOROWICZ**

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

**ADRIAN J.**

**Address:** 71 PERSON STREET

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Year Entered:** 1952

**Year Discharged:** 1954

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY 1, 15TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

**Medals / Citations:**

UNITED NATIONS KOREA SERVICE MEDAL

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

BRONZE SERVICE STARS (2)

COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE

NATIONAL DEFENSE MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Adrian J. Borowicz served as a rifleman

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Adrian J. Borowicz married his longtime sweetheart in 1957 / Borowicz worked at the General Motors Plant (Saginaw Division) on East Delavan in Buffalo until his retirement in 1996 and retiring to Greensboro, North Carolina / Taps were sounded for Adrian J. Borowicz on 16 January 2002

The 15th United States Infantry Regiment is a parent regiment in the United States Army and has a lineage tracing back to the American Civil War / During the Korean War, the 15th Infantry covered the withdrawal of X Corps from Chosin Reservoir in 1950, fought north to the 38th parallel in 1951, and fought in the Kumsong sector until the armistice was signed in 1953 / At the time of the truce, the regiment had seen action in eight major campaigns and added three more Medal of Honor recipients, Emory L. Bennett (24 June 1951), Ola L. Mize (10 June and 11 June 1953) and Charles F. Pendleton (16 July and 17 July 1953)



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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".