



# West Seneca Answers the Call to Arms Residents in World War II



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **CAMPBELL**

**BOYD P.**

**Address:** 109 DUERSTEIN STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** LT (JG)

**Unit / Squadron:**

N.M.S. 291 (NAVAL METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Lieutenant (junior grade)

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

During the early years of World War II, weather information was needed to support fleet operations in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters and to analyze weather conditions for combat engagements / Military forces were able to use weather conditions to their advantage, but they also provided examples of engagements where the weather was ignored, to the detriment of the participants / Radar was developed to identify weather systems and using weather conditions, help maximize the efficiency of aircraft takeoff from carriers

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**Name:** **CAMPBELL**

**GEORGE**

**A.**

**Address:** 109 DUERSTEIN STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

56TH SIGNAL CORPS, REPAIR COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Maxey, Texas - Camp Maxey was an infantry-training camp located ten miles north of Paris, Texas and was named in honor of Samuel Bell Maxey / Camp was activated on 15 July 1942, under the command of Col. C. H. Palmer / The first division to be trained at the camp, the 102d Infantry Division, was organized and activated on 15 September 1942 / German prisoners-of-war were also housed at Camp Maxey

**Miscellaneous:**

The United States Army Signal Corps was established in 1860 and was used in World War II to coordinate swift and accurate communication for air, ground, and naval units required more sophisticated technology and service / The Signal Corps develops, tests, provides, and manages communications and information systems support for the command and control of combined arms forces / The Signal Corps pioneered in the development of radar to detect approaching aircraft as well as mobile communications and deciphering machines / In addition to its primary role in military transmissions, the unit also played a key role in producing training films for army and civilian personnel, and documenting combat missions / During World War II, noted Hollywood producers, directors, and photographers (such as Darryl Zanuck, Frank Capra, John Huston, and George Stevens) all served in the Signal Corps



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**T.**

**J.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

T. Julian Campbell was Killed in Action

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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*Name:* **CAREY**

**ARTHUR**

*Address:* 3451 CLINTON STREET

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* SGT

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

Camp Pickett, Virginia - Located near the town of Blackstone, the camp is named for the United States Army officer and Confederate General George Pickett / A total of approximately 6,000 German prisoners were sent to Camp Pickett beginning in January 1944

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** CAREY

JOHN

V.

**Address:** 64 THORNDALE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** T/SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

99TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP, 348TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON

**Medals / Citations:**

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

AIR MEDAL WITH 9 OAK CLUSTERS

PURPLE HEART

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

MARKSMAN: .30 CALIBER RIFLE

MARKSMAN: .45 PISTOL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER / NORTH AFRICAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technical Sergeant John Carey flew out of North Africa and Italy / Wounded in action, Sergeant Carey spent time recuperating at the Don Ce-Sar Hospital, an Air Force convalescent center, in St. Petersburg, Florida

**Base Assignments:**

St. Petersburg, Florida - Thousands of pilots and seaman received their training at facilities located in St. Petersburg

**Miscellaneous:**

A bombardment group or bomb group was a group of bomber aircraft the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) during World War II. It was the equivalent of an infantry regiment in the Army Ground Forces. A bombardment group was the key tactical control and administrative organization for bombers in all theaters of operation. U.S. bomb groups were numbered and classified into four types: Very Heavy (VH), Heavy (H), Medium (M), and Light (L). Groups which combined bombers of differing categories into a single administrative organization were designated "Composite" groups

The Purple Heart was instituted in 1782 by George Washington and is the first and oldest military American decoration. The Purple Heart is awarded to military service members wounded or killed in action, in the latter case posthumously

The Distinguished Flying Cross is a military decoration awarded to any officer or enlisted member of the United States Armed Forces who distinguishes himself or herself in support of operations by "heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight, subsequent to November 11, 1918



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The Air Medal is awarded to anyone who, while serving in any capacity in or with the Armed Forces of the United States, have distinguished themselves by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. Subsequent awards are annotated with the traditional oak leaf clusters

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The European-African-Middle Eastern (EAME) Campaign Medal was a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on 6 November 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The medal was intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the European Theater (to include North Africa and the Middle East) and was awarded for any service performed between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946. The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal was awarded as a service ribbon throughout the entire Second World War

The American Defense Service Medal (also referred to as the Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon) was a military award of the United States Armed Forces intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty between 8 September 1939 and 7 December 1941

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**Name:** CAREY

LEO

W.

**Address:** 64 THORNDALE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "C", 241ST ENGINEERING BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Belvoir, Virginia - First authorized in 1917 as Camp Humphries and renamed Fort Humphries in 1922 after Major General Andrew A. Humphries, distinguished U.S. Civil War veteran and Chief of Engineers (1866-79) / Renamed Fort Belvoir in February 1935 in recognition of the Belvoir plantation that once occupied the site

**Miscellaneous:**

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



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**Name:** CARR

GORDON R.

**Address:** 118 TAMPA DRIVE

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

H&S (HEADQUARTERS & SERVICE) BATTERY, 3RD A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT) BATTALION  
F.M.F. (FLEET MARINE FORCE)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The United States Fleet Marine Forces (FMF) were combined general and special purpose forces within the United States Department of the Navy that were designed in engaging offensive amphibious or expeditionary warfare and defensive maritime employment / During World War II, the Fleet Marine Force had units in the western Pacific assigned to the United States Asiatic Fleet

With much of World War II fought in the air, anti-aircraft weapons were weapons that could specifically direct their offense against air targets / The mission of the Anti-Aircraft Artillery units were to detect hostile aircraft and destroy them / Radar aided anti-aircraft gunners by providing accurate information about the range, speed, and altitude of incoming enemy planes

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**Name:** CARRIERO

ANTHONY S.

**Address:** 46 IRIS AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

N.T.C. (NAVAL TRAINING CENTER) COMPANY 271, "D"

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Sampson, New York - In the three-and-a-half years of its operation during World War II, the Sampson Naval Training Station trained 411,429 naval recruits before closing in 1946 / The camp was named in honor of a local Seneca County native, Rear Admiral William T. Sampson, from Palmyra, NY, a hero of the Battle of Santiago during the Spanish-American War

**Miscellaneous:**

Naval Training Centers introduced recruits to "boot camp" training and indoctrination / The recruits were given a battery of tests to determine their educational and skill levels, then trained in indoctrination, ordnance and gunnery, seamanship, fire fighting, physical training, military drill and shipboard duties



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**Name:** **CARROLL**

**KENNETH J.**

**Address:** 28 TINDLE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S. 1/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

142ND N.C.B. (NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION) COMPANY, A-3

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Seabees / After the attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, and the use of civilian labor in war zones became impractical so the Navy created Construction Battalions (from which the abbreviation "C.B." became Seabees) / The Seabees have a history of building bases, bulldozing and paving thousands of miles of roadway and airstrips, bridges, roads, gasoline storage tanks, and Quonset huts for warehouses, hospitals, and housing

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*Name:* **CARROLL**

**R.**

**C**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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**Name:** CASE

SCHUYLER J.

**Address:** 163 DUERSTEIN STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S. 2/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

O.G.U. (OUTGOING UNIT), L11-U65

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Seaman Second-Class

**Base Assignments:**

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**Name:** CATTARIN

EDWARD

M.

**Address:** 419 MINERAL SPRINGS ROAD

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

AIR WARNING SQUADRON 3

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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*Name:* **CATTARIN**

**H.**

**D.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** **CAVANAGH JR.**

**JAMES**

**W.**

**Address:** 759 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S. 2/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS ALASKA (CB-1), 4TH DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Seaman Second-Class

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The USS Alaska (CB-1) was a large cruiser, commissioned on 17 June 1944 and served in the Pacific Theater, participating in the invasion of Iwo Jima and Okinawa / Decommissioned 17 February 1947

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*Name:* **CHANGE**

A.

A.

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **CHAPMAN**

**ELANORE**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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*Name:* **CHAPMAN**  
**WILLIAM**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** CHASE

RUSSELL

**Address:** 256 AURORA AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

386TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

An Air Service Squadron would service one combat group, and to operate a base complete with finance service, fixed communications, medical dispensaries, interior guard, utilities, firefighting and motor transport

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**Name:** CHASE JR.

RAYMOND

**Address:** 256 AURORA AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

97TH SIGNAL CORPS

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri - The post was created in December 1940 and named in honor of General Leonard Wood (former Chief of Staff) in January 1941. Originally intended to train infantry troops, in 1941 it became an engineer training post with the creation of the Engineer Replacement Training Center

**Miscellaneous:**

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*Name:* **CHAVANNE**

**JAMES**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* PVT

*Unit / Squadron:*

3RD PLATOON, F.A.R.T.C. (FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENTAL COMMAND)

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

Fort Sill, Oklahoma - Fort Sill was founded in 1869, under the original name Camp Wichita / Fort was later renamed in honor of Brigadier General Joshua W. Sill, who was killed during the American Civil War / The Field Artillery School trained its own fixed wing pilots as field artillery spotters

*Miscellaneous:*

The Field Artillery is the branch of the army whose mission is to support the infantry by artillery fire, destroying, neutralizing or suppressing the enemy elements that threaten land forces / Increased mobility; fire direction centers, which enhanced their firepower; aerial observation; and radio communications increased the efficiency and accuracy to support ground forces



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**Name:** CHAVANNE

JOSEPH

A.

**Address:** 47 RACE STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** S/SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

46TH F.A. (FIELD ARTILLERY), 5TH DIVISION, 3RD ARMY

**Medals / Citations:**

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

2 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL (GERMANY)

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Staff Sergeant Joseph Chavanne served in the Army from 1944 through 1946 and received the Bronze Star for his heroic actions while participating in three major campaigns in Germany / Sergeant Chavanne earned 2 Battle Stars in the battles for Central Europe and the Rhineland

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Joseph Chavanne was a graduate of Gardenville High School - Class of 1944

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The Bronze Star Medal is the fourth-highest individual military award and the ninth-highest by order of precedence in the US Military. It may be awarded for acts of heroism, acts of merit, or meritorious service in a combat zone

Battle (Combat) Stars were presented to military personnel who were engaged in specific battles in combat under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action

The World War II Victory Medal was first issued as a service ribbon referred to as the "Victory Ribbon." By 1946, a full medal had been established which was referred to as the World War II Victory Medal. The medal



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commemorates military service during World War II and is awarded to any member of the United States military, including members of the armed forces of the Government of the Philippine Islands, who served on active duty, or as a reservist, between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946

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The Army of Occupation Medal is a military award of the United States military which was established by the United States War Department on 5 April 1946. The medal was created in the aftermath of the Second World War to recognize those who had performed occupation service in Germany, Italy, Austria, or Japan. The original Army of Occupation Medal was intended only for members of the United States Army, but was expanded in 1948 to encompass the United States Air Force shortly after that service's creation. The Navy and Marine equivalent of the Army of Occupation Medal is the Navy Occupation Service Medal

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**Name:** **CHERVEN**

**JAMES**

**D.**

**Address:** 821 SENECA CREEK ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** LT

**Unit / Squadron:**

EP. RC.

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Lieutenant

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Butner, North Carolina - Camp Butner was named in honor of Major General Henry Wolfe Butner, a native of Surry County (N.C.), who died in 1937 following a distinguished military career / Camp was established for the training of infantry divisions and various artillery and engineer units within the Fourth Services Command, Army Ground Forces / The Camp's primary mission was to train combat troops for deployment and redeployment to the European and Pacific theaters. The Camp contained rifle ranges, artillery ranges, a prisoner of war compound, and barracks and support services for approximately 40,000 troops

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **CHERVEN**

**JOSEPH**

**J.**

**Address:** 821 SENECA CREEK ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** S/SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "C", 174TH INFANTRY

**Medals / Citations:**

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Chaffee, Arkansas - The camp was named after Major General Adna R. Chaffee Jr., an artillery officer who, in Europe during World War I, determined that the cavalry was outmoded and, unlike other cavalry officers, advocated for the use of tanks / In addition to providing a training facility for US soldiers, Fort Chaffee served as a POW camp, housing 3000 German prisoners of war

**Miscellaneous:**

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

The Good Conduct Medal is one of the oldest military awards of the United States Armed Forces. The Navy 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 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



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*Name:* **CHOJECKI**  
**CHESTER**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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**Name:** CHRISTIAN

WILLIAM

E.

**Address:** 58 TAMPA DRIVE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S. 1/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS L.S.T. 121 (LANDING SHIP, TANK)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Seaman First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

LST-121 was commissioned on 29 September 1943 and assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater / LST-121 participated in the Battle for the Mariana and Iwo Jima Islands / LST-121 earned five battle stars / Decommissioned on 21 March 1946

Landing Ship, Tank (LST) is the military designation for naval vessels created during World War II to support amphibious operations by carrying significant quantities of vehicles, cargo, and landing troops directly onto an unimproved shore / From their combat debut in the Solomon Islands in June 1943 until the end of the hostilities in August 1945, the LSTs performed a vital service in World War II. They participated in the invasions of Sicily (Operation Husky), Italy, Normandy, and southern France in the European Theater and were an essential element in the island-hopping campaigns in the Pacific that culminated in the liberation of the Philippines and the capture of Iwo Jima and Okinawa

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**Name:** CHRISTIE

MAURICE

G.

**Address:** 55 DIRKSON AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** ENSIGN

**Unit / Squadron:**

CLASS 2B, 44TH FLIGHT BRIGADE, N.A.T.C. (NAVAL AIR TRAINING CENTER)

**Medals / Citations:**

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

AIR MEDAL WITH OAK LEAF CLUSTER

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Ensign Maurice Christie, a pilot, took part in the air-sea rescue of two Naval Airmen forced down in Japan's inland sea by enemy anti-aircraft fire. While they were clinging to a tiny life raft, the rescuers hovered over the raft as it floated less than a mile off Japan's shore. Seaplanes came in and took the two downed airmen to safety. During the rescue, 2 enemy tankers were bombed, 1 enemy plane shot down and 2 Japanese Destroyers hit / Ensign Christie was awarded the Distinguished Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, along with a Presidential Citation for his actions to save the two downed Naval airmen.

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Prior to entering the service, Christie studied at the University of Buffalo and was employed by the Buffalo Arms Corporation

The Distinguished Flying Cross is a military decoration awarded to any officer or enlisted member of the United States Armed Forces who distinguishes himself or herself in support of operations by "heroism or extraordinary achievement" while participating in an aerial flight, subsequent to November 11, 1918

The Air Medal is awarded to anyone who, while serving in any capacity in or with the Armed Forces of the United States, and has distinguished themselves by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. Subsequent awards are annotated with the traditional oak leaf clusters

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Town of West Seneca, New York

The Presidential Unit Citation, originally called the Distinguished Unit Citation, is awarded to units of the United States Armed Forces for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy on or after 7 December 1941

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**Name:** CIAMBOR

RICHARD

**Address:** 133 AURORA AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** G.M. 3/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

MTB (MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT), SQUADRON 33

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

MTB Squadron 33 supported the assault on Leyte Island in February 1945

Motor Torpedo Boats, popularly known as "PT boats", were small, light, and fast motor torpedo boats used by the United States Navy / The first PT boats used in the Pacific War evacuated personnel out of the Philippine Islands, including General Douglas MacArthur and his family / The primary mission of the Motor Torpedo Boats was to attack surface vessels, lay mines and smoke screens, rescue downed aviators, and carry out intelligence or raider operations / One of the most famous PT boats was Lieutenant (jg) John F. Kennedy's PT-109

The European-African-Middle Eastern (EAME) Campaign Medal was a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on 6 November 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The medal was intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the European Theater (to include North Africa and the Middle East) and was awarded for any service performed between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946. The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal was awarded as a service ribbon throughout the entire Second World War

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** CIAMBOR JR.

ADAM

W.

**Address:** 554 HARLEM ROAD

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** C.E.M.

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS WALTER S. BROWN (DE-258)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Construction Electrician's Mate

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

USS Walter S. Brown was an Evarts-Class Destroyer Escort, commissioned 25 June 1943 / She was deployed into high-risk North Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean waters to protect convoys and other ships from German submarines and fighter aircraft / She performed escort and anti-submarine operations in battle areas before sailing back to the States, victorious, at the end of the conflict / The Walter S. Brown received one battle star for her World War II service / Decommissioned 4 October 1945

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**Name:** CIRBUS

WILLIAM

B.

**Address:** 18 STEPHENSON STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

BATTERY "D", 950TH A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Corporal William Cirbus saw action at Guadalcanal as his unit took part in the first assault against the Japanese defenders / Corporal Cirbus provided anti-aircraft defense at Henderson Field for 11 months / Corporal Cirbus took part in the recapture of Bataan and Corregidor

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The Battle of Guadalcanal was a military campaign fought between 7 August 1942 and 9 February 1943 on and around the island of Guadalcanal in the Pacific theatre of World War II. It was the first major offensive by Allied forces against the Empire of Japan / The Guadalcanal campaign was a significant strategic combined arms victory by Allied forces over the Japanese in the Pacific theatre and ended all Japanese expansion attempts and placed the Allies in a position of clear supremacy

The battle for the recapture of Corregidor occurred between 16 and 26 February 1945, by American and Filipino forces which liberated the island fortress and eventually led to the liberation of the entire Philippine Islands from Japanese forces

With much of World War II fought in the air, anti-aircraft weapons were weapons that could specifically direct their offense against air targets / The mission of the Anti-Aircraft Artillery units were to detect hostile aircraft and destroy them / Radar aided anti-aircraft gunners by providing accurate information about the range, speed, and altitude of incoming enemy planes

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military awarded to any member of the United States Military who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** CLARK

EDWARD M.

**Address:** 73 AURORA AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

4192ND ARMY HOSPITAL

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Edward Clark was wounded in action

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

In the years from June 30, 1943 to June 30, 1945 the Medical Department trained 189 General Hospitals, 74 Field Hospitals and 61 Station Hospitals for overseas service. In 1945, when the peak of overseas shipments occurred, the War Department sent 81 General, 35 Field, and 8 Station Hospitals to the various Theaters of Operations (European, African and Asiatic-Pacific). By May 1945, when the peak in Hospital beds overseas was reached, there were 335,000 fixed beds and about 87,000 mobile beds in all Theaters

The European-African-Middle Eastern (EAME) Campaign Medal was a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on 6 November 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The medal was intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the European Theater (to include North Africa and the Middle East) and was awarded for any service performed between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946. The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal was awarded as a service ribbon throughout the entire Second World War





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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **CLAYBACK**

**PAUL S.**

*Address:* **RACE STREET**

*Service Branch:* **ARMY**

*Rank:* **PFC**

*Unit / Squadron:*

**453RD ENGINEERING DEPOT #1**

*Medals / Citations:*

**ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON**

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

**PACIFIC THEATER**

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military awarded to any member of the United States Military who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945

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# West Seneca Answers the Call to Arms Residents in World War II



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **CLENCH**

**FRED**

**A.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* COAST GUARD

*Rank:* C.M. 2/C

*Unit / Squadron:*

USS LST-309

USS LST-16 (LANDING SHIP, TANK)

*Medals / Citations:*

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

E.A.M.E. RIBBON WITH 5 COMBAT STARS

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

EUROPEAN THEATER

*Service Notes:*

Carpenter's Mate Second-Class

*Base Assignments:*

Buffalo, New York

Curtiss Bay, Maryland

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Houston, Texas

*Miscellaneous:*

Although LSTs (Landing Ship, Tank) were built for the U.S. Navy during World War II, most were manned by U.S. Coast Guard crews during its service

During World War II, USS LST-309 was assigned first to the Europe-Africa-Middle East Theater and later to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and participated in the North African occupation, Tunisian operations, Salerno landings, and the invasion of Normandy / Commissioned on 11 January 1943 and earned four battle stars for World War II service

LST-16 participated in the Salerno landings in September 1943, advanced landings at Anzio-Nettuno in January and February 1944, and the Normandy Beach landing in June 1944 / Commissioned on 17 March 1943, LST-16 earned five battle stars for World War II service



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Landing Ship, Tank (LST) is the military designation for naval vessels created during World War II to support amphibious operations by carrying significant quantities of vehicles, cargo, and landing troops directly onto an unimproved shore / From their combat debut in the Solomon Islands in June 1943 until the end of the hostilities in August 1945, the LSTs performed a vital service in World War II. They participated in the invasions of Sicily (Operation Husky), Italy, Normandy, and southern France in the European Theater and were an essential element in the island-hopping campaigns in the Pacific that culminated in the liberation of the Philippines and the capture of Iwo Jima and Okinawa

The European-African-Middle Eastern (EAME) Campaign Medal was a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on 6 November 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The medal was intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the European Theater (to include North Africa and the Middle East) and was awarded for any service performed between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946. The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal was awarded as a service ribbon throughout the entire Second World War. Bronze service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns

The American Campaign Medal/Ribbon (also known as the (ATO) American Theater of Operations Ribbon) was a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on November 6, 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The ribbon was intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the American Theater of Operations during World War II. The requirements for the American Campaign Ribbon were for service within the American Theater between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946. The American Campaign Medal was issued as a service ribbon only for the entirety of the Second World War, and was only made a full-sized medal in 1947

A Marksmanship Badge is a military badge of the United States Armed Forces presented to personnel upon successful completion of a weapons qualification course or high placement in an official marksmanship competition. The U.S. Military's Marksmanship Qualification Badges are awarded in three grades (highest to lowest): Expert, Sharpshooter, and Marksman

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **CLOE**

**J.**

**W.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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# West Seneca Answers the Call to Arms Residents in World War II



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** CLOSE

RAYMOND W.

**Address:** 50 DWYER STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

6TH ENGINEER OVERHAUL SQUADRON

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Kelly Field, Texas - Located outside of San Antonio, the Field was named in honor of 2d Lieutenant George Edward Maurice Kelly. Lt. Kelly, who died during a training run / Between January 1939 and March 1943, over 6,800 men graduated from Kelly's Advanced Flying School and approximately 1,700 additional pilots graduated from various other courses in the Instructor's School / Mission of base turned to overhauling, repairing and modifying thousands of Army aircraft, including B-17s, B-25s, B-29s, P-51s, and the C-47 cargo plane

**Miscellaneous:**

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **COATES**

**JOHN**

**E.**

**Address:** 275 MAIN STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** E.M. 1/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

U.S. L.C.T. (LANDING CRAFT, TANKS), FLOATILLA 17

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The Landing Craft, Tank (LCT) was an amphibious assault ship often manned by mixed Army and Navy crews for landing tanks on beachheads / The Landing Craft Tank was designed for use by the first wave on-shore and was equipped with additional armor protection for the crew stations and on the bows, while a heavy wooden ramp would drop, which allowed the tanks to be discharged onto the beach / Being in the forefront of assault landings, LCTs sustained the heaviest losses of any large landing craft / Utilizing different weapon combinations made the LCT into an effective floating anti-aircraft battery for harbor or support area defense

The European-African-Middle Eastern (EAME) Campaign Medal was a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on 6 November 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The medal was intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the European Theater (to include North Africa and the Middle East) and was awarded for any service performed between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946. The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal was awarded as a service ribbon throughout the entire Second World War



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **COATES JR.**

**EDWARD**

**Address:** 275 MAIN STREET

**Service Branch:** COAST GUARD

**Rank:** ENSIGN

**Unit / Squadron:**

USCG CUTTER THETIS (WPC-115)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The USCG Thetis was commissioned on 1 December 1931 / Took part in the sinking of the German submarine U-157 off the east coast of Florida / Decommissioned 1 July 1947

Operating as part of the United States Navy, the United States Coast Guard was given the mission to patrol and protect the shores of the United States, with a large role looking for enemy German submarines in the Atlantic Theater / The Coast Guard also rescued survivors from naval vessels near the U.S coast whether it be attacked merchant ships or sunken German U-Boats

The European-African-Middle Eastern (EAME) Campaign Medal was a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on 6 November 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The medal was intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the European Theater (to include North Africa and the Middle East) and was awarded for any service performed between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946. The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal was awarded as a service ribbon throughout the entire Second World War



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **COCHRAN**

**JAMES**

**S.**

**Address:** 130 ALLENDALE ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** R/5

**Unit / Squadron:**

448TH ORDNANCE, H.A.M. (HEAVY AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE)

159TH ORDNANCE BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Knox, Kentucky - A new Armored Force (Tanks) was established in July 1940 with its headquarters at Fort Knox / It was responsible for establishing armored formations, doctrine, and training in the use of armored vehicles

**Miscellaneous:**

The U.S. Army Ordnance Corps mission was to support the development, production, acquisition, and sustainment of weapon systems, ammunition, missiles, electronics, and ground mobility material during World War II to provide combat power to the U.S. Army

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **CODY**

**EDWARD**

**M.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* PVT

*Unit / Squadron:*

1209TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT, STATION HOSPITAL

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

Pine Camp, New York - Located in Jefferson County, New York, Pine Camp was founded in 1908 / Three divisions that trained at Pine Camp during World War II were General George S. Patton's 4th Armored Division (Gen. Creighton Abrams was a battalion commander here at the time), the 45th Infantry Division and the 5th Armored Division / Pine Camp became Camp Drum in 1951 / The post also served as a prisoner of war camp for captured Italian and German troops

*Miscellaneous:*

In the years from June 30, 1943 to June 30, 1945 the Medical Department trained 189 General Hospitals, 74 Field Hospitals and 61 Station Hospitals for overseas service. In 1945, when the peak of overseas shipments occurred, the War Department sent 81 General, 35 Field, and 8 Station Hospitals to the various Theaters of Operations (European, African and Asiatic-Pacific). By May 1945, when the peak in Hospital beds overseas was reached, there were 335,000 fixed beds and about 87,000 mobile beds in all Theaters

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **COHEN**

**DANIEL**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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# West Seneca Answers the Call to Arms Residents in World War II



Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **COLE**

**JAMES**

**W.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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# West Seneca Answers the Call to Arms Residents in World War II



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **COLELLO**

**PASQUALE A.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE **Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

(UNATTACHED)

**Medals / Citations:**

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

MARKSMAN: THOMPSON SUB MACHINE-GUN

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMAN: CARBINE M-1 RIFLE

MARKSMAN: PISTOL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Pasquale Colello was an airplane engine mechanic

**Base Assignments:**

Hobbs Army Air Field - Hobbs, New Mexico - The first mission of Hobbs Army Airfield was as a bombardier school for the United States Army Air Forces / The school began with the arrival of 80 cadets and 20 instructors on 7 September 1942. This was to be the only class of bombardiers, and 69 of the original 80 cadets graduated from the program on 21 November 19 / Hobbs Army Airfield would become a multi-engine pilot training school, making it one of three B-17 training bases in the U.S. The first B-17 Flying Fortress aircraft arrived at the base in mid-December 1942, along with the first class of 46 four-engine pilots

**Miscellaneous:**

The World War II Victory Medal was first issued as a service ribbon referred to as the "Victory Ribbon." By 1946, a full medal had been established which was referred to as the World War II Victory Medal. The medal commemorates military service during World War II and is awarded to any member of the United States military, including members of the armed forces of the Government of the Philippine Islands, who served on active duty, or as a reservist, between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946

The American Campaign Medal/Ribbon (also known as the (ATO) American Theater of Operations Ribbon) was a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on November 6, 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The ribbon was intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the American Theater of Operations during World War II. The requirements for the American Campaign Ribbon were for service within the American Theater between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946. The American Campaign Medal was issued as a service ribbon only for the entirety of the Second World War, and was only made a full-sized medal in 1947



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The Good Conduct Medal is one of the oldest military awards of the United States Armed Forces. The Navy 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 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

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** COLELLO

PAT

A.

**Address:** 3430 CLINTON STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/5

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal)

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Neddick, Maine - Located in the Town of York, Maine / During World War II, the light in the coastal lighthouse was extinguished and a lookout tower was built on the island / A 24-hour vigil kept an eye out for German U-boats / A U-boat was sighted in 1943 just to the east of the lighthouse and was subsequently sunk by a depth charge southwest of Boon Island in the Gulf of Maine

**Miscellaneous:**

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# West Seneca Answers the Call to Arms Residents in World War II



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** COLELLO

TERRY

J.

**Address:**

CLINTON STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** MO.M.M. 2/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS ALFRED A. CUNNINGHAM (DD-752)

USS L.S.T. #552 (LANDING SHIP, TANK)

**Medals / Citations:**

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

7 BATTLE STARS

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Motor Machinist's Mate Second-Class Terry Colello served on the USS Cunningham (DD-752, Destroyer) during the Finchhaven and Salamaua-Lae assaults / Colello returned to the United States for instruction for service on Landing Ships and returned to the Pacific on L.S.T 552 / Colello also participated in three major naval engagements in the Southwest Pacific / Motor Machinist's Mate Terry Colello earned his Battle Stars in the naval battles for Finchhaven, Salamaua-Lae , Peleliu, Leyte, Lingayen Gulf , Okinawa, and the liberation of the Philippine Islands

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

USS Alfred A. Cunningham (DD-752) was destroyer and named for Alfred Austell Cunningham, a USMC officer and aviator / In June 1945, the Cunningham screened carriers launching air strikes on Japanese-held Wake Island / Arriving at Okinawa on 29 June 1945, she served on radar picket duty off the island's southwest coast / From 1 July 1945 until the end of hostilities, the Cunningham served on patrol, escort, and screening duty in waters surrounding the Ryukyus / Commissioned on 23 November 1944 and decommissioned on 24 February 1971

LST #552 was attacked at Leyte and suffered a bomb hit resulting in casualties

Battle (Combat) Stars were presented to military personnel who were engaged in specific battles in combat under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military awarded to any member of the United States Military who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945



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The Philippine Liberation Medal was a military award of the Republic of the Philippines presented to any service member, of both Philippine Commonwealth and allied militaries, who participated in the liberation of the Philippine Islands between the dates of 17 October 1944 and 2 September 1945. The Philippine Liberation Medal is intended to recognize military service in the last days of World War II when the military of Japan was driven from the Philippines and then to eventually surrender in September 1945. To be awarded the medal, a service member must have served in the Philippines for at least thirty days during the eligible time period

The American Campaign Medal/Ribbon (also known as the (ATO) American Theater of Operations Ribbon) was a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on November 6, 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The ribbon was intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the American Theater of Operations during World War II. The requirements for the American Campaign Ribbon were for service within the American Theater between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946. The American Campaign Medal was issued as a service ribbon only for the entirety of the Second World War, and was only made a full-sized medal in 1947

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** COLELLO

THADDIUS

**Address:**

CLINTON STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** M.M. 2/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

U.S.S. L.S.T. #552 (LANDING SHIP, TANK)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Machinist's Mate Second-Class

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

LST #552 was commissioned on 19 April 1944 and decommissioned on 19 April 1946

Landing Ship, Tank (LST) is the military designation for naval vessels created during World War II to support amphibious operations by carrying significant quantities of vehicles, cargo, and landing troops directly onto an unimproved shore / From their combat debut in the Solomon Islands in June 1943 until the end of the hostilities in August 1945, the LSTs performed a vital service in World War II. They participated in the invasions of Sicily (Operation Husky), Italy, Normandy, and southern France in the European Theater and were an essential element in the island-hopping campaigns in the Pacific that culminated in the liberation of the Philippines and the capture of Iwo Jima and Okinawa

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military awarded to any member of the United States Military who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** COLLINS

DONALD

H.

**Address:** 265 OLEAN AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/5

**Unit / Squadron:**

28TH SIGNAL CORPS.

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal)

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The United States Army Signal Corps was established in 1860 and was used in World War II to coordinate swift and accurate communication for air, ground, and naval units required more sophisticated technology and service / The Signal Corps develops, tests, provides, and manages communications and information systems support for the command and control of combined arms forces / The Signal Corps pioneered in the development of radar to detect approaching aircraft as well as mobile communications and deciphering machines / In addition to its primary role in military transmissions, the unit also played a key role in producing training films for army and civilian personnel, and documenting combat missions / During World War II, noted Hollywood producers, directors, and photographers (such as Darryl Zanuck, Frank Capra, John Huston, and George Stevens) all served in the Signal Corps



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** COLMERAUER

DONALD

**Address:** 25 LIND AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/5

**Unit / Squadron:**

4490TH ORDNANCE H.A.M. COMPANY (HEAVY AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal)

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The U.S. Army Ordnance Corps mission was to support the development, production, acquisition, and sustainment of weapon systems, ammunition, missiles, electronics, and ground mobility material during World War II to provide combat power to the U.S. Army



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** COLUMBUS

THOMAS

B.

**Address:** 35 BURCH AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** LT

**Unit / Squadron:**

REHABILITATION CENTER

**Medals / Citations:**

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Lieutenant

**Base Assignments:**

Pawling, New York - The Army leased the preparatory school for boys at Pawling and was used during the war as a technical training school

**Miscellaneous:**

The Presidential Unit Citation, originally called the Distinguished Unit Citation, is awarded to units of the United States Armed Forces for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy on or after 7 December 1941

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# West Seneca Answers the Call to Arms Residents in World War II



Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **COLVIN**

**JOHN**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **CONEY**

**JOHN**

**W.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **CONKLIN**

**JOSEPH**

**V.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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**Name:** CONLEY

MARGARET M.

**Address:** 2834 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** SP. S. 3/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

QUARTERS "D", 120TH W.A.V.E.S. (WOMEN ACCEPTED FOR VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICE)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Specialist "S" Third-Class - Master-at-arms

**Base Assignments:**

Washington, D.C

**Miscellaneous:**

Thousands of WAVES performed duties in the aviation community, Judge Advocate General Corps, medical professions, communications, intelligence, science and technology / At the end of World War II, there were well over 8,000 female officers and some ten times that many enlisted WAVES, about 2 ½ percent of the Navy's total strength





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**Name:** CONLEY

ROBERT

F.

**Address:** 2834 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/5

**Unit / Squadron:**

722ND ENGINEERING DEPOT COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal) Robert F. Conley was Killed in Action

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Cooke, California - Camp was activated on 5 October 1941, and named in honor of Major General Phillip St. George Cooke, who as a colonel during the Mexican War led a battalion of Mormons from Missouri to California. The route led by Colonel Cooke in 1847 opened the first wagon route to California, and today the railroad follows much of the early wagon trails / Camp Cooke was used to train anti-aircraft artillery, combat engineers, ordnance, and hospital units / German and Italian prisoners of war were also quartered at Camp Cooke / Camp Cooke was later renamed Vandenberg Air Force Base

**Miscellaneous:**

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



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**Name:** CONNERY

GEORGE

M.

**Address:** 39 BURCH AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "B", 28TH BATTALION, 8TH REGIMENT

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland - Fort Meade became an active Army installation in 1917 and was named in honor of Major Gen. George Gordon Meade, whose victory at the Battle of Gettysburg proved a major factor in turning the tide of the Civil War in favor of the North / Fort Meade became a training center during World War II and its ranges and other facilities were used by more than 200 units and approximately 3,500,000 Soldiers between 1942 and 1946. The wartime peak of military personnel at Fort Meade was 70,000 / In September 1943, the first shipment of 1,632 Italian and 58 German prisoners arrived at the POW facility at Fort Meade

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **CONNOLLY**

**DENNIS**

**Address:** 4632 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

1058TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY, AVN (AVIATION)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The Military Police provides expertise in police, detainment and stability operations in order to enhance security and enable mobility / In World War II, Military Police soldiers moved traffic along the Burma Road, supported amphibious operations on Normandy beachheads, and managed enemy prisoners of war from Italy to the South Pacific

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**Name:** **CONNOLLY**  
**GEORGE**

**Address:** 4632 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE      **Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**  
321ST AIR SERVICE SQUADRON

**Medals / Citations:**  
EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**  
EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**  
Corporal George Connolly was wounded in battle during the Italian Campaign

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**  
An Air Service Squadron would service one combat group, and to operate a base complete with finance service, fixed communications, medical dispensaries, interior guard, utilities, firefighting and motor transport

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**Name:** **CONNOLLY**

**RICHARD J.**

**Address:** 4632 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "B", 109TH INFANTRY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Richard Connolly, while serving with an Infantry unit, died from wounds received on the battlefield in France on 6 August 1944 / Connolly was originally listed as missing

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Connolly attended Emerson Vocational High School and was employed by the Worthington Pump & Machinery Corporation prior to entering the service

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

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**Name:** **CONRAD**

**ERWIN**

**W.**

**Address:** 2637 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** COAST GUARD

**Rank:** M.M. 2/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

TYPING MACHINE OPERATOR

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Machinist's Mate Second-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Buffalo, New York - The Coast Guard was assigned the protection of the Buffalo Harbor as well as its associated shipping and terminals / Harbor patrols engaged in the boarding and inspection of incoming and outgoing merchant ships

**Miscellaneous:**

Operating as part of the United States Navy, the United States Coast Guard was given the mission to patrol and protect the shores of the United States, with a large role looking for enemy German submarines in the Atlantic Theater / The Coast Guard also rescued survivors from naval vessels near the U.S coast whether it be attacked merchant ships or sunken German U-Boats

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** COOPERDOCK

CLARENCE S.

**Address:** 126 EDSON STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 335TH A.A.A. BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)  
337TH COMBAT ENGINEERS

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL      4 BATTLE STARS  
PRE-PEARL HARBOR MEDAL      GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL  
SHARPSHOOTER

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

With much of World War II fought in the air, anti-aircraft weapons were weapons that could specifically direct their offense against air targets / The mission of the Anti-Aircraft Artillery units were to detect hostile aircraft and destroy them / Radar aided anti-aircraft gunners by providing accurate information about the range, speed, and altitude of incoming enemy planes

Battle Stars were presented to military personnel who were engaged in specific battles in combat under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action

The American Defense Service Medal (often referred to as the Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon) is a military award of the United States Armed Forces intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty between 8 September 1939 and 7 December 1941

The Good Conduct Medal is one of the oldest military awards of the United States Armed Forces. The Navy 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 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



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**Name:** **COPPOLA**

**RICHARD**

**D.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S.C. 3/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS DADE (APA-99)

**Medals / Citations:**

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON WITH 1 BATTLE STAR

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Ship's Cook Third-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Naval Training Center - Great Lakes, Illinois - The Great Lakes Naval Training Center, located in North Chicago, was the largest single training facility for the U.S. Navy / During the course of World War II, Great Lakes supplied about a million men, just over a third of all personnel who served in the U.S. Navy

Aviation Training Base - Fort Pierce, Florida - This base became the school for some of the most elite teams in the armed forces, such as the scouts and raiders "commandos" and the home of the Navy Underwater Demolition Teams (UDT) and Sea, Air, Land (SEAL) teams, which became the legendary "frogmen"

Camp Bradford - Norfolk, Virginia - Initially Camp Bradford was a training base for Navy Seabees, but in 1943 it was changed into a training center for the crews of LSTs (Landing Ship Tank) / The camp also provided amphibious assault training for landing large numbers of American troops on foreign shores

**Miscellaneous:**

The USS Dade (APA-99) was a Bayfield-class attack transport that served with the US Navy during World War II / The Dade participated in the invasion landings at Okinawa 1 April 1944, landing Marines and combat cargo on Blue Beach and embarking casualties under frequent air attack / The USS Dade earned one battle star for World War II service / Commissioned on 11 November 1944 and decommissioned on 25 February 1946

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military awarded to any member of the United States Military who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945. Bronze service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns



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**Name:** **CORRIGAN**

**FRANCIS**

**T.**

**Address:** 28 THORNDALE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **CORRIGAN**

**JAMES**

**V.**

**Address:** 28 THORNDALE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

106TH FIELD ARTILLERY, SERVICE BATTERY

222ND F.A. (FIELD ARTILLERY), 40TH DIVISION, 6TH ARMY

**Medals / Citations:**

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

2 BATTLE STARS

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION RIBBON

MARKSMAN: CARBINE

MARKSMAN: .50 CALIBER MACHINE GUN

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

MARKSMAN: RIFLE

MARKSMAN: PISTOL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technical Sergeant James Corrigan left Buffalo with the 106th Field Artillery in October 1940 / During the assault on the Philippine colony of Luzon, Sergeant Corrigan was wounded in battle / Sgt Corrigan also served at Guadalcanal, New Guinea and New Britain / Corrigan was an expert firing the 155 howitzer, a medium artillery piece

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Corrigan was a prior member of the West Seneca Fireman's Association and was Assistant Postmaster in Ebenezer

In January - March 1943, American Forces made amphibious landings on Luzon (Philippine Islands), to recapture control of the island from Japanese forces. Allied forces, American and Filipino troops, took control of all strategically and economically important locations of Luzon by early March 1943. Allied losses were 8,310 dead and 29,560 wounded

The Field Artillery is the branch of the army whose mission is to support the infantry by artillery fire, destroying, neutralizing or suppressing the enemy elements that threaten land forces / Increased mobility; fire direction centers, which enhanced their firepower; aerial observation; and radio communications increased the efficiency and accuracy to support ground forces



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **CORRIGAN**

**PATRICK**

**J.**

**Address:** 28 THORNDALE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

G.M.P. DETACHMENT

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Phillips, Kansas - Camp Phillips was established in the latter part of 1942, and was named in honor of Colonel William A. Phillips, one of the co-founders of the city of Salina, Kansas / The post was used as a training center and P.O.W. Camp until its closing in the fall of 1945

**Miscellaneous:**

The Military Police provides expertise in police, detainment and stability operations in order to enhance security and enable mobility / In World War II, Military Police soldiers moved traffic along the Burma Road, supported amphibious operations on Normandy beachheads, and managed enemy prisoners of war from Italy to the South Pacific



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**Name:** **CORRIGAN**

**THOMAS**

**F.**

**Address:** 28 THORNDALE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/5

**Unit / Squadron:**

12TH QUARTERMASTER CORPS.

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fifth-Class (Corporal) Thomas Corrigan was transferred to the Enlisted Reserve Corps Army of the United States

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Lee, Virginia - The fort is named for Confederate General Robert E. Lee / The camp was designated as the Quartermaster Replacement Training Center (QMRTC). A full program of courses was conducted, including Officer Candidate School. By the end of 1941, Camp Lee was the center of both basic and advanced training of Quartermaster personnel and held this position throughout the war

**Miscellaneous:**

The U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps was responsible for procuring and delivering various supplies to units in all theaters of war during World War II / Quartermaster units were charged with providing food (steady supply of food and rations), clothing, petroleum products (gasoline, kerosene, aviation fuel, diesel oil, fuel oil and petroleum-based lubricants) and general supplies (diverse items as rope, soap, candles, knives, forks and spoons, etc.) to troops stationed in the United States and to the far-flung armed forces around the world



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**Name:** **COTTRELL**

**JOSEPH**

**Address:**

**CLINTON STREET**

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S. 1/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

SAFETY SEAMANSHIP DEPARTMENT

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Seaman First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

U.S.M.S.C. - Brooklyn, New York - During World War II, the Brooklyn Navy Yard played a pivotal role in the American war effort – it built battleships and aircraft carriers, repaired over 5,000 ships, sent troops and supplies to fronts across the globe

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **COUGHENOUR**

**GEORGE E.**

**Address:** 45 STEPHENSON STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** C.M. 3/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

AVIATION SUPPLY DEPOT #939

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Carpenter's Mate Third-Class

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **COUGHLIN**

**JOHN**

**C.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **COWEN**

**BERNARD**

*Address:* 108 DELRAY AVENUE

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* PFC

*Unit / Squadron:*

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 3RD C.A. (COASTAL ARTILLERY)

*Medals / Citations:*

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

EUROPEAN THEATER

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

Coastal artillery is the branch of armed forces concerned with operating anti-ship artillery or fixed gun batteries in coastal fortifications

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**Name:** COWEN

HARWOOD F.

**Address:** 108 DELRAY AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** T.M. 3/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS JAMES E. CRAIG (DE-201)

**Medals / Citations:**

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ASIATIC -PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

4 BATTLE STARS

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Torpedoman's Mate Third-Class

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

USS James E. Craig (DE-201) was A Buckley-class destroyer escort named in honor of Lieutenant Commander James Edwin Craig (1901-1941), who was killed in action aboard the USS Pennsylvania during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941 / In April 1944, the James E. Craig joined a convoy of escorts and transports to support the invasion of Hollandia, New Guinea / In November 1944, the Craig helped support the invasion of Leyte in the Philippine Islands / Ship received 4 Battle Stars / Commissioned on 11 November 1943 and decommissioned on 2 July 1946

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*Name:* **COX**

**HERBERT**

**C.**

*Address:* 4604 SENECA STREET

*Service Branch:* NAVY

*Rank:* LT (JG)

*Unit / Squadron:*

USS WALTER C. WANN (DE-412)

*Medals / Citations:*

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

ATLANTIC THEATER / PACIFIC THEATER

*Service Notes:*

Lieutenant (junior grade) Herbert Cox participated in the invasion of Leyte, Luzon, Okinawa and the second Battle of the Philippines Sea / Prior to his Pacific duties, Lt. Cox served two months in the Atlantic theater

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

The USS Walter C. Wann (DE-412) was a class destroyer escort and named in honor of Pharmacist's Mate Second Class Walter Carl Wann who was killed in action on 4 November 1942 during the Guadalcanal campaign / In January 1945, the Walter C. Wann provided antiaircraft fire to repel Japanese suicide plane attacks during the invasion of Lingayen Gulf / The Wann, on screening duty, supporting the Okinawa strike through June 1945, escorting everything from landing ship docks (LSD's) to light cruisers / She received four battle stars for World War II service / Commissioned on 2 May 1944 and decommissioned on 31 May 1946

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**Name:** COX

WILLIAM

T.

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

S.S. OCCIDENTAL

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

William Cox was an armed guard aboard the S.S. Occidental

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The SS Occidental was a World War II troopship / During World War II scores of ships carried thousands of troops to and from the United States, Europe, Great Britain, Africa, Asia and Australia / Troopships used during World War II included passenger liners, Liberty and Victory ships, and foreign ships taken over by the USA / Troopships were operated by the Army Transportation Service, with "civilian" mariners; by the U.S. Navy; and the War Shipping Administration

The European-African-Middle Eastern (EAME) Campaign Medal was a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on 6 November 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The medal was intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the European Theater (to include North Africa and the Middle East) and was awarded for any service performed between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946. The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal was awarded as a service ribbon throughout the entire Second World War



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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **COYLE**

**JOHN**

**T.**

*Address:* 47 HARLEM ROAD

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* CPL

*Unit / Squadron:*

COMPANY "D", 6TH BATTALION, 2ND REGIMENT

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland - Fort Meade became an active Army installation in 1917 and was named in honor of Major Gen. George Gordon Meade, whose victory at the Battle of Gettysburg proved a major factor in turning the tide of the Civil War in favor of the North / Fort Meade became a training center during World War II and its ranges and other facilities were used by more than 200 units and approximately 3,500,000 Soldiers between 1942 and 1946. The wartime peak of military personnel at Fort Meade was 70,000 / In September 1943, the first shipment of 1,632 Italian and 58 German prisoners arrived at the POW facility at Fort Meade / By the end of the war, Fort Meade housed about 4,000 German and Italian POWs during World War II

*Miscellaneous:*

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **CREAGAN**

**PAUL**

**Address:** 149 DUERSTEIN STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** 1/C PETTY OFFICER

**Unit / Squadron:**

U.S.N.R. (UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVES)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **CROSBY**

**W.**

**W.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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# West Seneca Answers the Call to Arms Residents in World War II



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** CROTTY

BEVERLY

**Address:** 4964 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS, 90TH F.A. BATTALION (FIELD ARTILLERY), 25TH DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** CUMMINS

EDWARD J.

**Address:** 1268 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE **Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

329TH B.R.T.U., SECTION "S"

490TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 341ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP, 10TH AIR FORCE

**Medals / Citations:**

AIR MEDAL WITH CLUSTER

3 BATTLE STARS

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT (.45 CALIBER PISTOL)

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN (M-1 CARBINE)

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

CHINA-BURMA-INDIA THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Edward Cummins was a veteran of 46 missions in the China-Burma-India theater (BMI) / Sergeant received Battle Stars for his participation the battles for Northern Burma, Central Burma and China

**Base Assignments:**

Columbia Army Air Field - Columbia, South Carolina - Activated on 8 December 1941, Columbia AAF was primarily used for advanced combat training of B-25 Mitchell medium bomber units and replacement pilots / Columbia was used as a training base in early 1942 for Doolittle's Raiders

Dinjan Air Field- Assam, India - In the summer of 1944 the base became a combat cargo airfield, supporting Allied ground forces fighting in Burma

Moran Air Field - Assam, India - Field was used for landings and takeoffs of Allied aircraft on the way to bombing missions in China

Warzup Air Field - Burma

**Miscellaneous:**

A bombardment group or bomb group was a group of bomber aircraft the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) during World War II. It was the equivalent of an infantry regiment in the Army Ground Forces. A bombardment group was the key tactical control and administrative organization for bombers in all theaters of operation. U.S. bomb groups were numbered and classified into four types: Very Heavy (VH), Heavy (H), Medium



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(M), and Light (L). Groups which combined bombers of differing categories into a single administrative organization were designated "Composite" groups

The North American B-25 Mitchell was an American twin-engine medium bomber manufactured by North American Aviation. It was used by many Allied air forces, in every theater of World War II / The B-25 was named in honor of General Billy Mitchell, a pioneer of U.S. military aviation / By the end of its production, nearly 10,000 B-25s in numerous models had been built. These included a few limited variations, such as the United States Navy's and Marine Corps' PBJ-1 patrol bomber and the United States Army Air Forces' F-10 photo reconnaissance aircraft

Battle (Combat) Stars were presented to military personnel who were engaged in specific battles in combat under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action

The Air Medal was awarded to anyone who, while serving in any capacity in or with the Armed Forces of the United States, and has distinguished themselves by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. Subsequent awards are annotated with the traditional oak leaf clusters

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military awarded to any member of the United States Military who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945

The Good Conduct Medal is one of the oldest military awards of the United States Armed Forces. The Navy 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 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 military badge of the United States Armed Forces presented to personnel upon successful completion of a weapons qualification course or high placement in an official marksmanship competition. The U.S. Military's Marksmanship Qualification Badges are awarded in three grades (highest to lowest): Expert, Sharpshooter, and Marksman

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**Name:** CUMMINS

JAMES

A.

**Address:** 1268 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** M/SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

73RD QUARTERMASTER BASE DEPOT, COMPANY "M"

7TH QUARTERMASTER TRAINING REGIMENT

**Medals / Citations:**

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

1 BATTLE STAR

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Master-Sergeant James Cummins served in England and France

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Lee, Virginia - The fort is named for Confederate General Robert E. Lee / The camp was designated as the Quartermaster Replacement Training Center (QMRTC). A full program of courses was conducted, including Officer Candidate School. By the end of 1941, Camp Lee was the center of both basic and advanced training of Quartermaster personnel and held this position throughout the war

**Miscellaneous:**

Prior to military service, James Cummins attended Fourteen Holy Helpers School, Canisius High School and South Park High School

James Cummins was honorably discharged from the Army in 1945. Mr. Cummins was elected as the West Seneca Receiver of Taxes and Assessments, an office he held for 24 years from 1970-1993

James Cummins helped organize the West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee

The U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps was responsible for procuring and delivering various supplies to units in all theaters of war during World War II / Quartermaster units were charged with providing food (steady supply of food and rations), clothing, petroleum products (gasoline, kerosene, aviation fuel, diesel oil, fuel oil and petroleum-based lubricants) and general supplies (diverse items as rope, soap, candles, knives, forks and spoons, etc.) to troops stationed in the United States and to the far-flung armed forces around the world



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The American Defense Service Medal is a military award of the United States Armed Forces intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty between 8 September 1939 and 7 December 1941

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**Name:** CURTISS

ARTHUR

W.

**Address:** 25 KNOX AVENUE

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

U.S.M.C.A.S. (UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AIR STATION)

**Medals / Citations:**

SHARPSHOOTER MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Arthur Curtiss won the Sharpshooters medal while stationed at Parris Island, South Carolina in December 1940 / Curtiss was promoted to Private First-Class at Parris Island and transferred to Cherry Point, North Carolina in February 1941 where he was promoted to Corporal while serving in the Marine Air Corps

**Base Assignments:**

Cherry Point, North Carolina - Commissioned in 1942, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point or MCAS Cherry Point is a United States Marine Corps airfield located in Havelock, North Carolina / Cherry Point's primary World War II mission was to train units and individual Marines for service to the Pacific theater / The air station also served as a base for anti-submarine operations, with an Army Air Corps (22d Antisubmarine Squadron) and later a Navy squadron each being responsible for the sinking of a German U-boat just off the North Carolina coast during 1943

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** CURTISS JR.

R.

M.

**Address:** 858 MILL ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

55TH AAF BASE UNIT, ADMINISTRATION SECTION "D", MAIL ROOM

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Nashville, Tennessee - The Aviation Cadet Classification Center was established at the Nashville Army Air Center

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **CWICK**

**JAMES**

**F.**

**Address:**

**SENECA CREEK ROAD**

**Service Branch:**

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "B", 8TH REPLACEMENT PLATOON, 574TH SIGNAL A.W. BATTALION (AIR WARNING)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** CZERWINSKI

WALTER J.

**Address:** 1902 UNION ROAD

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** C.T.M

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS SILVERSIDES (SS-236)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Communications Technician (Maintenance Branch)

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The USS Silversides was a Gato-class diesel-electric submarine named for the silversides, a small fish marked with a silvery stripe along each side of its body / On 28 July 1942, she sank a 4,000-ton transport, followed by the sinking of the passenger/cargo ship Nikkei Maru on 8 August. She scored damaging hits on a large tanker on the night of 14 August and, on 31 August 1942, sank two enemy trawlers / In January 1943, Silversides torpedoed and sank the tanker Toei Maru and the cargo ships Surabaya Maru, Somedono Maru, and Meiu Maru / On 29 December 1943, off the Palau Islands, she sank the Japanese cargo ships, Tenposan Maru, Shichisei Maru, and Ryuto Maru / On 29 May 1944, the submarine torpedoed and sank the cargo ships Shoken Maru and Horaizan Maru / The USS Silversides received 12 Battle Stars and awarded the Presidential Unit Citation 4 times / The submarine was credited with sinking 23 enemy ships / The USS Silversides was commissioned on 15 December 1941 and decommissioned on 17 April 1946