



Honoring Our Korean War and Korean Era Veterans



June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: FORSYTH

Hometown: BUFFALO

FREDERICK J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Year Entered: 1953

Year Discharged: 1956

Unit / Squadron:

11TH AIRBORNE

187TH AIRBORNE REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

82ND AIRBORNE, 101ST AIRBORNE

Medals / Citations:

PARACHUTIST BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE RIBBON

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

Service Notes:

In addition to performing vehicle maintenance in the Motor Pool at Camp Chickamauga, Japan, PFC Frederick Forsyth also attended Sniper and Metiscopic School

Base Assignments:

Ft. Devens, Massachusetts - Camp Devens was established in 1917 as an Army Reserve military installation and is located in the towns of Ayer and Shirley / Ft. Devens was named after jurist and Civil War general Charles Devens / With the outbreak of the Korean Conflict, Devens was designated as a reception center for the third time in its history / The U.S. Army post which resided at Fort Devens was officially closed in 1996 after 79 years of service

Ft. Campbell, Kentucky - Fort Campbell is a United States Army installation located astride the Kentucky-Tennessee border between Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and Clarksville, Tennessee / The fort is named in honor of Union Army Brigadier General William Bowen Campbell, the last Whig Governor of Tennessee / Fort Campbell was the home to the 101st Airborne Division and the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment / From 1950 to 1962 the post operated an Airborne Course which trained nearly 30,000 soldiers as paratroopers before its inactivation

Ft. Benning, Georgia - Fort Benning, established in October 1918, is a United States Army base straddling the Alabama-Georgia border next to Columbus, Georgia / Ft. Benning was named after Henry L. Benning, a brigadier general in the Confederate States Army during the Civil War / Since 1918, Fort Benning has served as the Home of the Infantry / The Airborne School on Main Post has three 249-foot drop towers called "Free Towers" that were used to train paratroopers

Ft. Bragg, North Carolina - Fort Bragg is the largest military base in the world (by population) with more than 50,000 active



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duty personnel / The base is located within Cumberland, Hoke, Harnett and Moore counties, North Carolina / The fort is named for Confederate general Braxton Bragg / Following World War II, the 82nd Airborne Division was permanently stationed at Fort Bragg / Fort Bragg became a center for unconventional warfare, with the creation of the Psychological Warfare Center in April 1952

Camp Chickamauga, Japan - Camp Chickamauga is located near Beppu on the northeast coast of Kyushu, the most southern of Japan's main islands

Camp Stoneman, California - Named after George Stoneman, a cavalry commander during the Civil War, Camp Stoneman was located in Pittsburg, California / Activated in 1942, the facility served as a major staging area for the Army in World War II and the Korean War / Camp Stoneman was deactivated as a military post in 1954

Miscellaneous:

Frederick J. Forsyth graduated from Riverside High School and prior to military service, worked at SB Whistler & Sons Inc. in Medina, New York / After his Honorable Discharge from the Army, Forsyth returned to SB Whistler & Sons Inc. where he worked as a Machinist until his retirement in 1995 / Frederick Forsyth has remained very active in various veterans associations including the 82nd Airborne Association where he served as the Sunshine Chairman / Forsyth is also a member of the 187th Airborne Association and AMVETS Post 897

Airborne forces are military units, usually light infantry, set up to be moved by aircraft and "dropped" into battle, typically by parachute / They can be rapidly placed behind enemy lines, and have the capability to deploy almost anywhere with little warning / The formations are limited only by the number and size of their aircraft, so given enough capacity a huge force can appear "out of nowhere" in minutes, an action referred to as vertical envelopment / Airborne forces typically lack the supplies and equipment for prolonged combat operations, and are therefore more suited for airhead operations than for long-term occupation / Parachute operations are particularly sensitive to adverse weather conditions / Advances in helicopter technology since World War II have brought increased flexibility to the scope of airborne operations, and air assaults have largely replaced large-scale parachute operations, and (almost) completely replaced combat glider operations.