



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



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **GAISER**

H.

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: **GALA**

EDWARD

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

B.T.C. #10 (BASTIC TRAINING CENTER), GROUP 1181, BARRACKS 668

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Lindley Air Field - Greensboro, North Carolina - Lindley was part of the Army Air Force Training Command and served as a training center for aviation pilots

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **GALLAGHER**

JOSEPH

P.

Address: 100 BROOKSIDE DRIVE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

44TH DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant

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:



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Name: GALLEY

RICHARD J.

Address: 2244 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

N.A.T.T.C. (NAVAL AIR TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER)

C.A.S.U. 53 (CARRIER AIRCRAFT SERVICE UNIT)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class

Base Assignments:

Norman, Oklahoma - Naval based trained in Advanced Aviation, Combat Aircrewman Training and Aviation Metalsmiths

Miscellaneous:

The Naval Air Technical Training Center provided highly classified airborne electronics maintenance training (Radar, sonar, and other types of electronic systems) for many thousands of Navy, Marine, Coast Guard, and Royal Air Force personnel

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Name: **GARLAND**

CLARENCE W.

Address: 3085 SENECA STREET

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

Unit / Squadron:

146TH A.A.F. BASE UNIT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Selfridge Field, Michigan - Located in Harrison Township, Michigan / Selfridge Field was one of thirty-two Air Service training camps established after the United States entry into World War I in April 1917 / On 29 March 1943, the 332d Fighter Group of the Tuskegee Airmen completed its move to Selfridge / The commander of the Tuskegee's European and Mediterranean operations was Colonel Benjamin O. Davis Jr., the first black officer to graduate from West Point in the 20th century, and later the first black Air Force general / The 477th Composite Group was formed at Selfridge on 15 January 1944 to train Tuskegee Airmen with Republic P-47 Thunderbolt fighters and North American B-25 Mitchell bombers

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **GARLAND**

KENNETH

Address: 3085 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "C", 11TH BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Fort Bragg, North Carolina - In 1918, Congress established Camp Bragg, an Army field artillery site named for the Confederate General Braxton Bragg / Camp Bragg became a permanent Army post renamed Fort Bragg / Various units trained at Fort Bragg during World War II, including the 9th Infantry Division, 2nd Armored Division, 82nd Airborne Division, 100th Infantry Division, and various field artillery groups

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **GARLAND**

LINWOOD A.

Address: 3085 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

SQUADRON 24 M.A.G. (MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP), 1ST M.A.W. (MARINE AIR WING)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The mission of the Marine Air Wing was to conduct air operations in support of the Marine forces which included offensive air support, anti air warfare, assault support and aerial reconnaissance

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Name: **GARLINGER**

E.

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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Name: **GARRISON**

PHILIP

B.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

6TH ENGINE 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 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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Name: **GARRISON**

ROBERT

G.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

24TH HEADQUARTERS, 2ND ARMY

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Shelby, Mississippi - Camp Shelby was established in 1917 and named in honor of Isaac Shelby, Indian fighter, Revolutionary War hero and 1st Governor of Kentucky / Camp also served as a holding center for German Prisoners-of-War

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **GARWOOD**

ROBERT

P.

Address: 22 BAYBERRY AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 339TH INFANTRY, 85TH (CUSTER) DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

1 BATTLE STAR

E.A.M.E. RIBBON WITH ONE STAR

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

SHARPSHOOTER

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER / NORTH AFRICAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Robert Garwood was wounded in the leg by an S-Mine (also known as "Bouncing Betty") in May 1944 during action in the village of Minturno, Italy during the Italian Campaign / Private Garwood earned a Battle Star for combat duty during the Rome-Arno campaign

Embarked for the combat zone aboard the SS John Clarke and returned to the United States on the SS Cristobal

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The German S-mine (Schrapnellmine, Springmine or Splittermine in German), also known as the "Bouncing Betty", is the best-known version of a class of mines known as bounding mines. When triggered, these mines launch into the air and then detonate at about 2 ft 11 in. The explosion projects a lethal spray of shrapnel in all directions. The S-mine was an anti-personnel landmine developed by Germany in the 1930s and used extensively by German forces during World War II. It was designed to be used in open areas against unshielded infantry.

SS John Clark (Hull #1458) was a Liberty ship used to transport troops / On January 11, 1942, the SS Cristobal was requisitioned for military use in World War II, serving first as a troop carrier and later transporting war brides, children and wounded soldiers stateside

There were over sixteen hundred Liberty ships built by eighteen shipbuilders and twenty engine makers, under eighteen U.S. Navy classifications. These classifications included cargo, troop-carrying, hospital, general stores, technical and scientific research, aircraft repair and supply, aircraft ferry, radar station ship, miscellaneous auxiliary ships, experimental minesweepers, radar picket ships, and distilling ships



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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

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

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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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Name: **GATES**

ROBERT

B.

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: **GATTIE**

CLARENCE A.

Address:

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

Unit / Squadron:

22ND PORT SURGICAL HOSPITAL, 5TH AIR FORCE

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **GATTIE**

WALTER

E.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "E", ARMORED

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: GEBHARD

G.

Address: CLINTON STREET

Service Branch:

Rank: NAVY

Unit / Squadron:

V-12 SCHOOL

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The purpose of the V-12 program was to grant bachelor's degrees to future officers drawn from both the U.S. Navy and the Marine Corps. Once they completed their baccalaureate program, the next step toward obtaining a Navy commission was to attend a U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School where the future officer was required to complete the V-7 program, a short course of four months, including one month spent in indoctrination school. Graduates from the midshipmen schools were commissioned as ensigns in the U.S. Naval Reserve and the majority entered into active duty with the U.S. fleet / The V-12 Navy College Training Program was initiated in 1943 to meet both the immediate and long-range needs for commissioned officers to man ships, fly planes and command troops called to duty in World War II



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Name: **GEIER**

CARL

J.

Address:

CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: **NAVY**

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miami, Florida - Naval Air Station was commissioned in 1940

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **GENDRON**

HAROLD

R.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: R.M. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

MOBILE COMMUNICATION, UNIT 6, 7TH FLEET (FLAGSHIP)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Radioman Second-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: GERLACH

RONALD

E

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CAPT.

Unit / Squadron:

102ND A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT) BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Captain Ronald Gerlach joined the 102nd anti-aircraft battalion in December 1940 and went overseas in February 1942. Gerlach was promoted from First Lieutenant to Captain in an infantry regiment in the Pacific and graduated from Officer School in Australia in April 1943. Captain Gerlach was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and the Purple Heart, from wounds he received in action

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: GERMAIN

CHESTER

G.

Address: 87 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

BUREAU OF SUPPLIES AND ACCOUNTS, NAVY DEPOT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Cleveland, Ohio

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **GERMAIN**

KENNETH

W.

Address: 56 WESTMINSTER ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

SERVICE BATTERY, 898TH F.A. BATTALION (FIELD ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky - 250,000 soldiers trained at Camp Breckenridge during World War II / Camp also served as a Prisoner-of-War camp, where 3,500 German prisoners were housed

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: **GICK**

C.

G.

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: GICK

HAROLD

W.

Address: 36 WICHITA ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "B", 133RD A.A.A. GUN BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Harold Gick was stationed at Pearl Harbor at the time of the Japanese attack on 7 December 1941

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: GICK

RICHARD

Address:

GARDEN AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: M/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 6TH GENERAL HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **GIESE**

E.

J.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **GIFFORD**

JACK

K.

Address: 18 AVENUE B

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "E", 534TH E.B. & S.R. (ENGINEER BOAT & SHORE REGIMENT)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 534th Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment, a unit of the 4th Engineer Special (Amphibian) Brigade was activated on February 1, 1943, at Fort Devens, Massachusetts / The 4th ESB arrived in New Guinea on May 18, 1944, and participated in the assaults on Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies (15 September 1944) and Lingayen Gulf, Luzon (9 January 1945) / The brigade was inactivated in Japan on 15 April 1946

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Name: **GILCHRIST**

WILLIAM

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "D", 517TH A.A.A. GUN BATTERY (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Davis, North Carolina - Camp Davis was built by the United States Army as an anti-aircraft artillery training facility and was manned by about 20,000 officers and men

Miscellaneous:

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Name: GILL

ANTHONY

Address: 3618 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 3RD BATTALION, 331ST INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Anthony Gill was wounded in action on 3 March 1944 during fighting in Germany

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Anthony Gill attended Ebenezer High School three years prior to enlisting in the Army

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: GILL

JOHN

Address: 3618 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS GUAM (CB-2), 6TH FLEET

U.S.N.T.C. (UNITED STATES NAVAL TRAINING CENTER)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class

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:

USS Guam (CB-2) was an Alaska-class large cruiser named for the island of Guam / The USS Guam participated in operations off Okinawa in March–July 1945, including providing anti-aircraft defense for the carrier task force and conducting limited shore bombardment operations / Commissioned 17 September 1944 and decommissioned 17 February 1947

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: GILL

JOSEPH

F.

Address: 3618 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

U.S. CLAIMS SERVICE, HEADQUARTERS P.B.S.

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Joseph Gill served in Italy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **GILMOUR**

EDWARD

A.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Edward A. Gilmour was Killed in Action

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **GITCHELL**

ED

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

POST HEADQUARTERS, 1253RD RD., S.C.S.U.

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Upton- Long Island, New York - Camp Upton was an Army installation located on Long Island, New York and named after Emory Upton, a Union general of the Civil War and was created in 1917 to house and train soldiers / Camp Upton became the site of the Recruit Educational Center, an Army program that enrolled foreign-born, non-English speaking, and illiterate soldiers / Soldiers who graduated were eligible for a three year term of military service, after which they could be naturalized as American citizens

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **GITCHELL**

GEORGE

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

B 23, U.S.N.T.C. (UNITED STATES NAVAL TRAINING CENTER)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **GLAGOLICH**
GEORGE

Address:

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

Unit / Squadron:
36TH PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:
ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:
PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

During World War II, the 36th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron operated primarily in the Southwest Pacific Theater, providing aerial reconnaissance and intelligence information over a wide area of the theater in numerous campaigns / In 1945, the squadron performed reconnaissance missions over Formosa as well as the Philippines / The squadron earned the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation for its combat operations during the Liberation of the Philippines in 1944–1945

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Name: **GLASER**

WILLIAM

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: **GLEED**

G.

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: **GLEISNER**

ROBERT

W.

Address: 148 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS WILLMARTH (DE-638)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class Robert Gleisner entered the Navy on 3 August 1943

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The USS Willmarth was a Buckley-class destroyer escort named in honor of Ensign Kenneth Willmarth (1914-1942), who was killed in action when the cruiser Vincennes was sunk during the Battle of Savo Island on 9 August 1942 / The Willmarth participated in the liberation of the Philippine and Okinawa Islands / Commissioned on 13 March 1944 and decommissioned on 26 April 1946

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Name: **GOETZ**

EDWIN

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: GOMEZAK

HENRY

A.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "F", 30TH INFANTRY

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: **GORSKI**

ANTHONY E.

Address: 85 STANTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 23RD INFANTRY REGIMENT, 2ND DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

3 BATTLE STARS

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER / NORTH AFRICA THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Anthony E. Gorski served in Europe where he was a mortar gunner, cook and military policeman

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Anthony Gorski entered the Army in 1943 and was honorably discharged in 1945 / After his service, Gorski worked on the assembly line at General Motors Tonawanda Engine Plant for 40 years until his retirement. / Anthony Gorski was a former president of Local 774 UAW Union and also helped develop the Riverside Credit Union / Gorski was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and Hank Nowak AMVETS Post 45 / Anthony E. Gorski passed away on November 11, 2016 at the age of 92 years

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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

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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 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

The Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to infantrymen and Special Forces Soldiers in the rank of Colonel and below, who personally fought in active ground combat while assigned as members of an infantry, Ranger or Special Forces unit, of brigade size or smaller, any time after 6 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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **GOTTLIEB**

EDWARD

H.

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: **GOULD**

GERARD

G.

Address: 113 DIRKSON AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

1260TH S.C.S.U. P.R.P. - SUPPLY

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Fort Dix, New Jersey - Unit was part of the United States Army that trained soldiers on how to feed troops during wartime

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: GRABENSTATTER

DONALD

H.

Address: 1300 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

RECEIVING STATION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class

Base Assignments:

Brooklyn, New York - During World War II, the Brooklyn Navy Yard played a pivotal role in the American war effort building battleships and aircraft carriers, repairing over 5,000 ships, and shipped troops and supplies to fronts across the globe

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: GRABENSTATTER

HARRY

L.

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: GRACE

ANTHONY

Address: 422 COLLINS AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 822ND A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY), A.W. BATTALION (AIR WARNING)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Haan, California - Camp Haan was opened in January 1941 / In March 1942 Camp Haan was reorganized as an Army Service Depot and in late 1942 a prisoner of war camp was built for 1,200 Italian Prisoners of War / In April 1945, German POWs arrived at Haan to replace the Italians / Camp Haan had an 800-bed debarkation hospital which received wounded coming in from the Pacific theaters of operation / Camp Haan, at its peak, had a population of 80,000

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 antiaircraft gunners by providing accurate information about the range, speed, and altitude of incoming enemy planes



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: GRADL

ROBERT

A.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 861ST AMERICAN ENGINEERING BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **GRAEBER**

EUGENE

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: **GRAHAM**

ROBERT

H.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

372ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 372nd Bombardment Squadron was formed as a heavy bombardment group in January 1942, trained in the Pacific Northwest under Second Air Force, with B-17 Flying Fortresses. Reassigned to Seventh Air Force in Hawaii, November 1942 and performed performing search and rescue and antisubmarine patrols until January 1943 while transitioning to long-range B-24 Liberator heavy bombers / Deployed to the Central Pacific from Hawaii throughout 1943 for long-range combat bombardment operations against Japanese forces in the Central Pacific; New Guinea; Northern Solomon Islands and Eastern Mandates campaigns / Deployed to the New Hebrides in Melanesia and operated from numerous temporary jungle airfields, engaging in long-range bombardment operations during the Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon and Southern Philippines campaigns until the end of the war in August 1945

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: GRASSL

JOSEPH

Address: 1081 ORCHARD PARK ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS LST 662 (LANDING SHIP, TANK)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

USS LST-622 was a tank landing ship assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and participated in the Lingayen Gulf landing, January 1945, and the assault and occupation of Okinawa Gunto, from March through June 1945 / LST-662 earned three battle stars / Commissioned 26 June 1944 and decommissioned 14 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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **GREASERT**

LEROY

Address: 23 WINEGAR PLACE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

MILITARY POLICE

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Leroy Greasert was stationed in England

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **GREASERT**
RUSSELL

Address: 23 WINEGAR PLACE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

1294TH Q.M. REPAIR COMPANY (QUARTERMASTER)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Russell Greasert was stationed in England

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: GREATBATCH

WILSON

Address: 2749 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: A.C.R.M.

Unit / Squadron:

C.A.S.U. (CARRIER AIRCRAFT SERVICE UNIT)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Wilson Greatbatch was an Aviation Chief Radioman

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Wilson Greatbatch attended West Seneca High School

After an Honorable Discharge, Wilson Greatbatch went to become an engineer and inventor. He held more than 350 patents and was a member of the National Inventors Hall of Fame and a recipient of the Lemelson-MIT Prize

Wilson Greatbatch was the co-inventor of the first successful implanted pacemaker and in 1970, developed corrosion-free lithium batteries to power pacemakers

Wilson Greatbatch died at the age of 92 on 27 September 2011.

A Carrier Aircraft Service Unit is a group of Naval Officers and enlisted men who are assigned to a Naval Air Station or airfield. They were comprised of aviation machinist mates, ordnanceman, metalsmiths, electricians, hospital corpsmen, cooks, bakers, and seaman who are not assigned to a squadron. Fighter, scout bomber or torpedo squadrons that required replacements found then through the C.A.S.U.

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throughout the entire Second World War

Name: **GREGORY**

L.

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: **GRIEM**

LAWRENCE

Address: 55 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "I", 141ST INFANTRY

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: **GRIFFIN**

JOHN

M.

Address: 170 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "B", 28TH C.A. (COAST ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miami, Florida - From 1942 to 1945 Miami Beach played a significant role in WWII. Nearly 500,000 men, including matinee-idol Clark Gable, took over 300 hotels and buildings for housing and training headquarters under the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command. By the time the war ended, one-fourth of all Army Air Force officers and one-fifth of the Air Corps' enlisted men had been trained in "the most beautiful boot camp in America" - Miami Beach

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: GRIMMER

GEORGE

J.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

MEDICAL DETACHMENT, 1ST BATTALION ENGINEERING REGIMENT

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: GRISWOLD

GUY

A.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: F. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Fireman Second-Class

Base Assignments:

Gulfport, Mississippi - On 2 June 1942, an Advanced Base Depot was established in Gulfport and the first Seabees started coming through Gulfport / The mission of the Center changed from a receiving organization to a U.S. Naval Training Center in March 1944, and provided for training in basic engineering, diesel, radioman, quartermaster and electrician's ratings.

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: GROELL

JOSEPH

T.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "B", 562ND A.A.A. BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY), A.W. (AIR WARNING)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **GROSS**

ALFRED

J.

Address: 3729 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "E", 2ND C.A. BATTALION (COAST ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Fort Story, Virginia - Originally known as Cape Henry Military Reservation, it was officially named on 24 July 1916 for Major General John P. Story, once an artillery commander at Fort Monroe / Coastal artillery batteries were established around the fort to offer protection against hostile shipping entering the Chesapeake Bay

England General Hospital - Atlantic City, New Jersey

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: GROSS

ALOYSIUS

P.

Address:

FREMONT AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 315TH ENGINEERING BATTALION

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: **GROSS**

DAVID

H.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 66TH BATTALION, 2ND PLATOON

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Wolters, Texas - Located northeast of Mineral Wells, Texas, Camp Wolters was opened in 1925 as a National Guard training area under the guidance of General Jacob F. Wolters / During World War II, Camp Wolters, was for a time, the largest infantry replacement training center in the United States / During the war over 200,000 Infantry trainees cycled through Camp Wolters / The original buildings of "Old" Camp Wolters were converted into a P.O.W. camp for German prisoners from North Africa

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **GROSS**

FRANCIS J.

Address: 27 FLOHR AVENUE

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

Unit / Squadron:

463RD SERVICE SQUADRON

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: **GROTEVENT**

WILLIAM

F.

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: **GROTH**

HOWARD

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: GROTKE

HOWARD

G.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "M", 28TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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

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: **GROTKE**

NORMAN

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: **GUGGISBURG**

A.

E.

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: **GUGGISBURG**

J.

N.

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: **GUINARD**

LEONARD S.

Address: 24 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

STATION HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Barkeley, Texas - Camp Barkeley was a large United States Army training installation located eleven miles southwest of Abilene, Texas / The base was named after David B. Barkley, a Medal of Honor recipient during World War I (a clerical error is believed to have caused the spelling discrepancy) / At its peak, in March 1945, the POW camp housed 840 German prisoners / Camp Barkeley was officially closed in September 1945 and dismantled

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: **GUNDLACH**

ARTHUR

E.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)
