



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



Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **JACOBS**

**N.**

**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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**Name:** **JANKOWIAK**

**ROBERT E.**

**Address:** 110 ELECTRIC AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE **Rank:** 1ST LT

**Unit / Squadron:**

381ST BOMB GROUP, 533RD BOMB SQUADRON - 8TH AIR FORCE

**Medals / Citations:**

AIR MEDAL

PURPLE HEART

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

First Lieutenant Robert Jankowiak was stationed in England

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The 381st Bomb Group was a B-17 Flying Fortress unit based at Ridgewell, England, Station 167, as part of the Eighth Air Force from 1943 to 1945. The group flew in the 1st Combat Wing, First Air Division of the 8th Army Air Force.

The Purple Heart was instituted in 1782 by George Washington and is the first American decoration. Originally it was awarded for bravery in action, currently it is awarded to those wounded or killed in action

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

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



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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

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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**Name:** JENNING

ALVIN

G.

**Address:** 664 BROOKSIDE DRIVE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 16TH ARMORED ENGINEER BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The 16th Engineer Battalion was a Combat Engineer Battalion in the United States Army, first established in 1935 / Battalion arrived in North Africa on 21 December 1942 and participated in the Tunisia Campaign / Battalion transferred to Sicily in July 1943 and participated in the Sicily Campaign / Through 1944, the 16th Armored participated in the Naples-Foggia Campaign, Anzio Campaign, Rome-Arno Campaign and the North Apennines Campaign / In 1945, the battalion participated in the Po Valley, Italy Campaign

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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FRANK

J.

**Address:** 64 BROOKSIDE DRIVE

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

SQUADRON "T", 442ND A.A.F. BASE UNIT

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Tonopah, Nevada - Through 31 November 1943, Tonopah AAF aided in the training of 8 bombardment squadrons and 12 fighter squadrons / In September 1943 the base expanded to provide training for the Consolidated B-24 Liberator aircraft

**Miscellaneous:**

Often compared with the better-known Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, the B-24 Liberators were a more modern design with a higher top speed, greater range, and a heavier bomb load; it was also more difficult to fly, with heavy control forces and poor formation-flying characteristics / The B-24 ended World War II as the most produced heavy bomber in history. At over 18,400 units, half by the Ford Motor Company, it still holds the distinction as the most-produced American military aircraft

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**Name:** JENNINGS

DOUGLAS

A.

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* R.C.A.F.

*Rank:* CADET

*Unit / Squadron:*

164TH SQUADRON, R.C.A.F. (ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE)

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Douglas Jennings was an Aviation Cadet

*Base Assignments:*

Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada

*Miscellaneous:*

The Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) is the air force of Canada / During the Second World War, the RCAF was significantly expanded to become the fourth largest allied air force / During the war the RCAF was involved in operations in Great Britain, northwest Europe, the north Atlantic, Egypt, Italy, Sicily, Malta, Ceylon, India, Burma, and with Canadian home defense



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**Name:** JENNINGS

REGINALD

G.

**Address:**

SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** R.C.A.F.

**Rank:** 2ND LIEUT

**Unit / Squadron:**

BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, R.C.A.F. (ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Second Lieutenant Reginald Jennings was notified of his promotion to pilot officer (2nd Lt), in the R.C.A.F. the day before he took off in his bomber as a gunner on a mission from an airbase in England. Lt Jennings' bomber was hit by enemy fire and Lieutenant Jennings was reported Missing in Action. Three other crew members, out of the crew of seven, were taken as Prisoners of War

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Reginald Jennings was a senior at Burgard Vocational School when he enlisted in October 1942

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**Name:** JENSON

EDWARD R.

**Address:** 260 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Staff Sergeant

**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:**

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**Name:** JENTSCH

FREDERICK P.

**Address:** 36 BENSON AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S. 1/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY 5, J.B. 257, N.A.T.T.C. (NAVAL AIR TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Seaman First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Navy Pier - Chicago, Illinois - The Navy used the Pier to enroll and train sailors / By the time the Navy's usage ceased in 1946, sixty-thousand naval personnel were trained at Navy Pier

**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:** **JERGE**

**CLARENCE F.**

**Address:** 61 BENSON AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE **Rank:** LT.

**Unit / Squadron:**

530TH SQUADRON, 380TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Lieutenant Clarence Jerge was reported Missing in Action during heavy fighting in the Pacific area and later classified as Killed in Action

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The 380th Bombardment Group (H), flew B-24 Liberator bombers in the South West and Western Pacific areas in WWII as part of the 5th Air Force / The 380th went overseas in April 1943 and assigned to the Australian Northwest Area Command operating out of Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia / The 380th made the longest bombing missions of WWII, to the oil refineries at Balikpapan, Borneo and to those at Surabaya, Java

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 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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**Name:** **JERGE**

**EDWARD J.**

**Address:** 61 BENSON AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE **Rank:** A/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

2538TH A.A.F., SECTION "H"

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Air Cadet

**Base Assignments:**

Maxwell Field, Alabama - Located 2 miles west of Montgomery, Maxwell Field was opened in 1918 and was named in honor of Lieutenant William C. Maxwell, an Alabamian killed in an aircraft accident in the Philippines / During World War II, Maxwell was the home of Headquarters Southeast Air Corps Training Center (SEATC), which was responsible for all U.S. Army Air Forces (AAF) operational training in the eastern United States

Midland, Texas - Midland Army Airfield operated as a Bombardier training school for the United States Army Air Forces from 1942 until 1945

**Miscellaneous:**

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*Name:* **JERZ**

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*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** JOHENGEN

NELSON

E.

**Address:** 109 WILDWOOD AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY / M.M.

**Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Nelson Johengen was inducted into the Army on 8 January 1943 and received most of his training at Pine Camp in New York State. Due to illness, Nelson was Honorably Discharged from the Army / After recovering from his illness, Nelson still wanting to serve his country, enlisted in the Merchant Marine on 27 November 1943

**Base Assignments:**

Pine Camp, New York - The Ghost Army was a United States Army tactical deception unit during World War II, officially known as the 23rd Headquarters Special Troops, which was fully formed at Pine Camp, NY (now Fort Drum) . The 1,100-man unit was given a unique mission within the U.S Army: to impersonate other U.S. Army units to deceive the enemy. From a few weeks after D-Day, when they landed in France, until the end of the war, they put on a "traveling road show" utilizing inflatable tanks, sound trucks, fake radio transmissions and pretence. They staged more than 20 battlefield deceptions, often operating very close to the front lines. Their mission was kept secret until 1996, and elements of it remain classified.

**Miscellaneous:**

In time of war or national emergency, the U.S. Merchant Marine becomes vital to national security as a "fourth arm of defense". Merchant ships bear the brunt of delivering military troops, supplies and equipment overseas to our forces and allies operating as an auxiliary unit to the Navy



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*Name:* **JOHNSON**

**DANFORD**

**G.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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*Name:* **JOHNSON**

**ELDRED**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

DEPARTMENT F104

*Medals / Citations:*

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

EUROPEAN THEATER

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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*Name:* **JOHNSON**

**G.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* PFC

*Unit / Squadron:*

BATTERY "F", 213RD C.A. (COASTAL ARTILLERY), A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT 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

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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**Name:** **JOHNSON**

**HENRY**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** S/SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

BATTERY "C", 630TH A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY), 40MM A.A.A.

**Medals / Citations:**

PURPLE HEART MEDAL

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

SHARPSHOOTER

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

NORTH AFRICAN THEATER / EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Staff Sergeant Henry Johnson was enroute to Europe on the USAT Alexander (ID-3006 - Troop Transport) when the boiler blew up and the ship became separated from her convoy, but made it safely into port

Staff Sergeant Johnson participated in the invasion of Italy from North Africa and later saw action in Salerno, Monte Cassino and Austria

Johnson served in the Army for 4 years and 11 1/2 months and returned back to the United States on the USAT Dublin

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The USS America (ID-3006) was a troop transport for the United States Navy during World War I / In April 1931, America ended her service but nine years later in 1940, the America was reactivated for the U.S. Army and renamed USAT Edmund B. Alexander / The Alexander was used to transfer troops between New York and European ports

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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



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case posthumously

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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:** JOHNSON

RICHARD

L.

**Address:** 103 HARLEM ROAD

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S. 2/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Seaman Second-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Cambridge, Massachusetts

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** JOHNSON

RICHARD

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** MMG. 3/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

N.T.S. COMPRESSED GASES (NAVAL TRAINING STATION)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Machinist's Mate "G" Third-Class (Industrial Gas Generating)

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Peary, Virginia - During World War II the United States Navy took over a large area on the north side of the Virginia Peninsula, Virginia which became known as Camp Peary, initially for use as a Seabee training base / After completing three weeks of boot training at Camp Allen, and later its successor, Camp Peary, the Seabees were formed into construction battalions or other types of construction units. Soon, however, another mission had been identified for Camp Peary. All preliminary and advanced specialized training for Seabees was changed to be conducted at Camp Allen and Camp Bradford at Norfolk, Virginia, where both were an integral part of the Naval Operating Base / The mission of Camp Peary changed as the war progressed and a new need presented itself to the U.S. Navy. It became a stockade for special German prisoners-of-war (POWs) / The POWs kept at Camp Peary were not just an ordinary sort, but rather, many came from captured German submarine and ship crews which the Germans had thought lost at sea with crews presumed dead. It was important for Nazi authorities to be unaware of their capture, since that also meant secret code books thought lost at sea may also have been compromised

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** JOHNSON

STEPHEN F.

**Address:** 3451 CLINTON STREET

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

A.A.F. OVERSEAS REPLACEMENT DEPOT

**Medals / Citations:**

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Staff Sergeant Stephen Johnson was an expert with the M-1 carbine and the .45 caliber pistol

**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

Kearns, Utah - Kearns came into existence 1 May 1942 as a World War II United States Army Air Forces training facility known as Kearns Army Air Base / Throughout World War II the Kearns Air Base served primarily as a training field for Air Corps personnel / The training facilities included a grenade-throwing ground, a gas demonstration area, beachhead maneuvers, and a mile-long obstacle course

**Miscellaneous:**

Overseas Replacement Depot began as the Army Air Force's (AAF) Basic Training Center No. 10 and was a facility large enough to train and mobilize the tens of thousands of crewmen needed for the air war in Europe and Asia / Trainees endured from four to eight weeks of intensive training in weapons, drill, physical fitness, and chemical warfare. Airmen then left for advanced training at other bases prior to assignment in combat theaters around the world

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:** JOLL

ARTHUR

F.

**Address:** 99 LOUIS AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** F. 2/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

A.B.C. #1 (AMERICAN, BRITISH AND CANADIAN)

U.S.N.A.T.B. (UNITED STATES NAVAL AIR TRAINING BASE)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

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"

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** JOSEPH

RAYMOND V.

**Address:** 92 ALMONT AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "B", 38TH INFANTRY

260TH INFANTRY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Raymond Joseph entered the service on 18 November 1943

**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:**

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:** JOYCE

PETER

G.

**Address:**

UNION RD & NORTH AVE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** BM 2/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY B-4, 16TH CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

2 BATTLE STARS

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Boatswain's Mate Second-Class Peter Joyce was a diver who participated in raising the battleship USS Oklahoma (BB-37) which was sunk by several bombs and torpedoes during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941.

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

USS Oklahoma (BB-37), the only ship of the United States Navy to ever be named for the 46th state / On 7 December 1941, Oklahoma was sunk by several bombs and torpedoes during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. A total of 429 crew died when she capsized in Battleship Row. In 1943 Oklahoma was righted and salvaged. However, unlike most of the other battleships that were recovered following Pearl Harbor, the Oklahoma was too damaged to return to duty. She was eventually stripped of her remaining armaments and superstructure before being sold for scrap in 1946. She sank in a storm while being towed from Oahu in Hawaii to a breakers yard in San Francisco Bay in 1947 / Commissioned on 2 May 1916 and decommissioned on 1 September 1944

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

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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**Name:** **JUERGENS**

**ROBERT**

**O.**

**Address:** 1475 ORCHARD PARK ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE      **Rank:** A/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

SQUADRON 1, SECTION "Q", FLIGHT 2, P.S.C.

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Maxwell Field, Alabama - Located 2 miles west of Montgomery, Maxwell Field was opened in 1918 and was named in honor of Lieutenant William C. Maxwell, an Alabamian killed in an aircraft accident in the Philippines / During World War II, Maxwell was the home of Headquarters Southeast Air Corps Training Center (SEATC), which was responsible for all U.S. Army Air Forces (AAF) operational training in the eastern United States

**Miscellaneous:**

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