



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



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **KAMMERER**

RICHARD

Address: 3507 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS AND BASE SQUADRON, 89TH SERVICE GROUP

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Richard Kammerer enlisted in the Army-Air Force as an Air Cadet in December 1943 / Private Kammerer was stationed at a B-29 Superfortress airfield in the Marianas Islands in May 1945

Base Assignments:

Barksdale Army Air Field, Louisiana - Barksdale was established in 1932 and named for World War I aviator and test pilot Lieutenant Eugene Hoy Barksdale (1896-1926) / Barksdale was developed as an Air Corps flying school November 1940 / Barksdale Field was host to the Army's "complete military maneuvers" simulating European combat operations. Some 320 aircraft from throughout the Army Air Corps participated, as Major General Dwight D. Eisenhower watched

McCook Air Field, Nebraska - McCook Army Airfield was activated on 1 April 1943 and is located southwest of Lincoln, Nebraska / McCook provided final training of heavy bomber crews for the B-17 Flying Fortress, Consolidated B-24 Liberator and Boeing B-29 Super Fortress / 15,000 servicemen and 500 civilians were stationed at McCook / Bomber crew members received final proficiency training at the field before deployment in North Africa, Europe, and Pacific Theater of Operations

Miscellaneous:

Kammerer was a graduate of Ebenezer High School

The B-29 Superfortress was a four-engine propeller-driven heavy bomber designed by Boeing / It was one of the largest aircraft to have seen service during World War II and a very advanced bomber for its time, with features such as a pressurized cabin, an electronic fire-control system, and remote-controlled machine-gun turrets / The name "Superfortress" was derived from that of its well-known predecessor, the B-17 Flying Fortress / The B-29 became the primary aircraft used in the American firebombing campaign, and was used extensively in low-



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altitude night-time incendiary bombing missions / One of the B-29's final roles during World War II was carrying out the atomic bomb attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Name: **KANTON**

WILLIAM S.

Address: 67 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: A.S.

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY 465 - F11

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Apprentice Seaman

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, New York, a hero of the Battle of Santiago during the Spanish-American War

Miscellaneous:



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Name: KARG

JAMES

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: COXWAIN

Unit / Squadron:

USS BELLEAU WOOD (CVL-24)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

USS Belleau Wood was a Independence-class aircraft carrier active in the Pacific Theater, from 1943 to 1945 / Originally laid down as the Cleveland-class light cruiser New Haven (CL-76), she was refitted as an aircraft carrier and renamed Belleau Wood on 31 March 1942 in memory of the World War I Battle of Belleau Wood, in which United States soldiers and Marines of the American Expeditionary Forces, defeated the German troops after nearly four weeks of intense fighting / Belleau Wood participated in the battles of Kwajalein and Majuro Atolls, Marshall Islands, Truk, Saipan-Tinian-Rota-Guam, Palau-Yap-Ulithi-Woleai, Sawar, Wakde Island, New Guinea and the Battle of the Philippine Sea / She also took part in the raids on Honshū Island, Japan, and the Nansei Shoto, and other strikes against Japan as well as supporting the landings on Iwo Jima / The Belleau Wood received the Presidential Unit Citation and twelve battle stars during World War II / Decommissioned 13 January 1947



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RICHARD J.

Address: 87 INNES ROAD

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

Unit / Squadron:

610TH A.A.F. BASE, PROOFREADING SECTION, PHOTO DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Elgin Field, Florida - Elgin Army Air Field was located approximately 3 miles southwest of Valparaiso, Florida and was established in 1935 as the Valparaiso Bombing and Gunnery Base / Field is named in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Frederick I. Eglin (1891-1937), who was killed in a crash of his Northrop A-17 pursuit aircraft on a flight from Langley to Maxwell Field, Alabama / During World War II, Elgin remained a proving ground for aircraft armament

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **KAROLEWSKI**

FLOYD

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: KAROLEWSKI

FRANCIS C.

Address: 2105 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

111ND O.M. BAKING CO

Medals / Citations:

C.B.I. RIBBON (CHINA-BURMA-INDIA)

2 BATTLE STARS

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

CHINA-BURMA-INDIA THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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 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 China-Burma-India (C.B.I.) Medal honors the brave men that drove the trucks and flew supplies across the mountains from India and China. The dangerous 530-mile long passage over the Himalayan Mountains took its toll. Nearly 1,000 men and 600 Air Transport Command (ATC) planes were lost over the hump by the end of China-Burma-India Theater (CBI) operations. The ribbon incorporates the colors of China, Burma and India

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

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



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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

Name: KASK

ARNOLD

D.

Address: 36 OSCHAWA AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

3506TH BASE UNIT, SECTION 2

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Sioux Falls, South Dakota - During World War II, the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) established numerous airfields in South Dakota for training pilots and aircrews of USAAF fighters and bombers

Miscellaneous:



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Name: KAUDERER

CLIFFORD

J.

Address: 1877 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

3475TH ORDNANCE M.A.M. COMPANY (MEDIUM AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Clifford Kauderer saw action in New Caledonia, New Hebrides and the Solomon Islands

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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Name: **KAUHL**

MAYNARD A.

Address: 523 CENTER ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

580TH S.A.W. BATTALION (SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING), COMPANY "E", 2ND PLATOON

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Maynard Kauhler served in the Army for 3 years

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Some of the largest and most important Army units were the Signal Aircraft Warning (SAW) battalions, which used the new technology of radar to provide early warning and air defense. These battalions served in all theaters

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Name: **KAUHL**

RICHARD

A.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, 17TH A.B. DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:



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Name: KAUSNER

KENNETH

W.

Address: 1505 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: M.M. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

14TH SPECIAL N.C.B. COMPANY (NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION), COMPANY C-3

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Machinists Mate Second-Class Kenneth Kausner joined the "Seabees" in June 1943 and trained at Camp Peary in Virginia. Besides regular naval training, Kausner also underwent Marine training. After a few months in California, he was transferred to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, before moving onto other Pacific Islands formerly held by Japanese forces

Base Assignments:

Camp Peary, Virginia - The camp's initial mission was as a base to train Navy Seabees / 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:

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: KAUSNER

WILBERT

L.

Address: 1505 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: E.M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

SUBMARINE DIVISION 161

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ASIATIC -PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER / ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Electrician's Mate Second-Class Wilbert Kausner enlisted in June 1942 and west to Newport, Rhode Island for training in the Submarine Service. Further training took place in New London, Connecticut aboard a submarine. He was stationed in New London for approximately one year before being transferred to Australia / Kausner also served in submarine duties in North Africa and England

Base Assignments:

Newport, Rhode Island - The U.S. Naval Base at Newport served as a PT-Boat (Patrol Torpedo) training center, a torpedo training school and a Naval Air Training Center

New London - Naval Submarine Base New London was the United States Navy's primary submarine base, also known as the "Home of the Submarine Force"

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **KAYE**

VICTOR

J.

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: **KAYSER JR.**

WILLIAM

B.

Address:

SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

460TH ENGINEER DEPOT COMPANY, 1ST PLATOON

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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Name: **KAZLOWSKI
FLORIAN**

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: G.M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

SS ROBERT MORRIS (HULL #0070)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Gunners Mate Third-Class Florian Kazlowski served as an armed guard aboard the SS Robert Morris , a Liberty Ship

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The SS Robert Morris was named after Robert Morris, (20 January 1734 – 8 May 1806) who was a an American merchant, and signer of the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the United States Constitution / Liberty ships were named after prominent (deceased) Americans, starting with Patrick Henry and the signers of the Declaration of Independence

The Liberty ships, a vast new fleet for the war effort, were built in a national "Virtual Shipyard" that harnessed skills, resources, and facilities all across America. From 1941 to 1945, the United States increased its shipbuilding capacity by more than 1,200% and produced over 2,700 Liberty Ships, 800 Victory Vessels, 320 T-2 Tankers, and various other commercial and naval auxiliary vessels for a total of 5,200 ships constructed for the period / A Liberty ship was designed to carry about 10,000 tons of cargo, but in wartime conditions often carried much more. Liberty ships were nicknamed "ugly ducklings" by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt



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Name: KEANE

JOHN T.

Address: 132 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

862ND QUARTERMASTER F.B., 5TH ZONE

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming - The fort had been established in 1867 to protect workers for the Union Pacific Railroad and was originally named to honor of David Allen Russell, a Civil War general killed at the Battle of Opequon / By 1900, Fort D. A. Russell was one of the largest cavalry bases in the United States / In 1930, the fort's name was changed to Fort Francis E. Warren / During World War II, Fort Francis E. Warren served as a training facility for the US Army Quartermaster Corps / A camp was constructed within the fort to house Prisoners of 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: KEANE

ROGER

J.

Address: 43 WICHITA ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CAPT

Unit / Squadron:

59TH QUARTERMASTER SALES COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Fort Polk, Louisiana - Fort Polk was located approximately ten miles east of Leesville, Louisiana and was named in honor of the Right Reverend Leonidas Polk, the first Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana, and a distinguished Confederate general in the American Civil War / While primarily a training facility, Camp Polk also served as a military prison for Germans captured during World War II. The first prisoners of war (POWs), who began arriving in Louisiana in July 1943, were from the Afrika Korps, Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's troops who fought in North Africa

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **KEANE**

WILLIAM

R.

Address: 43 WICHITA ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 261ST INFANTRY

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:

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: **KEGLER**

R.

P.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

57TH A.E.G. (AIR EXPEDITIONARY GROUP), 7TH FERRYING GROUP

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Gore Field - Great Lakes, Montana - The 7th Ferrying Group of the Air Transport Command at Gore Army Air Field transported aircraft to Russia and other locations around the world / The Gore Army Air Field now is the home of the Great Falls International Airport

Miscellaneous:



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Name: KEHRER

JOSEPH F.

Address: 219 MAIN STREET

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

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON, 315TH SERVICE GROUP

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Joseph F. Kehrer was Killed in Action

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **KEICHER**

ALBERT

A.

Address: 170 WILDWOOD AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

208TH A.A. COMPANY (ANTI-AIRCRAFT)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Albert Keicher spent 13 months overseas and was Honorably Discharged on 19 May 1943

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



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Name: **KEICHER**

DENNIS

A.

Address: 126 CHAMBERLIN DRIVE

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

456TH AMPHIBIAN TRUCK COMPANY, 1ST MARINE DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 1st Marine Division is the oldest and largest active duty division in the United States Marine Corps / The division's regiments were in existence as early as 8 March 1911, when the 1st Marine Regiment was formed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba / The 1st Marine Division participated in the battles for Guadalcanal (650 killed - 1,278 wounded), Cape Gloucester (310 killed - 1,083 wounded), Peleliu (1,252 Killed - 5,274 wounded) and Okinawa (2,938 killed in action)



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Name: **KEICHER**

MYRON

Address:

FRENCH ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "B", 899TH 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: **KELCEY**

BENTON

M.

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: KELLER

CLETUS

A.

Address: 15 WICHITA ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

SECTION "O"

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Lowry Field - Denver, Colorado - Lowry Field was commissioned in March 1938 and named to honor 2d Lt Francis Lowry, the only Colorado pilot killed in WWI combat / The field was the home of the Air Corps Technical School, a school for Air Corps Clerks / The first class of the AAF bombardier schools was at Lowry and later the base was used for training in communications, engineering, armament and aviation photography

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **KELLER**

GRANT

Address: 65 LUDWIG AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: W.T. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS DALY (DD-519)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Water Tender Second-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The USS Daly was a Fletcher-class destroyer named for Marine Sergeant Major Daniel Daly, (1873–1937), one of the very few people to be twice awarded the Medal of Honor / Participated in the invasion of Leyte, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa / Outside of Okinawa, the ship was hit by a bomb, killing three and injuring 16 of the Daly's crew / The Daly received eight battle stars for World War II service / Commissioned 10 March 1943 and decommissioned 2 May 1960



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Name: **KELLER**

WARREN

Address: 65 LUDWIG AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: G.M. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS BALTIMORE (CA-68), DIVISION 2

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Gunner's Mate Second-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The USS Baltimore was a heavy cruiser named after the capital of Maryland / Between November 1943 and June 1944, the Baltimore was a unit of the fire support and covering forces at the Makin Islands landings, Kwajalein invasion and the Truk raid / In 1944 she participated in the attacks on Luzon, Formosa, the China coast and Okinawa / The Baltimore received nine battle stars for her service in the Pacific / Commissioned 15 April 1943 and decommissioned 31 May 1956



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Name: **KELLERMAN**

WILLIAM

J.

Address: 416 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

U.S.N.A.S. (UNITED STATES NAVAL AIR STATION)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class

Base Assignments:

Key West, Florida - Base was used for submarine training, air operations and Naval intelligence

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **KELLOGG**

C.

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: KELLY

MARVIN S.

Address: 24 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 541ST PARACHUTE INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Mackall, North Carolina - Originally named Camp Hoffman, the facility was renamed on 8 February 1943 Camp Mackall in honor of Private John Thomas (Tommy) Mackall who was mortally wounded in an attack by French Vichy aircraft on his aircraft as the aircraft landed near Oran, Algeria / Camp Mackall was the primary training site for U. S. Army Airborne troops

Miscellaneous:

The parachute infantry regiments were among the most highly decorated US Army units of World War II / The parachute infantry regiments were the first U.S. troops to liberate a town in France; spearhead the invasion of Sicily in the first American mass combat jump to fight at the forefront of six major campaigns (Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Normandy, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Germany); and to jump into Normandy during the invasion of France by Allied troops



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **KELM**

F.

R.

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: **KELM**

R.

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: **KELSEY**

EUGENE

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

722ND ENGINEER DEPOT, COMPANY 4

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:

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: **KELSEY**

FREDERICK

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: **KELSEY**

RICHARD

H.

Address: 1175 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 915TH F.A. BATTALION (FIELD ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **KEMMERER**

RICHARD

J.

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: **KENNICK**

PAUL

L.

Address: 175 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

C.B.M.U. 543 (CONSTRUCTION BATTALION MAINTENANCE UNIT)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: KENYA

JOHN

E.

Address: 72 LENOX ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

831ST C.A. BATTERY (COASTAL ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC 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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **KERN**

FREDERICK

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY 1863, U.S.N.T.S. (UNITED STATES NAVAL TRAINING STATION)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

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

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **KERR**

WILLIAM

Address: 115 WILDWOOD AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

L.S.T. 4517 (LANDING SHIP, TANK)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class

Base Assignments:

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:

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: **KESTER**

ARTHUR J.

Address: 60 EAST & WEST ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 793RD MILITARY POLICE BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Arthur Kester served in France as a member of the Military Police

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: **KESTER**

JOHN

E.

Address: 60 EAST & WEST ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE **Rank:** 2ND LT.

Unit / Squadron:

338TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 55TH FIGHTER GROUP

Medals / Citations:

AIR MEDAL WITH BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Lieutenant John Kester joined the Army-Air Force in February 1942 and commissioned as a Second-Lieutenant on February 8, 1942

Lt. Kester was credited with shooting down one German Messerschmidt 109 aircraft near Leipzig, Germany in his P-51 Mustang while escorting B-17 Flying Fortresses over targets in Merseburg, Germany / Kester had previously listed as missing for four months over Belgium / Lieutenant Kester was awarded the Air Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for " . . . Meritorious achievement while serving as a fighter pilot during an extended period of aerial combat over Germany and German-occupied Continental Europe" / Lieutenant John Kester flew 170 combat hours

Twice listed as missing, Second Lieutenant John Kester, a P-51 Mustang pilot, was Killed in Action over the skies of Germany on 14 January 1945

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Kester was a graduate of West Seneca High School / Employed by Bell Aircraft before entering the service on 9 November 1942

The 55th Fighter Group was activated on 15 Jan 1941 and transferred to England in 1943 / The 55th engaged primarily in escorting bombers that attacked such targets as industries and marshalling yards in Germany, and airfields and V-weapon sites in France / The 55th Fighter Group patrolled the air over the Channel and bombed bridges in the Tours area during the invasion of Normandy



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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, and has distinguished themselves by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. Subsequent awards are annotated with the traditional oak leaf clusters

An oak leaf cluster is a miniature metal device worn by members of the uniformed services of the United States on medals and ribbons issued by the United States Army, Air Force, and Department of Defense to denote subsequent decorations and awards. It is bronze or silver in appearance, formed as a twig of four oak leaves with three acorns on the stem. The bronze oak leaf cluster represents one additional award, while the silver oak leaf cluster is worn in lieu of five bronze oak leaf clusters

The North American Aviation P-51 Mustang was an American long-range, single-seat fighter and fighter-bomber used during World War II /The P-51 was flown with Allied air forces in the North African, Mediterranean and Italian theatres, and saw limited service against the Japanese in the Pacific War / During World War II, Mustang pilots claimed 4,950 enemy aircraft shot down



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Name: **KESTER**

RAYMOND 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: **KESTER**

ROBERT

W.

Address: 60 EAST & WEST ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 877TH AIRBORNE ENGINEER BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Robert Kester served in Germany as an Aviation Engineer

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 877th Airborne Engineer Battalion arrived in the United Kingdom in March 1944, and landed at Omaha Beach in Normandy in July 1944 / The 877th engaged in construction and maintenance of 66 air fields in France and Germany



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **KESTER**

WILLIAM J.

Address: 60 EAST & WEST ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: G.M.

Unit / Squadron:

M.F.D. SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Gunner's Mate William Kester was wounded in the Philippines in 4 January 1945 while serving on a Torpedo Boat

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **KIEFHABER**

M.

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: **KILBURN**

DONALD

R.

Address: 3200 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/3

Unit / Squadron:

3456TH ORDNANCE M.A.M. COMPANY (MEDIUM AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Third-Grade (Staff Sergeant)

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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Name: **KILBURN**

GORDON

E.

Address: 3200 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 661ST T.D. BATTALION (TANK DESTROYER)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Swift, Texas - The base was constructed in 1942 and was located outside of Austin, Texas / Camp Swift was an Infantry training facility / Camp Swift was also a training base for combat nurses / German soldiers from Rommel's elite Afrika Corp were housed at Camp Swift as Prisoners of War / The camp also held 300 Russians who were forced to fight on the German side

Miscellaneous:

A tank destroyer is a type of armored fighting vehicle armed with a gun or missile launcher, and is designed specifically to engage enemy armored vehicles. Tanks are generally armored fighting vehicles designed for front-line combat which combines operational mobility and tactical offensive and defensive capabilities and perform all primary tasks of the armored troops on the battlefield; whereas the tank destroyer is specifically designed for taking on and destroying enemy armor



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **KILBURN**

KENNETH

K.

Address: 373 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

1ST QUARTERMASTER BASE DEPOT COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

San Bernardino, California - Before World War II, the Municipal Airport at San Bernardino was under Army Air Corps jurisdiction / In December 1941, within days after the attack on Pearl Harbor, combat-ready fighter planes arrived to protect the Los Angeles area from enemy attack / During 1941, the airport became a training base to for the Pilot Training Program / On 1 March 1942, the airport was renamed San Bernardino Army Air Field and the San Bernardino Air Depot was established / During the war, the field's primary function was the repair and maintenance of aircraft / The base was later renamed Norton Air Force Base, named for San Bernardino native Captain Leland Francis Norton (1920–1944). While attacking a marshaling yard on his 16th combat mission, Captain Norton's Douglas A-20 Havoc was struck by antiaircraft fire on 27 May 1944 near Amiens, France. After ordering his crew to bail out, Captain Norton perished with his aircraft

Camp Tracy, California - Camp became a secret Prisoner of War (POW) interrogation center during World War II, when roughly 3,500 Japanese and German prisoners of war were questioned about military operations in the Pacific and Europe. Information gleaned from Japanese prisoners proved especially important to the U.S. war effort

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: **KILCOYNE**

PAUL

A.

Address: **27 ORCHARD AVENUE**

Service Branch: **NAVY**

Rank: **LT. (J.G)**

Unit / Squadron:

FINANCE DIVISION, NAVY PERSONNEL

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Lieutenant (junior grade)

Base Assignments:

Washington, D.C.

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **KILCOYNE**

W.

J.

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: **KILPER**

M.

J.

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: KING

JAMES

D.

Address: 169 EDSON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: LT.

Unit / Squadron:

510TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 351 BOMBARDMENT GROUP

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Lieutenant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

In March of 1944, the 510th Bombardment Squadron moved to Christchurch, England, and began combat operations. During WWII, the 510th moved to mainland Europe with the advance of Allied troops, flying from Picaerville and St Dizier, France; Ophoven, Belgium; and Kitzingen, Germany. The unit was credited with 39 kills and saw combat in the European Theater of Operations (ETO) from 11 April 1944 thru 1 May 1945

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



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Name: **KIPLER**

B.

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: **KIPLER**

F.

J.

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: **KIPLER**

JAMES

Address:

EMPORIUM AVENUE

Service Branch: **NAVY**

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE)



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **KIPLER**

L.

R.

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: **KIPLER**

M.

J.

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: **KIPLER**

MICHAEL

J.

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: **KIRBY**

THOMAS

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: **KIRKLAND**

ROBERT

E.

Address: 1365 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

285TH PORT COMPANY, 507TH PORT BATTALION, 5TH ARMY

601ST T.D. RECON COMPANY (TANK DESTROYER)

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

1 BATTLE STAR

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT (RIFLEMAN)

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Robert Kirkland was injured in a bomb explosion in September 1944 and evacuated to England General Hospital in Atlantic City, New Jersey / Private Kirkland went overseas on the USS Explorer and returned by plane

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 601st Tank Destroyer Battalion was a battalion of the United States Army active during World War II / It was the first of the newly formed tank destroyer battalions to see combat, and the only one to fight as a "pure" tank destroyer force / The battalion has the unusual distinction of being one of the few American units to fight in all three major campaigns against Nazi Germany (North Africa, Italy and Northern Europe) and to have participated in four assault landings (Torch, Avalanche, Shingle and Dragon)

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 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 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



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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 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: **KIRSCHBERGER**

EARL

J.

Address: 175 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

402ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 502ND BOMBARDMENT GROUP

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

2 BATTLE STARS

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

WORLD WAR II VICTORY RIBBON

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Earl Kirschberger fought in the Eastern Mandates (better known as the Marshall Islands) and took part in the air invasion of Japan

Base Assignments:

Las Vegas Army Air Field - Las Vegas, Nevada / The facility, which opened in 1942, provided training to pilots and instruction on handling machine guns mounted on the B-17 Flying Fortress, the B-24 Liberator and, later, the B-29 Super Fortress

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

Fort McClellan, Alabama - Fort McClellan, originally Camp McClellan, was a United States Army post located adjacent to the city of Anniston, Alabama. During World War II, it was one of the largest U.S. Army installations, training an estimated half-million troops / Camp was named in honor of Major General George B. McClellan, General-in-Chief of the United States Army 1861-1862, and Governor of New Jersey 1878-1881

Sheppard Field, Texas - Sheppard Air Force Base is named in honor of Senator John Morris Sheppard of Texas (1875-1941), chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee from 1933 until his death on 9 April 1941. Senator Sheppard helped lead the fight for military preparedness before the attack on Pearl Harbor / During World War II, Sheppard Field conducted basic training, and it also trained glider mechanics, advanced pilot



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training, technical and flying training instructors and B-29 Superfortress flight engineers

Scott Field - Belleville, Illinois - Scott Field was established after the United States entered World War I in April 1917 and named in honor of Corporal Frank S. Scott, the first enlisted person to be killed in an aviation crash / The primary wartime mission of Scott was to train skilled radio operator/maintainers; to produce, as the Radio School's slogan proclaimed, "the best damned radio operators in the world!" / Scott's graduates flew in aircraft and operated command and control communications in every Theater of the War, and were often referred to as the "Eyes and Ears of the Army Air Forces".

Lincoln, Nebraska - The Lincoln Army Air Field was used for B-29 Bomber training

McCarren Field, Nevada - Field used for advanced training school for pilots and bombardiers on the B-10 bombers

Dalhart Army Airfield , Texas - Dalhart Army Airfield opened in May 1942 with the mission to perform glider training / In 1943, The base mission was changed to B-17 Flying Fortress and B-24 Liberator Heavy Bomber aircrew replacement training / In 1944, the mission of Dalhart was again changed to B-29 Superfortress training as crews were needed in the Pacific Theater for the strategic bombardment of Japan

Miscellaneous:

The 502nd Bombardment Group was established in early 1944 and served primarily in the Pacific Ocean theater of World War II as part of Twentieth Air Force / The 502d Bomb Group's aircraft engaged in very heavy bombardment B-29 Superfortress operations against Japan

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

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

The American Defense Service Medal (also 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 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,



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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 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: **KIRSTEN**

HART

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 142ND A.A.A. BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

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



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Name: **KIWFHABER**

M.

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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Name: **KLAS**

L.

J.

Address: 2573 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "O", 12TH QUARTERMASTER TRAINING REGIMENT, 4TH P.T.

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Lee, Virginia - The camp was 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: **KLEE**

JOHN

Address:

FISHER ROAD

Service Branch: **ARMY**

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

1853RD SERVICE COMMAND UNIT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:



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Name: KLEE

LORETTA

M.

Address:

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

AVIATION W.R. SQUADRON, 125 MCAS (MARINE CORPS AIR STATION)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miramar - San Diego, California - Marine Corps Air Station Miramar was named Mitscher Field after Admiral M.A. Mitscher who was the commander of Task Force 58 during World War II / During the 1940s, both the Navy and the Marine Corps occupied Miramar. East Miramar (Camp Elliott) was used to train Marine artillery and armored personnel, while Navy and Marine Corps pilots trained on the western side. The bases were combined and designated Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in 1946

Miscellaneous:



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Name: KLEIN

ROMON J.

Address: 28 LUDWIG AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "F", 350TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant

Base Assignments:

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: KLINKO

EDWARD J.

Address: 587 MILL ROAD

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

25TH MARINE REGIMENT, 4TH MARINE DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

SHARPSHOOTER MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

After intensive training at Camp Pendleton, California and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, the 4th Marine Division shipped out on 13 January 1944, and in 13 months made four major amphibious assaults, in the battles of Kwajalein (Roi-Namur), Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima, suffering more than 17,000 casualties / The 4th Marine Division was awarded two Presidential Unit Citations and a Navy Unit Commendation, and deactivated 28 November 1945



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Name: **KNAUS**

CHARLES

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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Name: **KNAUS**

CLARENCE L.

Address: 491 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "L", 347TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Fort Jackson, South Carolina - Fort Jackson was named for Andrew Jackson, a United States Army General and President of the United States of America who was born in the border region of North and South Carolina / Throughout World War II, the post was used to train new recruits. It also provided lodging for units awaiting overseas shipment, participating in maneuvers, conducting planning, coordinating draftees, and providing support. Additionally, it served as headquarters for the state's prisoner-of-war camps

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: **KNAUS**

HOWARD F.

Address: 491 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "L", 113TH INFANTRY

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:

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: **KNAUS**

PETER J.

Address: 491 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

1811TH ORDNANCE COMPANY, S&M AVIATION

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

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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Name: **KNAVEL**

WILLIAM R.

Address: 181 PEARL STREET

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE **Rank:** F/O

Unit / Squadron:

528TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

AIR MEDAL

CHINA WAR MEMORIAL MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

CHINA-BURMA-INDIA THEATER

Service Notes:

Flight Officer William Knavel entered the Army - Air Force on 2 November 1942. Upon the completion of his aviation cadet training he received his wings and commission as a pilot on 1 October 1943 in Victoria, Texas

Lieutenant Knavel served in the China-Burma-India Theater with the 528th Fighter Squadron flying P-51 Mustangs and flew 52 missions

In April 1948, Lt. Knavel was assigned to France Air Force Base in Panama, an installation of the Caribbean Air Command

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Prior to military service, Knavel attended Gardenville High School and was a member of the Class of 1942

The North American Aviation P-51 Mustang was a long-range single-seat World War II fighter aircraft. Designed, built and airborne in just 117 days, the Mustang first flew in RAF service as a fighter-bomber and reconnaissance aircraft before conversion to a bomber escort, employed in raids over Germany, helping ensure Allied air superiority from early 1944. The P-51 was in service with Allied air forces in Europe and also saw limited service against the Japanese in the Pacific War

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, and has distinguished themselves by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight

The China War Memorial Medal was authorized by the Chinese Nationalist Government for issue to all servicemen and others who assisted the Chinese in their fight against Japan during the Second World War. It was awarded to both military and civilian personnel who were directly involved in the war effort. Perhaps the largest single group of Americans to receive this medal were members of the 14th Air Force, the famed "Flying Tigers." This medal was established as the Medal in Commemoration of Victory in the Resistance Against Aggression, but is more commonly known as the China War Memorial Medal. It was established by the Republic of China in 1944 and issued October of 1946



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Name: **KNUTH**

PAUL

C.

Address:

HIGHLAND AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: M.M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

AREA D-9, FLEET 153

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Machinist's Mate Third-Class

Base Assignments:

Camp Peary, Virginia - During World War II, beginning in 1942, the United States Navy took over a large area on the north side of the Virginia Peninsula in York County, Virginia which became known as Camp Peary, initially for use as a Seabee training base

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **KOBLER**

JOSEPH

Address: 318 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

330TH HARBOR CRAFT COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The US Army created the Harbor Craft Companies to man its small supply craft, mostly barges, cranes, and tug boats / The harbor craft company was a military unit organized for the purpose of ferrying cargo from freighters and transports arriving in theaters of operation / Cargo from ships were loaded by Transportation Corps port company personnel onto barges. Tugs, tow boats, or marine tractors then propelled the barges to the shore for unloading

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: **KOBLER**

ROBERT

N.

Address: 318 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "A", 102ND C.A. (COASTAL ARTILLERY), BATTALION, A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC 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: KOCH

ARTHUR

F.

Address: 164 WILDWOOD AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY 118, U.S.N.T.C (UNITED STATES NAVY TRAINING CENTER)

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, New York, 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: KOCH

CARL

H.

Address: 19 WINEGAR PLACE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS & SERVICE COMPANY, 142ND ENGINEER BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Gruber, Oklahoma - The base is named after Brigadier General Edmund L. Gruber, a long-time artillery officer at Fort Sill, Oklahoma / During the course of World War II Camp Gruber provided training to infantry, field artillery, and tank destroyer units that went on to fight in Europe

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: KOCH

CLIFFORD

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: **KOCH**

FRED

H.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: KOCH

MELVIN

G.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: M.M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

35TH NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Machinist's Mate Third-Class

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

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: KOCH

NELSON

N.

Address: 19 WINEGAR PLACE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "M", 253RD REGIMENT, 63RD DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi - Opened in 1942, the camp was named after Major General Earl Van Dorn, who took part in the Mexican War and later, as a General in the Confederate Army / Camp Van Dorn was established as an emergency, temporary camp to quickly train soldiers for war in the European Theater / The camp closed in 1945

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **KOCH**

ROY

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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Name: **KOCHER**

FRANKLIN

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: **KOEHLER**

RICHARD

H.

Address: 15 FAIRFAX DRIVE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

8TH PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:



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Name: KOENIG

JOHN

A.

Address: 99 BARNSDALE AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "D", 16TH ARMORED ENGINEERS

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER / NORTH AFRICAN THEATER

Service Notes:

John Koenig took part in the African and Anzio beach head campaign / Koenig received a citation for remaining on duty during the heaviest fighting in Anzio, Italy / Remained on active duty for two years

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

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Name: **KOHL**

GEORGE

J.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: M/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Master Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Fort Devens, Massachusetts - Fort was named after jurist and Civil War general Charles Devens / At the onset of World War II, Fort Devens was designated a reception center for all men in New England who would serve one year as draftees / Devens also housed a Prisoner of War camp for German and Italian prisoners from 1944 to 1946

Miscellaneous:



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Name: KOHL

HOWARD

G.

Address: 27 GREYMONT AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

35TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 35th Evacuation Hospital was activated at Camp Atterbury, Columbus, Indiana on 30 August 1942 / The unit was assigned to Second United States Army and attached to the 8th Detachment Special Troops for administration and training purposes / The 35th Evac Hospital was transferred to Stone, Staffordshire (England) in February 1944 / On 24 June 1944, the first group of the 35th landed at Omaha Beach in Normandy, France / The 35th Evacuation Hospital supported Seventh Corps' drive to take the strategic Port of Cherbourg and in 7 days the unit admitted 1,217 patients, performed 523 major surgical operations and took 848 radiographs / Later in the battle for Nancy, France, the 35th Evac admitted 4,899 combat casualties and performed a total of 2,479 major surgical operations and procedures, and took some 8,711 radiographs / The 35th Evacuation Hospital moved through the Maginot Line to a former German Army barracks building near Teting-sur-Nied and Saint-Avoid, France on 2 December 1944 where the unit admitted 1,462 patients / In December 1944, the hospital received a Battle Star for its effort at the Battle of the Bulge. A total of 6,505 seriously-injured battle casualties were admitted to the 35th Evacuation Hospital, and a total of 3,110 surgical operations were performed by the unit's surgical teams / On 26 April 1945, the unit moved to Schloß Schönbrunn, Germany where the Germans surrendered unconditionally a short time later / As of 10 August 1945 the organization had processed 27,051 patients, performed 11,674 surgical operations, taken 38,012 radiographs. It had been in operation 311 days, and earned battle stars for the following Campaigns: Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, and Central Europe / Individuals of the unit were also distinguished as there were 2 awards of the Legion of Merit, and 19 awards of the Bronze Star Medal

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



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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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Name: KOHL

JUSTIN

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", ACE BATTALION, 2ND REGIMENT, I.R.T.C. (INFANTRY REPLACEMENT TRAINING CENTER)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Fort McClellan, Alabama - Fort McClellan, originally Camp McClellan, was a United States Army post located adjacent to the city of Anniston, Alabama. During World War II, it was one of the largest U.S. Army installations, training an estimated half-million troops / Camp was named in honor of Major General George B. McClellan, General-in-Chief of the United States Army 1861-1862, and Governor of New Jersey 1878-1881

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: KOHL

PAUL

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: F. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS JASON (AR-8)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Fireman First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The USS Jason was a repair ship in service from 1944 to 1995 / The repair ship arrived Pearl Harbor on 6 July 1944 on the first leg of her journey to the Pacific battle area. She arrived at Purvis Bay in the Solomon Islands on 17 August 1944 to commence operations with Service Squadron 10. Two months later she arrived at Ulithi (Caroline Islands), where she was to spend the greater part of the war, performing the task of keeping the U.S. Navy's ships at peak strength and operating efficiency / For seven months at Ulithi, as American forces captured island after island from the Japanese, the Jason, many times under enemy attack, repaired broken hulls, buckled decks and twisted bulkheads of every type of ship in the U.S. Navy. This floating shipyard turned seemingly hopeless battle wrecks into rejuvenated fighting ships again able to stand out gallantly in the final victorious months. As the action crept closer to Japan, the Jason sailed for Leyte (Philippine Islands) arriving there on 28 May 1945. She remained there for the duration of the war continuing to service ships of the Pacific Fleet / Commissioned on 19 June 1944 and decommissioned on 24 June 1995

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: KOHLER

CHARLES

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: KOHLER

ROBERT

N.

Address:

UNION ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "A", 102ND C.A. BATTALION (COASTAL ARTILLERY), A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT)

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: **KOKAT**

JOHN

J.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: E.M. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

U.S. SUBMARINE BASE

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Electrician's Mate First-Class

Base Assignments:

New London, Connecticut - Naval Submarine Base New London was the United States Navy's primary submarine base, also known as the "Home of the Submarine Force".

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: KOKAT

WALTER

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: C.M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

C.B.M.U. #628 (CONSTRUCTION BATTALION MAINTENANCE UNIT)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Carpenter's Mate Third-Class

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **KOLODZIEJ**

E.

J.

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: KOMOROWSKI

JOHN

Address: 134 ELECTRIC AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

12TH COMPANY, 3RD FR BATTALION, COMPANY "B", 8TH BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Devens , Massachusetts - Camp Devens was named after jurist and Civil War general Charles Devens / In 1940, at the onset of World War II, Fort Devens was designated a reception center for all men in New England who would serve one year as draftees / Devens also housed a prisoner of war camp for German and Italian prisoners from 1944 to 1946 / Camp Devens was designated as early as 1942 for detaining "enemy aliens" of Italian, German and Japanese birth

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: KONINGISOR

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: **KORKUS**

EDWARD

S.

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: KORNICHUCK

EDWARD J.

Address: 29 EVELYN AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 338TH 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.

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: KOSKE

CLARENCE R.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 793RD MILITARY POLICE BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

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

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

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: **KOSTOWNICK**

EDWARD

Address: 37 INNES ROAD

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **KOWALSKI**

CONRAD

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: KRACHT

BENJAMIN F.

Address: 76 DIRKSON AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

BASE TRANSPORTATION OFFICE, HEADQUARTERS 5TH GROUP

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff-Sergeant Benjamin Kracht was stationed in England

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: KRACHT

RICHARD C.

Address: 1138 CENTER ROAD

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

Unit / Squadron:

4525TH A.A.F. B. U. (BASE UNIT)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Robbins Field, Georgia - The base is named in honor of Brig Gen Augustine Warner Robins, the Air Force's "father of logistics" / Throughout World War II (1941–45), 23,670 employees repaired almost every kind of AAF aircraft, including B-17s, C-47s, B-29s, B-24s, P-38s, P-47s, and P-51s. Its training facilities turned out nearly 60,000 field repair mechanics for every theater of war. The workforce supplied every kind of part necessary to keep AAF planes flying, especially spark plugs. It also maintained thousands of parachutes, aircraft electronic and radio systems, and AAF small arms

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **KRAFT**

FRED

H.

Address: 52 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: SOM. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

P.C. #1107 (PATROL CRAFT)

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Sonarman Second-Class Fred Kraft was stationed in the Marshall Islands, located in the northern Pacific Ocean

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The Patrol Craft was designed primarily for Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), convoy escort duty and coastal patrol, thus releasing the fleet Destroyers for trans-Atlantic convoy duty / The PC proved exceptionally adapt as Patrol Control Craft (PCC), controlling and guiding waves of landing craft in every European amphibious landing from the invasion of Sicily in July 1943, to the combined Allied invasion of Normandy on D-Day, 6 June 1944 / In the Pacific, the PCCs were assigned to the Seventh Fleet, "MacArthur's Navy", participating in all island-hopping amphibious landings through 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

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

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



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **KRAFT**

ROBERT

C.

Address: 249 EMPORIUM AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **KRAMER**

HOWARD

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 79TH ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC 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: **KRAMER**

ROBERT L.

Address: 186 CLOVERSIDE DRIVE

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

Unit / Squadron:

575TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 291ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 575th Bombardment Squadron was formed under III Bomber Command in early 1943 as a B-26 Marauder medium bomber squadron. The Squadron trained for duty in Europe with the Ninth Air Force. The 575th engaged in combat beginning in early 1944, attacked tactical targets in France, Low Countries and Germany supporting Allied ground forces advancing after D-Day in the Northern France Campaign and the Western Allied invasion of Germany, 1945

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

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **KRETSCHMER**

WILLIAM

A.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

U.S.N.A.S. (UNITED STATES NAVY AIR SHIPS), DECK 5

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Lakehurst, New Jersey - The U.S. Navy was the only military service in the world to use airships, also known as blimps, during World War II.

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **KRIEDEMAN**

EDWARD

L.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 3111TH S.S. BATTALION (SUPPLY AND SERVICE)

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: **KRIEGER**

RUSSELL

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: **KROHN**

FRANKLIN R.

Address: 113 KLAS AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "D", 193RD GLIDER INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Corporal Franklin R. Krohn was Killed in Action

Base Assignments:

Camp Forrest, Tennessee - The 193rd Glider Infantry Regiment (GIR) was activated 15 April 1943 at Camp Mackall, North Carolina under the command of Colonel Maurice G Stubbs and assigned to the 17th Airborne Division

Miscellaneous:

Glider infantry was a type of airborne infantry in which soldiers and their equipment were inserted into enemy controlled territory via military glider rather than parachute / Gliders could carry and deliver much bulkier and heavier equipment (such as anti-tank guns, or vehicles such as jeeps or even light tanks) that could not be parachuted from the side-loading transport aircraft normally used in World War 2. Thus glider infantry units were usually better equipped than their parachute infantry counterparts



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **KROHN**

HENRY

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: KROHN

HOWARD O.

Address: 113 KLAS AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "D", 102ND BATTALION, C.A. (COASTAL ARTILLERY), A.A. (ANTI AIRCRAFT)

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: **KROMPARDT**

RALPH

C.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

117TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL, 7TH ARMY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff-Sergeant Krompardt, Chief of Medical Laboratory Technicians, aided in 50 brain operations without a single death / Sergeant Krompardt was assigned to the 117th Evacuation Hospital

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 117th Evacuation Hospital served in France and Germany in 1944

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: **KRONE**

BERT

Address: 360 NORTH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 378TH A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY) BATTALION, A.W. (AIR WARNING)

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: **KRONE**

ROY

Address: 360 NORTH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

MEDICAL DETACHMENT STATION, HOSPITAL MILITARY OPERATIONS

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Jackson Air Base - Jackson, Mississippi - Originally named Hawkins Field, the Dutch government-in-exile, following the occupation of the Netherlands, established the Royal Netherlands Military Flying School at Hawkins Field in May 1941. The school operated Lend-Lease aircraft with civilian pilots from the Mississippi Institute of Aeronautics / In June 1941 Hawkins Field was designated as Jackson Army Air Base. It activated on May 1, 1942 and was used by the United States Army Air Forces' Flying Training Command as a basic flying training airfield (Army Air Forces Pilot School, Miscellaneous Fields for Basic and Advanced Single and Twin-Engine training)

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **KRONINGESSOR**

ALBERT

Address: 97 GREENWOOD AVENUE

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: KRUEGER

ARTHUR

F.

Address: 39 BENSON AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/4

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "D", 787TH TANK BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Technician Fourth-Grade (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:

The 787th Tank Battalion was activated on 15 July 1943 at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas / The battalion arrived in France in March 1942, returning to the United States in July 1945 and assigned to Fort Jackson, South Carolina



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: KRUEGER

DONALD

M.

Address: 39 BENSON AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: A.S.

Unit / Squadron:

TRAINING COLLEGE

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Apprentice Seaman

Base Assignments:

Tufts College, Massachusetts - Tufts College and the U.S. Navy had a close and productive relationship from 1941 to 1972 / The Tufts College campus was largely transformed into a Naval Training Center, altering its dormitories, dining, and athletic facilities to accommodate new recruits for the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) program

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **KRUK**

JOHN

J.

Address: 177 PLAYTER STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "A", 106TH FIELD ARTILLERY, 27TH DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

3 BATTLE STARS

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

NEW YORK STATE MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class John Kruk earned his Battle Stars during combat action in St. Michiel, France; Verdun, Northeast France; and the Meuse-Argonne Offensive in France

Base Assignments:

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

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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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

Name: **KRULL**

A.

R.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: KRULL

EDWARD R.

Address: 73 KLAS AVENUE

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

Unit / Squadron:

8TH A.D.G. SUPPLY SQUADRON (AIRCRAFT DELIVERY GROUP)

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:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: KRULL

H.

R.

Address: 73 KLAS AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

1663RD SERVICE UNIT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Grant, Illinois - Camp Grant was a U.S. Army facility located in the southern outskirts of Rockford, Illinois named in honor of General Ulysses S. Grant. Camp Grant, which at one point consisted of over 18,000 acres, was in operation from 1917 to the late 1940s / During the war Camp Grant also served as a POW detention center

Miscellaneous:



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Name: KRULL

RICHARD

Address: 73 KLAS AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 48TH ARMY RESERVE

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant

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:



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Name: KRUSE

WILBUR

F.

Address: 347 BULLIS ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: RDM. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS TETON (AGC-14)

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Radarman Third-Class Wilbur Kruse participated in the liberation of Okinawa and the Philippine Islands

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The USS Teton (AGC-14) was an amphibious force command ship in the United States Navy / In March 1945, the Teton was the flagship for the assault on Okinawa / She remained there for 72 days controlling the landing operations on the Hagushi beaches and then providing standby control of offensive and defensive air operations / The USS Teton received one battle star for World War II service / Commissioned on 18 October 1944 and decommissioned on 30 August 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

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

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



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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

Name: **KUBINA**

E.

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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Name: **KUCHARSKI**

LEO

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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Name: KUHN

GEORGE

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

2ND EVACUATION HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant

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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Name: **KULINSKI**

A.

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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Name: KUMRO

KARL

W.

Address: 22 TINDLE AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

"C" BATTERY, A.A.A.T.C. - A.W. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY TRAINING CENTER - AIR WARNING)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Stewart, Georgia - During World War II, Fort Stewart was the largest Army installation east of the Mississippi River / In November 1940, the Anti-Aircraft Artillery Training Center was officially designated as Camp Stewart, in honor of General Daniel Stewart, a native of Liberty County, who had fought with Francis Marion during the American Revolution, and who became one of the county's military heroes

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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Name: **KUMRO**

WILLIAM

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: **KUSH**

LEONARD

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: **KYSER**

WALTER A.

Address: 87 DIRKSON AVENUE

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

Unit / Squadron:

2117TH A.A.F. BASE UNIT, SECTION B-3

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Buckingham Army Airfield - Fort Myers, Florida - The airfield was located 10 miles east of Fort Myers and its primary mission during World War II was to train the aerial gunners who would defend bombers / Besides the gunnery students, Buckingham AAF was also the primary training center for gunnery instructors at the Army's other flexible gunnery schools, the term meaning that the aerial gunner had a flexible mount at the station or in the turret of the aircraft, rather than the fixed aerial gun of fighter aircraft / During its operational lifetime, the airfield graduated almost 48,000 aerial gunners

Miscellaneous:
