



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



Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **LABBY**

**HENRY**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY - AIR FORCE

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

TRANSPORTATION CORPS

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

New Orleans Army Airbase - New Orleans, Louisiana - During World War II, the airfield was used by the United States Army Air Forces and housed the Tropical Weather School in 1945

*Miscellaneous:*

The Transportation Corps was established 31 July 1942 and was a combat service support branch of the U.S. Army / The Transportation Corps was responsible for the movement of personnel and material by truck, rail, air, and sea / By the end of World War II, the Transportation Corps had moved more than 30 million soldiers within the continental United States; and 7 million soldiers plus 126 million tons of supplies overseas



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*Name:* **LABUNSKI**  
**SIGMOND**

*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:** LACHAT

GEORGE

F.

**Address:** 56 LAFAYETTE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

141ST ORDNANCE COMPANY, M.M. (MEDIUM MAINTENANCE)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Atterbury, Indiana - The camp was named for William Wallace Atterbury (1866–1935), an executive of the Pennsylvania Railroad who ultimately became the railroad's president / Camp Atterbury was also used as a prisoner of war camp, housing German and Italian soldiers

**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:** LAGLER

JOSEPH

A.

**Address:** 26 KIRKWOOD DRIVE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

56TH MALARIA CONTROL UNIT

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The United States Army faced difficult malaria control problems both at home and abroad during World War II. Malaria had a significant impact on the operations and battles of the South Pacific. This challenge forced the Army to develop new tools and strategies for use in malaria's areas where fighting was occurring. Due to the severe malaria problems being faced in some combat areas and the need to solve these problems quickly, intensive malaria research and operational programs were developed and implemented. With these concerted efforts and the simultaneous development of new control technologies, malaria was successfully controlled in most locations

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*Name:* **LAMBERT**

**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:** LAMBING

PAUL

R.

**Address:** 135 BROOKSIDE DRIVE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "C", 299TH ENGINEERING BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Engineering Battalions performed many engineering tasks, including demolitions, obstacle emplacement, fortification, and light bridge building / Engineer general service regiments and battalions performed construction, repair, and maintenance duties of all kinds behind the front lines / When needed, combat engineers also could act as infantry

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:** LANG

ROY

W.

**Address:**

SENECA CREEK ROAD

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S. 2/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

REPLACEMENT GROUP, N.C.T.C. (NAVAL CONSTRUCTION TRAINING CENTER)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Seaman Second-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Endicott - Davisville, Rhode Island - Camp Endicott was a United States Navy Seabee facility part of Davisville Naval Construction Battalion Center / The camp was named in honor of Rear Admiral Mordecai T. Endicott, the first Civil Engineer Corps Officer to be appointed Chief of the former Bureau of Yards and Docks

**Miscellaneous:**

Seabees / After the attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, 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 / During the Second World War, the Seabees performed in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters of Operation

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**Name:** LANGE

EARL

W.

**Address:** 29 LIND AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

487TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

352ND FIGHTER SQUADRON

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The 487th Fighter Squadron was activated in September 1942 / Deployed to European Theater of Operations, July 1943 as heavy bomber fighter escort squadron / Used long-range P-51D Mustangs and P-47 Thunderbolts for tactical fighter-bomber missions supporting ground forces in France / Squadron deployed to Belgium in December 1944 to supplement IX Fighter Command tactical air forces during Battle of the Bulge / Returned to England, engaging in long-range escort missions until April 1945 / The 487th Fighter Squadron was demobilized in England during the summer of 1945

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**Name:** **LANGE**

**KENNETH**

**G.**

**Address:** 29 LIND AVENUE

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

M.A.G. 62 (MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP), BARRACKS 216, M.C.A.S. (MARINE CORPS AIR STATION)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Cherry Point, North Carolina - V.M.B. 621 (Fixed Wing Marine Bombing Squadron) / Commissioned in 1942, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point or MCAS Cherry Point is a United States Marine Corps airfield located in Havelock, North Carolina / Cherry Point's primary World War II mission was to train units and individual Marines for service to the Pacific theater / The air station also served as a base for anti-submarine operations, with an Army Air Corps (22d Antisubmarine Squadron) and later a Navy squadron each being responsible for the sinking of a German U-boat just off the North Carolina coast during 1943

**Miscellaneous:**

The United States Marine Corps Aviation is the air component of the United States Marine Corps / During World War II, The Marine Corps Aviation had 5 air wings, 31 aircraft groups and 145 flying squadrons / During the course of the war, Marine Aviators were credited with shooting down 2,355 Japanese aircraft while losing 573 of their own aircraft in combat, they had 120 aces and earned 11 Medals of Honor

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**Name:** **LANGE**

**MELVIN**

**J.**

**Address:** 29 LIND AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

BATTERY "A", 230TH A.A.A. BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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**Name:** LANGENDORFER

IRVING

W.

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* NAVY

*Rank:* F. 2/C

*Unit / Squadron:*

S.S.C. E.M. 10-45 (SUBMARINE SUPPLY CENTER) (ENGINE MAINTENANCE)

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Fireman Second-Class

*Base Assignments:*

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

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** **LAPP**

**EDWARD L.**

**Address:** 65 AURORA AVENUE

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

33RD SERVICE SQUADRON

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Edward Lapp also served in Trinidad, located in the Caribbean Islands

**Base Assignments:**

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

**Miscellaneous:**

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*Name:* **LAPP**

**KENNETH**

*Address:* 65 AURORA AVENUE

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* PFC

*Unit / Squadron:*

COMPANY "A", 206TH INFANTRY, 174TH INFANTRY - CANNON COMPANY, 4TH ARMY CORPS

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Private First-Class Kenneth Lapp was stationed in Alaska

*Base Assignments:*

Seattle, Washington

*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:** LARKIN

HOWARD C.

**Address:** 73 CHAMBERLIN DRIVE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S. 2/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

INSTRUMENTS SECTION

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Seaman Second-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Barin Field, Alabama - Leased by the Navy in 1942, Barin Field was used for training in torpedo bombers & Naval fighter instruction / In 1945, 150 German POWs were housed on base

Pensacola Naval Air Station - Pensacola, Florida - Air Station was the primary training base for all Navy, Marine and Coast Guard aviators and Naval Flight Officers during World War II / Naval aviators from Pensacola NAS were called upon to train the Doolittle Raiders at Eglin Field in 1942 in carrier take-offs in their B-25 Mitchell bombers

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **LAWRENCE  
DONALD**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** AOM 3/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

GROUP 100, N.A.A.S. (NAVAL AUXILIARY AIR STATION)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Aviation Ordnanceman Third-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Cecil Field - Jacksonville, Florida - Cecil Field was named in honor of Commander Henry Barton Cecil, USN, who died in 1933 in the crash of the Navy airship USS Akron / Cecil Field became the principal war-at-sea and dive-bombing training center for the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps. From 1943 until the war ended, Cecil Field was a pilot's last stop before assignment to combat in either the Atlantic Fleet or Pacific Fleet. It operated at full capacity during the war years and after the war.

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **LAWRENCE  
MARSHALL**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

MARINE BARRACKS, N.A.D. (NAVAL AMMUNITION DEPOT)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

McAlester, Oklahoma - Served as a Naval Ammunition Depot and Construction Equipment Repair Depot during World War II

**Miscellaneous:**

The Naval Ammunition Depot (NAD), with four different locations, was the largest United States World War II naval munitions plant operating from 1942 to 1946 / The NAD facilities produced bombs, rockets, torpedoes, mines, bagged powder and all calibers of smaller ammunition

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*Name:* **LEATHERBARROW**

**ERIC**

*Address:* 176 EDSON STREET

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* PVT

*Unit / Squadron:*

COMPANY "D", POSTAL BATTALION

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

Hotel Breslin - New York City, New York

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** **LEENHAN**

**FRANCIS**

**J.**

**Address:** 20 WINEGAR PLACE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

756TH FIELD ARTILLERY B.U. (BASE UNIT)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

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

**Miscellaneous:**

The 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:* **LEHMAN**

**RAY**

**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:** LEHSTEN

CARL

W.

**Address:** 339 SENECA CREEK ROAD

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "B", 26TH PLATOON, 10TH 155MM GUN BATTERY

**Medals / Citations:**

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER

EXPERT: BAYONET

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Carl Lehsten sailed to Pearl Harbor on the USS Pierce / Sailed to Guam on the USS DeGrasse / After his overseas tour was over, Lehsten returned on the USS Broadwater

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The USS De Grasse (AP-164/AK-223), originally SS Nathaniel J. Wyeth, was a Crater-class cargo ship active and the second ship of the Navy to bear the name De Grasse, named after French Admiral François Joseph Paul de Grasse / In November 1943, the De Grasse sailed from Port Hueneme, California with construction battalion troops and cargo, arriving at Pearl Harbor 2 December. Along with training assault troops in the Hawaiians, she carried men and equipment to the Marshalls and Gilberts on two voyages / Until the end of 1944, The De Grasse transported troops among the Marshalls, the Gilberts, and the Marianas, and trained men in the Hawaiian area for amphibious assaults / Commissioned 8 November 1943 and decommissioned 28 March 1946

USS Broadwater (APA-139) was a Haskell-class attack transport named for Broadwater County, Montana / In August 1944, the Broadwater transported troops and supplies to Manila and Luzon in the Philippine Islands / Commissioned on 2 January 1946 and decommissioned on 28 February 1946

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

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



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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:** LEHSTEN

ORVILLE

H.

**Address:** 339 SENECA CREEK ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "B", 114TH ENGINEER BATTALION, 32ND DIVISION, 6TH ARMY

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

4 BATTLE STARS

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Orville Lehsten sailed to the Pacific on the USS Hugh L. Scott / Left in April 1942 with the first full division of American troops to embark for Pacific warfare

Sergeant Lehsten participated in the campaigns for New Guinea, and the Philippines and earned his Battle Stars during action at Nuna (New Guinea), Saidor (New Guinea), Leyte (Philippine Islands) and Luzon (Philippine Islands)

Sergeant Lehsten returned to the United States on the USS Randall

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Company "B" of the 114th Engineer Battalion was attached to the 127th Infantry

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

USS Hugh L. Scott (AP-43) was a transport ship built in 1921 and spent 20 years in merchant service as a passenger and cargo liner. She was acquired for the United States Navy shortly before the United States entered the Second World War, served as a troopship in Operation Torch in November 1942, and was sunk by a U-boat four days later



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USS Randall (APA-224) was a Haskell-class attack transport, named after Randall County, Texas / Commissioned on 12 December 1944 and decommissioned on 6 April 1956

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

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

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The Good Conduct Medal is one of the oldest military awards of the United States Armed Forces. The Navy Good Conduct Medal was established in 1869, the Marine Corps version in 1896, the Coast Guard version in 1923, the Army version in 1941, and the Air Force version in 1963. The medal is awarded to any active-duty enlisted member of the United States military who completes three consecutive years of "honorable and faithful service". Such service implies that a standard enlistment was completed without any non-judicial punishment, disciplinary infractions, or court martial offenses

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*Name:* **LEHSTEN**

**WILBUR**

**E.**

*Address:* 339 SENECA CREEK ROAD

*Service Branch:* NAVY

*Rank:* S. 2/C

*Unit / Squadron:*

U.S. NAVAL RECEIVING STATION

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Seaman Second-Class

*Base Assignments:*

Boston, Massachusetts

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** **LEILICH**

**DONALD**

**N.**

**Address:** 218 ALLENDALE ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** LT.

**Unit / Squadron:**

3RD FERRY GROUP, A.T.C. (AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Lieutenant Donald Leilich was Killed in Action

**Base Assignments:**

Romulus Army Air Field - Romulus, Michigan - Headquarters for the 3rd Ferrying Group

**Miscellaneous:**

The Ferrying Group delivered thousands of aircraft all over the world and was the first to utilize women pilots

The Air Transport Command (ATC) was a global instrument of the United States Army Air Forces with the mission to meet the urgent demand for the speedy reinforcement of the United States' military bases worldwide during World War II, using an air supply system to supplement surface transport. ATC also operated a worldwide air transportation system for military personnel

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**Name:** LEIN

CLARENCE E.

**Address:** 1281 MINERAL SPRINGS ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

U.S. CLAIMS SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, P.B.S. (PRODUCTION BASE SUPPORT)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER / NORTH AFRICA THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Clarence Lein entered the Army in July of 1942 at Fort Niagara and received his basic training at Fort Belvoir, Virginia

In September 1942, Corporal Lein was transferred to Fort Slocum where he embarked overseas to England, serving in the Claims Service / Corporal Lein was later sent to North Africa in January 1943 / In January 1944, Corporal Lein was assigned to Italy

**Base Assignments:**

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

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** LEITTEN

JOSEPH

W.

**Address:** 73 COLUMBIA PARKWAY

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

288TH PORT COMPANY, 508TH PORT BATTALION T.C. (TRANSPORTATION CORPS)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** LESINSKI

EDWARD J.

**Address:** 190 BARNSDALE AVENUE

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

PILOT'S COMMAND

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Lieutenant Edward Lesinski entered the Air Force in February 1943 / Lieutenant Lesinski graduated as a pilot on 23 May 1944 from Columbus Army Flying School, Columbus, Mississippi and was transferred to Harlingen Army Air Force Base - Harlingen, Texas

**Base Assignments:**

Harlingen Army Air Force Base - Harlingen, Texas - Originally known as Harlingen Army Airfield / The aircraft utilized for training and transportation at the Harlingen Army Air Field were the Vultee BT-13 Valiant, Bell P-39 Airacobra, Bell P-63 Kingcobra, Beech C-45H Expeditor, Lockheed A-29 Hudson, Lockheed B-34 Ventura, Martin B-26 Marauder, North American B-25 Mitchell, Douglas C-47 Skytrain, North American AT-6 Texan Trainer, and Consolidated B-24 Liberator

**Miscellaneous:**

Edward Lesinski was a graduate of Gardenville High School

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **LESLIE**

**ALBERT**

**R.**

**Address:** 27 LAFAYETTE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

31ST COMBAT SUPPORT HOSPITAL

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The unit was activated on 7 June 1943 at Bushnell General Hospital, Brigham City, Utah. During World War II, the unit participated in the Asiatic Pacific Theater and the liberation of the Philippine Islands, providing medical support to the Northern Solomons and the Luzon Campaigns

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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**Name:** **LESLIE**

**FOREST**

**J.**

**Address:** 88 FLOHR AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

C.B. 114TH (CONSTRUCTION BATTALION), COMPANY "B"

A.B.A.T.U. (ADVANCED BASE AVIATION TRAINING UNIT)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Ship Fitter Third-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Lido Beach - Long Island, New York - Advanced Base Assembly and Training Unit

**Miscellaneous:**

Seabees / After the attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, 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 / During the Second World War, the Seabees performed in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters of Operation



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**Name:** **LESLIE**

**ROBERT**

**K.**

**Address:** 98 HARLEM ROAD

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S. 2/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

U.S. NAVAL FRONTIER BASE, NAVY 116

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Seaman Second-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Indian Head, Maryland - Established in 1890, Indian Head has the longest running history of any Naval ordnance facility in the United States / During World War II, the Navy facility produced flashless powder and pellets, and research was conducted in rocketry and development of air-to-ground anti-tank weapons

**Miscellaneous:**

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*Name:* **LESSWING**

**RICHARD**

**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:* **LETINA**

**JAMES**

**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:* **LETTEN**

**JOSEPH**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* CPL

*Unit / Squadron:*

288TH PORT COMPANY, 508TH PORT BATTALION

*Medals / Citations:*

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

EUROPEAN THEATER

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** LEVORCHICK

MARY

E.

**Address:** 140 DORRANCE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** COAST GUARD

**Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Palm Beach, Florida

**Miscellaneous:**

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

The Germans sank 24 ships in Florida waters during the war, eight of them off Palm Beach County between February and May of 1942



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**Name:** LEYDECKER

HARVEY

O.

**Address:**

SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

F.A.R.T.C. (FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENTAL COMMAND)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Sill, Oklahoma - The site of Fort Sill was staked out on 8 January 1869, by Maj. Gen. Philip H. Sheridan, who led a campaign into Indian Territory to stop hostile tribes from raiding border settlements in Texas and Kansas / At first, the garrison was called "Camp Wichita" and was referred to by the Indians as "the Soldier House at Medicine Bluffs." Sheridan later named it in honor of his West Point classmate and friend, Brigadier General Joshua W. Sill, who was killed during the American Civil War

**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:** LIEDKE

RICHARD J.

**Address:** UNION ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 750TH A.A.A. GUN BATTERY (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **LIMBURG**

**DONALD**

**C.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** LINDNER

LEONARD H.

**Address:** 829 ELM STREET

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

A.A.F.T.T.S. (ARMY AIR FORCE TECHNICAL TRAINING SERVICE), SECTION "I", BARRACKS 1013

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Amarillo Army Air Field - Amarillo, Texas - Amarillo AAF was one of the largest installations in the Western Technical Training Command, established for training air crew and ground mechanics to service B-17 Flying Fortress aircraft / From 1943 to 1945 basic training and special courses of instruction were conducted, and the school was later designated to train technicians and flight engineers for B-29 aircraft in addition to the B-17 technical training

**Miscellaneous:**

Established in March 1941, the mission of the Army Air Force Technical Training Service was the orientation, classification, basic, and technical training of enlisted men and the training of nonrated officers at officer candidate and officer training schools and in technical subjects like armament, engineering, communications, and photography

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**Name:** LINDSTROM

EINAR

B.

**Address:** 213 AURORA AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/4

**Unit / Squadron:**

422ND O.M. COMPANY (OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fourth-Grade (Sergeant)

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** LINDSTROM

URBAN

R.

**Address:** 146 CLOVERSIDE DRIVE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** C.T.M.

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS CARD (AVG-11/ACV-11/CVE-11/CVHE-11/CVU-11/T-CVU-11/T-AKV-40)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL    ATLANTIC CONVOY MEDAL

FOREIGN SERVICE MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Chief Torpedoman's Mate

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The USS Card (AVG-11/ACV-11/CVE-11/CVHE-11/CVU-11/T-CVU-11/T-AKV-40) was a Bogue-class escort aircraft carrier / The Card was the flagship for one of the hunter-killer groups formed for offensive operations against German submarines / Between September 1943 and December 1943, aircraft from the USS Card sank 9 German U-Boats / She made two voyages to Pearl Harbor and one to the western Pacific from 21 August 1945 to 16 December 1945, returning servicemen to the West Coast / The USS Card received the Presidential Unit Citation and three Battle Stars for her service in World War II / Commissioned on 8 November 1942 and decommissioned on 13 May 1946

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**Name:** LINNEBRUGGE

GERTRUDE R.

**Address:** 40 OSCHAWA AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

W.A.V.E.S. (WOMEN ACCEPTED FOR VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICE)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Storekeeper Third-Class

**Base Assignments:**

U.S. Naval Training Center - 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:**

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

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**Name:** LINNEBRUGGE

HEDWIG

M.

**Address:** 40 OSCHAWA AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** LT. (JG)

**Unit / Squadron:**

U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Lieutenant (junior grade)

**Base Assignments:**

Oakland, California - Oakland's Moore Dry Dock Company expanded its shipbuilding capabilities during World War II and built over 100 ships

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** LINTNER

NORMAN

**Address:** 168 WILDWOOD AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** A.S.

**Unit / Squadron:**

V-12 UNIT

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Apprentice Seaman

**Base Assignments:**

St. Lawrence University - Canton, New York - V-12 Training Program

**Miscellaneous:**

The purpose of the V-12 Navy College Training Program was to grant bachelor's degrees to future officers drawn from both the U.S. Navy and the Marine Corps. Once they completed their baccalaureate program, the next step toward obtaining a Navy commission was to attend a U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School where the future officer was required to complete the V-7 program, a short course of four months, including one month spent in indoctrination school. Graduates from the midshipmen schools were commissioned as ensigns in the U.S. Naval Reserve and the majority entered into active duty with the U.S. fleet / The V-12 Navy College Training Program was initiated in 1943 to meet both the immediate and long-range needs for commissioned officers to man ships, fly planes and command troops called to duty in World War II / Between 1 July 1943, and 30 June 1946, more than 125,000 men were enrolled in the V-12 program in 131 colleges and universities in the United States



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**Name:** LIPEZYNSKI

JOHN

J.

**Address:** 112 AURORA AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

MEDICAL DETACHMENT, STATION HOSPITAL

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Rome Air Depot - Rome New York - The Rome Air Depot was completed in 1942 / The depot provided aircraft engine maintenance and repair, and trained air depot groups in engine repair / In 1948, the base was renamed "Griffiss Air Force Base" in honor of Lt. Col. Townsend Griffiss (1900–1942), a Buffalo native and 1922 West Point graduate who, in 1942, became the first U.S. airman to be killed in the line of duty in the European Theatre of World War II when the Consolidated B-24 Liberator in which he was flying was shot down by friendly fire over the English Channel

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** LIPPMAN

CLARENCE

**Address:** 39 BURCH AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Quartermaster Third-Class

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** LITTLE

LEONARD

H.

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

7TH DIVISION MARINE REGIMENT

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private Leonard Little was assigned to the battleship USS Massachusetts (known as "Big Mamie")

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

USS Massachusetts (BB-59), known as "Big Mamie" to her crewmembers during World War II, was a battleship of the second South Dakota class / Massachusetts has the distinction of having fired the US Navy's first and last 16-inch (406 mm) shells of World War II / Her first assignment was part of a task force formed to support the invasion of North Africa, where she served as the flagship for Admiral Henry Kent Hewitt during Operation Torch / The Massachusetts participated in the Solomon Islands campaign and the Philippines Campaign, and in the latter campaign took part in the Battle of Leyte Gulf. In 1945 she was one of several ships assigned to shell targets on Honshū, the largest of the Japanese Home Islands / Commissioned on 12 May 1942 and decommissioned 27 March 1947

On 1 January 1941, the 7th Marine Regiment was activated at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and transferred to Australia in January 1943 / The Seventh Marine Regiment fought in such places as Eastern New Guinea, New Britain, "Bloody Peleliu" and the island fortress of Okinawa / The 7th Marines saw intense fighting on the island of Okinawa where they would sustain 700 Marines killed or wounded in the fighting to take Dakeshi Ridge and another 500 killed or wounded in the fighting near Wana Ridge

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**Name:** **LOBDELL**

**PAUL**

**A.**

**Address:**

**TERRACE BOULEVARD**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "A", 125TH ENGINEERS BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Campbell, Kentucky - Constructed in January 1942, The camp is named in honor of Union Army Brigadier General William Bowen Campbell, the last Whig Governor of Tennessee / Camp Campbell was the training ground for the 12th, 14th and 20th Armored divisions, Headquarters IV Armored Corps and the 26th Infantry Division

**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:** LOCKWOOD

ALTON

F.

**Address:** 1497 UNION ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON, 315TH AIR SERVICE GROUP

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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*Name:* **LOEB**

**CHARLES**

**D.**

*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:** **LOFTUS**

**JOHN**

**J.**

**Address:**

**ROSE AVENUE**

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

3508TH A.A.F. BASE UNIT, SECTION "M", BARRACKS 2117

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Truax Field - Madison, Wisconsin - Truax Field was named in honor of Lieutenant Thomas L. Truax, USAAF, a Wisconsin native who was killed (along with his wingman, Lieutenant Speckman) in a P-40 training accident during poor weather in San Anselmo, CA on November 2, 1941, just before the United States' entry into World War II

**Miscellaneous:**

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **LOMBARDI**

**E.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* NAVY

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

*Unit / Squadron:*

T.S. 3, ENGINEERING

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Aviation Machinist's Mate Second-Class

*Base Assignments:*

Whiting Field - Milton, Florida - Whiting Field has served as a naval aviation training facility since it was established as a Naval Air Auxiliary Station in July 1943

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** LONG

JOHN

M.

**Address:** 23 NORTH AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

721ST 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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**Name:** LONG

PERRY A.

**Address:** 519 MAIN STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** S/SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

1180TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Staff Sergeant

**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:* **LONG**

**SAMUEL**

**J.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:* PVT

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

Washington, D.C.

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** LONG

THOMAS

G.

**Address:** 28 WILLINK STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 215TH ORDNANCE

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Benning, Georgia - Established in 1918, Fort Benning was named in honor of Confederate brigadier general Henry L. Benning, who had commanded a Georgia brigade in General John Hood's division of the Army of Northern Virginia / Fort Benning has served as the Home of the Infantry, and established an officer candidate school and airborne training center / Fort Benning developed military leaders such as five-star generals Omar Bradley, George Marshall, and Dwight D. Eisenhower. George Patton also trained at Fort Benning

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **LOOMIS**

**R.**

**D.**

*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:** **LOW**

**EUGENE**

**Address:**

**GARDEN AVENUE**

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

374TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 361ST FIGHTER GROUP

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The 361st Fighter Group served primarily in the European Theatre of World War II / During World War II the group was an Eighth Air Force fighter unit stationed in England / The 361st Fighter Group claimed 226 air and 105 ground aircraft destroyed / The group flew its last mission on 20 April 1945

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

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **LOW**

**HAROLD**

**Address:**

**GARDEN AVENUE**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "E", 260TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

1ST B.M.T. REGIMENT (BASIC MILITARY TRAINING)

**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

Camp Ellis, Illinois - Camp Ellis opened on 16 April 1943 and named after Sergeant Michael B. Ellis, a World War I Medal of Honor recipient from East Saint Louis, Illinois / Camp Ellis was established as a World War II Army Training Center in 1943 / Camp Ellis provided basic training and advanced unit training for engineer, medical corps, signal corps, and quartermaster troops / About 125,000 troops trained at the camp during the war / A Prisoner of War (POW) camp, housing 2,500 German and Austrian soldiers was later added

**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:* **LUKSCH**

**HAROLD**

**G.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* CPL

*Unit / Squadron:*

COMPANY "A", 2ND TRAINING GROUP, A.S.F.T.C. (ARMY SERVICE FORCES TRAINING CENTER)

*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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**Name:** LUPKE

KENNETH

G.

**Address:** 60 BURCH AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

988TH TREADWAY BRIDGE COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Bowie, Texas - Camp Bowie, named in honor of the Texas patriot James Bowie, was a military training facility during World War II and grew to be one of the largest training centers in Texas

**Miscellaneous:**

Working with armored engineer battalions, Treadway Bridge Companies were assigned or attached to armored divisions to construct temporary steel pontoon bridges for river crossing

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

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** LYNCH

GLENN

J.

**Address:** 51 BELLWOOD AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

3250TH ORDNANCE COMPANY, 7TH ARMY

**Medals / Citations:**

PURPLE HEART MEDAL

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Glenn Lynch served in France with the 7th Army where he received the Combat Infantryman's Badge

**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

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 Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to infantrymen and Special Forces Soldiers in the rank of Colonel and below, who personally fought in active ground combat while assigned as members of either an infantry, Ranger or Special Forces unit, of brigade size or smaller, any time after 6 December 1941



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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **LYONS**

**B.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* PFC

*Unit / Squadron:*

HEADQUARTERS, 1ST BATTALION F.A. (FIELD ARTILLERY)

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

Fort Sill, Oklahoma - The site of Fort Sill was staked out on 8 January 1869, by Maj. Gen. Philip H. Sheridan, who led a campaign into Indian Territory to stop hostile tribes from raiding border settlements in Texas and Kansas / At first, the garrison was called "Camp Wichita" and was referred to by the Indians as "the Soldier House at Medicine Bluffs." Sheridan later named it in honor of his West Point classmate and friend, Brigadier General Joshua W. Sill, who was killed during the American Civil War

*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:* **LYONS**

**GEORGE**

**R.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* NAVY

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

B.E. SECTION "C", N.T.C. (NAVAL TRAINING CENTER)

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

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

*Miscellaneous:*

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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