



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



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **PABST**

**ANDREW**

**Address:** 19 BENSON AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

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

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Camp McCoy, Wisconsin - Located near Sparta, the original camp was split into two sections: Camp Emory Upton and Camp Robinson / In 1910, the Army renamed the entire tract "Camp Bruce E. McCoy" for Robert Bruce McCoy, a retired major general who first proposed the area as a training ground and bought part of the property on which the fort stands. In 1926, the name of the post was shortened to "Camp McCoy" / During World War II, Camp McCoy was used as a training facility for units from across the United States that were preparing to enter combat. The post was also used as a prisoner-of-war (POW) camp during the conflict

**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:** PARMELE JR.

**NELSON**

**C.**

**Address:** 154 AURORA AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "B", 8TH BATTALION, 2ND REGIMENT

**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 / 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 / During World War II, it was one of the largest U.S. Army installations, training an estimated half-million troops

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** PATTERSON

GEORGE

F.

**Address:**

ROSE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS BATTALION, 589TH BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER (CARBINE)

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The 589th Battalion was activated in July 1944 and shipped to England / During World War II, the 589th Battalion saw combat action during the campaigns for the Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe

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*Name:* **PAUL**

**ALEXANDER J.**

*Address:* **TERRACE BOULEVARD**

*Service Branch:* **ARMY**

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

AFRICAN CAMPAIGN

*Service Notes:*

Alexander Paul served 2 1/2 years in the Army and served in the North African Campaign for nine months

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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*Name:* **PAUL**

**CLETUS**

*Address:*

**TERRACE BOULEVARD**

*Service Branch:* **ARMY**

*Rank:* **PVT**

*Unit / Squadron:*

**824TH M.H.S.P., BARRACKS 1053, AREA 10**

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

Camp Kilmer, New Jersey - Camp was activated in June 1942 as a staging area and part of an installation of the New York Port of Embarkation / Troops were quartered at Camp Kilmer in preparation for transport to the European Theater of Operations in World War II. Eventually, it became the largest processing center for troops heading overseas and returning from World War II, processing over 2.5 million soldiers. It officially closed in 2009 / The camp was named for Joyce Kilmer, the soldier-poet killed in World War I while serving with The Fighting 69th, most famous for writing the poem, "Trees"

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** PAUL

CLIFFORD

J.

**Address:**

TERRACE BOULEVARD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "C", 39TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, CANNON COMPANY, 9TH DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

8 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

During World War II the 39th Infantry regiment fought as part of the 9th Infantry Division / The 39th became the first unit of United States combat troops to set foot on foreign soil when they stormed the beaches of Algiers in November 1942 / The 39th landed at Utah Beach on 10 June 1944 (D+4) with other reinforcing units and then fought through the rugged French countryside / The 39th fought valiantly through the Battle of the Bulge, helped secure the Remagen bridgehead and roared across Germany as the allied forces finished off the last of the German resistance

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

Battle (Combat) Stars were presented to military personnel who were engaged in specific battles in combat under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action

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*Name:* **PAUL**

**ROBERT**

**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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**Name:** PEARCE

WILLIAM J.

**Address:** 447 MAIN STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S. 1/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS WINDSOR (APA-55), DIVISION 2

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Seaman First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The USS Windsor (APA-55) was an attack transport / She served in the Pacific Ocean and provided troop transport service / The Windsor returned home at war's end with five battle stars to her credit / Commissioned on 17 June 1943 and decommissioned on 4 March 1946



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**Name:** **PEAVOY**

**CHARLES**

**E.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "L", 47TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 9TH DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PURPLE HEART

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

3 OVERSEAS SERVICE BARS

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technical Sergeant

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The 47th Infantry Regiment was activated 10 August 1940 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina / During World War II, the 47th Infantry participated in the campaigns for Algeria-French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe / The Regiment earned several Presidential Unit Citations, the French Croix de Guerre and the Belgian Fourragere for their meritorious service

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

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

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

The 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

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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

An Overseas Service Bar indicates a soldier has served six months of service in a combat zone. Overseas Service Bars are cumulative, in that each bar worn indicates another six-month period. Time spent overseas is also cumulative, meaning one bar could be earned for two separate deployments totaling six months

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**Name:** **PEAVY**

**HAROLD**

**A.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* NAVY

*Rank:* S. 2/C

*Unit / Squadron:*

USS CLARK (DD-361)

*Medals / Citations:*

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

PACIFIC THEATER

*Service Notes:*

Seaman Second-Class

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

The USS Clark was a Porter-class destroyer commissioned on 20 May 1936 and saw convoy duty in the Pacific Theater where she earned 2 Battle Stars / Between 4 September 1944 and 11 April 1945, The Clark guarded the passage of six transatlantic convoys to ports in the United Kingdom and France / Decommissioned on 23 October 1945

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**Name:** **PENROD**

**MELVIN**

**E.**

**Address:** 94 ORCHARD PARK ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

621ST PORT COMPANY, 491ST PORT BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Melvin Penrod trained soldiers as Stevedores to load and unload cargo vessels any place in the world needed for war operation

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The 491st Port Battalion was activated in early 1943 at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation in southern Pennsylvania / The purpose of the Battalion was to train GI Soldiers as Stevedores to load and unload cargo vessels any place in the world needed for war operation / After training the Battalion was sent to San Francisco and Oakland, California in May 1943 to receive live training working as stevedore on the docks / The Battalion was shipped overseas to Oro Bay, New Guinea in July 1943 where they stayed until the end of the war

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**Name:** PERRY

ALLEN

M.

**Address:** 41 HILDALE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

735TH BATTALION, COMPANY "B"

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Snelling, Minnesota - Fort Snelling, originally known as Fort Saint Anthony, began construction in 1820 / Upon its completion in 1825, the Army renamed the fort as "Fort Snelling" in honor of its commander and architect, Colonel Josiah Snelling / Fort Snelling was used as the Military Intelligence Service Language School to teach the Japanese language to Army personnel

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** PETERSON

GEORGE

F.

**Address:** 73 ROSE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 589TH BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN (CARBINE)

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Atterbury, Indiana - Located near Edinburgh, Indiana, the camp was named for William Wallace Atterbury (1866–1935), an executive of the Pennsylvania Railroad and a commissioned Army Brigadier General who was charged with overseeing the construction and operation of U.S. military railways in France, between August 1917 and May 1919

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **PETRIE**

**CARLTON D.**

**Address:** 99 DIRKSON AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** C.B.M.

**Unit / Squadron:**

ATHLETIC BUILDING, U. S. TRAINING BASE

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Chief Boatswain's Mate

**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:**

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**Name:** **PETTIT**

**DONALD**

**O.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

730TH RAILWAY OPERATING BATTALION

765TH RAILWAY OPERATING BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

1 BATTLE STAR

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The Military Railway Service was created in the 1920s as a reserve force for the Quartermaster Division of the United States Army / Each railway operating battalion was established with four companies. The HQ company was the headquarters and was used for signaling, dispatching, and supplying their section of the railway. The A company was set up to handle the maintenance of tracks themselves, the B company handled the maintenance of the rolling stock through the stations, and the C company was set up with roughly 50 men to operate the trains in their area / In the European Theater of Operations (ETO), the 1st and 2nd Military Railway Service (MRS) was used to control supply by rail in this theater. The 1st was assigned to the Mediterranean with Italy, North Africa, and Southern France as its main areas of operations. The 2nd was assigned Northern France to Germany

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**J.**

**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:** PFEIFFER

CARL

A.

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* PVT

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT (RIFLE)

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** PHILLIPS

EDWARD C.

**Address:** 108 BROOKSIDE DRIVE

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

U.S.A.T.C. (UNITED STATES ARMY TRANSPORTATION CORPS ), 14 PORT

**Medals / Citations:**

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS AIR MEDAL WITH 2 OAK CLUSTERS  
EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Lieutenant Colonel Edward Phillips was a commander of a B-24 Liberator bomber squadron in Italy

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Edward Phillips attended Canisius College and was employed by the International Milling Company before entering the service

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

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

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



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*Name:* **PHILLIPS**

**LEWIS**

**T.**

*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:** **PIECZYNSKI**

**J.**

**R.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** PITCHURE

CLAYTON

R.

**Address:** 1144 ORCHARD PARK ROAD

**Service Branch:** NAVY

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

N.A.S. (NAVAL AIR SHIPS), H.T.A. (HEAVIER THAN AIR)

**Medals / Citations:**

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Aviation Machinist's Mate 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

Naval Air Station - Watsonville, California - The Naval Air Ships were K-class non-rigid airships (a class of blimps) built by the Goodyear Aircraft Company of Akron, Ohio for the United States Navy / The Naval base at Watsonville supported the Navy's Airship patrols for submarines off the U.S. coast / The Airships departed on 12-hour submarine patrols, convoy escort flights or on many occasions, to perform air-sea rescues / The Airship facility was closed down in late 1945 as the Airships were no longer required

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

Naval Air Station Alameda - Alameda, California - Station was used for air support training, fleet radar operator's school, celestial navigation trainer school, and aviation storekeeper school / In April 1942, the USS Hornet (CV-8) entered Alameda to load the 16 B-25 aircraft that would take part in the Doolittle Raid on Japan

Shoemaker, California - Camp Shoemaker housed a Naval Hospital and Naval Training and Personnel Distribution Center designed to handle naval personnel on their way to, or returning from, the Pacific

C.A.S.U. - Hawaii - Carrier Aircraft Service Unit, Air Group 5



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Lido Beach, New York - Air Group 5

### *Miscellaneous:*

When the United States entered World War II, the U.S. Navy had 10 nonrigid airships / Heavier than airships were suitable for combat and were quickly pressed into service against Japanese and German submarines which were then sinking American shipping within visual range of the American coast / In the years 1942–44, approximately 1,400 airship pilots and 3,000 support crew members were trained in the military airship crew training program and the airship military personnel grew from 430 to 12,400 / The primary airship tasks were patrol and convoy escort near the American coastline. They also served as an organization center for the convoys to direct ship movements, and were used in naval search and rescue operations. Rarer duties of the airships included aerophoto reconnaissance, naval mine-laying and mine-sweeping, parachute unit transport and deployment, cargo and personnel transportation / Airships were deemed quite successful in their duties with the highest combat readiness factor in the entire US Air Force

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The World War II Victory Medal was first issued as a service ribbon referred to as the “Victory Ribbon”. By 1946, a full medal had been established which was referred to as the World War II Victory Medal. The medal commemorates military service during World War II and is awarded to any member of the United States military, including members of the armed forces of the Government of the Philippine Islands, who served on active duty, or as a reservist, between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946

The 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



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**Name:** PIZZUTI

ANTHONY C.

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

225TH F.A. (FIELD ARTILLERY), 24TH CORPS

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON WITH 3 STARS

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL WITH 1 STAR

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**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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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:** **PLATT**

**CHARLES**

**W.**

**Address:** 107 KNOX AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

249TH F.A. (FIELD ARTILLERY), 32ND DIVISION

91ST DIVISION, 6TH ARMY

**Medals / Citations:**

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC RIBBON

6 BATTLE STARS

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Sergeant Charles Platt fought in the New Guinea, New Britain (Territory of New Guinea), Goodenough Island (Territory of Papua), Iwo Jima, Okinawa and Philippine Island Campaigns / Sergeant Platt was part of the American forces that participated in the occupation of Japan

**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:* **PLATT**

**NORMAN**

**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:** PLUMLEY

GUILFORD

A.

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* LT

*Unit / Squadron:*

STATION HOSPITAL

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

Camp Fannin, Texas - Camp Fannin was a U.S. Army Infantry Replacement Training Center and POW Camp opened in 1943 and located near Tyler, Texas / Originally planned as a U.S. Army Air Corps station, Camp Fannin was established in the spring of 1943, the camp was named for Col. James Walker Fannin, a Texas Revolutionary War hero, who died at Goliad

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** **POKORNOWSKI**

**VICTOR**

**J.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

SS-11, MAG-11, SMAW (MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP) (SECOND MARINE AIRCRAFT WING), VMF-114 HQ

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

2 BATTLE STARS

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

SHARPSHOOTER

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Marine Aircraft Group 11 (MAG-11) is a United States Marine Corps aviation unit / During World War II, MAG-11 participated in combat action in the Solomon Islands, New Britain, Palau, Central Pacific Areas, and the Philippines

Marine All-Weather Fighter Squadron 114 (VMF(AW)-114) was a fighter squadron of the United States Marine Corps during World War II and continued in service until their deactivation in July 1965 . Known as the "Death Dealers", they made their biggest mark providing close air support during the Battle of Peleliu

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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**Name:** POLICHITTI

JOSEPH

**Address:**

UNION ROAD

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S. 1/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

21ST U.S. NAVAL COAST BAL, COMPANY C5

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Seaman First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** POMERHN

CHARLES

P.

**Address:** 1471 UNION ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** 1ST LT

**Unit / Squadron:**

5TH AIR FORCE, 63RD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 43RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

**Medals / Citations:**

3 AIR MEDALS

3 BATTLE STARS

SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC RIBBON WITH 3 STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL WITH 1 STAR (ANTI-SUB SERVICE)

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Piloting a lone B-24 Liberator through intense enemy anti-aircraft fire, First-Lieutenant Charles Pomerhn attacked a convoy of 8 Japanese ships in the Bismarck Sea / Piloting the plane within 100 feet of the largest Japanese transport, Lieutenant Pomerhn managed to drop his load of bombs on the ship / Riddled by anti-aircraft flak from nose to tail and losing the electrical, hydraulic and radio systems, the plane managed to reach its home base / Lieutenant Pomerhn had to pilot his plane over the field for three hours before he was able to get his landing gear down / The plane landed just in time to prevent a crash landing with three motors quitting simultaneously and out of gas

Lieutenant Charles Pomerhn earned 3 Battle Stars in the air campaign for New Guinea, the Bismarck Sea and the Northern Solomons

Lieutenant Pomerhn flew 35 missions in the Pacific including the New Guinea and Northern Solomons Campaigns

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

43rd Bombardment Group (Heavy) was activated on 15 Jan 1941 and trained with B-17, B-18, A-29, and LB-30 aircraft / The Group flew antisubmarine patrols along the New England coast from December 1941 through February 1942 / Operating from Australia, New Guinea, and Owi Island during August 1941 through November 1944, the 43rd Bombardment Group made numerous attacks on Japanese shipping in the Netherlands East Indies and the Bismarck Archipelago / The 43rd flew support for ground forces on New Guinea; made attacks on airfields and installations in New Guinea, the Bismarck Archipelago, Celebes, Halmahera, Yap, Palau, and the



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southern Philippines; and flew long-range raids against oil refineries on Ceram and Borneo / The 43rd Bombardment Group returned to the Philippines in in December 1945 and was inactivated on 29 April 1946 / The Bombardment Group received the Distinguished Unit Citations and the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

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

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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. Bronze service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns

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

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**Name:** **POTH**

**JACK**

**S.**

**Address:** 1325 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

8TH AIR FORCE, BOMBER STATION ENGLAND

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

An armorer-gunner aboard a B-24 Liberator, Sergeant Jack Poth was responsible for checking the condition of the bombs as they were loaded into the bomber and checking them again once they were put in place / Sergeant Poth was also responsible for inspecting the turrets and guns aboard the aircraft / During missions Sergeant Poth was in the tail of the aircraft as the plane's tail gunner

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Jack Poth was a graduate of West Seneca High School and employed by the Rochester ordnance district as an inspector before he entered the service in November 1943

The 8th Air Force was established on 22 February 1944 at High Wycombe Airdrome, England and was an Army Air Forces combat air force in the European Theater of World War II, engaging in operations primarily in the Northern Europe area of operation; carrying out strategic bombing of enemy targets in France, the Low countries, and Germany; and engaging in air-to-air fighter combat against enemy aircraft until the German surrender in May 1945 / The 8th Air Force was the largest of the deployed combat Army Air Forces in numbers of personnel, aircraft, and equipment

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**Name:** POTTIS

JAMES

J.

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** Y. 2/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS LST-679 (LANDING SHIP, TANK)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Yeoman Second-Class

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

LST-679 was commissioned on 15 July 1944 and assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific theater and participated in the Leyte landing in November 1944 and the Mindanao Island landings in April 1945 / LST-679 earned two battle stars for World War II service and decommissioned on 24 June 1946

Landing Ship, Tank (LST) is the military designation for naval vessels created during World War II to support amphibious operations by carrying significant quantities of vehicles, cargo, and landing troops directly onto an unimproved shore / From their combat debut in the Solomon Islands in June 1943 until the end of the hostilities in August 1945, the LSTs performed a vital service in World War II. They participated in the invasions of Sicily (Operation Husky), Italy, Normandy, and southern France in the European Theater and were an essential element in the island-hopping campaigns in the Pacific that culminated in the liberation of the Philippines and the capture of Iwo Jima and Okinawa

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**Name:** **POULSEN**

**ALEXANDER**

**Address:** 161 EDSON STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY D, 193RD GLIDER INFANTRY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Alex Poulsen, a paratrooper, was Killed in Action while in Germany on 24 March 1944 as part of an Airborne attack behind German lines

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Forrest - Tullahoma, Tennessee - Camp Forrest, named after Civil War cavalry Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest, was one of the U.S. Army's largest training bases during World War II / The camp was a training area for infantry, artillery, engineer, signal organizations, and cooks. It also served as a hospital center and temporary encampment area for troops during maneuvers / Camp Forrest officially became a prisoner of war camp on 12 May 1942, housing Italian and German POWs

**Miscellaneous:**

Alex Poulsen was a graduate of West Seneca High School / Poulsen entered the service in April 1943

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

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*Name:* **POWELL**

**ALICE**

**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:** POWERS

MICHAEL T.

**Address:**

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY D, 4TH REPLACEMENT BATTALION, A.S.F.P.R.D. (ARMY SERVICES FORCES)

**Medals / Citations:**

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL  
ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

1 BATTLE STAR

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Michael Powers was assigned to a special 155 millimeter caliber field gun with the Sixth Army / Sergeant Powers earned a Battle Star during fighting to liberate New Guinea from Japanese forces

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Beale, California - Established in 1942, Camp Beale is named for Edward Fitzgerald Beale (1822–1893), an American Navy Lieutenant and a Brigadier General in the California Militia who was an explorer and frontiersman in California / Camp Beale also housed a German POW camp, and served as the main camp for a series of satellite POW camps around northern California

**Miscellaneous:**

In March 1942, there was a sweeping reorganization of the Army. This was the result of dissatisfaction with the existing structure, with the United States Army Air Forces in particular seeking greater autonomy. The Chief of Staff wanted no more than three commands reporting to him, so everything which did not fit into the Army Ground Forces or Army Air Forces became part of the Services of Supply, which were renamed the Army Service Forces on 12 March 1943

The 155mm Gun M1 and M2, widely known as "Long Tom", were 155 millimeter caliber field guns used as a heavy field weapon and were also classed as secondary armament for seacoast defense by the United States armed forces during World War II / The gun could fire a 100 pound shell to a maximum range of 13.7 miles, with an estimated accuracy life of 1,500 rounds

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*Name:* **PRANGLE**

**R.**

**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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**Name:** PRENTICE

EARL

**Address:**

**Service Branch:**

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

U.S.N.H. (UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

St. Albans, New York - St. Albans was the East Coast referral center for respiratory disorders in the U.S. Navy. The U.S. Naval Hospital at St. Albans was established in the early 1940s on a former golf course in the Borough of Queens to serve the U.S. military and expand services that were previously centered at the U.S. Naval Hospital in the Brooklyn Navy Yard

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **PRIOR**

**THEODORE A.**

**Address:** 99 EAST & WEST ROAD

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

314TH STATION COMPLEMENT SQUADRON

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **PRIOR**

**WALTER**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S. 1/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

SS DAVID STARR JORDAN, 3RD NAVAL DISTRICT

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Seaman First-Class Walter Prior was an armed guard aboard the Liberty ship S.S. David Starr Jordan (Hull # 0472) and assigned to USAT (US Army Transportation Service)

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

On 31 July 1942 the Transportation Service became the Transportation Corps / The Transportation Corps was a combat service support branch of the U.S. Army and responsible for the movement of personnel and material by truck, rail, air, and sea during World War II / By the end of the war, 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:* **PROSNEICK**  
**STANLEY**

*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:** PUFPAFF

MYRON

G.

**Address:** 2655 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

620TH PORT COMPANY, 491ST PORT BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Myron Pufpaff participated in the Battle for New Guinea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The 491st Port Battalion was activated in early 1943 at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation in southern Pennsylvania. The purpose was to train GI Soldiers as stevedores to load and unload cargo vessels any place in the world needed for war operation

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