



# Honoring Our Vietnam War and Vietnam Era Veterans



February 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** SARGIS

GEORGE (BOB) R.

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

**Address:** 85 FRENCH LEA ROAD

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SP4

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

23RD INFANTRY DIVISION - AMERICAL

**Medals / Citations:**

VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSS

NYS CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS

NATIONAL DEFENSE RIBBON

VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment: VIETNAM

**Service Notes:**

Specialist Fourth Class George Sargis was assigned to the 23rd Infantry Division (Americal) and stationed at the U. S. Army base at Chu Lai

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Dix, New Jersey - Fort Dix was established on 16 July 1917 as Camp Dix, named in honor of Major General John Adams Dix, a veteran of the War of 1812 and the American Civil War, and a former United States Senator, Secretary of the Treasury and Governor of New York / Ft. Dix was used for the mobilization, training and demobilization of soldiers from World War I through April 2015 / On 1 October 2009, Fort Dix was consolidated with an adjoining U.S. Air Force and Navy facility to become part of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JB MDL)

Chu Lai, Vietnam - Located approximately 56 miles southeast of Da Nang, Chu Lai was a U.S. military base from 1965 to 1971 during the Vietnam War / Originally established by the Marines, the base was handed over to the U.S. Army's Task Force Oregon in April 1967 and subsequently became the headquarters and base area for the 23rd Americal Division from September 1967 until November 1971

**Miscellaneous:**

After an Honorable Discharge, George (Bob) Sargis became the Assistant Manager at the AM&A's Shoe Department at the Thruway Plaza, later moving up to Department Manager

The 23rd Infantry Division, more commonly known as the Americal Division, of the United States Army was



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activated 27 May 1942 on the island of New Caledonia immediately following the attack on Pearl Harbor / This division was the only division formed outside of United States territory during World War II (a distinction it would repeat when reformed during the Vietnam War) / At the suggestion of a subordinate, the division's commander, Major General Alexander Patch, requested that the new unit be known as the Americal Division—the name being a contraction of "American, New Caledonian Division" - This was unusual, as most U. S. divisions are known by a number / After World War II the Americal Division was officially re-designated as the 23rd Infantry Division / The Americal was reactivated 25 September 1967 at Chu Lai in Vietnam from a combination of units already in Vietnam and newly arrived units / The Americal Division never lost a major battle in Vietnam, accounting for thousands of enemy dead and wounded, and is noted for its exemplary performance during the Tet Offensive, The Battle of LoGiang, the Battle of Nui Hoac Ridge (Hill 352) and throughout its approximate 6 year deployment in Vietnam / Americal casualties in Vietnam numbered 4,041 during 2,111 days of combat / The division was inactivated following its withdrawal from Vietnam in November 1971.



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**Name:** **SMACZNIAK JR.**

**JOSEPH E.**

**Hometown:** CHEEKTOWAGA

**Address:**

- Vietnam Era**
- Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SP5-E5

**Year Entered:** 1969

**Year Discharged:** 1975

**Unit / Squadron:**

85TH QUARTERMASTER

**Medals / Citations:**

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

ARMY MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION

NATIONAL DEFENSE RIBBON

**Served in War Zone** **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Dix - Located near Trenton, New Jersey, Fort Dix was established on 16 July 1917 as Camp Dix, named in honor of Major General John Adams Dix, a veteran of the War of 1812 and the American Civil War, and a former United States Senator, Secretary of the Treasury and Governor of New York / Ft. Dix was used for the mobilization, training and demobilization of soldiers from World War I through April 2015 / On 1 October 2009, Fort Dix was consolidated with an adjoining U.S. Air Force and Navy facility to become part of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JB MDL)

Fort Lee - Opened in 1918, Fort Lee in Prince George County, Virginia was named for Confederate General Robert E. Lee / Fort Lee was the headquarters for the U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command (CASCOM)/ Sustainment Center of Excellence (SCoE), the U.S. Army Quartermaster School, the U.S. Army Ordnance School, The U.S. Army Transportation School, the Army Logistics University (ALU), Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA), and the U.S. Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA)

Nahbollenbach Army Depot - Nahbollenbach Army Depot in Idar-Oberstein is approximately seven miles from Strassburg Kaserne, southwest Germany. Nahbollenbach was a German Army depot until the end of World War II when it was turned over to the French Army / In 1950, the Depot it was turned over to the US Army and used as a Quartermaster Depot, a General Depot and as a US Army Depot. US Army Depot / Nahbollenbach was the headquarters of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, Europe (MATCOM) / Nahbollenbach was deactivated in 1975.



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## *Miscellaneous:*

Joseph Smaczniak Jr. graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in Cheektowaga and attended Bryant & Stratton Business College where he graduated in June 1969 / Smaczniak enlisted in the U.S. Army in July 1969

Quartermaster Corps. - The United States Army Quartermaster Corps is a Sustainment, formerly combat service support (CSS), branch of the United States Army / It is also one of three U.S. Army logistics branches, the others being the Transportation Corps and the Ordnance Corps / The U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps mission is to support the development, production, acquisition, and sustainment of general supply, Mortuary Affairs, subsistences, petroleum and water, material and distribution management during peace and war to provide combat power to the U.S. Army / The officer in charge of the branch for doctrine, training, and professional development purposes is the Quartermaster General.



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**Name:** STAWARSKI

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

TED J.

**Address:** ORCHARD AVENUE

- Vietnam Era
- Vietnam War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** E-4

**Year Entered:** 1967

**Year Discharged:** 1969

**Unit / Squadron:**

1ST ARMORED DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL / 2 OAK LEAF CLUSTERS

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** VIETNAM

**Service Notes:**

Specialist (E-4) Ted J. Stawarski was deployed to Vietnam during the Tet Offensive and served as a Power Plant Engineer at Camp Holloway in Pleiku from January 1968 through August 1969

**Base Assignments:**

Ft. Dix, New Jersey - Fort Dix was established on 16 July 1917 as Camp Dix, named in honor of Major General John Adams Dix, a veteran of the War of 1812 and the American Civil War, and a former United States Senator, Secretary of the Treasury and Governor of New York / Ft. Dix was used for the mobilization, training and demobilization of soldiers from World War I through April 2015 / On 1 October 2009, Fort Dix was consolidated with an adjoining U.S. Air Force and Navy facility to become part of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JB MDL)

Fort Belvoir, Virginia - The base was founded during World War I as Camp A. A. Humphreys, named for Union Civil War general Andrew A. Humphreys, who was also Chief of Engineers / The post was renamed Fort Belvoir in the 1930s in recognition of the Belvoir plantation that once occupied the site, but the adjacent United States Army Corps of Engineers Humphreys Engineer Center retains part of the original name / Fort Belvoir was initially the home of the Army Engineer School prior to its relocation in the 1980s to Fort Leonard Wood, in Missouri / Fort Belvoir serves as the headquarters for the Defense Logistics Agency, the Defense Acquisition University, the Defense Contract Audit Agency, the Defense Technical Information Center, the United States Army Intelligence and Security Command, the United States Army Military Intelligence Readiness Command, the Missile Defense Agency, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, all agencies of the United States Department of Defense

Fort Hood, Texas - Located in Killeen, Texas, the United States Army post was named after Confederate General



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John Bell Hood and is the largest military base in the world (by area) with more than 215,000 acres / During the late 1960's, Fort Hood trained and deployed a number of units and individuals for duty in Vietnam / As the United States ended its role in the conflict, thousands of returning soldiers completed their active duty with one of the fort's divisions

Camp Holloway, Pleiku, Vietnam - Camp Holloway was a United States Army helicopter base at Pleiku in the Central Highlands of Vietnam from 1962 through the early 1970s / The camp was named in 1963 for CH-21 helicopter pilot Warrant Officer Charles E. Holloway, who in December 1962, became the first aviator assigned to the 81st Transportation Company to be killed in action / At its peak, Camp Holloway was home to two additional UH-1 "Huey" assault helicopter companies, a CH-47 "Chinook" company, an O-1 Bird Dog reconnaissance airplane company, a CH-54 "Skycrane" company, and other supporting units

### *Miscellaneous:*

Prior to his enlistment in the Army, Ted Stawarski graduated from Hutchinson Central Technical High School, (informally known as Hutch-Tech) in Buffalo / Following an Honorable Discharge from the Army, Stawarski was employed by Buffalo Forge Company

The Tet Offensive was one of the largest military campaigns of the Vietnam War, launched on 30 January 1968, by forces of the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese People's Army of Vietnam against the forces of the South Vietnamese Army of the Republic of Vietnam, the United States Armed Forces, and their allies / It was a campaign of surprise attacks against military and civilian command and control centers throughout South Vietnam / Though initial attacks stunned both the US and South Vietnamese armies, causing them to temporarily lose control of several cities, they quickly regrouped, beat back the attacks, and inflicted heavy casualties on North Vietnamese forces / The name of the offensive comes from the Tết holiday, the Vietnamese New Year, when the first major attacks took place



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**Name:** **STERLACE**

**ROBERT**

**A.**

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

**Address:**

**Vietnam Era**

**Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:**

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

**Served in War Zone**    **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** VIETNAM

**Service Notes:**

(NO OTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE)

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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