



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



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **TABAK**

JOSEPH

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

BARRACKS 206

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Harlingen Army Airfield - Harlingen, Texas - The mission of Harlingen Army Airfield was to train aerial gunners and strafing techniques, training over 48,000 soldiers / The planes 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

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **TAGLIAFERRO**

JOHN

N.

Address: 24 LENOX ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant John Tagliaferro died in France from wounds received on the battlefield / Sergeant Tagliaferro had been an Infantryman in the Army for approximately three years and served overseas for one month / Sergeant John Tagliaferro was 24 years of age at the time of his death

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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

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Name: **TANGELDER**

EUGENE

F.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: TANGELDER

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: TAYLOR

CHARLOTTE F.

Address: 39 LAFAYETTE AVENUE

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

M.C.A.S. (MARINE CORPS AIR STATION), HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Mojave, California -Located 85 miles north of Los Angeles in the Mojave Desert's Antelope Valley, the Marine Corps built an air station at Mojave in 1942 / The station was used as a training centers for Marine squadrons slated for assignment aboard aircraft carriers / During the course of the war, 29 aircraft squadrons, four CASDs (Carrier Aircraft Service Detachment) and three Air Warning Squadrons passed through the station

Miscellaneous:

Marine Corps Air Stations were used as training and defense bases



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Name: TAYLOR

FRANK

S.

Address: 3895 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

364TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 357TH FIGHTER GROUP

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 357th Fighter Group was activated on 1 December 1942 and flew P-39 Aircobra and P-51B Mustang fighters / The 357th Fighter Group flew 313 combat missions between 11 February 1944 and 25 April 1945 / It is officially credited by the U.S. Air Force with having destroyed 595.5 German airplanes in the air and 106.5 on the ground

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Name: TAYLOR

GEORGE E.

Address: 3895 SENECA STREET

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

Unit / Squadron:

311TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Lieutenant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 311th Fighter Squadron, while based in the Philippines in 1944, flew fighter sweeps against enemy airfields, supported U.S. ground forces, and protected sea convoys and transport routes. Beginning in July 1945, the squadron attacked railways, airfields, and enemy installations in Korea and Kyushu, Japan from Okinawa

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



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Name: TAYLOR

GEORGE H.

Address: 39 LAFAYETTE AVENUE

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 1ST BATTALION, 25TH MARINE REGIMENT, 4TH MARINE DIVISION, FLEET
MARINE FORCE (FMF)

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON WITH 2 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal George Taylor was assigned to the U.S. Naval Hospital at Glenwood Springs after being wounded in action

Base Assignments:

Hotel Colorado - Glenwood Springs, Colorado - During World War II, Hotel Colorado along with the hot springs served as a U.S. Naval Convalescence Hospital from 1943 to 1946

Miscellaneous:

The 25th Marines was activated on 1 May 1943, at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and was initially manned by Marines from throughout the Northeast. The regiment was subsequently assigned to the 4th Marine Division for service in World War II. Initially located at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California, the regiment was ordered to the Pacific Theater in January 1944 and participated in the Battle of Kwajalein, Saipan, Battle of Tinian and the Battle of Iwo Jima. The regiment won two Presidential Unit Citations for its participation in these battles

The United States Fleet Marine Forces (FMF) were combined general and special purpose forces within the United States Department of the Navy that were designed in engaging offensive amphibious or expeditionary warfare and defensive maritime employment / During World War II, the Fleet Marine Force had units in the western Pacific assigned to the United States Asiatic Fleet

After intensive training at Camp Pendleton, California and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, the 4th Marine Division shipped out on 13 January 1944, and in 13 months made four major amphibious assaults, in the battles of Kwajalein (Roi-Namur), Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima, suffering more than 17,000 casualties / The 4th Marine



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Division was awarded two Presidential Unit Citations and a Navy Unit Commendation, and deactivated 28 November 1945

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

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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

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Name: TAYLOR

RUSSELL

Address: 3895 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

U.S.N.A.S. (UNITED STATES NAVAL AIR STATION), BUILDING 4

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class

Base Assignments:

Ward Island - Corpus Christi, Texas - The Navy initiated a major program to train highly qualified technicians to maintain the myriad of electronic systems, particularly radar / The then-uninhabited Ward Island was selected as the site of an advanced school for airborne electronics maintenance

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **TELSCHOW JR.**

WALTER

V.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

2628 HOSPITAL SECTION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

In the years from June 30, 1943 to June 30, 1945 the Medical Department trained 189 General Hospitals, 74 Field Hospitals and 61 Station Hospitals for overseas service. In 1945, when the peak of overseas shipments occurred, the War Department sent 81 General, 35 Field, and 8 Station Hospitals to the various Theaters of Operations (European, African and Asiatic-Pacific). By May 1945, when the peak in Hospital beds overseas was reached, there were 335,000 fixed beds and about 87,000 mobile beds in all Theaters

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Name: **TEPE**

LEROY

H.

Address: 207 ALLENDALE ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: F. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Fireman First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **TERHAAR**

THOMAS

F.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "I", 28TH INFANTRY, 8TH DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

2 BATTLE STARS

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT (RIFLEMAN)

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT (B.A.R. - BROWNING
AUTOMATIC RIFLE)

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technical Sergeant Thomas Terharr enlisted in the Army in March 1940 / Sergeant Terhaar went onto the shores of France, landing in Normandy and fought in Central Europe earning 2 Battle Stars for his actions / Sergeant Terhaar was captured by the Germans at the battle of Saint- Lô, in north-western France / Sergeant Terhaar was reportedly well-treated in the German prison camp, but food was scarce / Sergeant Terhaar was liberated by the Russian Army and then set adrift to make his way to Odessa in the Ukraine / In Odessa, he was placed in a Russian stockade for two weeks, released and shipped back to the American lines in Italy, and finally sent back to the United States / When the Japanese surrendered, Sergeant Terhaar had picked for service in the south-west Pacific region

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 28th Infantry Division was activated on 17 February 1941 at Camp Livingston, Louisiana / The division landed in Normandy on 22 July 1944 and took part in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, and Central European campaigns / In little more than a month after hitting the Normandy Beachhead, the 28th Infantry hit Paris and were given the honor of marching down the Champs-Élysée on 29 August 1944 in the hastily arranged Liberation of Paris / The division saw 196 days of combat during World War II

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decoration. The Purple Heart is awarded to military service members wounded or killed in action, in the latter case posthumously

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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: **TERRELL**

ALFRED

L.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **TERRY**

WILLIAM J.

Address: 1282 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

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

Unit / Squadron:

846TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 489TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HEAVY)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal William Terry served in England

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

During World War II, the 489th Bombardment Group was an Eighth Air Force Consolidated B-24 Liberator unit stationed at RAF Halesworth, England, in May 1944 / The group supported the landings in Normandy on 6 June 1944, and afterward bombed coastal defenses, airfields, bridges, railroads, and V-weapon sites in the campaign for France / The 489th began flying missions into Germany in July 1944, and engaged primarily in bombing strategic targets such as factories, oil refineries and storage plants, marshalling yards, and airfields in Ludwigshafen, Magdeburg, Brunswick, Saarbrücken, and other cities until November 1944 / The 489th Bombardment Group returned to the United States in November 1944 and converted to a Boeing B-29 Superfortress group, but the war ended before the group could deploy to the Pacific

A bombardment group or bomb group was a group of bomber aircraft the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) during World War II. It was the equivalent of an infantry regiment in the Army Ground Forces. A bombardment group was the key tactical control and administrative organization for bombers in all theaters of operation. U.S. bomb groups were numbered and classified into four types: Very Heavy (VH), Heavy (H), Medium (M), and Light (L). Groups which combined bombers of differing categories into a single administrative organization were designated "Composite" groups

Bomber aircraft assigned to the "Heavy" Bombardment group consisted of the B-17 Flying Fortress and B-24 Liberator aircraft

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Name: **TESKA**

STANLEY

V.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **THAUER**

THEODORE H.

Address: 146 SENECA CREEK ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/4

Unit / Squadron:

74TH ENGINEERS, COMPANY "L", COMPANY "C", 168TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

2 BATTLE STARS

PRE-PEARL HARBOR MEDAL

E.A.M.E. RIBBON WITH BRONZE STAR

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fourth-Grade (Sergeant) Theodore Thauer served in foreign service for one year prior to enlisting in the U.S. Army

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 / Through World War II, 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

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

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 World War II Victory Medal was first issued as a service ribbon referred to as the "Victory Ribbon." By 1946,



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

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Name: THEAL

ALVIN

E.

Address: 153 AURORA AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "C", 780TH F.A. BATTALION (FIELD ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Pendleton - Virginia Beach, Virginia - Camp Pendleton was named after Brigadier General William N. Pendleton, who served as Robert E. Lee's chief of artillery during the Civil War / Camp was used by the Army during World War II for training Coast Artillery units

Fort Bragg, North Carolina - In 1918, Congress established Camp Bragg, an Army field artillery site named for the Confederate General Braxton Bragg / Camp Bragg became a permanent Army post renamed Fort Bragg / Various units trained at Fort Bragg during World War II, including the 9th Infantry Division, 2nd Armored Division, 82nd Airborne Division, 100th Infantry Division, and various field artillery groups

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: **THEN**

A.

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: **THEN**

HAROLD

F.

Address: 422 COLLINS AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 37TH M.T. BATTALION (MOTOR TRANSPORT), 4TH PLATOON

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Grant, Illinois - Located in the outskirts of Rockford, Illinois, the camp was named in honor of General Ulysses S. Grant / Camp Grant was an induction center where physical exams and medical training for draftees was the main focus, although a large number of personnel went through Camp Grant for their Army basic training / It is estimated that 100,000 medical corpsmen were trained at the camp / The camp also served as a POW holding area with an estimated 2,500 Prisoners-of-War

Miscellaneous:

The 37th Motor Transport Command was organized as a Regular Army unit on February 10, 1936 / The 37th served with distinction throughout the World War II, earning battle streamers for four major campaigns: Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; North Appenines; and the Po Valley



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Name: THEN

WILIAM A.

Address: 402 COLLINS AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS WISCONSIN (BB-64)

USS WYOMING (BB-32)

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER / PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The USS Wisconsin (BB-64), (also called "Wiskey") was an Iowa-class battleship / The Wisconsin served in the Pacific Theater of World War II, where she shelled Japanese fortifications and screened United States aircraft carriers as they conducted air raids against enemy positions / The Wisconsin took part in action against Formosa, Luzon, and the Nansei Shoto to neutralize Japanese forces / In 1945, she provided firepower for the invasion of Iwo Jima and Okinawa / In July 1945, the Wisconsin bombarded the oil refineries in Muroran, Japan and later shelled the Japanese naval base at Yokosuka, Japan / The USS Wisconsin was part of the occupying force after the surrender of Japan / The Wisconsin earned 6 battle stars / Commissioned on 16 April 1944 and decommissioned 30 September 1991

The USS Wyoming (BB-32) was a battleship and named in honor of the 44th state / During World War II, Wyoming remained in the Chesapeake Bay area and performed duties as a gunnery training ship with the Operational Training Command, United States Atlantic Fleet / Over the course of the war, Wyoming trained an estimated 35,000 gunners on seven different types of guns: 5-inch, 3-inch, 1.1-inch, 40-milimeter, and 20-milimeter weapons. Due to her extensive use as a gunnery training ship, she claimed the distinction of firing more ammunition than any other ship in the fleet during the war / Commissioned on 25 September 1912 and decommissioned on 1 August 1947

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Name: **THEN**

WILLIAM F.

Address: 154 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: COAST GUARD

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERS OFFICE

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

William Then was a Radio Technician

Base Assignments:

Cleveland, Ohio

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



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: THOMAS

CARL

E.

Address: 114 CHAMBERLIN DRIVE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/4

Unit / Squadron:

415TH SIGNAL CORPS, A.U.N. UNIT 1, 1715TH SIGNAL SERVICE BATTALION, 5TH AIR FORCE

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON WITH 5 STARS

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fourth-Grade (Sergeant) Carl Thomas was stationed in New Guinea, the Philippine Islands and participated in the occupation of Japan

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

When the War Department was reorganized on 9 March 1942, the Signal Corps became one of the technical services in the Services of Supply (later Army Service Forces). Its organized components served both the Army Ground Forces and the Army Air Forces. The United States Army Signal Corps develops, tests, provides, and manages communications and information systems support for the command and control of combined arms forces. One of the more unusual units of the Signal Corps were the Joint Assault Signals Companies (JASCOS). These companies were Signal Corps units that were made up of several hundred Army, Air Corps, and United States Navy communications specialists specially trained to link land, sea and air operational elements. They saw combat throughout the Pacific and European theaters during World War II in late 1943.

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 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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: THOMPSON

JOHN

G.

Address: 1523 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: SK 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

SUPPLY OFFICE

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Storekeeper Second-Class John Thompson entered the Navy on 20 July 1942

Base Assignments:

Treasure Island, California - The Navy deemed Treasure Island an ideal location for transporting people and machines to the Pacific theater, and on 1 April 1941, established Treasure Island Naval Station

Miscellaneous:



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Name: THORN

GERALD

A.

Address: 42 OSCHAWA AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: A.R.M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

RADAR TRAINING DETACHMENT, U.S.N.A.S. (UNITED STATES NAVAL STATION)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Aviation Radioman Third-Class

Base Assignments:

Camp May, New Jersey - The Cape May harbor had a Naval Air Station and trained aircraft carrier pilots

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: THORN

SHERWIN

J.

Address: 42 OSCHAWA AVENUE

Service Branch:

Rank: CADET

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "K", SCHOOL REGIMENT, 2ND PLATOON, QUARTERMASTER SCHOOL

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Lee, Virginia - The fort is named for Confederate General Robert E. Lee / The camp was designated as the Quartermaster Replacement Training Center (QMRTC). A full program of courses was conducted, including Officer Candidate School. By the end of 1941, Camp Lee was the center of both basic and advanced training of Quartermaster personnel and held this position throughout the war

Miscellaneous:

The U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps was responsible for procuring and delivering various supplies to units in all theaters of war during World War II / Quartermaster units were charged with providing food (steady supply of food and rations), clothing, petroleum products (gasoline, kerosene, aviation fuel, diesel oil, fuel oil and petroleum-based lubricants) and general supplies (diverse items as rope, soap, candles, knives, forks and spoons, etc.) to troops stationed in the United States and to the far-flung armed forces around the world. More than 32,000 officers, officer cadets and key enlisted personnel received their training at the Quartermaster School between July 1, 1940 and December 3, 1945. The physical conditioning of entrants was emphasized from the beginning of the training program. In addition, the rigorous military training entailed learning to use all armed methods of protection, crawling through simulated battlefields, taking refuge in foxholes (of their own digging), making technical decisions regarding rations, and learning every aspect of ammunition supply points (ASPs)



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: TILLOTSON

RICHARD T.

Address: 161 WESTMINSTER ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

154TH ARMORED SIGNAL COMPANY, 14TH ARMORED DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

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 / Through World War II, Camp Campbell was the training ground for the 12th, 14th and 20th Armored Divisions, Headquarters IV Armored Corps and the 26th Infantry Division

Miscellaneous:

The 14th Armored Division was activated on 15 November 1942 / The "LIBERATORS" is the official nickname of the US 14th Armored Division. The division became known by its nickname during the last days of World War II when it liberated some 200,000 Allied prisoners of war from German prison camps. Among those liberated were approximately 20,000 American soldiers, sailors and airmen, as well as an estimated 40,000 troops from Great Britain and the Commonwealth / The 14th Armored Division was inactivated on 16 September 1945

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **TINGLER**

ALWIN

C.

Address: 21 FLOHR AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Greenwood Army Air Field - Greenwood, Mississippi - The Greenwood Air Field was built by the United States Army Air Forces as a basic flight training airfield and the base was home to several hundred Consolidated Vultee BT-13 and BT-15 Valiants / Greenwood AAF was also home to a contingent of Women's Army Service Pilots (WASPs). These women were rated to fly everything from B-24s to fighters / During the peak of basic training activities, the airfield averaged about 36,000 operations per month

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **TINGLER**

JAMES

M.

Address: 87 SUMMIT AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: A.M.M. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

FLEET AIR WING #2, HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Aviation Machinist's Mate First-Class James Tingler served in the Navy for four years

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **TOMCZAK**

H.

A.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

1ST PLATOON, 560TH REPLACEMENT COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **TRAUTMAN**

JACOB

E.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **TROST JR.**

M.

L.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **TRUESDELL**

WALLACE

W.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

371ST HARBOR CRAFT COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON WITH 1 BATTLE STAR

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Wallace Truesdell had been stationed for five years at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii when it was attacked by Japanese forces on 7 December 1941

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The Army created Harbor Craft Companies to supply small supply craft, mostly barges, cranes, and tug boats for beach invasion forces. Cargo was ferried from freighters and transports to the shore where operations were taking place.

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

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



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Name: TRUTT

ROBERT

S.

Address: 68 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

877TH ENGINEER AVIATION, COMPANY "C"

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Aviation engineers included engineer airborne aviation battalions, which were designed to be air transportable; to repair airfields captured by airborne forces

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Name: TUDOR

JAMES E.

Address: 118 WILDWOOD AVENUE

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

Unit / Squadron:

BASE UNIT, S.G. (SERVICE GROUP)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Venice Army Air Field - Venice, Florida - The mission of Venice AAF was not for forces directly engaged in combat, but for the Air Service Command whose members would work in the rear echelon and would relieve combat squadrons of maintenance and housekeeping details at air bases behind the lines / The Service Group would be equipped with the necessary resources to fully support the combat units by providing station security, mess halls, aircraft parts supply, base administration, aircraft mechanics, communications, medical, finance, and all the other necessary support services needed, and also be mobile enough to follow the combat units / 200 German Prisoner of War were moved to Venice AAF in February 1945

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: TUDOR

LEROY J.

Address: 135 TAMPA DRIVE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: F. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS SC-673 (SUBMARINE CHASER)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Fireman First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Over 40,000 men served on submarine chasers (also called "sub chasers") in World War II / Sub chasers were built and launched in great haste at the outset of World War II because German U boats were inflicting heavy losses on Allied merchant vessels / By the end of World War II, 438 wooden SC sub chasers had been launched and commissioned

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **TUEFEL**

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: TYLER

EDWARD J.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: E.M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS L.C.I. (L) 1061 (LANDING CRAFT - LARGE)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Electrician's Mate Third-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

USS LCI(L)-1061 was a large landing craft built for the United States Navy in World War II / Commissioned on 4 May 1944 and assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater / The LCI(L) fleet was used for numerous missions. One important use was for smoke laying to obscure the invading fleet from enemy artillery or aircraft and others were used to provide close-in gunfire support for troops involved in beach landing

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **TYLER**

WILLIAM

G.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

BOX "A", NAVAL AIR STATION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Seattle, Washington - Naval Station Puget Sound was used as a facility to train naval aviators

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **TYR**

FRANK

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)
