



Honoring Our Korean War and Korean Era Veterans



June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **WAGNER**
WILLIAM

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CORPORAL

Year Entered:

Year Discharged: KIA

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Corporal William Wagner was Killed in Action on 3 May 1951

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Corporal William Wagner was interred in Buffalo Cemetery



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Name: WALSH

Hometown:

CHRISTOPHER P.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Year Entered: 1950

Year Discharged: 1952

Unit / Squadron:

24TH REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM (RCT)

548TH COMBAT ENGINEERS

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

JAPANESE OCCUPATION MILITARY MEDAL

NEW YORK CONSPICUOUS SERVICE STAR

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Sergeant Christopher P. Walsh entered the United States Army in 1950 and was honorably discharged in 1952 / Christopher Walsh was elected to the West Seneca Town Board and served as Councilman during the 1990's



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Name: WILLIAMS

Hometown: WEST SENECA

CLARENCE C.

Address: 4914 SENECA STREET

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: PFC

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

EXPERT MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

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

Service Notes:

Private First Class Clarence Williams entered into the service in October 1952 and was honorably discharged in March 1954 / PFC Williams was trained as a Basic Armament Repairman and trained on the 50 caliber Machinegun

Base Assignments:

Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia - Established in 1917, MCB Quantico is a Marine Corps installation located near Triangle, Virginia / Used primarily for training purposes, MCB Quantico is known as the "Crossroads of the Marine Corps"

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina - Parris Island is used for the training of enlisted Marines / Marines were first stationed on Parris Island in 1891 / During the Korean War, more than 138,000 recruits were trained at Parris Island / Male recruits living east of the Mississippi River and female recruits from all over the United States report here to receive their initial training

Miscellaneous:

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

Clarence Williams graduated from West Seneca High School / Prior to his military service, Williams worked at Bethlehem Steel Corporation and was a fireman with the Union Fire Company

After being discharged from the military, Clarence Williams worked for the West Seneca Highway Department until his retirement in 1990



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Name: **WIRTH**

Hometown: WEST SENECA

RAYMOND E.

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CORPORAL

Year Entered:

Year Discharged: KIA

Unit / Squadron:

21ST INFANTRY, 24TH DIVISION, "B" COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL (JAPAN)

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

UNITED NATIONS KOREA SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF KOREA WAR SERVICE MEDAL

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Raymond Wirth was a member of Company B, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. He was Killed in Action while fighting during "Operation Ripper" near Seoul, Korea on 4 April 1951

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Operation Ripper, also known as the Fourth Battle of Seoul, was a United Nations military operation / Launched on 6 March 1951, Operation Ripper had two primary objectives, destroying as many units as possible of the Chinese communist People's Volunteer Army and North Korean military around Seoul, Hongch'on and Ch'unch'on / The operation also aimed to bring UN troops to the 38th parallel / Preceded by the largest artillery bombardment of the Korean War, American infantry divisions liberated Seoul on 15 March 1951 forcing the Communists northward out of the capital city / By the end of March 1951, US forces reached the 38th parallel

Corporal Raymond E. Wirth was 22 years of age at the time of his death



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Name: **WOHLFEIL**

Hometown: BUFFALO

HAROLD C.

Address: 116 GREENFIELD AVENUE

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SP4

Year Entered: 1955

Year Discharged: 1956

Unit / Squadron:

7TH DIVISION, C COMPANY, HEADQUARTERS PLATOON
73RD TANK BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN OCCUPATION MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Specialist Fourth-Class Harold C. Wohlfiel was trained as a tank mechanic at Fort Knox, Kentucky / While stationed in Korea, SP4 Wohlfiel worked on the M46 and M47 Patton Tanks

Base Assignments:

Dongducheon - Located in Gyeonggi Province, South Korea, Dongducheon was strategically important for the defense of Seoul, the South Korean capital

Fort Knox, Kentucky - Located south of Louisville, Fort Knox was named after Henry Knox, the Continental Army's chief of artillery during the Revolutionary War and the country's first Secretary of War / Fort Knox was the home of the U.S. Army Armor Center and the U.S. Army Armor School / It was responsible for establishing armored formations, doctrine, and training in the use of armored vehicles

Camp Carson, Colorado - Home of the nation's oldest Army armor unit, Camp Carson is located near Colorado Springs and was established in 1942, following Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor / Between 1942 and 1956, pack mules were a common sight at Camp Carson and were used by Field Artillery (Pack) battalions to carry equipment, weapons and supplies over mountainous terrain

Miscellaneous:

Harold "Bud" Wohlfiel graduated from Burgard High School / Prior to enlisting in the Army in January 1955, Bud worked at Bliss & Laughlin (Cold Rolled Steel Mill) / After an Honorable Discharge in December 1956, Bud Wohlfiel joined the International Union Of Operating Engineers Local #17 in Buffalo and was a construction equipment operator and master mechanic for several companies, including F. Darling Contractors, Higgins Erector and Haulers, Sigfried Construction, and



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the JW Cowper Company / Wohlfiel retired after 40 years of working in the construction field / In 1995, Bud joined the West Seneca American Legion Post 735 and was appointed Post Secretary / Harold "Bud" Wohlfiel currently resides in Orchard Park, New York