



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



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** HAAS

NORMAN F.

**Address:** 25 BURCH AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** S/SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

DIVISION HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 14TH ARMORED DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL      BRONZE STAR  
2 BATTLE STARS      AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL  
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Staff Sergeant Norman F. Haas was awarded the Bronze Star Medal in recognition of his outstanding performance of duties during the German campaign / SSgt Hass also earned two Battle Stars for combat action during the France and Germany campaigns

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Campbell, Kentucky - The camp was named in honor of Union Army Brigadier General William Bowen Campbell, the last Whig Governor of Tennessee / Constructed in January 1942, Camp Campbell was developed to accommodate one armored division and various support troops / From the summer of 1942 until the end of 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 an armored division of the United States Army assigned to the Seventh Army of the Sixth Army Group during World War II / The 14th Armored Division landed at Marseille in southern France, on 29 October 1944 / "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 at Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia

The European-African-Middle Eastern (EAME) Campaign Medal was a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on 6 November 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt / The medal was



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intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the European Theater (to include North Africa and the Middle East) and was awarded for any service performed between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946 / The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal was awarded as a service ribbon throughout the entire Second World War

The Bronze Star Medal is the fourth-highest individual military award and the ninth-highest by order of precedence in the US Military / It may be awarded for acts of heroism, acts of merit, or meritorious service in a combat zone

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 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 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:** **HABERER**

**ALFRED**

**N.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

SECTION "A", 3007TH ARMY AIR FORCE, BASE UNIT

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant

**Base Assignments:**

Kirtland Air Field, New Mexico - Located southeast of Albuquerque, New Mexico, the airfield was named in honor of the early Army aviator Col. Roy C. Kirtland / The field provided advanced flying training in "AT" (advanced trainer) trainer aircraft and transition training in combat-ready aircraft, primarily the B-17 Flying Fortress and the B-24 Liberator

**Miscellaneous:**

The Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress was a four-engine heavy bomber aircraft developed in the 1930s for the United States Army Air Corps / The B-17 was primarily employed by the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) in the daylight precision strategic bombing campaign of World War II against German industrial and military targets / The Consolidated B-24 Liberator was a heavy bomber, designed by Consolidated Aircraft / Often compared with the better-known Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, the B-24 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 the Ford Motor Company, the B-17 Flying Fortress still holds the distinction as the most-produced American military aircraft



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**Name:** **HABERER**

**R.**

**L.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

624 M.A.G. (MARINE AIR GROUP), 62 F.M.F. (FLEET MARINE FORCE), 9TH AIR WING

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

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

**Miscellaneous:**

The United States 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



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**Name:** HACKFORD

LEIGH

C.

**Address:** 85 ORCHARD AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** CAPT.

**Unit / Squadron:**

STATION HOSPITAL

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Captain

**Base Assignments:**

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

**Miscellaneous:**

In the years from 30 June 1943 to 30 June 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:** HACKFORD

RICHARD H.

**Address:** 85 ORCHARD AVENUE

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

A.T.C. (AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Lieutenant Colonel Richard H. Hackford was the commanding officer of the Air Force Base in Nome, Alaska / Lt. Col. Hackford was also a graduate of West Point

**Base Assignments:**

Marks Army Airfield (Nome, Alaska Territory) - Opened 1 July 1942 / Used by Air Transport Command as a refueling and servicing airfield for Lend-Lease aircraft being flown to Siberia by Soviet Red Air Force pilots and for air defense of the western coast of Alaska

Minneapolis Field (Minneapolis, Minnesota) - Field was used for training pilots and aircrews

**Miscellaneous:**

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



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ROBERT

R.

**Address:** 85 ORCHARD AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** LT.

**Unit / Squadron:**

B.E.C. 57

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Lieutenant Robert R. Hackford was an instructor at O.C.S. (Officer Candidate School)

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Sill, Oklahoma - Fort Sill was founded in 1869, under the original name Camp Wichita / Fort was later renamed in honor of Brigadier General Joshua W. Sill, who was killed during the American Civil War / The Field Artillery School trained its own fixed wing pilots as field artillery spotters

**Miscellaneous:**

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*Name:* **HAGEMAN**

**CLIFFORD**

**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:** HAGEMAN

ELMER

H.

**Address:** 33 ORCHARD AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

624TH ORDNANCE A.M. COMPANY (AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private Elmer H. Hageman entered the service on 1 February 1942

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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**Name:** HAGEMAN

NORMAN

**Address:** 33 ORCHARD AVENUE

**Service Branch:** MERCHANT MARINE      **Rank:** 3RD MATE

**Unit / Squadron:**

U.S.M.S. (UNITED STATES MARITIME SERVICE) O.S.

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Third-Mate Norman Hageman entered service school on 15 March 1944

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Trumbull (New London, Connecticut) - Opened on 1 September 1942, Fort Trumbull takes its name from Jonathan Trumbull, Connecticut's Revolutionary wartime governor / The U.S. Maritime Service Officer Candidate School at Fort Trumbull graduated 15,473 Merchant Marine officers in 76 classes between 1939 and 1946

**Miscellaneous:**

In time of war or national emergency, the U.S. Merchant Marine becomes vital to national security as a "fourth arm of defense" / Merchant ships bore the brunt of delivering military troops, supplies and equipment overseas to our forces and allies operating as an auxiliary unit to the Navy

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**Name:** **HAGNER**

**ROBERT J.**

**Address:** 91 WILDWOOD AVENUE

**Service Branch:** COAST GUARD

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS GENERAL M. C. MEIGS (AP-116)

USS GENERAL WALTER H. GORDON (AP-117)

USCG CUTTER 83441

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON  
MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER / PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Motor Machinist's Mate Third-Class

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The job of a Motor Machinist's Mate was to operate, maintain, and repair (organizational and intermediate level) ship propulsion machinery, auxiliary equipment, and outside machinery, such as: steering engine, hoisting machinery, food preparation equipment, refrigeration and air conditioning equipment, windlasses, elevators, and laundry equipment / Operated and maintained (organizational and Intermediate level) marine boilers, pumps, forced draft blowers, and heat exchangers; perform tests, transfers, and inventory of lubricating oils, fuels, and water / Maintained records and reports, and performed duties in the generation and stowage of industrial gases

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

The USS General M. C. Meigs (AP-116), was a 11,828-ton troop transport / She played an important role in moving the Brazilian Expeditionary Force to Europe, making a series of voyages between the United States, Brazil, North Africa, and Italy / In October 1945 the transport joined the "Magic Carpet" fleet and during the next four months brought combat veterans back to the United States from France, India and Japan / Commissioned in



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June 1944 and decommissioned in March 1946

USS General Walter H. Gordon (AP-117) was a United States Navy troop transport and was commissioned on 29 Jun 1944 / Manned by the US Coast Guard, she operated in both the Europe-Africa-Middle East and Asiatic-Pacific Theaters / The USS Gordon made 12 voyages to various European and African ports in support of the accelerating Allied effort against the Axis / She carried supplies, troops, and took large numbers of German prisoners of war to the United States / In August 1945, The USS Gordon transported replacement troops for the Pacific campaigns, stopping at Ulithi and Manila to debark troops / The USS General Walter H. Gordon was decommissioned in April 1970 and scrapped in 1987

Coast Guard Cutter 83441 was a streamlined 83-foot patrol boat built in 1943 / The cutter had a 20-knot top speed and was well armed for chasing U-boats

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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:** HAHN

ARTHUR

W.

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** COX

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS GRADY (DE-445)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Coxswain

**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, NY, a hero of the Battle of Santiago during the Spanish-American War

NPSC (Naval Personnel Separation Center) (Lido Beach, New York) - When the Navy occupied Long Beach Island during World War II, the Lido Beach Towers Hotel became an amphibious base and discharge center

RB, TADCEN (Training and Distribution Center) (Shoemaker, California) - The Navy built facilities at Shoemaker to house, train, deploy and recuperate personnel who would construct, maintain and man ships, bases, depots, camps and facilities in the Pacific theatre of war

N.R.S. (Naval Reserve Station) ( Buffalo, New York)

R.S. Reserve Station (San Francisco, California)

**Miscellaneous:**

In World War II, Naval pilots of landing craft were referred to as Coxswains / The coxswain was in charge of the vessel and all personnel on board / A coxswain controlled the boat's steering, speed, timing and fluidity / The primary duty of a coxswain was to ensure the safety of those in the boat



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USS Grady (DE-445) was a John C. Butler-class destroyer escort acquired by the U.S. Navy during World War II / The Grady was commissioned on 11 September 1944 / The primary purpose of the destroyer escort was to escort and protect ships in convoy, in addition to other tasks as assigned, such as patrol or radar picket / The Grady supported operations for the invasion of Iwo Jima, Saipan, Okinawa and the Philippines / The USS Grady received three battle stars for World War II Service / Decommissioned on 2 July 1946, the USS Grady was sold as scrap in June 1969

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

The American 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

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 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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*Name:* **HAINDEL**

**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:** HAIST

JAMES E.

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** COAST GUARD

**Rank:** S. 1/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

U.S. COAST GUARD BARRACKS

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Seaman First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Townsend Inlet, New Jersey

**Miscellaneous:**

Seamen served as members of damage control or emergency and security alert teams / They participated in Navy ceremonies and took part in underway replenishment (transferring supplies from ship to ship at sea), and they worked with qualified personnel to gain job training and experience / A Seaman was knowledgeable in naval drill duties, knots, steering and signaling / Also stood watch and handled gunnery duties

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**Name:** HAKES

RALPH

L.

**Address:** 2474 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

155TH A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY), OPMS DETACHMENT

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Corporal

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Davis, North Carolina - Camp Davis was built in 1940 and named for Statesville native Maj. Gen. Richmond P. Davis (1866-1937) / Originally designed predominantly as an Army coast artillery training center, Camp Davis hosted antiaircraft and seacoast defense training / Members of the Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASPS) flew planes that towed the targets used in antiaircraft exercises / The installation also served briefly as the home of the army's first Barrage Balloon Training Center from 1941 to 1942

**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 antiaircraft gunners by providing accurate information about the range, speed, and altitude of incoming enemy planes



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**Name:** HALLADAY

PAUL

B.

**Address:** 74 FLOHR AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

1991ST ENGINEERING COMPOSITE PLATOON

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Corporal

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Engineering Battalions performed many engineering tasks, including demolitions, obstacle emplacement, fortification, and light bridge building / Engineer general service regiments and battalions performed construction, repair, and maintenance duties of all kinds behind the front lines / When needed, combat engineers also could act as infantry / Different categories of engineers were under a single administrative organization and designated as "Composite" groups

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**Name:** **HAMM**

**LEONARD L.**

**Address:** 46 LUDWIG AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S. 1/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

**Medals / Citations:**

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: RIFLE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Seaman First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

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

Naval Air Station (NAS) (Bunker Hill, Massachusetts) - On July 1942, Bunker Hill Naval Air Station was opened by the U.S. Navy / At that time it served as a training base for naval pilots and during the four years of Bunker Hill NAS, thousands of pilots were trained for the Navy, Marines and Coast Guard / One of its most famous alumni of Bunker Hill NAS is former major league baseball star Ted Williams / After the war, the base was closed and it reverted to its former use as farmland

Naval Air Station (NAS) (Whidbey Island, Washington) - Commissioned on 21 September 1942, NAS Whidbey operated for the re-arming and refueling of Navy patrol planes operating in defense of Puget Sound

Naval Auxiliary Air Station (NAAS) (Arlington, Washington) - The U.S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station in Arlington, Washington began in 1940 / In 1942, the Navy permitted the Army to develop the field as a strategic base for medium bombers to counteract the Japanese invasion of the Aleutians / By 14 August 1945 Arlington was a well-balanced station equipped to support two light carrier Air groups for either day or night operations

Naval Auxiliary Air Station (NAAS) (Corvallis, Oregon) - Primary mission of NAA Corvallis was to train pilots, copilots, navigators, radiomen, and crew chiefs

Navy Flight Preparatory School (NFPS), Colgate University (Hamilton, New York) - Colgate University participated



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in the Navy V-12 (Victory) Program which provided facilities to house, train, and feed Naval cadets learning aviation / The solid relationship forged between Colgate and the Navy led to the development of a V-12 unit comprising Navy and Marine enlisted men who were officer candidates / In July 1944, another Navy program, the V-7 served as an academic refresher course for men coming directly from the fleet and after completing a six- to 18-week course, they would head off to midshipman's school / The training programs on campus prepared more than 5,000 men for military service

Navy Flight Preparatory School (NFPS), University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill, North Carolina) - In February 1942, the United States Navy announced the establishment of a pre-flight school to train naval pilots on the campus of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, N.C / During World War II, more than 25,000 men and women received military training at the University of North Carolina / In addition to the Navy Pre-Flight School, the university also hosted the Navy V-12 program and Naval ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps), as well as several Army programs, including the Pre-Meteorology program of the Army Air Corps, the Medical Army Specialized Training Program, and the Foreign Area and Language Study program

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On 7 December 1941, Navy reserve sailors from Minnesota aboard the USS Ward fired the first U.S. shots of World War II by sinking a Japanese mini-submarine outside the entrance to Pearl Harbor / Over the course of the ensuing four years, the Navy would grow from a force of 383,150 to one that at its peak numbered 3,405,525, the vast majority of them reservists, including five future U.S. presidents

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disciplinary infractions, or court martial offenses



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**ROBERT**

**E.**

**Address:** 46 LUDWIG AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** 2ND LT.

**Unit / Squadron:**

326TH BOMBER SQUADRON, 92ND BOMBER GROUP (HEAVY)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL    PURPLE HEART

AIR MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Second Lieutenant Robert E. Hamm was a bombardier stationed at a base near Podington, England where he took off for his first bombing mission over Europe / On 26 November 1943, Lt. Hamm's B-17 aircraft was downed by enemy fire over Germany and the entire crew perished / Lieutenant Robert Hamm was Killed-in-Action (KIA) and his remains were never recovered

Second Lieutenant Robert E. Hamm is honored at the Netherlands American Cemetery (Margraten, Netherlands) on the Tablets of the Missing on which are recorded the names of 1,722 American missing service personnel

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Robert E. Hamm was employed as a Machinist prior to enlisting in the Army-Air Force on 25 September 1942

The 326th Bomber Squadron was activated as a B-17 Flying Fortress heavy bomb squadron in early 1942 / In the fall of 1943 the squadron began long range raids began, which resulted in heavy losses / One of these missions was flown on Thursday, 14 October 1943, against the ball bearing plants at Schweinfurt, Germany / For what was to become a famous mission called "Black Thursday", the 326th led the group in the lead wing with 21 aircraft; one 326th Squadron and two other Group aircraft aborted, and of the 12 group aircraft that made it back to England, only 3 came home that day / Some of the notable successes of the squadron included missions against German troop concentrations in Normandy after D-Day / On 24 July 1944 the Squadron participated in a raid that virtually destroyed the elite "Panzer Lehr" armored division outside St. Lo / In support of Operation Cobra 1,800 aircraft targeted a narrow front / Artillery positions were wiped out, tanks overturned and buried, infantry positions flattened and all roads and tracks destroyed / This broke up the German defenses such that they could



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be penetrated / Another notable success was a raid against the virtually indestructible German submarine pens at Ijmuiden / Using the British Disney bomb, a rocket-propelled "bunker buster", the Squadron destroyed these pens in a single raid after hundreds of conventional bombs dropped in earlier raids had failed / The 326th Bomber Squadron flew its last mission of the Second World War on 25 April 1945 / By the end of the war against Germany, the group had flown over 300 combat missions, 154 aircraft missing in action and more than 150 returned with battle damage that it would not fly again

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

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

The Purple Heart was instituted in 1782 by George Washington and is the first and oldest military American decoration / The Purple Heart is awarded to military service members wounded or killed in action, in the latter case posthumously

The 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

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*Name:* **HAMP**

**WESLEY**

**R.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* COAST GUARD

*Rank:* S. 1/C

*Unit / Squadron:*

U. S. COAST GUARD BARRACKS "G"

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Seaman First-Class

*Base Assignments:*

Jersey City, New Jersey

*Miscellaneous:*

Seamen served as members of damage control or emergency and security alert teams / They participated in Navy ceremonies and took part in underway replenishment (transferring supplies from ship to ship at sea), and they worked with qualified personnel to gain job training and experience / A Seaman was knowledgeable in naval drill duties, knots, steering and signaling / Also stood watch and handled gunnery duties

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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*Name:* **HAND**

**F.**

**A.**

*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:* **HAND**

**T.**

**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:** HAREN

MICHAEL J.

**Address:** 99 CHAMBERLIN DRIVE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "L", 113TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Pickett, Virginia - Located near the town of Blackstone, the camp is named for the United States Army officer and Confederate General George Pickett / A total of approximately 6,000 German prisoners were sent to Camp Pickett beginning in January 1944

**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:** HARRIS

C.

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

UNIT 2179, FIELD HOSPITAL

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Knox, Kentucky - A new Armored Force (Tanks) was established in July 1940 with its headquarters at Fort Knox / The base was responsible for establishing armored formations, doctrine, and training in the use of armored vehicles

**Miscellaneous:**

In the years from 30 June 1943 to 30 June 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:** **HARSCH**

**ALFRED E.**

**Address:** 154 CHAMBERLIN DRIVE

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

339TH SERVICE SQUADRON

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technical Sergeant Alfred Harsch spent 43 months overseas and then was reassigned to the air field in Rome, New York

**Base Assignments:**

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

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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**Name:** HART

CHESTER E.

**Address:** 2637 SENECA STREET

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

3508TH A.A.F. BASE UNIT, SECTION "L", BARRACKS 1457

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private

**Base Assignments:**

Truax Air Field (Madison, Wisconsin) - Located six miles northeast of Madison, the field was named in honor of Lieutenant Thomas L. Truax, USAAF, a Wisconsin native who was killed (along with his wingman, Lieutenant Speckman) in a P-40 training accident during poor weather in San Anselmo, CA on November 2, 1941, just before the United States' entry into World War II / Used by the Army Air Force Eastern Technical Training Center, a major school operating at Truax AAF for training radio operators and mechanics, and later expanded to training in radar operations, control tower operations and other communications fields for the Army Airways Communication Service

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** HART JR.

CHARLES

C.

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/4

**Unit / Squadron:**

471ST ENGINEERING MAINTENANCE COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

4 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fourth-Grade (Sergeant) Charles C. Hart Jr. was attached to the 9th Air Force and earned 4 Battle Stars for combat action in Central Europe, Normandy, Northern France and the Rhineland

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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



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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:** **HARTNETT**

**JAMES E.**

**Address:** 136 EDSON STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS HENRY T. ALLEN (APA-15)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Pharmacist's Mate Second-Class James E. Hartnett was an Honor Student in his examinations

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Pharmacist's Mates were petty officers who, under the direction of medical officers, administer medical assistance, treatment, and services to naval personnel / They served in the sick bay or dispensary of a ship or shore station, at a naval hospital, or on a hospital ship

USS Henry T. Allen was built as a United States Army transport, declared surplus and saw commercial service until reacquired by the Army and then transferred to the Navy in December 1941 / After initial Navy classification as the transport AP-30 the ship was reclassified to APA-15, A Harris-class attack transport that served with the US Navy during World War II

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:** **HARTNETT**

**JOSEPH T.**

**Address:** 136 EDSON STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

918TH ORDNANCE H.A.M. COMPANY (HEAVY AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE)

159TH ORDNANCE BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Corporal

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Knox, Kentucky - A new Armored Force (Tanks) was established in July 1940 with its headquarters at Fort Knox / The base was responsible for establishing armored formations, doctrine, and training in the use of armored vehicles

**Miscellaneous:**

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



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**Name:** HASSE

FRED

H.

**Address:** 300 BARNSDALE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** A.S.

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY 362

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Apprentice Seaman Fred H. Hasse entered boot camp at Sampson Naval Training Station on 5 June 1944

**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, NY, a hero of the Battle of Santiago during the Spanish-American War

**Miscellaneous:**

An Apprentice Seaman knew naval drill duties, tie knots and stood watch

Naval Training Centers introduced recruits to "boot camp" training and indoctrination / The recruits were given a battery of tests to determine their educational and skill levels, then trained in indoctrination, ordnance and gunnery, seamanship, fire fighting, physical training, military drill and shipboard duties

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**Name:** **HASSELBECK**

**JOSEPH**

**M.**

**Address:**

**FISHER ROAD**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

887TH SIGNAL CORPS. DEPOT

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Corporal

**Base Assignments:**

Fairfield Army Air Base (Fairfield, California) - Originally named Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base, construction began on Travis Air Base in June 1942 / By the end of World War II, Fairfield-Suisun AAB had become the West Coast's largest aerial port / The airlift of troops and supplies to occupied Japan and Korea, and the processing of war-weary returning GI's, had become its primary mission

**Miscellaneous:**

The United States Army Signal Corps was established in 1860 and was used in World War II to coordinate swift and accurate communication for air, ground, and naval units required more sophisticated technology and service / The Signal Corps develops, tests, provides, and manages communications and information systems support for the command and control of combined arms forces / The Signal Corps pioneered in the development of radar to detect approaching aircraft as well as mobile communications and deciphering machines / In addition to its primary role in military transmissions, the unit also played a key role in producing training films for army and civilian personnel, and documenting combat missions / During World War II, noted Hollywood producers, directors, and photographers (such as Darryl Zanuck, Frank Capra, John Huston, and George Stevens) all served in the Signal Corps



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**Name:** HAUCK

MEARL L.

**Address:** 158 CHAMBERLIN DRIVE

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

SECTION "S", BARRACKS 207, 202ND BASE UNIT

**Medals / Citations:**

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

AIR MEDAL WITH 3 OAK LEAF CLUSTERS

DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Technical Sergeant

**Base Assignments:**

Galveston Army Airfield (Galveston, Texas) - Galveston Army Airfield opened in 1941 and was used as the headquarters for planes flying antisubmarine patrols / Air-crew training was also conducted there / As the war continued, the base gained importance, and a number of heavy bombardment units and fighter planes were stationed there / During 1944 the field was used as an instructors' indoctrination center to train overseas veterans as military instructors

**Miscellaneous:**

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

The Distinguished Unit Citation was established on February 26th 1942, making it possible for the Secretary of War to issue citations in the name of the President of the United States to units of US Armed Forces and their Allies for heroism in action against an armed enemy from December 7th 1941 onwards / The unit must display such gallantry, determination, and esprit de corps in accomplishing its mission under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions as to set it apart and above other units participating in the same campaign

An oak leaf cluster is a miniature metal device worn by members of the uniformed services of the United States



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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

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:** HAWKINS

C.

J.

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

328TH HARBOR CRAFT COMPANY, T.C. (TRANSPORTATION CORPS.)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Corporal

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

For the Normandy invasion the US Army created the Harbor Craft Companies to man it's small supply craft, mostly barges, cranes, and tug boats / The harbor craft company was a military unit organized for the purpose of ferrying cargo from freighters and transports arriving in theaters of operation / Cargo from ships were loaded by Transportation Corps port company personnel onto barges / Tugs, tow boats, or marine tractors then propelled the barges to the shore for unloading

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*Name:* **HAY**

**ROBERT**

**G.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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**Name:** HAYES, JR.

EDWARD

P.

**Address:** 22 WICHITA ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

3083RD ORDNANCE M.V.D. COMPANY (MOTOR VEHICLE DISTRIBUTION)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL      3 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL - GERMANY

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Edward P. Hayes Jr. earned three battle stars for combat operations in Central Europe, Ardennes and the Rhineland

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Blanding (Jacksonville, Florida) - Camp named in honor of Lieutenant General Albert H. Blanding who commanded the 2nd Florida Infantry during the Mexican Border Service in 1916 and 1917 / Camp Blanding served as an infantry replacement training center, an induction center, a German prisoner-of-war compound, and a separation center

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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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

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 Army of Occupation Medal was a military award of the United States military which was established by the United States War Department on 5 April 1946 / The medal was created in the aftermath of the Second World War to recognize those who had performed occupation service in Germany, Italy, Austria, or Japan / The original Army of Occupation Medal was intended only for members of the United States Army, but was expanded in 1948 to encompass the United States Air Force shortly after that service's creation / The Navy and Marine equivalent of the Army of Occupation Medal is the Navy Occupation Service Medal

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:** HEATH

HAROLD

A.

**Address:** 134 WILDWOOD AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS JOSEPH HENRY (HULL # 1751)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant

**Base Assignments:**

New Bedford, Massachusetts - New Bedford had two Army Artillery units stationed near the city for coastal defense

**Miscellaneous:**

The Liberty ship, USS Joseph Henry was a mine planter, as well as a Signal Corps Cable Ship / 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



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*Name:* **HEGEDUS**

**WILLIAM**

**A.**

*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:** HEINRICH

MARY

B.

**Address:**

RESERVE ROAD

**Service Branch:** NAVY

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE - HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Storekeeper Third-Class

**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:**

Storekeepers were tasked with maintaining ship or company military supply stores / Their responsibilities generally included purchasing and procurement, shipping and receiving, and issuing of equipment, tools, consumable items or anything else obtained through the Naval Supply System

Hydrography is the branch of applied sciences which deals with the measurement and description of the physical features of oceans, seas, coastal areas, lakes and rivers, as well as with the prediction of their change over time, for the primary purpose of safety of navigation and in support of all other marine activities, including economic development, security and defense, scientific research, and environmental protection



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**Name:** HEINRICH

REUBEN

B.

**Address:**

RESERVE ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

25TH MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

HEADQUARTERS, 10TH ARMY

7TH DIVISION COMBAT ENGINEERS

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON W/ 1 BRONZE STAR

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: RIFLE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Reuben B. Heinrich participated in the battle of the Ryukyu Islands

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Sam Houston, Texas - Located outside San Antonio, Texas, it is named for the first President of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston / Fort Sam Houston originated in 1845 when the Post at San Antonio was established in the Alamo City / The post is the birthplace of military aviation and saw the development of the concept of airborne operations

**Miscellaneous:**

The Ryukyu Islands Campaign was a series of battles and engagements between Allied forces and Imperial Japanese forces in the Pacific Ocean campaign of World War II between January and June, 1945 / The two main land battles in the campaign were the Battle of Iwo Jima (16 February - 26 March 1945) and the Battle of Okinawa (1 April - 21 June 1945)

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**Name:** HEINTZ

HAROLD

C.

**Address:** 245 EMPORIUM AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

4150TH ARMY-AIRFORCE (AAF) BASE UNIT

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Harold C. Heintz was assigned to the 4150th Electronics Experimental Squadron, Boca Raton Army Air Field in Florida

**Base Assignments:**

Boca Raton Army Air Field (Boca Raton, Florida) - A World War II United States Army Air Forces airfield that operated the only training for the then new and secret technology of radar / Beginning with the then existing Boca Raton Airport, 3,500 construction workers and \$11 million in government appropriations converted the facility into the Army Air Force's only radar training station during World War II / Construction of the base began in June 1941 and continued to expand during the war and an average of 1,200 civilians worked on the base / As the Army Air Force's only radar training station for Air Force personnel during World War II, the Boca Raton base grew to eight hundred buildings with a troop strength of more than 16,000 / Although planned as a radar training base from the onset, one of the first missions of Boca Raton AAF was anti-submarine patrols over the Florida Atlantic coast / The antisubmarine forces remained until mid-1943 when the Navy took over the coastal patrol mission / The Boca Raton airfield was closed in 1957

**Miscellaneous:**

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*Name:* **HELD**

**CHARLES**

**G.**

*Address:* 2614 SENECA STREET

*Service Branch:* NAVY

*Rank:* P.O. 3/C

*Unit / Squadron:*

N.A.T.T.C. (NAVAL AIR TRAINING CENTER), COMPANY "B"

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Petty Officer Third-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:*

Navy chief petty officers serve a dual role as both technical experts and as leaders, with the emphasis being more on leadership as they progress through the ranks

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*Name:* **HELD**

**CHARLES**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

North Bend, Oregon - The Army constructed hangars and airfields at North Bend and blimps moved out of these massive hangars and glided up and down the coast to patrol for enemy ships and submarines

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE)

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**Name:** HELMBRECHT

JOHN

J.

**Address:** 114 DUERSTEIN STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S.F. 2/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

104TH NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY "C-D"

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Shipfitter Second-Class

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

A Shipfitter worked on materials such as high-tensile steel and high yield strength steel / Shipfitters fabricated, assembled and erected all structural parts of a ship, coordinated all fixed tank work performed on submarines and ships, and coordinated all sonar dome work / Shipfitters also used heavy machinery, such as plate planners, shears, punches, drill presses, bending rolls, bending slabs, plate bevelers, saws, presses up to 750 tons, angle rolls (vertical and horizontal), dogs and wedges / Shipfitters were responsible for hydro and air testing of tanks and compartments, as well as performing grinding, drilling and fit-up operations on submarines and surface crafts

Seabees: After the attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, and the use of civilian labor in war zones became impractical so the Navy created Construction Battalions (from which the abbreviation "C.B." became Seabees) / The Seabees have a history of building bases, bulldozing and paving thousands of miles of roadway and airstrips, bridges, roads, gasoline storage tanks, and Quonset huts for warehouses, hospitals, and housing

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**Name:** HELWIC

JOHN

R.

**Address:** 114 TINDLE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** MERCHANT MARINE **Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

SS J.D. ROSS (HULL #429)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The SS J.D. Ross was a "Liberty ship", a EC2 (Emergency Cargo Size 2) type ship designed for "Emergency" construction by the United States Maritime Commission in World War II / 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

In time of war or national emergency, the U.S. Merchant Marine becomes vital to national security as a "fourth arm of defense" / Merchant ships bore the brunt of delivering military troops, supplies and equipment overseas to our forces and allies operating as an auxiliary unit to the Navy



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**Name:** **HELWIC**

**ROBERT J.**

**Address:** 114 TINDLE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

NAVY #221

LANDING SHIP, TANK (LST) #41

LCI(L) 371 (CLASS LANDING CRAFT INFANTRY (LARGE))

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER / PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Pharmacist's Mate Third-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Naval Training Station (NTS) (Bainbridge, Maryland) - United States Naval Training Center, Bainbridge was the U.S. Navy Training Center at Port Deposit, Maryland / It was active from 1942 to 1976 under the Commander of the Fifth Naval District, based in Norfolk, Virginia. Located on the appropriated campus of the Tome School for boys, the training center sat between various important naval centers of World War II: about 35 miles northeast of Baltimore, Maryland, and 75 miles from Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania / By the end of World War II, the center had trained 244,277 recruits who transferred to various ships and stations throughout the world

USN Hospital (Newport, Rhode Island) - In 1913, the Navy had acquired Government Landing in downtown Newport and constructed the Naval Hospital on the mainland of Aquidneck Island adjacent to Coasters Harbor Island

Amphibious Base Advanced Training Unit (ABATU) (Lido Beach, Long Island, New York) - When the Navy occupied Long Beach Island during World War II, the Lido Beach Towers Hotel became an amphibious base and discharge center

Navy Base #2 (Rosneath, Scotland) - In the summer of 1941 the American government secretly dispatched civilian contractors to the British Isles where they would build 'advance' bases for use by American forces in the increasingly likely possibility that the United States would become involved World War II



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TADCEN (Training and Distribution Center) (Shoemaker, California) - The Navy built facilities at Shoemaker to house, train, deploy and recuperate personnel who would construct, maintain and man ships, bases, depots, camps and facilities in the Pacific theater of war

U.S.N. Base Navy #3245 (Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands) - Naval Hospital and Naval Advance Unit

### *Miscellaneous:*

Pharmacist's Mates were petty officers who, under the direction of medical officers, administer medical assistance, treatment, and services to naval personnel / They served in the sick bay or dispensary of a ship or shore station, at a naval hospital, or on a hospital ship

Navy Base #2, Rosneath, Scotland - In August 1942, the U.S. Navy began the training of American amphibious forces in preparation for the proposed Allied invasion of north-west Africa, code-named 'Operation Torch' / Thousands of U.S. navy, marine corps and army personnel arrived at the base to practice amphibious landing techniques at Rosneath and around the Clyde sea-lochs / Following the success of 'Operation Torch' in late 1942, Rosneath Base was returned to the Royal Navy with the reservation of areas for use by the U.S. Navy / In August 1943, Rosneath was again taken over by the U.S.N. as their main receiving station for American naval activities in Britain and a major supply, maintenance and training center for the U.S.N. build-up to 'D-Day': the invasion of France / On June 6 1944, the Allied forces landed in Normandy / The USN Eleventh Amphibious Force gunfire support group, which had trained at Rosneath, provided rocket and artillery fire in support of the invading troops during the difficult landing on Omaha beach / After D-Day, Rosneath continued as an American supply and training base and the Portkil hospital served as place of rest and medical care for the injured, but as the Allied advance into Europe continued, a gradual reduction of American naval forces in Britain took place / In June 1945, Rosneath Base was decommissioned by the U.S.N. and finally returned to British control

Landing Ship, Tank (LST), or tank landing ship, is the naval designation for ships built during World War II to support amphibious operations by carrying tanks, vehicles, cargo, and landing troops directly onto shore with no docks or piers / This provided amphibious assaults to almost any beach / The bow of the LST had a large door that would open with a ramp for unloading the vehicles / The LST had a special flat keel that allowed the ship to be beached and stay upright / The twin propellers and rudders had protection from grounding / The LSTs served across the globe during World War II including: Pacific War and European theater

Tank Landing Ship (LST) #41 was commissioned on 24 Sep 1943 and decommissioned on 25 April 1946 / LST 41 was sold as scrap on 8 October 1947

LCI-351 Class Landing Craft Infantry (Large) was commissioned on 18 September 1943 / USS LCI(L)-371 earned one battle star for WWII service and the Navy Unit Commendation as a member of LCI(G) Flotilla 3 (31 January to 28 July 1944) for Occupation of Kwajalein and Eniwetok Atolls in the Marshall Islands and Capture and occupation of Saipan, Guam and Tinian in the Marianas

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**Name:** HENDERSHOT

RICHARD

N.

**Address:** 51 WILKES AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/5

**Unit / Squadron:**

731ST ENGINEER DEPOT COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL  
W/2 BRONZE STARS

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

NORTH AFRICAN THEATER / EUROPEAN THEATER / PACIFIC  
THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal)

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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*Name:* **HENEL**

**WILLIAM**

**H.**

*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:* **HENRY**

**JAMES**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* SGT

*Unit / Squadron:*

COMPANY "C", 745TH A.P.N. BATTALION (ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE)

*Medals / Citations:*

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

EUROPEAN THEATER

*Service Notes:*

Sergeant

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

The need for nurses grew again when the United States entered World War II in 1941 / The U.S. Cadet Nurses Corps was created to encourage the recruiting, training and placement of nurses towards the war effort

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:** HENZLER

EARL

O.

**Address:** 93 BARNSDALE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** S/SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

STATION 7, I.C.W. (INDIA CHINA WING)

A.T.C. (AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

1 BATTLE STAR

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: CARBINE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

CHINA-BURMA-INDIA (CBI) THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Staff Sergeant Earl O. Henzler served with the Army-Air Force Ground Crew in India for two years and his unit received a citation from the President for progress made under adverse conditions / Henzler received his Staff Sergeant stripes while serving in India / SSGT Henzler earned 1 Battle Star for combat action

**Base Assignments:**

Dinjan Airfield (Upper Assam, India) - Dinjan Airfield was a World War II airfield, located in Dinjan, approximately seven miles northeast of Chabua, in the state of Assam, India / Dinjan Airfield was built on an Assam tea plantation by thousands of plantation laborers, beginning in March 1942, as a result of the Japanese invasion of Burma in December 1941 / The airfield was used by the 11th Bombardment Squadron (7th Bombardment Group), USAAF that flew missions against targets in Burma / The 51st Fighter Groups and the 311th Fighter Groups were also assigned to the airfield and bombed enemy airfields at Myitkyina and Bhamo / The Fighter Groups also conducted patrol and reconnaissance missions to help protect transport planes that flew the 'Hump' route between India and China / The airfield was abandoned after the war and, though unused, is part of an Indian Air Force base

**Miscellaneous:**

Earl O. Henzler enlisted in the Army-Air Force on 10 September 1941 and was discharged on 1 October 1945 / Henzler served 31 months overseas during World War II

China Burma India Theater (CBI) was the United States military designation during World War II for the China and Southeast Asian or India-Burma (IBT) theaters / Operational command of Allied forces (including US forces) in the CBI was officially the responsibility of the Supreme Commanders for South East Asia or China / The term



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"CBI" was significant in logistical, material and personnel matters; it was and is commonly used within the US for these theaters / Well-known Allied units in the CBI included the Chinese Expeditionary Force, the Flying Tigers, transport and bomber units flying the Hump, the 1st Air Commando Group, the engineers who built Ledo Road, the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional), popularly known as "Merrill's Marauders", and the 5332d Brigade, Provisional or 'Mars Task Force', which assumed the Marauders' mission

The India-China Wing, ATC (ICWATC) was formed from a consolidation of equipment and personnel of former units of the disbanded India-China Ferry Command in December 1942, which had been established in July 1942 by the Tenth Air Force to transport material to China over the Himalaya Mountains ("The Hump")

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

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

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 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 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:** **HEPPNER**

**VICTOR**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* 2ND LT.

*Unit / Squadron:*

"A" COMPANY, 121ST INFANTRY

*Medals / Citations:*

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

EUROPEAN THEATER

*Service Notes:*

Second Lieutenant

*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:** **HERBEIN**

**HERBERT**

**J.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** ABM 3/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

A.R.M. (HEAVY MACHINERY REPAIR SHIP), COMPANY 56-B-1

N.A.B. 5 (NAVAL AMPHIBIOUS BASE)

**Medals / Citations:**

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Aviation Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class

**Base Assignments:**

Naval Training Station (NTS) (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 (NAS) Jacksonville (Jacksonville, Florida) - More than 10,000 pilots and 11,000 air crewmen earned their "wings of gold" at the air station during World War II / The Naval Air Station also served as a prisoner-of-war compound which housed more than 1,500 German prisoners of war

Naval Air Station (NAS) (Hutchinson, Kansas) - Naval Reserve Station Hutchinson was created in July 1942 on farm land previously owned by the Amish / Hutchinson became an advanced operational training center for PB4Y Liberator bomber pilots and crews

Naval Air Station (NAS) (Miami, Florida) - In the 1930's NAS Miami housed air ships (blimps) / In the 1940's, the station trained pilots to fly Grumman TBM-3 (torpedo bomber)

Naval Auxiliary Air Station (NAAS) (Miramar, California) - The station was located about 10 miles north of Downtown San Diego / During the 1940s, both the Navy and the Marine Corps occupied Miramar / East Miramar (Camp Elliott) was used to train Marine artillery and armored personnel, while Navy and Marine Corps pilots trained on the western side / The bases were combined and designated Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in 1946

**Miscellaneous:**



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Aviation Boatswain's Mates played a major part in launching and recovering naval aircraft quickly and safely from land or ships / Duties included aircraft preparation and fueling prior to takeoff and after landing, as well as fire-fighting and salvage and rescue operations / Used tow tractors to position planes and operate support equipment used to start aircraft

The mission of the Naval Amphibious Base was to provide required support services to personnel and ships / The base's combination of operational, support, and training facilities were geared predominantly to amphibious operations, making the base unique in the United States Navy

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*Name:* **HERMAN**

**A.**

**W.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** HERMAN

CHARLES

L.

**Address:**

RIDGE ROAD

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

1ST MARINE AIR WARNING SQUADRON

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Air Warning Squadrons provided aerial surveillance and early warning during amphibious assaults

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**Name:** HERMAN

HAROLD

J.

**Address:** 3868 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

10TH STATION HOSPITAL

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The 10th Station Hospital Unit was stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas between June and October 1943

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** HERMAN

HERBERT

A.

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* CPL

*Unit / Squadron:*

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 69TH SIGNAL BATTALION

*Medals / Citations:*

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

EUROPEAN THEATER

*Service Notes:*

Corporal Herbert A. Herman landed on Normandy Beach in France on D-Day driving a DUKW (six-wheeled amphibious vehicle)

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

The DUKW (commonly known as DUCK) was a six-wheel-drive amphibious modification of the 2 1/2-ton CCKW trucks used by the U.S. military during World War II / The name DUKW comes from General Motors Corporation model nomenclature: D - Designed in 1942; U - Utility; K - All-wheel drive; W - Dual-tandem rear axles

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **HERMAN**

**ROBERT**

**H.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* MARINE CORPS

*Rank:* PVT

*Unit / Squadron:*

PLATOON 524, 1ST BATTALION, MARINE BARRACKS

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Private

*Base Assignments:*

Parris Island, South Carolina - The first Marine post on the island was established in 1891 / Parris Island is used for the training of enlisted Marines / From 1941 through 1945, the Marines trained 204,509 recruits and at the time of the Japanese surrender, the Depot contained more than 20,000 recruits

*Miscellaneous:*

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **HERPIN**

**GUENTHER**

**H.**

*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:** HERRMAN

DONALD

W.

**Address:** 33 LOUIS AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

SERVICE BATTERY, 228TH F.A. BATTALION (FIELD ARTILLERY)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Donald W. Herrman participated in the Normandy and Rhineland campaigns

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



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*Name:* **HERRMAN**

**JOHN**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* CPL

*Unit / Squadron:*

BATTERY "B", 359TH S.L. BATTALION, A.I.T.C. (ADVANCED INDIVIDUAL TRAINING CENTER)

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Corporal

*Base Assignments:*

Camp Gordon, Georgia - Fort Gordon, formerly known as Camp Gordon, was established in 1917 / The post was home to three divisions during the war: the 4th Infantry, the 26th Infantry, and the 10th Armored / The main component of the post was the Advanced Individual Training for Signal Corps military occupational specialties / From October 1943 to January 1945, Camp Gordon served as an internment camp for foreign prisoners of war

*Miscellaneous:*

Advanced Individual Training, or AIT, is where new soldiers receive specific training in their chosen career path, or Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) / The length of AIT training varies depended on the MOS

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*Name:* **HERRMAN**

**JOSEPH**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY - AIR FORCE

*Rank:* PFC

*Unit / Squadron:*

97TH REPAIR SQUADRON, 22 A.D.G. (AIRCRAFT DELIVERY GROUP)

*Medals / Citations:*

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

EUROPEAN THEATER

*Service Notes:*

Private First-Class

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

The Aircraft Delivery Group (ADG) mission was the delivery of supplies and equipment between the United States and the overseas combat theaters

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**Name:** HERRMANN

JOHN

E.

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

394TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 99TH INFANTRY DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

2 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant John E. Herrmann earned Battle Stars for combat action in Central Europe and the Rhineland

**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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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

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **HESS**

**CLARENCE**

**G.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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**Name:** HESS

FLOYD

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

44TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The 44th Evacuation Hospital was activated in August 1942 at Camp Atterbury, Columbus, Indiana / The Evac Hospital served in France, Belgium and Germany / The 44th Evacuation Hospital from 19 June 1944 to 12 May 1945 admitted a total number of 22,648 patients and passed 9,363 through surgery

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **HESS**

**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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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** HICKOK

WILLIAM

F.

**Address:** 1176 UNION ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

40TH DEPOT REPAIR SQUADRON, MAINTENANCE DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **HIGGINS**

**ROBERT**

**E.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** ART 2/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

AVIATOR UNIT BLIMP SQUADRON 2P 31

USS DULUTH (CL-87)

SCOUT OBSERVATION SCOUT UNIT (SOSU) #2

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

2 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Aviation Radio Technician Petty Officer Second-Class Robert E. Higgins earned two battle stars for combat action in the Pacific

**Base Assignments:**

Naval Air Station (NAS) (Norfolk, Virginia) - Naval Station Norfolk, the world's largest naval station, occupies 4,300 acres of Hampton Roads real estate in a peninsula known as Sewell's Point / Constructed in 1917, Naval Air Station Norfolk started its roots training aviators at Naval Air Detachment, Curtiss Field, Newport News / When the United States became involved in World War I, a force of 6,716 officers and 30,693 enlisted members served in naval aviation / The training of mechanics to support the aircraft began in January 1918 at the Norfolk detachment and the first patrol was conducted five months later / In June 1941, the personnel count at Naval Station Norfolk had approximately 10,000 new recruits at the Naval Training Station, 15,500 officers and enlisted on station, and 14,400 Sailors assigned to ships home ported in Norfolk / The increased pace of operations made it necessary to further extend runways and provide more parking areas / To accommodate this requirement, an additional 400 acres was acquired and by 1943, the Naval Air Station had become the hub for a series of outlying air-fields / The biggest contribution of Naval Air Station Norfolk in World War II was the training it provided to a wide variety of allied naval air units

Naval Air Station (NAS) (Santa Ana, California) - NAS Santa Ana was established in 1942 as Naval Lighter-Than-Air Station Santa Ana, a base for airship (blimps) operations in support of the United States Navy coastal patrol efforts during World War II / The predominant characteristic of the field was its two huge blimp hangars and was one of two new blimp bases on the west coast / Blimps were used to patrol America's coastline primarily to watch for enemy submarine / At first 6, then 12 blimps operated out of the station / The large, all-wood hangers were built to house the blimps and at the time of their construction were and still are the world's largest clear



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span wooden buildings

### *Miscellaneous:*

Aviation Radio Technicians performed intermediate level maintenance on aviation components supported by conventional and automatic test equipment, including repair of weapons replaceable assemblies and shop replaceable assemblies and perform test equipment calibration/repair and associated test bench maintenance / Aviation Radio Technicians performed organizational level maintenance on aviation systems, to include: communications, radar, navigation, antisubmarine warfare sensors, fire control and tactical displays with associated equipment

USS Duluth (CL-87) was a United States Navy Cleveland-class light cruiser and was commissioned on 18 September 1944 / From 14 December 1944 to 2 March 1945, Duluth served as a training cruiser at Newport, Rhode Island / On 8 May 1945, she got underway to join the 5th Fleet and rendezvoused with the fast carriers on 27 May / Severe structural damage to her bow suffered in a typhoon 5 June forced her to return to Guam for repairs, but she rejoined Task Force (TF) 38 on 21 July 1945 to screen during the final air strikes on the Japanese homeland which continued until the end of the war / The USS Duluth was decommissioned on 25 June 1949 and sold as scrap in November 1960

When America suddenly found itself at war following the attack on Pearl Harbor, military planners in Washington realized they had neither the warships nor aircraft to defend more than 12,000 miles of U.S. coastline against enemy submarines lurking off shore / Short on options, the U.S. Navy turned to some decidedly outdated technology to bolster the nation's maritime defenses – blimps / Beginning in 1942 and continuing through to the end of the war, armed naval airships carried out non-stop patrols high above American waters in search of Japanese subs and German U-boats / Military blimps also shepherded vulnerable convoys far out into the Atlantic, while entire squadrons of lighter-than-air flying machines swept foreign sea-lanes of both mines and raiders

The Chief of Naval Operations approved the merger of the Service Force Aviation Repair Unit and Advanced Cruiser Aircraft Training Unit, established in October 1941 and June 1942 respectively, to form a Scout Observation Service Unit (SOSU) with a mission to maintain battleship and cruiser aircraft and to indoctrinate pilots in their specialized operations

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **HILLGER**

**MARTIN**

**M.**

**Address:** 156 RESERVE ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

966TH BOMBER TRAINING SQUADRON "A-2"

16TH COMBAT CAMERA UNIT

14TH AIR FORCE, HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

2 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

CHINA-BURMA-INDIA (CBI) THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Martin M. Hillger earned two Battle Stars for combat action in China

**Base Assignments:**

Roswell Army Air Field (Roswell, New Mexico) - Roswell Field opened in 1941 as an Army Air Corps pilot training school, which conducted training in the B-29 bomber

16th Combat Camera Unit (Peishiyi, China)

14th Air Force (Kunming, China) - Established on 5 March 1943, the 14th Air Force was a United States Army Air Forces combat air force activated in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of World War II / It engaged in operations primarily in China

**Miscellaneous:**

During World War II, sixteen US Army Air Force Combat Camera Units (CCU) provided still and motion picture coverage of the war in every theater of operation / The visual record was used for operational analysis, training, public information and as a permanent historical record / Combat camera units often comprised 23 men, 15 of which were on combat/flying status / Camera repair men were important, keeping the delicate cameras in running order / Combat cameramen suffered the highest percentage of casualties of ANY service in World War II / Nevertheless they were not well-liked, often thought to be "in the way", "extra baggage", and most often "bad luck"



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The Fourteenth Air Force (14 AF) was established by the special order of President Roosevelt on 10 March 1943/ Claire Chennault was appointed the commander and promoted to Major General / The "Flying Tigers" of 14 AF (who adopted the "Flying Tigers" designation from the AVG) conducted highly effective fighter and bomber operations along a wide front that stretched from the bend of the Yellow River and Tsinan in the north to Indochina in the south, from Chengtu and the Salween River in the west to both East and South China Seas and the island of Formosa in the east / They were also instrumental in supplying Chinese forces through the airlift of cargo across "The Hump" in the China-Burma-India theater / By the end of World War II, 14 AF had achieved air superiority over the skies of China and established a ratio of 7.7 enemy planes destroyed for every American plane lost in combat / Overall, military officials estimated that over 4,000 Japanese planes were destroyed or damaged in the China-Burma-India theater during World War II / In addition, they estimated that air units in China destroyed 1,100,000 tons of shipping, 1,079 locomotives, 4,836 trucks and 580 bridges / The United States Army Air Corps credits 14 AF with the destruction of 2,315 Japanese aircraft, 356 bridges, 1,225 locomotives and 712 railroad cars / The 14th Air Force was reassigned to Continental Air Command and moved to Robins AFB, Georgia, in October 1949

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**Name:** HINES

WILLARD

H.

**Address:** 17 DOSTER PLACE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

INFANTRY COMPANY "L", 349TH INFANTRY, 88TH DIVISION, 5TH ARMY  
1179TH MILITARY POLICE  
53RD AMPHIBIOUS QUARTER MASTER TRUCKING

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL      3 BATTLE STARS  
MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: M-1 RIFLE      GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private Willard H. Hines trained at Camp Blanding, Florida for Heavy Weapons Infantry

Private Hines served as a rifleman with Company "K", 349th Infantry, 88th Division (Blue Devils) with the 5th Army in Italy and transferred to the 1179th Military Police (Airborne) in Italy where his unit kept order in towns and cities as well as traffic control duties and other guard duties / Pvt Hines also served in France with the Quarter Master Trucking Company / For his participation in combat action, Private Willard H. Hines earned 3 Battle Stars

Private Hines earned 3 Combat stars for action during the Central Europe, Rhineland and the Rome-Arno Campaigns

Private Hines was sent to France as an Amphibious Driver in the 3340th Quartermasters. Hines served in France, Germany and Austria receiving 3 Battle Stars for combat

Private Hines traveled overseas on the USS F.C. Black and returned to the United States on the USS Blue Ridge

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Blanding (Jacksonville, Florida) - Camp named in honor of Lieutenant General Albert H. Blanding who commanded the 2nd Florida Infantry during the Mexican Border Service in 1916 and 1917 / Camp Blanding served as an infantry replacement training center, an induction center, a German prisoner-of-war compound, and a separation center



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### *Miscellaneous:*

The Military Police provides expertise in police, detainment and stability operations in order to enhance security and enable mobility / In World War II, Military Police soldiers moved traffic along the Burma Road, supported amphibious operations on Normandy beachheads, and managed enemy prisoners of war from Italy to the South Pacific

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

In preparation for the July 1943 invasion of Sicily, the amphibious 2 ½-ton truck, known as the DUKW, became available and General Dwight D. Eisenhower considered it one of the most valuable pieces of equipment produced by the United States during the war / Eisenhower created an amphibious truck battalion out of forces already in North Africa / On 28 May 1943, the 53rd Quartermaster Truck Battalion was constituted in the US Army and was activated on 22 June 1943 in French Morocco, North Africa, and served in the Tunisia Campaign with personnel and equipment from the previously organized 2637th Quartermaster Truck Battalion (Provisional) /

The 53rd Battalion initially received 109 DUKWs and became the first amphibious battalion just in time for the amphibious assault on Sicily / After the initial landings, the 53rd Battalion delivered tanks, heavy weapons and anti-tank pieces with ammunition / From 9 September through 1 October, the amphibians hauled cargo across the beaches until the port of Naples was secure with as many as 600 DUKWs conducted ship-to-shore missions at Naples / The battalion also participated in the Rome-Arno, Rhineland and Central Europe Campaigns and in Germany it hauled supplies across the Rhine River / On 12 November 1945, the battalion was inactivated in Germany

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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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disciplinary infractions, or court martial offenses

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**Name:** HITCHENS

CHARLES E.

**Address:** 3654 CLINTON STREET

**Service Branch:** MERCHANT MARINE **Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

SS THOMAS CRESAP (HULL #948)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Charles E. Hitchens served on the Liberty ships SS Thomas Cresap (Hull #948) and also served on the SS Benjamin Williams (Hull #165)

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The SS Thomas Cresap was a "Liberty" ship launched on 1 March 1943 and sold in 1947 / The SS Benjamin Williams was launched on 18 November 1944 and wrecked in 1948

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

In time of war or national emergency, the U.S. Merchant Marine becomes vital to national security as a "fourth arm of defense" / Merchant ships bore the brunt of delivering military troops, supplies and equipment overseas to our forces and allies operating as an auxiliary unit to the Navy

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** HITCHENS

FRANCES

E.

**Address:** 3654 CLINTON STREET

**Service Branch:**

**Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

(NO OTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE)

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **HOFER**

**AL**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** **HOFFMAN**

**ALFRED**

**D.**

**Address:** 21 TINDLE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

3RD N.C.B. (NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION - SEABEES), COMPANY D  
CONSTRUCTION BATTALION MAINTENANCE UNIT (CBMU) 621

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL/RIBBON

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Chief Construction Mechanic Alfred D. Hoffman served with the Seabees and was stationed on Manus Island, Papua New Guinea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Construction Mechanics repaired and maintained the Navy's heavy construction and automotive equipment including, buses, dump trucks, bulldozers, rollers, cranes, backhoes, pile drivers and tactical vehicles

Seabees: After the attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, and the use of civilian labor in war zones became impractical so the Navy created Construction Battalions (from which the abbreviation "C.B." became Seabees) / The Seabees have a history of building bases, bulldozing and paving thousands of miles of roadway and airstrips, bridges, roads, gasoline storage tanks, and Quonset huts for warehouses, hospitals, and housing

Manus Island is part of Manus Province in northern Papua New Guinea and is the largest of the Admiralty Islands / In 1942, Japan established a military base on Manus Island / Manus Island was attacked by United States forces in the Admiralty Islands campaign of February–March 1944 / An Allied naval base was established at Seadler Harbor on the island and it later supported the British Pacific Fleet

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The U.S. Navy Commendation Medal is awarded for both heroism and meritorious achievement / To be awarded for heroism, the act must be worthy of recognition, but to a lesser degree than required for the Bronze Star Medal in combat or the Navy and Marine Corps Medal in a noncombat situation

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*Name:* **HOFFMAN**

**P.**

**V.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **HOLDERMILLER**

**L.**

**W.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **HOLLFELDER**

**ROBERT H.**

**Address:** 1965 RIDGE ROAD

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

SQUADRON "A", 2606TH A.A.L.B.U.

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private Robert H. Hollfelder was an Aviation Cadet and trained as a fighter pilot

**Base Assignments:**

University of Alabama

Aloe Army-Air Force (AAF) Base (Victoria, Texas) - Aloe Army-Air Force Base was established on 28 July 1942 / Its mission was an advanced single-engine training field for fighter pilots / Aloe also became the new home of the Lake Charles Army Flying School, which relocated from Lake Charles, Louisiana / Its training unit was the 347th Aviation Squadron, which used the North American AT-6 Texan, Curtiss P-40 Warhawk and lastly Republic P-47 Thunderbolts / Cadets were schooled in flying and in ground and aerial gunnery / During its use as a training airfield, Aloe had a total of 4 satellite fields / Aloe AAF was inactivated on 31 October 1945

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **HOLLSTEIN**

**EUGENE**

**Address:** 1131 UNION ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** A 1/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

CLASS 44-26

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Airman First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Harlingen Army Airfield (Harlingen, Texas) - The mission of Harlingen Army Airfield was to train aerial gunners / Over 48,000 soldiers were trained until the school closed in 1945

**Miscellaneous:**

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **HOLLSTEIN**

**HERBERT**

**W.**

**Address:** 1131 UNION ROAD

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** F. 1/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS LST-197 (LANDING SHIP, TANK)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Fireman First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

United States Naval Training Center (Bainbridge, Maryland) - The center was activated on October 1, 1942 and named after Commodore William Bainbridge, who commanded the frigate Constitution when it defeated the British frigate HMS Java during the War of 1812 / Used as a Naval Training Center, a total of 24,484 recruit graduates were trained and graduated during World War II

**Miscellaneous:**

A Fireman was responsible for keeping the fires burning in the ship's boilers which were used to make steam / A Fireman would work on the ship's engines and their auxiliary machinery, ensuring they ran correctly and performed maintenance / Operated, adjusted and repaired pumps

USS LST-197 took part in the Sicily, Salerno, Anzio-Nettuno and Normandy landings and later reassigned to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and performed occupation duty in the Far East from 19 September to 2 November 1945

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:** **HOLSTEIN JR.**

**BENJAMIN**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE CURTISS WRIGHT CORP., AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **HOLZINGER**

**ROBERT**

**D.**

**Address:** 398 MAIN STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADRON 9-2 (HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON), P.P.B.

FLEET AIR WING 3

SQUADRON VPB-74 (PATROL BOMBING SQUADRON)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL  
(EAME)

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Aviation Machinist's Mate Third-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Naval Air Station Weeksville (Elizabeth City, North Carolina) - Navy Air Station Weeksville in 1941 provided valuable surveillance by seaplane and dirigible of German U-Boats actively targeting American merchant shipping in East Coast waters

**Miscellaneous:**

Aviation Machinist's Mates are United States Navy aircraft engine mechanics that inspect, adjust, test, repair, and overhaul aircraft engines and propellers / More specifically, ADs install, maintain, and service various aircraft engine types as well as various accessories, gear boxes, related fuel systems, and lubrication systems; determine reasons for engine degradation using various test equipment; perform propeller repairs; handle and service aircraft ashore or aboard ship; and can also serve as aircrewman in various types of aircraft

VPB-74 was a Patrol Bombing Squadron of the U.S. Navy / The squadron was established as Bombing Squadron 74 (VB-74) / Many patrol squadrons were identified as "VP" at the beginning of WWII, by about mid 1942 the designation changed to "VB" for those who were considered bombing squadrons / The Navy squadrons receiving the PB4Y-1 Liberators, while initially having the old "VP" squadron identification attached from the PBY's, were known as "VB" squadrons until 30 September 1944

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**Name:** **HOMJAK**

**DAVID**

**M.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/5

**Unit / Squadron:**

3233RD ORDNANCE COMPANY

970TH ORDNANCE H.A.M. (HEAVY AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE) COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL (EAME) 2 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal) David M. Homjak earned two Battle Stars for combat action in Europe

**Base Assignments:**

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

Chanor Base Sector, Belgium - On 1 August 1945 Command directed that all supplies in excess of the receiving capacities of Bremen and Bremerhaven would clear through the ports and depots of the Chanor Base Section / The primary mission of the Chanor Base Section was to supervise the redeployment of personnel and equipment through Cherbourg, Le Havre, and Antwerp until 1 March 1946

ADSEC (Advance Section, Communications Zone) Base Sector, Germany - Headquartered in Bonn, Germany from 18 June 1944 until deactivation on 15 July 1945, ADSEC was responsible for moving supplies forward and delivering them to the combat units

**Miscellaneous:**

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



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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:** **HOPPER**

**LOUIS**

**L.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "G", 393RD INFANTRY REGIMENT, 99TH DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

2 BATTLE STARS

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Louis L. Hopper earned 2 Battle Stars for combat action during the Central Europe Campaign

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The 393 Infantry Regiment was constituted 23 July 1918, assigned to the 99th Division and demobilized on 30 November 1918 / On 24 June 1921, the regiment was reconstituted in the Organized Reserves (which later became the U.S. Army Reserve) and again assigned to the 99th Division (which later became the 99th Infantry Division), with its headquarters at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania / On 15 November 1942 the regiment was mobilized and sent to Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi / After subsequent training at Camp Maxey, Texas, the regiment was shipped to the European Theater of Operations / Following the conclusion of World War II, the regiment returned to the United States and was inactivated 20 September 1945 at Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia, returning to its previous status as a reserve unit

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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 Army of Occupation Medal was a military award of the United States military which was established by the United States War Department on 5 April 1946 / The medal was created in the aftermath of the Second World War to recognize those who had performed occupation service in Germany, Italy, Austria, or Japan / The original Army of Occupation Medal was intended only for members of the United States Army, but was expanded in 1948 to encompass the United States Air Force shortly after that service's creation / The Navy and Marine equivalent of the Army of Occupation Medal is the Navy Occupation Service Medal

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**Name:** **HORN**

**HOWARD J.**

**Address:** 197 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

SECTION "P", 3507TH B.U. (BASE UNIT)  
13TH AIR FORCE, 955TH SIGNAL SQUADRON  
AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON  
WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL  
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Corporal

**Base Assignments:**

Sioux Falls, South Dakota - During World War II, the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) established numerous airfields in South Dakota for training pilots and aircrews of USAAF fighters and bombers

Manila, Philippines - After American Forces recaptured the Philippine Islands from Imperial Japanese Forces, the American established air bases in the Philippines that provided air defense in the Far East during World War II

**Miscellaneous:**

Established on 14 December 1942 at Plaine Des Gaiacs Airfield, on New Caledonia, 13th Air Force was a United States Army Air Forces combat air force deployed to the Pacific Theater of World War II / It engaged in operations primarily in the South Pacific, attacking enemy forces in the Solomon Islands, Gilbert and Marshall Islands campaigns; Mariana and Palau Islands campaigns and the Philippines campaign (1944-45) / The 13th Air Force is one of the oldest, continuously active, numbered air forces

During World War II, the U.S. Army Air Forces (AAF) created Signal Aircraft Warning (SAW) battalions, which used the new technology of radar to provide early warning and air defense

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**Name:** **HORN**

**WALTER**

**H.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** SKD2C

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS CONNOLLY (DE-306)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

2 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Storekeeper (Disbursing) 2nd Class Petty Officer Walter H. Horn earned two battle stars for action off the Philippine Islands

**Base Assignments:**

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

**Miscellaneous:**

Storekeepers were tasked with maintaining ship or company military supply stores / Their responsibilities generally included purchasing and procurement, shipping and receiving, and issuing of equipment, tools, consumable items or anything else obtained through the Naval Supply System

USS Connolly (DE-306) was an Evarts-class destroyer escort of the United States Navy during World War II / She was named after John Gaynor Connolly, a Chief Pay Clerk, killed during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and was commissioned on 8 July 1944 / She was sent off into the Pacific Ocean to protect convoys and other ships from Japanese submarines and fighter aircraft / She performed escort and antisubmarine operations in dangerous battle areas and returned home with two battle stars / The USS Connolly was decommissioned on 22 November 1945 and sold for scrap in May 1946

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



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**Name:** **HORNER**

**RICHARD D.**

**Address:** 27 FLOHR AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** C.P.O. 1/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS FRYBARGER (DE-705)

USS CLEVELAND (CL-55)

USS NEW YORK (BB-34)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

PURPLE HEART

1 BATTLE STAR

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Chief Petty Officer First-Class Richard D. Horner spent twelve years as a welder, deep sea diver and shipfitter in the Pacific Campaign / CPO Horner served on the USS Cleveland in the Philippines, the USS New York and the hospital ship, USS Tryon / Chief Petty Officer First-Class Richard D. Horner earned 2 Battle Stars for combat action in the Pacific

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Navy chief petty officers served a dual role as both technical experts and as leaders, with the emphasis being more on leadership as they progressed through the ranks

USS Frybarger was a Buckley-class destroyer escort of the United States Navy, named for Private First Class Raymond Frybarger, Jr. (1923–1942), who was awarded the Navy Cross posthumously for his heroism during the Battle of Edson's Ridge on Guadalcanal / The USS Frybarger arrived at Manus Island on 23 January 1945, and began escort duty to and in the Philippines until 30 August / Ports of call for her during this assignment included the Carolines; Lingayen Gulf, Manila, and Zamboanga in the Philippines; Hollandia; and on one voyage, Okinawa / Commissioned on 18 May 1944 and decommissioned on 30 June 1947

USS Cleveland (CL-55) was the lead ship and one of the 27 United States Navy Cleveland-class light cruisers completed during or shortly after World War II / Commissioned on 15 June 1944, she was the second ship to be named for the city of Cleveland, Ohio and saw extensive service in the war, briefly in the Atlantic, and then in the Pacific theater / Like almost all of her sister ships, she was decommissioned shortly after the end of the war, and



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never saw active service again / The USS Cleveland was decommissioned on February 1947 and scrapped in the early 1960s

USS New York (BB-34) was a United States Navy battleship, the lead ship of her class / Named for New York State, she was designed as the first ship to carry the 14-inch (356 mm)/45-caliber gun / Commissioned on 1 May 1914, she saw her first combat in World War II against coastal artillery during Operation Torch around Casablanca in North Africa, and later became a training ship / Late in the war, she moved to the Pacific, and provided naval gunfire support for the invasion of Iwo Jima and later the invasion of Okinawa / Returning to Pearl Harbor for repairs until the end of the war, she was classified obsolete and decommissioned on 29 August 1946 / She was chosen to take part in the Operation Crossroads nuclear weapon tests at Bikini Atoll in 1946 / She survived both explosions and the effects of radiation on the ship were studied for several years / She was eventually sunk as a target in 1948 / She received three battle stars for her service

The USS Tryon (APH-1) was commissioned on 30 September 1942 as an evacuation transport / The Tryon left San Diego on 9 October 1942 bound for New Caledonia / On 7 November 1942, she arrived at Noumea; joined the Service Squadron, South Pacific; and remained with that organization for the next 15 months, evacuating combat casualties from the Solomons to Suva, Noumea, Wellington, Auckland, and Brisbane / On her return trips to the forward areas, she carried priority cargo and troops for forces fighting the Japanese / Tryon's first combat duty came in the Marianas during the summer of 1944 / On 16 July 1944, she joined Task Force 51 at Lunga Point and sortied for the invasion of Tinian / The hospital transport arrived off the beaches on the 24th, combat loaded with troops and equipment / After unloading, she embarked casualties for a week and then got underway for the Marshalls / The ship called at Eniwetok, New Caledonia, Espiritu Santo, and the Russell Islands before anchoring off Guadalcanal on 27 August 1944 / Tryon embarked 1,323 Marines of the 1st Marine Division and sortied on 8 September 1944, with Transport Division 6 of Task Force 32, for the assault on the Palaus / She was off the beaches of Peleliu on the morning of the 15th and disembarked elements of the assault wave / Then, serving as a hospital evacuation ship, she embarked 812 combat casualties and, on the 20th, sailed out for Manus / She disembarked the patients at Seeadler Harbor four days later and headed back to Peleliu the next morning / The ship remained off the beaches from 28 September to 4 October and then joined a convoy bound for the Solomons / When Tryon arrived at Tulagi on 11 October 1944, she was assigned to the 7th Fleet to participate in the Leyte campaign / On 2 January 1945, Tryon sailed out of Manus with reinforcement group Task Group 77.9 for the invasion of Luzon on the beaches of the Lingayen Gulf / She arrived off San Fabian on the morning of the 11th and began unloading troops and supplies / From 13 to 27 January 1945, she received casualties on board and headed to Leyte Gulf where they were transferred to USS Hope (AH-7) and USS Bountiful (AH-9) / On 2 February, she joined a convoy and departed for the Solomons / The Tryon was routed to the Philippines, embarked occupation troops at Leyte, and joined a convoy for Japan on 1 September 1945 / The transport disembarked the troops at Yokohama and received liberated Allied prisoners of war on board for transportation to the Philippines, delivering them at Manila on 18 September 1945 / The USS Tryon was decommissioned on 20 March 1946 and transferred to the US Army on 17 July 1946 / The Tryon earned six battle stars

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*Name:* **HORNER**

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**A.**

*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:** **HORNUNG**

**HARRY**

**F.**

**Address:** 29 AURORA AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

BATTERY "B", 740TH A.A.A. BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL 4 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Harry F. Hornung earned 4 Battle Stars for combat action

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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



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**Name:** HORTON

ELLIS

L.

**Address:** 132 EDSON STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "A", 1ST PLATOON, 32ND SPECIAL BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Endicott (Davisville, Rhode Island) - The Navy acquired property at Quonset Point on Narragansett Bay in 1939 and built Naval Air Station Quonset Point / In 1942, adjoining properties were developed for training Seabees, including the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) at Davisville

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **HORTON**

**HARRY**

**D.**

**Address:** 132 EDSON STREET

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "B", 17TH MARINES

1ST ENGINEERING BATTALION, 1ST MARINE DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

4 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT - RIFLE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT - HAND GRENADE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT - BAYONET

DIVISION UNIT CITATION

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Harry D. Horton earned 4 Battle Stars for combat action in the Pacific Theater

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The 17th Marine Regiment was an engineer regiment of the United States Marine Corps / The 17th Marine Regiment participated in the Battle of Cape Gloucester (Island of New Britain, Territory of New Guinea)

The 1st Engineering Battalion was formed on 24 February 1941 at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as the 1st Pioneer Battalion, 1st Marine Division to be a specialized unit to conduct shore party operations during amphibious assaults, and to provide close combat engineer support to the Marine infantry / The battalion participated in combat during the Battle of Guadalcanal, Eastern New Guinea, Battle of New Britain, Battle of Peleliu and the Battle of Okinawa / Following the war they were sent to Tientsin, China in September 1945 as peacekeepers and returned to the United States during June 1947 to Camp Pendleton, California

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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

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

A Unit Citation is a formal, honorary mention by high authority of a military unit's specific and outstanding performance, notably in battle / Similar mentions can also be made for individual soldiers / Alternatively or concurrently, the unit can be awarded an honorary title, a mention on the flag or a decoration

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**Name:** **HORTON**

**MERLE**

**L.**

**Address:** 22 WILLINK STREET

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS, 5TH MARINES, DIVISION F.M.F. (FLEET MARINE FORCE)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Pendleton (Oceanside, California) - The largest Marine Corps base in the country, it was named for Major General Joseph Henry Pendleton who had long advocated the establishment of a West Coast training base / Wartime training facilities at the base included landing craft school, amphibious tractor school, beach battalion school, amphibious communications school, and a medical field service school at the naval hospital at Santa Margarita Ranch

**Miscellaneous:**

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



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**Name:** **HOTCHKISS**

**HAROLD J.**

**Address:** 3890 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

4TH AIRDROME SQUADRON, UNIT 1

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Harold J. Hotchkiss served in the Pacific Theater, primarily in New Guinea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Airdrome Squadrons were designed to provide the minimum number of personnel to run an air base for a limited time / Aviation Engineers would prepare a landing ground, then an Airdrome Squadron would start it running until a combat group, station complement squadron, service squadron, and/or various Army-Air Force units arrived to operate the base

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**Name:** **HOWAK**

**RAYMOND**

**Address:** 87 ROBERTS STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

1260TH MILITARY POLICE

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Corporal

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The Military Police provides expertise in police, detainment and stability operations in order to enhance security and enable mobility / In World War II, Military Police soldiers moved traffic along the Burma Road, supported amphibious operations on Normandy beachheads, and managed enemy prisoners of war from Italy to the South Pacific

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*Name:* **HOWLAND**

**ELDRIDGE**

**P.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** HUBER

EARL

F.

**Address:** 1371 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/4

**Unit / Squadron:**

DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, 14TH A.D. (AIR DEPOT) DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL      2 BATTLE STARS

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fourth Grade (Sergeant) Earl F. Huber earned 2 Battle Stars for combat action in Europe

**Base Assignments:**

Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland - Fort Meade became an active Army installation in 1917 and was named in honor of Major Gen. George Gordon Meade, whose victory at the Battle of Gettysburg proved a major factor in turning the tide of the Civil War in favor of the North / Fort Meade became a training center during World War II and its ranges and other facilities were used by more than 200 units and approximately 3,500,000 Soldiers between 1942 and 1946. The wartime peak of military personnel at Fort Meade was 70,000 / In September 1943, the first shipment of 1,632 Italian and 58 German prisoners arrived at the POW facility at Fort Meade

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** HUBER

EUGENE

M.

**Address:** 325 ALLENDALE ROAD

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S. 1/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Seaman First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Seamen served as members of damage control or emergency and security alert teams / They participated in Navy ceremonies and took part in underway replenishment (transferring supplies from ship to ship at sea), and they worked with qualified personnel to gain job training and experience / A Seaman was knowledgeable in naval drill duties, knots, steering and signaling / Also stood watch and handled gunnery duties

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**Name:** HUBER

GEORGE

H.

**Address:** 1371 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 13TH ARMORED REGIMENT, 1ST ARMORED DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL PURPLE HEART

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

NORTH AFRICAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class George H. Huber was Killed in Action (KIA) while serving in North Africa

PFC Huber was the personal driver for Lieutenant Colonel John H. Todd / Colonel Todd, hero of the American Armored Forces in Tunisia, became known as the "Daddy Rabbit" because he always rode into battle in a tank or half-track which carried a picture of a rabbit and the words "Daddy Rabbit" / Private Huber was accompanying Todd when the Colonel was killed from shrapnel from an 88 artillery shell / Colonel Todd had been standing on a hill working on a plan to trap the Germans when their artillery started firing / The shell landed less than 15 feet from him and the shrapnel caught Colonel Todd, killing him instantly

Private First-Class George H. Huber is buried in the North Africa American Cemetery (Tunis, Tunisia)

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

George H. Huber enlisted in the Army on 14 September 1941

In 1936 the 13th Cavalry became part of what was to become the nucleus of the Army's armored force / On 15 July 1940, the 13th Cavalry was re-designated the 13th Armored Regiment and became part of the new 1st Armored Division/ The 13th Armored Regiment was the first armored division of the U.S. Army to see battle in World War II / On 8 November 1942, 13th Armored, as part of Combat Command B, landed in Oran, Algeria, to participate in the Allied counteroffensive in North Africa / From that time on the 13th Armored Regiment never was far from the fighting, and it ended the war almost at the Swiss border in Italy / From 1946 to September 1947 the 13th served as part of the US Constabulary in Germany / During the war, the 1st Armored Division captured 41 towns and cities and 108,740 prisoners / 722 division soldiers were awarded the Silver Star, 908



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received the Bronze Star / The division received 5,478 Purple Hearts and two division soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during World War II, Private Nicholas Minue and Second Lieutenant Thomas Weldon Fowler / The 13th Armored Regiment was inactivated at Coburg, West Germany on 20 September 1947

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**Name:** HULL

CHARLES

C.

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** S/SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

3RD PLATOON, "A" COMPANY, 81ST COMBAT ENGINEERS, 106TH DIVISION, 1ST ARMY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL 3 BATTLE STARS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Staff-Sergeant Charles C. Hull earned 3 Battle Stars for combat action in Northern France, Central Europe and the Rhineland

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The mission of World War II combat engineers was three-fold: mobility operations (forward movement of friendly forces); countermobility operations (impeded enemy advances); and, when necessary, to fight as infantrymen / In addition to infantry small arms, World War II combat engineers employed a range of weapons and specialized equipment to accomplish their mobility and countermobility missions / These included demolition "satchel" charges, Bangalore torpedoes (explosive-filled pipes to clear barbed-wire obstacles), mine detectors, bridging materials (for foot, pontoon and steel-framed Bailey bridges), and an array of construction equipment, from axes to bulldozers / The 81st Engineer Combat Battalion received the Distinguished Unit Citation during the battle for the Ardennes / During the Battle of the Bulge, the 81st Combat Engineers were given the task of road repair and snow repair

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*Name:* **HULL**

**RUSSELL**

**V.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* CPL

*Unit / Squadron:*

661ST ENGINEERS

*Medals / Citations:*

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

EUROPEAN THEATER

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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

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**Name:** **HUMBERT**

**LOUIS**

**C.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

4583RD QUARTERMASTER (QM) SERVICE COMPANY

51ST QUARTERMASTER BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Corporal

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

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:** HUMES

VERNUM

M.

**Address:** 32 OSCHAWA AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S. 2/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

U.S.N.T.C. (UNITED STATES NAVAL TRAINING CENTER)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Seaman 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, NY, a hero of the Battle of Santiago during the Spanish-American War

**Miscellaneous:**

Seamen served as members of damage control or emergency and security alert teams / They participated in Navy ceremonies and took part in underway replenishment (transferring supplies from ship to ship at sea), and they worked with qualified personnel to gain job training and experience / A Seaman was knowledgeable in naval drill duties, knots, steering and signaling / Also stood watch and handled gunnery duties

Naval Training Centers introduced recruits to "boot camp" training and indoctrination / The recruits were given a battery of tests to determine their educational and skill levels, then trained in indoctrination, ordnance and gunnery, seamanship, fire fighting, physical training, military drill and shipboard duties



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** HURD

DONALD H.

**Address:** 12 SCHOOL STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

49TH FIELD HOSPITAL

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The 49th Field Hospital was the forerunner of the Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH) units that came along in the Korean War / The 49th Field Hospital was transferred to France in August 1944 and spent months of moving across France, setting up and knocking down the field hospital, keeping pace with the Allied forces battling their way across central Europe

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

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



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** HURD

FLOYD L.

**Address:** 12 SCHOOL STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "A", 25TH BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private

**Base Assignments:**

Fort McClellan, Alabama - Fort McClellan, originally Camp McClellan, was a United States Army post located adjacent to the city of Anniston, Alabama. During World War II, it was one of the largest U.S. Army installations, training an estimated half-million troops / 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

**Miscellaneous:**

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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **HURLEY**

**EDWIN**

**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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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** HUTH

CHESTER

**Address:** CLINTON STREET

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** LT. (J.G.)

**Unit / Squadron:**

G. NORTH DENTAL DISPENSARY, U.S.N.T.C. (UNITED STATES NAVAL TRAINING CENTER)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Lieutenant (Junior Grade)

**Base Assignments:**

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**Miscellaneous:**

Lieutenant (junior grade), commonly abbreviated as Lt. (j.g.), was a junior commissioned officer rank of the United States Navy and the United States Coast Guard / Lieutenant, junior grade, ranks above ensign and below lieutenant and is equivalent to a first lieutenant in the other uniformed services (the Army, Marine Corps and Air Force)

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** HYDER

ARTHUR

W.

**Address:** 55 FLOHR AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

4144ST AMERICAN SERVICE BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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