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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: FACHKO

Hometown: WEST SENECA

JAMES J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: COAST GUARD

Rank:

Year Entered: 1948

Year Discharged: 1971

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

James J. Facho retired from the U.S. Coast Guard with the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

MCPO James J. Facho was a body bearer at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in 1958



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Name: FAVRE JR.

Hometown: DEPEW

ALFRED L.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: E-5

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1955

Unit / Squadron:

USS WASP (CVA-18)

Medals / Citations:

CHINA SERVICE MEDAL

KOREA SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL (KOREA)

NAVY OCCUPATION MEDAL W/EUROPEAN CLASP

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Petty Officer 2nd Class Alfred L. Favre, Jr. served as an Electrician's Mate-Power & Light (EMP) for 3 1/2 years aboard the USS Wasp

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Alfred Favre Jr. was Honorably Discharged from the United States Navy on 24 June 1955 / Alfred L. Favre Jr. passed away at the age of 89 years old on 14 May 2021

USS Wasp (CV/CVA/CVS-18) was one of 24 Essex-class aircraft carriers built during World War II for the United States Navy / The ship, the ninth US Navy ship to bear the name, was originally named Oriskany, but was renamed while under construction in honor of the previous Wasp (CV-7), which was sunk 15 September 1942 / The Wasp was commissioned on 24 November 1943, and served in several campaigns in the Pacific Theater of Operations, earning eight battle stars / Like many of her sister ships, she was decommissioned shortly after the end of the war, but was modernized and recommissioned in the early 1950s as an attack carrier (CVA), and then eventually became an antisubmarine carrier (CVS) / In her second career, she operated mainly in the Atlantic, Mediterranean, and Caribbean / She played a prominent role in the manned space program, serving as the recovery ship for five Project Gemini missions: Gemini IV, Gemini VI, Gemini VII, Gemini IX, and Gemini XII. She was decommissioned on 1 July 1972 and sold for scrap in 1973

The China Service Medal was a service medal awarded to U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard personnel / The medal was instituted by Navy Department General Order No. 176 on 1 July 1942 / The medal recognized service in and around China before and after World War II



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The United Nations Service Medal for Korea is an international military decoration established by the United Nations on 15 December 1950 as the United Nations Service Medal / The decoration was the first international award ever created by the United Nations and recognized the multi-national defense forces which participated in the Korean War / The United Nations Service Medal (Korea) is awarded to any military service member, of an Armed Force allied with South Korea, who participated in the defense of South Korea from North Korea between the dates of 27 June 1950 and 27 July 1954

The Navy Occupation Service Medal is a military award of the United States Navy which was "Awarded to commemorate the services of Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel in the occupation of certain territories of the enemies of the U.S. during World War II" and recognized those personnel who participated in the European and Asian occupation forces during, and following World War II / The medal was also bestowed to personnel who performed duty in West Berlin between 1945 and 1990

The National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) is a service award of the United States Armed Forces established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953 / The National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) was first intended to be a "blanket campaign medal" awarded to service members who served honorably during a designated time period of which a "national emergency" had been declared during a time of war or conflict / It may also be issued to active military members for any other period that the Secretary of Defense designates / Currently, the National Defense Service Medal is the oldest service medal (as opposed to decorations for particular achievements such as valor or meritorious service and Good Conduct Medals) currently awarded by all branches of the United States Armed Forces



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Name: **FEDCHAK SR.**

Hometown: BUFFALO

WILLIAM R.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

William Fedchak was employed by the Nichols School for 38 years as the supervisor and manager of the Ice Rink / Fedchak was a member of the American Legion / William "Bill" R. Fedchak, Sr. passed away on 16 September 2022 at the age of 91 years old



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Name: **FEDERIO**
ANTHONY J.

Hometown: GRAND ISLAND

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Anthony Federio was a retired Vice President of Production and Control at HFW Industries (an industrial equipment manufacturer and machine rebuilding shop) / Anthony J. Federio passed away at the age of 89 years old on 3 August 2022



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Name: FERRENTINO JR.
THOMAS

Hometown:

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank:

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1955

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Thomas "Honch" Ferrentino Jr. Paased away on 24 August 2022 at the age of 91 years old



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Name: **FIX JR.**

Hometown:

NORMAN E.

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1955

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 185TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL
MERIT UNIT COMMENDATION

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION
NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Norman Edward Fix Jr. was employed as a Drill Press Operator at Di Escastin Company prior to being inducted into the U.S. Army on 5 December 1952 / Norman Fix Jr. was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post 2940

An Engineer Combat Battalion (ECB) was a designation for a battalion-strength combat engineer unit in the U.S. Army / Best known for pontoon bridge construction and clearing hazards in amphibious landings, their duties also included serving as sappers deploying and deactivating explosive charges and unexploded munitions, mapmaking, camouflage, and a wide variety of construction services supporting frontline troops / They also fielded defensive .30 cal. and .50 cal. machine gun squads, anti-tank rocket and grenade launchers, and were required to fight as infantry as a secondary mission

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: FORSYTH

Hometown: BUFFALO

FREDERICK J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Year Entered: 1953

Year Discharged: 1956

Unit / Squadron:

11TH AIRBORNE

187TH AIRBORNE REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

82ND AIRBORNE, 101ST AIRBORNE

Medals / Citations:

PARACHUTIST BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE RIBBON

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

Service Notes:

In addition to performing vehicle maintenance in the Motor Pool at Camp Chickamauga, Japan, PFC Frederick Forsyth also attended Sniper and Metiscopic School

Base Assignments:

Ft. Devens, Massachusetts - Camp Devens was established in 1917 as an Army Reserve military installation and is located in the towns of Ayer and Shirley / Ft. Devens was named after jurist and Civil War general Charles Devens / With the outbreak of the Korean Conflict, Devens was designated as a reception center for the third time in its history / The U.S. Army post which resided at Fort Devens was officially closed in 1996 after 79 years of service

Ft. Campbell, Kentucky - Fort Campbell is a United States Army installation located astride the Kentucky-Tennessee border between Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and Clarksville, Tennessee / The fort is named in honor of Union Army Brigadier General William Bowen Campbell, the last Whig Governor of Tennessee / Fort Campbell was the home to the 101st Airborne Division and the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment / From 1950 to 1962 the post operated an Airborne Course which trained nearly 30,000 soldiers as paratroopers before its inactivation

Ft. Benning, Georgia - Fort Benning, established in October 1918, is a United States Army base straddling the Alabama-Georgia border next to Columbus, Georgia / Ft. Benning was named after Henry L. Benning, a brigadier general in the Confederate States Army during the Civil War / Since 1918, Fort Benning has served as the Home of the Infantry / The Airborne School on Main Post has three 249-foot drop towers called "Free Towers" that were used to train paratroopers

Ft. Bragg, North Carolina - Fort Bragg is the largest military base in the world (by population) with more than 50,000 active



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duty personnel / The base is located within Cumberland, Hoke, Harnett and Moore counties, North Carolina / The fort is named for Confederate general Braxton Bragg / Following World War II, the 82nd Airborne Division was permanently stationed at Fort Bragg / Fort Bragg became a center for unconventional warfare, with the creation of the Psychological Warfare Center in April 1952

Camp Chickamauga, Japan - Camp Chickamauga is located near Beppu on the northeast coast of Kyushu, the most southern of Japan's main islands

Camp Stoneman, California - Named after George Stoneman, a cavalry commander during the Civil War, Camp Stoneman was located in Pittsburg, California / Activated in 1942, the facility served as a major staging area for the Army in World War II and the Korean War / Camp Stoneman was deactivated as a military post in 1954

Miscellaneous:

Frederick J. Forsyth graduated from Riverside High School and prior to military service, worked at SB Whistler & Sons Inc. in Medina, New York / After his Honorable Discharge from the Army, Forsyth returned to SB Whistler & Sons Inc. where he worked as a Machinist until his retirement in 1995 / Frederick Forsyth has remained very active in various veterans associations including the 82nd Airborne Association where he served as the Sunshine Chairman / Forsyth is also a member of the 187th Airborne Association and AMVETS Post 897

Airborne forces are military units, usually light infantry, set up to be moved by aircraft and "dropped" into battle, typically by parachute / They can be rapidly placed behind enemy lines, and have the capability to deploy almost anywhere with little warning / The formations are limited only by the number and size of their aircraft, so given enough capacity a huge force can appear "out of nowhere" in minutes, an action referred to as vertical envelopment / Airborne forces typically lack the supplies and equipment for prolonged combat operations, and are therefore more suited for airhead operations than for long-term occupation / Parachute operations are particularly sensitive to adverse weather conditions / Advances in helicopter technology since World War II have brought increased flexibility to the scope of airborne operations, and air assaults have largely replaced large-scale parachute operations, and (almost) completely replaced combat glider operations.



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Name: FORTH SR

Hometown: WEST SENECA

LEONARD P.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-5

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

518TH ORDNANCE COMPANY (DIRECT SUPPORT)

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/1 SERVICE STAR

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL-KOREA

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant Leonard P. Forth, Sr. served 15 months in Korea with the 518th Ordnance Company

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Leonard Forth, Sr. was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army on 17 July 1954 / Forth was a member and past Commander of the Francis J. Donovan American Legion Post 1626 in Cheektowaga / Leonard P. Forth, Sr. passed away on 11 February 2019

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 the Korean War to provide combat power to the U.S. Army

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Name: FOSTER

Hometown: BUFFALO

RAYMOND A.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1953

Unit / Squadron:

169TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN OCCUPATION MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Raymond Allan Foster was an Infantryman

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Raymond Allan Foster was employed by Di Bello Motor Sales prior to induction into the U.S. Army / Raymond Foster was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post 2940



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Name: **FOX JR.**

Hometown: EAST AURORA

FRED

F.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

FLEET MARINE FORCE

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Fred F. Fox, Jr. served as a Truck Driver (Heavy) with the Marine Corps

Base Assignments:

Fleet Marine Force (Atlantic), Norfolk, Virginia - Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic (FMFLANT) is an American maritime landing force that is spread across the Atlantic Ocean / It is headquartered at Naval Station Norfolk and directs and commands all the subordinate elements of the Navy Expeditionary Strike Force and Marine Air-Ground Task Force components that follow under the 2nd (Disestablished and merged with US Fleet Forces Command on 30 September 2011), 4th, and 6th Fleet and the Marine Forces Command (MarForCom)

Miscellaneous:

Fred Fox Jr., received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Marine Corps on 17 January 1954 / Fred F. Fox, Jr. passed away on 25 August 2017

The United States Fleet Marine Forces (FMF) are combined general- and special-purpose forces within the United States Department of the Navy that perform offensive amphibious or expeditionary warfare and defensive maritime employment / The Fleet Marine Forces (FMF) consists of Marine Corps' operating forces components that constitute the Fleet Marine Forces on the Pacific and Atlantic coasts / The Fleet Marine Forces provide the National Command Authority (NCA) with a responsive force that can conduct operations in any spectrum of conflict around the globe

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