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June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **MADISON**

Hometown: EAST AURORA

MARVIN

M.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

189TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL-GERMANY

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Marvin M. Madison was assigned to the U.S. Army Medical Services and was stationed in Germany

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Marvin Madison was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army on 7 May 1954 / Marvin M. Madison passed away on 11 August 2019

The 189th General Hospital was officially activated at Camp Barkeley, Abilene, Texas (Armored Division Camp & Medical Replacement Training Center) on 26 August 1944 / The 189th landed on Utah Beach on 15 October 1944 and eventually established a hospital in Mourmelon Sub Area, France / On 1 January 1945, the 189th Gen Hosp contained 891 patients of whom 618 were Prisoners of War / On 5 March 1945, the 189th was transferred to Camp Mourmelon, France

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Name: MADRID

Hometown: TONAWANDA

HERBERT

H.

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:

Following his Honorable Discharge from the United States Navy, Herbert Madrid went to work for the Superior Tool Company in North Tonawanda, retiring in 1995 after 25 years of employment / Herbert H. Madrid passed away on 7 October 2022 at the age of 93 years old



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Name: **MAGGIO**

Hometown: BUFFALO

ROBERT C.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-5

Year Entered: 1953

Year Discharged: 1955

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant Robert C. Maggio served in the Army as a Personnel Administrative Specialist

Base Assignments:

Ft. Benning, Georgia - Fort Benning is a United States Army post straddling the Alabama–Georgia border next to Columbus, Georgia and is named after Henry L. Benning, a brigadier general in the Confederate States Army during the Civil War/ Fort Benning supports more than 120,000 active-duty military, family members, reserve component soldiers, retirees and civilian employees on a daily basis / Since 1909, Fort Benning has served as the Home of the Infantry / Fort Benning is one of ten U.S. Army installations named for former Confederate generals / The congressionally mandated Naming Commission has recommended it be renamed Fort Moore after Lieutenant General Hal and Julia Moore

Miscellaneous:

Robert Maggio was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army on 17 February 1955 / Robert C. Maggio passed away on 7 June 2022

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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

Name: **MAIER**

Hometown: WILLIAMSVILLE

RALPH

J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment: KOREA

Service Notes:

Ralph J. Maier was deployed to the front lines during the Korean War to repair vehicles / Maier was also stationed in Tokyo, Japan to manage an Army Motor Pool

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Originally born in Lansing, Michigan, Ralph Maier moved to Williamsville in 1947 / in the late 1940's, Maier started his own auto repair business, Maier's garage, in Williamsville / After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army, Ralph Maier earned a Master's Degree in teaching from Buffalo State College / Selling his auto repair business, Maier joined the faculty at the Erie 1 BOCES Career and Technical Center on Potters Road in West Seneca / Ralph J. Maier passed away on 6 January 2023 in the Wellsville Manor Care Center, Wellsville, New York after a lengthy illness / Ralph Maier was 92 years old at the time of his passing



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Name: MAJCHRZAK

Hometown: BUFFALO

LEO S.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: MR2

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1957

Unit / Squadron:

USS CAPE ESPERANCE TCVU 88

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE RIBBON

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Machinery Repairman Second-Class Leo Stanley Majchrzak served as a repairman aboard ship

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

USS Cape Esperance (CVE-88) was a Casablanca-class escort carrier of the United States Navy / She was named after the Battle of Cape Esperance, an inconclusive naval engagement in support of the Guadalcanal campaign / Built for service during World War II, the ship was launched in March 1944, and commissioned on 9 April 1944, serving as a replenishment carrier / Postwar, she participated in Operation Magic Carpet / She was decommissioned on 22 August 1946, when she was mothballed in the Pacific Reserve Fleet / She was recommissioned on 5 August 1950, and assigned to become an auxiliary vessel as a part of Military Sealift Command / She was decommissioned again in January 1959, and ultimately sold for scrapping in May 1959

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Name: MALE

Hometown: WILLIAMSVILLE

DAVID G.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

BRONZE STAR MEDAL W/VALOR

PURPLE HEART - 2 MEDALS

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/3 SERVICE STARS

COMBAT ACTION RIBBON

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

NYS CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

David G. Male passed away on 8 August 2018

The Bronze Star Medal (BSM) is a is the fourth-highest individual military award and the ninth-highest by order of precedence in the United States Armed Forces / The Bronze Star is awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces for either heroic achievement, heroic service, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service in a combat zone / When the medal is awarded by the Army and Air Force for acts of valor in combat, the "V" Device is authorized for wear on the medal

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

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The Combat Action Ribbon (colloquially "CAR"), is a high precedence United States Navy, United States Coast Guard, and United States Marine Corps military decoration awarded to United States sea service members "who have actively participated in ground or surface combat" / Coast Guardsmen, Navy sailors, and Marines active in clandestine, stealth or



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special operations are deemed eligible for consideration of the award / The CAR is awarded to members of the Navy and Marine Corps with a rank no higher than captain and colonel, respectively

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The NYS Conspicuous Service Cross may be awarded to any current New York State citizen or person who was a New York State citizen while serving on federal active duty; whose entire service was honorable subsequent to the time of receipt of the citation while serving in the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or in the Army female nurse corps, and who has received a personal decoration issued by a brigade or equivalent higher headquarters. The Conspicuous Service Cross may also be awarded to any citizen of New York State, who while serving with the allied forces, received a personal decoration published in order issued by a brigade or equivalent higher headquarters



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Name: MALEK

Hometown: WEST SENECA

RICHARD M.

Address: LARKWOOD ROAD

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

82ND AIRBORNE

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Richard Malek attended high school in Buffalo / After receiving an Honorable Dscharge from the Army, Malek attended Erie Technological Institute and received a degree in Civil Engineering / Malek retired as a Civil Engineer from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) / Malek was a member of the 82nd Airborne Veterans Association and also served a a Boy Scoutmaster in Orchard Park / Richard M. Malek passed away on 27 December 2017

The 82nd Airborne Division is an airborne infantry division of the United States Army, specializing in parachute assault operations into denied areas / Based at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, the 82nd Airborne Division is part of the XVIII Airborne Corps / The 82nd Airborne Division is the U.S. Army's most strategically mobile division and is Sconsidered the most highly trained light infantry division in the world / The 82nd Division was first constituted on 5 August 1917 during World War I in the National Army / It was organized and formally activated on 25 August 1917 at Camp Gordon, Georgia / The 82nd Division was redesignated on 13 February 1942 during World War II, just two months after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the German declaration of war, as Division Headquarters, 82nd Division / It was recalled to active service on 25 March 1942, and reorganized at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, under the command of Major General Omar Bradley / The division returned to the United States on 3 January 1946 on the RMS Queen Mary / Instead of being demobilized, the 82nd found a permanent home at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, designated a Regular Army division on 15 November 1948 / The 82nd was not sent to the Korean War, as both Presidents Truman and Eisenhower chose to keep it in strategic reserve in the event of a Soviet ground attack anywhere in the world / In 1966, the 82nd went into action in Vietnam moving south to Saigon, and fought in the Mekong Delta, the Iron Triangle and along the Cambodian border, serving nearly 22 months / The 1st Brigade of the 82nd deployed in April 2005 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and returned in April 2006 / 1st Battalion, 325th Infantry Regiment deployed in support of OEF from July through November 2005.



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Hometown: ORCHARD PARK

RICHARD M.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Year Entered: 1949

Year Discharged: 1952

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY A, 317TH AIRBORNE FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT, 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Richard Malek was a longtime member of the 82nd Airborne Veterans Association / Richard M. Malek passed away on 27 December 2017 at the age of 86 years old

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Name: **MANCINI SR**

Hometown: DEPEW

MICHAEL E.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1953

Year Discharged: 1955

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY B, 597TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, 36TH FIELD ARTILLERY GROUP

Medals / Citations:

ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL-GERMANY

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Michael E. Mancini, Sr. served as a Wire Chief, Field during his 18 months of duty in Hanau, Germany

Base Assignments:

Hanau Army Garrison, Germany - The Hanau Army Garrison was located in the Central German state of Hessen / Although the base was run by the Americans, it was part of a wide net of military bases under the jurisdiction of NATO, run by the German regulations / The primary mission of this base was to support the military operations conducted everywhere in the world / U.S. Army Garrison Hanau was closed on April 18, 2008, marking the end of six decades of an American presence

Miscellaneous:

Michael Mancini received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army on 12 April 1955 / Michael E. Mancini, Sr. passed away on 16 May 2020

The Field Artillery is the branch of the army whose mission is to support the infantry by artillery fire, destroying, neutralizing or suppressing the enemy elements that threaten land forces / Increased mobility; fire direction centers, which enhanced their firepower; aerial observation; and radio communications increased the efficiency and accuracy to support ground forces

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Name: MARRANCA

Hometown: TONAWANDA

CARL J.

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Carl Marranca was the Past Commander of the M.J. Brounshidle Post #206, Commander of Chapter #63 - Korean War Veterans and a member of the Harry E. Crosby Post / Carl J. Marranca passed away on 11 July 2022

Miscellaneous:



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Name: MARTZOLF

Hometown: EAST AURORA

GEORGE E.

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:

George Martzolf was a retired Aeronautical Engineer at the Calspan Corporation / Martzolf was a Life Member of American Legion Post #362 in East Aurora / George E. Martzolf passed away on 27 December 2022 at the age of 89 years old



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Name: **MASSET**

Hometown: WEST SENECA

WILLIAM J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: SSGT

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant William J. Masset served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **MAYNARD**

Hometown: WILLIAMSVILLE

RICHARD W.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Richard William Maynard was stationed in Paris, France after his Army basic training

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Richard Maynard graduated from Springfield College where he earned a degree in Kinesiology / Maynard was the Buffalo Branch Manager for the World Book Encyclopedia / Richard William Maynard passed away at the age of 91 years old on 11 September 2022



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Name: MAZUROWSKI
ARTHUR

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Arthur Mazurowski was a US Army veteran and was a member of Leonard Post VFW Post 6211, St. Martha Parish Senior Club and Cheektowaga Seniors / Arthur J. Mazurowski passed away on 18 August 2020 at the age of 91 years old



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Name: MCGOLDRICK

Hometown: BUFFALO

JAMES J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Dr. James J. McGoldrick was a retired Professor of Language at Canisius College / Dr. McGoldrick was instrumental in founding the Dortmund Buffalo Sister City Program / Dr. James J. McGoldrick passed away at the age of 89 years old on 18 July 2022



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Name: **MCGRATH**

Hometown: WEST SENECA

JAMES J.

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Year Entered:

Year Discharged: KIA

Unit / Squadron:

38TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF KOREA WAR SERVICE MEDAL

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

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

Service Notes:

Private First Class James McGrath was a member of the 38th Infantry Division / He was Killed in Action on 12 February 1951 while fighting the enemy near Chipyeong-ni, South Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The Battle of Chipyeong-ni, also known as the Battle of Dipingli, was a decisive battle of the Korean War, that took place from 13–15 February 1951 between American and French units of the US 23rd Infantry Regiment and various units of the Chinese People's Volunteer Army (PVA) around the village of Chipyeong-ni / The result was a United Nations Command victory / Due to the ferocity of the Chinese attack and the heroism of the defenders, the battle has also been called, "...one of the greatest regimental defense actions in military history"

Private First Class James J. McGrath was 20 years of age at the time of his death



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Name: MCHUGH

Hometown: LACKAWANNA

PATRICK H.

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:

Patrick McHugh was a member of American Legion Post # 63 / Patrick H. McHugh passed away on 20 May 2022



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Name: **MCNAMARA**

Hometown: BUFFALO

RICHARD B

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Air Force, Richard McNamara went to work for General Motors, retiring after 32 years of service / Richard B. McNamara passed away on 8 March 2017



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Name: MICHAEL

Hometown: LACKAWANNA

RAYMOND

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SSGT

Year Entered: 1950

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

CHEMICAL CORPS, 31ST INFANTRY REGIMENT, 7TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/2 SERVICE STARS

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL (KOREA)

COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Raymond "Ray" Michael served in Korea with the Chemical Corps, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division / SSgt Michael saw much action during the Korean War and participated in the infamous Battle for Heartbreak Ridge in September-October 1951

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Raymond "Ray" Michael passed away 9 March 2017

The 31st Infantry Regiment has played a role in every major conflict and military operation involving the U.S. Army from World War I to the Global War on Terrorism / During the Korean War, elements of the 31st Infantry took part in operations around the Chosin Reservoir in late November as part of the 31st Regimental Combat Team (RCT) / After the armistice in July 1953, the 31st Infantry remained in Korea with the 7th Infantry Division

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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



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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 Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB) is a United States Army military award / The badge is awarded to infantrymen and Special Forces soldiers in the rank of colonel and below, who fought in active ground combat while assigned as members of either an Infantry, Ranger or Special Forces unit, of brigade size or smaller, any time after 6 December 1941

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Name: MILLER

Hometown: BUFFALO

MARVIN

P.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: AB2

Year Entered: 1955

Year Discharged: 1961

Unit / Squadron:

USS TICONDEROGA (CVA-14)

USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43)

Medals / Citations:

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

CHINA SERVICE MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION RIBBON (4TH AWARD)

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

Service Notes:

Aviation Boatswain's Mate Petty Officer 2nd Class Marvin P. Miller was trained as a Firefighter

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

USS Ticonderoga (CV/CVA/CVS-14) was one of 24 Essex-class aircraft carriers built during World War II for the United States Navy / The ship was the fourth US Navy ship to bear the name, and was named after the capture of Fort Ticonderoga in the American Revolutionary War / Ticonderoga was commissioned in May 1944, and served in several campaigns in the Pacific Theater of Operations, earning five battle stars / Decommissioned shortly after the end of the war, she was modernized and recommissioned in the early 1950s as an attack carrier (CVA), and then eventually became an antisubmarine carrier (CVS) / She was recommissioned too late to participate in the Korean War, but was very active in the Vietnam War, earning three Navy Unit Commendations, one Meritorious Unit Commendation, and 12 battle stars / The Ticonderoga was decommissioned 1 September 1973 / Her name was struck from the Navy list on 16 November 1973 and sold for scrap 1 September 1975

USS Coral Sea (CV/CVB/CVA-43), a Midway-class aircraft carrier, was the third ship of the United States Navy to be named for the Battle of the Coral Sea / She earned the affectionate nickname "Ageless Warrior" through her long career / Initially classified as an aircraft carrier with hull classification symbol CV-43, she was reclassified as a "Large Aircraft Carrier" with hull classification symbol CVB-43 on 15 July 1943 / Coral Sea was one of the last U.S Navy carriers to be completed with a straight flight deck, with an angled flight deck added on during later modernizations / The Coral Sea operated in the Mediterranean for duty with the Sixth Fleet from 9 September 1950 to 1 February 1951 / Coral Sea was decommissioned

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at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard on 24 May 1957 to receive a major conversion (SCB 110A) / Following the Gulf of Tonkin incident in August 1963, Coral Sea departed on 7 December 1964 for duty with the Seventh Fleet / On 7 February 1965, her aircraft, along with those from Ranger and Hancock, conducted Operation Flaming Dart against the military barracks and staging areas near Đồng Hới in the southern sector of North Vietnam / The raids were in retaliation for a damaging Viet Cong attack on installations around Pleiku in South Vietnam / On 26 March, the Seventh Fleet units began their participation in Operation Rolling Thunder, a systematic bombing of military targets throughout North Vietnam / Pilots from Coral Sea struck island and coastal radar stations in the vicinity of Vinh / On 3 April Vietnam People's Air Force MiG-17s attacked aircraft from Coral Sea and Hancock in the first United States aerial combat of the Vietnam conflict / On 12 to 14 May 1975, Coral Sea participated with other Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps forces in the Mayaguez incident, the recovery of the U.S. merchant ship SS Mayaguez and her 39 crew, illegally seized on 12 May in international waters by Khmer Rouge gunboats / On 25 March 1983, Coral Sea, having been reassigned to the Atlantic Fleet, left Alameda for her new homeport of Norfolk / The Navy sent the ship on a six-month around-the-world cruise, with ports of call in five countries / After nearly 43 years of service, the Coral Sea was decommissioned on 26 April 1990 and stricken from the Naval Vessel Register two days later / On 7 May 1993, she was sold for scrap, minus her electronics, weapons, and other usable equipment

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 Korean Service Medal (KSM) is a military award for service in the United States Armed Forces and was established November 8, 1950 by executive order of President Harry Truman / The Korean Service Medal is the primary US military award for service or participation in operations in the Korean area between June 27, 1950 and July 27, 1954

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 Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon is awarded to any qualifying unit of the Navy or Marine Corps that distinguishes itself by outstanding heroism in combat against a hostile foreign force or for extremely meritorious service not involving



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combat but in support of military operations



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Name: **MILLIGAN JR**

Hometown: LAKE VIEW

WALTER J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL.

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

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Walter Jay Milligan, Jr. was assigned to the Army Ordnance Corps stateside

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Walter Milligan was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army on 27 May 1954 / Milligan was a past Commissioner for the Lake View Fire Department, as well as an Honorary member of the Armor Volunteer Fire Department / Walter Jay Milligan, Jr. passed away on 20 March 2017

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 to provide combat power to the U.S. Army

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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

Name: **MIRCO SR.**

Hometown: BUFFALO

MICHAEL

V.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Michael V. Mirco, Sr. passed away on 20 October 2022



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Name: MONGER

Hometown: WEST SENECA

KENNETH R.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: PO2

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1956

Unit / Squadron:

USS MISSOURI (BB-63)

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/2 SERVICE STARS

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL-KOREA

EUROPEAN OCCUPATION MEDAL

CHINA SERVICE MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Petty Officer 2nd Class Kenneth R. Monger served as a Medalsmith, Welder 2nd Class while serving on the battleship USS Missouri (BB-63) for 40 months

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Kenneth Monger was Honorably Discharged from the United States Navy on 10 January 1956 / Kenneth R. Monger passed away on 11 March 2018

The USS Missouri (BB-63) is an Iowa-class battleship commissioned on 11 June 1944 and was the last battleship commissioned by the United States / The Missouri was assigned to the Pacific Theater during World War II, where she participated in the Battle of Iwo Jima and Okinawa / She shelled the Japanese home islands and her quarterdeck was the site of the surrender of the Empire of Japan, which ended World War II / Nicknamed the "Mighty Mo", she has been called the most historic battleship in the world / Missouri was the first American battleship to arrive in Korean waters and served as the flagship / She took part in numerous shore bombardment operations / The Missouri was decommissioned on 31 March 1992 and became a museum ship at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii as she watches over the remains of the Arizona and those interred within the Arizona's hull

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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

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Name: **MOSSMAN**

Hometown: ALDEN

ROBERT

W.

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:

After his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Navy, Robert W. Mossman joined the Cheektowaga Police Department / Mossman retired as a Police Detective after 32 years of service / Mossman also served as the Chief of Security at the Buffalo Bills Stadium / Robert W. Mossman passed away on 4 May 2022 at the age of 86 years old



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Name: MOURGAS

Hometown: BUFFALO

THOMAS L.

Address: T-5

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered: 1947

Year Discharged: 1949

Unit / Squadron:

706TH ORDNANCE (LM) COMPANY

"A" COMPANY, 124TH ARMORED ORDNANCE MAINTENANCE BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth Grade Thomas L. Mourgas served as an Ordnance Parts Clerk

Base Assignments:

Aberdeen Proving Grounds (APG) , Maryland - The Proving Grounds is a U.S. Army facility located adjacent to Aberdeen, Harford County, Maryland / APG is the U.S. Army's oldest active proving ground, established on 20 October 1917, six months after the U.S. entered World War I / Its location allowed design and testing of ordnance materiel to take place near contemporary industrial and shipping centers / At the peak of World War II, APG had billeting space for 2,348 officers and 24,189 enlisted personnel / Under the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) program, as announced in 2005, the APG is projected to lose the Ordnance School and associated R&D facilities with 3862 military and 290 civilian jobs moving to Fort Lee, Virginia

Camp Hillenmeyer, Kunsan, Korea - Kunsan Air Base is located on the coast of the Yellow Sea in western South Korea and falls under the command of the United States Air Force / It is one of only two United States Air Force installations in the Asian peninsula, with the other being found in Osan, nearly 6 hours away / The base was established in 1938 by occupying Japanese forces as an operating base / After the Japanese withdrawal, the United States took over the base / It first saw a limited use in 1945, and by 1949 only a small handful of US troops remained in the area / The close of 1949 saw the complete withdrawal of US troops from the Korean Peninsula, leaving the base completely vacant / The Korean War brought Kunsan Air Base back into action / When North Korean forces invaded the south in 1950, Kunsan Air Base was one of the first objectives to fall due its almost complete lack of defense / Within a few months US forces quickly regained the base and began stationing troops and assets at the location / The first resident of Kunsan Air Base, the 27th Fighter Escort Wing, became the main unit in 1951 / The 27th Fighter Escort Wing went on to become one of the most highly decorated Air Force units of the Korean War

Miscellaneous:



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The 706th Ordnance (LM) Company was activated 19 February 1943 at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland / Inactivated 2 November 1945 in Germany and activated 19 January 1948 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina / Reorganized and redesignated 21 November 1949 as the 6th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Squad / The broad mission of the Ordnance Corps is to supply Army combat units with weapons and ammunition, including at times their procurement and maintenance / Along with the Quartermaster Corps and Transportation Corps, it forms a critical component of the U.S. Army logistics system

Name: MULLERSCHON

Hometown: ELMA

A.

E.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch:

Rank: SGT

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

A. Ernst Mullerschon immigrated from Raidwangen, Germany to the United States in 1949 / In 1955, Mullerschon was employed by Krug's Sausage and Meats, retiring in 1993 / Mullerschon served as president, treasurer and director of the board for the Buffalo Schwaben Vereine and Chor / A. Ernst Mullerschon passed away on 14 October 2022 at the age of 95 years old



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Name: MURPHY

Hometown: TOWN OF TONAWANDA

THOMAS

M.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered: 1948

Year Discharged: 1952

Unit / Squadron:

USS WREN (DD-568)

USS BORIE (DD-704)

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Thomas M. Murphy worked in the engines rooms aboard the USS Wren and the USS Borie

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Thomas Murphy attended from Kenmore High School, later earning his GED / After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Navy, Murphy worked at the Linde plant before retiring in 1992 / Murphy is credited with saving the life of a neighborhood teenager by rescuing him from the second floor of his smoke-filled house while the house was on fire / Thomas M. Murphy passed away on 15 January 2023 at the age of 92 years old

USS Wren (DD-568) was a Fletcher-class destroyer of the United States Navy and named after Solomon Wren, a Sergeant in the marine Corps / In February 1804, Wren volunteered for the expedition to destroy the frigate USS Philadelphia, captured by the Tripolitan pirates on October 31, 1803 after grounding on an uncharted reef off Tripoli / Under the command of Lieutenant Stephen Decatur, Jr., Wren and 68 other sailors and marines entered Tripoli harbor on the night of February 16, in the ketch USS Intrepid and succeeded in setting fire to the former American ship during the First Barbary War / The USS Wren was commissioned on 20 May 1944 and saw duty with the Northern Pacific Force in the Aleutian Islands / Her duties there consisted largely of patrol and escort work between the islands of the Aleutian chain but did, participate in four shore bombardment missions against the Japanese Kuril Islands with Task Force 92 (TF 92) between November 1944 and April 1945 / In 1953, the Wren joined Task Force 77 (TF 77) in the Sea of Japan / While fast carriers conducted air operations there and in the Yellow Sea, the Wren provided screen and plane-guard services to them between 10 October and 26 November 1953 / Following that assignment, she joined the Australian carrier HMAS Sydney and provided similar services until mid-December 1953 when she returned to Japan / For the remainder of her active career, Wren operated out of Norfolk periodically making overseas deployments / Among her 2nd Fleet activities were midshipman summer cruises, some to northern European ports and others to West Indian and American ports / She



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also served with the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea on several occasions / Transferred to the Naval Reserve Force, the Wren was later used by a Naval Reserve unit in Houston, Texas and based in Galveston, Texas in the early 1960s / In December 1963, after almost a decade of duty with the Atlantic Fleet, the Wren was decommissioned and placed out of commission, in reserve / She spent the next 11 years in the Reserve Fleet, berthed at the Naval Inactive Ship Facility at Naval Station Philadelphia / In 22 October 1975, she was sold to the North American Smelting Co., Wilmington, Del., for scrapping / The USS Wren earned three battle stars during World War II / The ship is seen in the movie "Operation Petticoat" (Blake Edwards, 1959) / USS Wren is also portrayed as the destroyer that first communicates with "George Ray Tweed" in the 1962 Universal Pictures film "No Man is an Island" / Also seen in TV show 'Magnum, P.I.', [Operation Silent Night] Season 4, episode 10, 1983 (archival film footage only, since Wren had already been scrapped

USS Borie (DD-704), an Allen M. Sumner-class destroyer, was the second ship of the United States Navy to be named for Adolph E. Borie, Secretary of the Navy under President Ulysses S. Grant / The Borie was commissioned on 21 September 1944 and joined the Pacific Fleet, arriving at Pearl Harbor 4 January 1945 / She took part in the Iwo Jima bombardment (24 January) and invasion (19–23 February) / After joining TF 58, she participated in the Tokyo raids (16-17 and 25 February), Okinawa raid (1 March), and the raids in support of the occupation of Okinawa (17 March-14 May) / From 9 July-9 August, she served with TF 38 in its raids on the Japanese home islands / On 9 August, 4 kamikazes attempted to crash into Borie's, 1 achieving a hit on superstructure between the mast and the 5-inch gun director, causing extensive damage, killing 48 men, and wounding 66 / the 3 other were shot down or missed / After extensive repairs, the Borie remained in the Atlantic Fleet, except for one cruise to Korea (6 September 1950 – 9 June 1951), during which she served with TF 77 and took part in the Hungnam Evacuation / During a deployment (28 July-4 December 1956), she assisted in the evacuation of American nationals and United Nations truce teams from Haifa, Israel and Gaza, Egypt / She returned to more routine operations, with a few notable exceptions, her 1959 recovery of the Project Mercury nose cone and Sam, the space monkey and her 1960 surveillance duties with the Polaris missile submarines George Washington Carver and Robert E. Lee / In February 1968, Borie began her Vietnam deployment, serving in the Gulf of Tonkin as plane guard and completing radar picket duty / On the gun line, her gunners fired over 7,000 rounds at enemy positions at Phan Thiet and in the Mekong Delta / Returning to peacetime operations in 1969, Borie became a naval reserve training ship until June 1972, when she was decommissioned on 1 July 1972 / She was sold to the Argentine Navy and renamed Hipólito Bouchard (D-26) / She served in the Argentine navy until broken up for scrap in 1984 / The USS Borie received three battle stars for her World War II services and four battle stars for her participation in the Korean War



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Name: MURPHY

Hometown: TONAWANDA

THOMAS

M.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered: 1948

Year Discharged: 1952

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Thomas Murphy retired from the Linde Corporation / Murphy was a member of the Frontiersmen VFW Post 7545, Tonawanda, New York / Thomas M. Murphy passed away at the age of 92 years old on 15 January 2023



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Name: **MYSZEWSKI**

Hometown: ORCHARD PARK

FREDERICK J.

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:

Frederick J. "Fred" Myszewski passed away on 6 January 2022 at the age of 91 years old