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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: RADOS

Hometown: BUFFALO

JOHN

R.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Year Entered: 1948

Year Discharged: 1951

Unit / Squadron:

9TH INFANTRY DIVISION

COMPANY "G", 1ST BATTALION TROPIC REGIONS TEST CENTER (TRTC)

Medals / Citations:

SILVER STAR MEDAL

PURPLE HEART

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/5 BRONZE STARS

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

Service Notes:

Corporal John Richard Rados served as a Material Clerk / Corporal Rados received the Silver Star for gallantry under enemy fire in combat conditions / Corporal Rados received the Purple Heart for wounds sustained during combat operations

Base Assignments:

Fort Eustis, Virginia - Fort Eustis is a United States Army installation in Newport News, Virginia / Camp Abraham Eustis was established as a coast artillery replacement center for Fort Monroe and a balloon observation school / It was named for Brevet Brigadier General Abraham Eustis, a 19th-century U.S. military leader who had been the first commanding officer of Fort Monroe, a defensive fortification at the mouth of Hampton Roads about 15 miles east at Old Point Comfort in what is now the city of Hampton / Camp Abraham Eustis became Fort Eustis and a permanent military installation in 1923 / In 2010, Fort Eustis was merged with nearby Langley Air Force Base as Joint Base Langley-Eustis and its former sub-installation Fort Story was re-aligned as a Naval installation

Miscellaneous:

John R. Rados was a General Office Clerk for the New York Central Railroad prior to entering active service with the U.S. Army / Rados was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post 2940

The Silver Star Medal is the United States third highest military decoration for valor that can be awarded to any person serving in any capacity with the United States Armed Forces. The medal is awarded for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States. The gallantry displayed must have taken place while in action against an enemy of the United States, while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force, or while serving with



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friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force

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 9th Infantry Division was created as the 9th Division during World War I, but never deployed overseas / In later years, it would become an important unit of the U.S. Army during World War II and the Vietnam War / It was also activated as a peacetime readiness unit from 1947 to 1962 at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and Fort Carson, Colorado, and from 1972 to 1991 as an active-duty infantry division at Fort Lewis, Washington / Nicknamed the "Old Reliables", the division was eventually deactivated in December 1991

The Tropic Regions Test Center maintains an array of test areas in a variety of jungle and tropical open lands and coastal environments / The Tropic Regions Test Center accomplishes its mission using a combination of highly trained Army civilian personnel and support contractors / The test center's mission is to plan and conduct tropic environmental development tests on a wide variety of military electronic systems, materials, weapons, and equipment of all conceivable types, sizes, configurations and uses

The Korean War Service Medal, also known as the Republic of Korea War Service Medal, is a military award of South Korea which was first authorized in December 1950 / The Korean War Service Medal was first authorized to South Korean troops who had participated in the initial counter-assaults against North Korean aggression in June 1950 / On 15 September 1951, President Syngman Rhee referred to and authorized the commander-chief of the United Nations Command to confer the award of the "Korean War Medal" and "Korean War Ribbon" ("Korean War Service Medal"), "to the brave and valiant members of the United Nations Command who have been, and are now, combating the communist aggressor in Korea"



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Name: **REGER**

Hometown: WEST SENECA

FREDERICK R.

Address: BRIARWOOD DRIVE

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1953

Unit / Squadron:

804TH ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Frederick R. Reger was twice awarded as "Soldier of the Month"

Base Assignments:

Camp San Luis Obispo, California - Camp San Luis Obispo (formerly called Camp Merriam) was established in 1928 and is the original home of the California Army National Guard / The camp served as an Infantry Division Camp and Cantonment Area for the United States Army during World War II and also served as a Prisoner of War camp / During the Korean War, from early January 1950 to late 1953, the camp was used by the US Army for Signal Corps training / There were eight weeks of basic combat training, shorter than the usual 16 weeks for combat arms, followed by technical schools covering all aspects of the signal corps, from lineman and teletype, to cryptography

RAF Greenham Common - Royal Air Force Greenham Common or RAF Greenham Common is a former Royal Air Force station in Berkshire, England about 55 miles west of London / Opened in 1942, RAF Greenham Common was used by both the Royal Air Force and United States Army Air Forces during the Second World War and the United States Air Force during the Cold War / After the 1948 Berlin Blockade and the 1950 invasion of South Korea by the Korean People's Army, the perceived threat from the Soviet Union rose / On 23 April 1951, RAF Greenham Common was made available to the United States Air Force by the British Ministry of Defense as a Strategic Air Command base, with joint operations with the Royal Air Force units / RAF Greenham Common was closed in September 1992

Miscellaneous:

Frederick Reger graduated from West Seneca High School and prior to entering the military, Reger worked for the New York Telephone Company / After his Honorable Discharge from the Army, Reger returned to work for the New York Telephone Company / A lifelong resident of West Seneca, Reger was employed by New York Telephone for 46 years and retired as an engineer for NYNEX / Frederick R. Reger passed away in September 2013

804th Engineer Aviation Battalion - The 804th Engineer Battalion, Aviation was constituted on 18 June 1941 and activated



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at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii on 21 July 1941 / The unit was redesignated 804 Engineer Aviation Battalion on 1 August 1942 / When new airfields were needed or damaged airfields repaired, the Aviation Engineers cleared sites, graded and graveled them allowing fighter planes and transports to operate on runways



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Name: REVILLE

Hometown: EAST AURORA

PAUL

M.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1955

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Petty Officer 3rd Class Paul Michael Reville served as an Aviation Electronics Technician (AT) and was stationed with the Fleet Air Service Squadron-114 (FASRON-114) in Kodiak, Alaska

Base Assignments:

Naval Air Station Kodiak, Alaska - NAS Kodiak was built between September 1939 and 1944 as the main forward operating base for the defense of Alaska / During World War II the facilities included an airfield, a seaplane base and a submarine base / In 1972, the Air Station was turned over to the US Coast Guard

Miscellaneous:

Paul Reville received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Navy on 26 January 1955 / Paul Michael Reville passed away on 1 January 2020

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: REYNOLDS

Hometown: BLASDELL

ROBERT

B.

Address:

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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:

After his Honorable Discharge, Robert Reynolds worked for 30 years at the Ford Buffalo Stamping Plant / After his retirement from Ford, Reynolds reopened the Reynolds Tool and Die Corp / Robert Reynolds was a longtime member of UAW Local #897 / Robert Bruce "Cowboy Bob" Reynolds passed away on 27 September 2022 at the age of 91 plus years



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Name: RINGLE

Hometown:

HENRY

L.

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:

Henry Louis Ringle served one year in Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Henry Ringle retired from National Fuel after 37 years / Ringle served as the Business Agent for IBEW 2154 for 6 years / Henry Ringle was a member of the East Aurora Moose Lodge 370 and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 4781 in Ocala, Florida / Henry Louis Ringle passed away on 4 February at the age of 89 years old



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Name: **ROBINSON**

Hometown: LANCASTER

RICHARD

G.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS.

Rank: SSGT

Year Entered: 1949

Year Discharged: 1953

Unit / Squadron:

TANK BATTALION, 2ND MARINE DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

KOREA SERVICE MEDAL W/5 BRONZE STARS

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Richard Gerald Robinson served as a Tank Leader and received the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in combat operations

Base Assignments:

Camp Lejeune - Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune is a 246-square-mile United States military training facility in Jacksonville, North Carolina / Its 14 miles of beaches make the base a major area for amphibious assault training, and its location between two deep-water ports (Wilmington and Morehead City) allows for fast deployments

Miscellaneous:

Richard G. Robinson was employed as a Cafeteria Counterman at Lancaster High School prior to joining the U.S. Marines on 29 December 1949 / Richard Robinson was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post 2940

The 2nd Tank Battalion (2nd Tanks) was an armored battalion of the United States Marine Corps which was based out of the Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina / It fell under the command of the 2nd Marine Division and the II Marine Expeditionary Force / During the Korean War, most of the battalion's personnel immediately augmented the 1st Tank Battalion / It also provided the cadre for the 8th Tank Battalion, a wartime expansion force battalion / Garrison duty on the East Coast of the US involved support to routine deployments in the Mediterranean and Caribbean / 2nd Tank Battalion units became involved in two interventions in Lebanon, the Cuban Missile Crisis deployment, the Dominican Republic and the Guantanamo Base defense effort

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



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Name: ROSE SR

Hometown: BUFFALO

WARREN

A.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

1ST CAVALRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Warren A. Rose, Sr. served as a Combat Medic with the 1st Cavalry Division in Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Warren Rose retired from Dunlop Tires after 30 years of service / Warren A. "Rosey" Rose, Sr. passed away on 27 July 2018

The 1st Cavalry Division ("First Team") is a combined arms division and is one of the most decorated combat divisions of the United States Army / It is based at Fort Hood, Texas / It was formed in 1921 and served during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, with the Stabilization Force in Bosnia-Herzegovina, in the Iraq War, in the War in Afghanistan and in Operation Freedom's Sentinel / The unit is unique in that it has served as a horseback cavalry division until 1943, an infantry division, an air assault division and an armored division during its existence / In the summer of 1950, North Korea attacked South Korea, and the 1st Cavalry Division was rushed to Korea to help shore up the Pusan Perimeter / During the Korean War, the 1st Cavalry Division suffered 3,811 killed in action and 12,086 wounded in action



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Name: RUGG

Hometown: HOLLAND

RICHARD

W.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank: LT COL

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Lieutenant Colonel Richard W. Rugg served in the Air Force during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Richard W. Rugg passed away on 14 September 2017



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Name: RUNO

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

ALFRED

A.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: SSGT

Year Entered: 1948

Year Discharged: 1952

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/3 SERVICE STARS

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL (KOREA)

COLD WAR SERVICE MEDAL

NYS CONSPICUOUS SERVICE STAR MEDAL

NYS MEDAL FOR MERIT

COMBAT ACTION RIBBON

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT (RIFLE)

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

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Alfred A. Runo served as a Mortar Unit Leader / Runo served on Guam from December 1948 - February 1950, and in Japan and Korea from August 1950 - July 1951

While stationed in Korea, SSgt. Runo participated in the assault and seizure of Inchon; the capture and securing of Seoul; the Wonsan-Hungnam-Chosin Campaign in Northern Korea; and operations against enemy forces in South and Central Korea. As one of the "Chosin Frozen", Runo came close to loosing his toes

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Alfred Runo received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Marine Corps on 1 August 1952 / Alfred A. Runo passed away on 25 January 2023 at the age of 91 years old and interred at St. Stanislaus Cemetery

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The Cold War Service Medal Act authorizes a service medal for those in the military between September 1945 and December 1991 who served on active duty for 24 consecutive months during the Cold War; were deployed outside of the continental U.S. for a period of at least 30 days during the Cold War; or were a member of a reserve unit called to active duty to participate in exercises or operations directly related to the Cold War

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

The NYS Medal for Merit 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; or, a non-New York State citizen who is an active member in the New York State organized militia, and as an active member in the New York State organized militia, served with units of the New York State organized militia while on federal active duty for purposes other than training and/or annual training; whose entire service was honorable and who were recipients of a valor, achievement, commendation, or meritorious service decoration, of a lesser degree than required for the award of the Conspicuous Service Cross, or whose service was in direct support of combat operations while serving in the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard / This medal shall be awarded only to those persons whose entire service, subsequent to the time of receipt of the citation, shall have been honorable

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 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 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



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that a standard enlistment was completed without any non-judicial punishment, disciplinary infractions, or court martial offenses

Name: **RUSSO**

Hometown: BUFFALO

PHILLIP

E.

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:**

Service Notes:

Phillip E. Russo earned a Master's Degree in Education during his military service

Base Assignments:

Alaska

Miscellaneous:

Phillip Russo taught 31 years in the Maryvale School System before retiring in 1990 / Phillip E. Russo passed away on 30 December 2022 at the age of 93 years old



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Name: RYAN JR.

Hometown: BUFFALO

JAMES

F.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank: A1C

Year Entered: 1950

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

729TH AIR CONTROL WING (AC&W)

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Airman First-Class James Francis Ryan Jr. was a Senior Radio Intercept Operator

Base Assignments:

Air Force Training Center, Kessler Air Force Base -Biloxi, Mississippi - Keesler Air Force Base is part of the Air Education and Training Command, and its primary mission, since 1941, has been training / The emphasis is on high-technology training in a number of fields, primarily in the electronics specialties

Robins Air Firce Base - A major United States Air Force installation, Robins AFB is located in Houston County, Georgia, just east of the city of Warner Robins / The base is named in honor of Brig Gen Augustine Warner Robins, the Air Force's "father of logistics" / The host unit at Robins AFB is the 78th Air Base Wing (78 ABW) which provides services and support for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex and its tenant organizations

Robins AFB is the home of the Air Force Materiel Command's Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex (WR-ALC) (FLZ) which is the worldwide manager for a wide range of aircraft, engines, missiles, software and avionics and accessories components

Miscelleaneous:

James Ryan Jr. was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post 2940

The 729th Air Control Squadron is a Control and Reporting Center (CRC) assigned to the 552d Air Control Group, 552d Air Control Wing / The 729th's mission is focused around providing air control (radar) services for combat air operations / Officially, the 729th provides a mobile, combat-rated, senior radar element of the Theater Air Control System for



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worldwide contingencies / Additionally the 729th provides combat and control of joint air operations by conducting surveillance identification, weapons control, Battle Management and theater communications data link

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