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June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** SAYGER

**Hometown:** CHEEKTOWAGA

RONALD

G.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Ronald G. Sayger passed away on 19 December 2022 and interred at Mt. Calvary Cemetery



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**Name:** SCARCELLO SR.

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

JOSEPH 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:** KOREA

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Joseph J. Scarcello was a member of American Legion Post #735 and the Monsignor Nash Council #3875 Knights of Columbus / Joseph J. Scarcello Sr. passed away on 14 June 2022



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**Name:** SCHACK

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

HARRY N.

**Address:**

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** E-4

**Year Entered:** 1951

**Year Discharged:** 1953

**Unit / Squadron:**

71ST CHEMICAL COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

KOREA SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL-KOREA.

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Harry Norman Schack served 11 months in Korea with the 71st Chemical Company / Cpl Schack participated in the infamous Battle of Pork Chop Hill

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Harry Schack received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army on 1 August 1953 / After his Army service, Harry Schack attended the University of Buffalo, receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Chemistry in 1959 / Schack was a past Commander of the Harvey D. Morin, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Post #2940 / Harry Norman Schack passed away on 14 May 2018 at the age of 89 years old

The 71st Chemical Company was constituted on 16 May 1942 and participated in the Third Korean Winter Campaign and the Korean Summer 1953 Campaign / The Company was awarded the Army Meritorious Commendation in 1953

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

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



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Korea, who participated in the defense of South Korea from North Korea between the dates of 27 June 1950 and 27 July 1954

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:** SCHMITT

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

RICHARD A.

**Address:** 2 BOURBON COURT

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Year Entered:** 1953

**Year Discharged:** 1956

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "G", 350TH INFANTRY

**Medals / Citations:**

KOREAN WAR SERVICE MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Richard A. Schmitt developed food poisoning on the way to the Korean front and was treated on the medical ship, USS Repose (AH-16) before continuing to his station in South Korea / Schmitt was a Browning Automatic Rifleman (BAR) while stationed on Hill 555 in South Korea

Following his tour in Korea, Coporal Schmitt was reassigned to Mannheim, Germany where he was stationed for one-and-a-half years before being discharged from active duty

**Base Assignments:**

Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Pennsylvania - Authorized in 1929, Indiantown Gap, the installation was used by the National Guard until 1940 when the reservation was leased to the Federal government / Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, the post was used to train soldiers for combat / Over 250,000 soldiers passed through the Indiantown Gap Military Reservation on the way to the European battlefront / At the end of the war, Indiantown Gap converted from a staging center to a Separation Center for GIs from Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Michigan / During the Korean War, the Fifth Infantry was quartered at the Gap and trained replacement troops for assignment to Korea / During the Vietnam War and its aftermath, Indiantown Gap hosted summer camps for the Reserve Officer Training Corps, and twice served as a Refugee Resettlement Camp / In 1975, the year the Reservation officially became Fort Indiantown Gap, its barracks sheltered over 32,000 Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees while they were processed and waiting for sponsorship / In 1980 it housed some 19,000 Cubans until they were placed with sponsors / Ownership of the Indiantown Gap Military Reservation reverted back to the commonwealth of in 1998

Fort Devens, Massachusetts - Camp Devens was established on 5 September 1917 and was named after jurist and Civil War general Charles Devens / At the onset of World War II, Fort Devens was designated a reception center for all men in New England who would serve one year as draftees / Devens also housed a prisoner of war camp for German and Italian



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prisoners from 1944 to 1946 / The 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division was located at Fort Devens from 1946 to 1950 / A battalion from Fort Devens was redesignated as the Third Battalion, Eighth Cavalry Regiment, and sent to Korea to join the 1st Cavalry Division / In the 1950s or 1960s the fort was home to the 56th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, part of 1st Region, Army Air Defense Command / Fort Devens was the home of the 10th Special Forces Group (Mountain), less 1st Battalion based in (West) Germany, from 1968 until the Group's move to Fort Carson, Colorado in 1995 / It was also the home of the 39th Engineer Battalion (CBT) until the 39th was inactivated in 1992 / The U.S. Army post which resided at Fort Devens was officially closed in 1996 after 79 years of service

Fort Carson, Colorado - Fort Carson is a United States Army installation located near the city of Colorado Springs and was established in 1942, following Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor / Camp Carson was named in honor of the legendary Army scout, General Christopher "Kit" Carson, who explored much of the West in the 1800s / During World War II, over 100,000 soldiers trained at Camp Carson / Nurses, cooks, mule packers, tank battalions, a Greek infantry battalion, and an Italian ordnance company trained at Camp Carson during the war years / Camp Carson was also home to nearly 9,000 Axis prisoners of war – mostly Italians and Germans / Camp Carson was designated Fort Carson in 1954 and in the 1960s, mechanized units were assigned to the fort

## Miscellaneous:

Richard A. Schmitt attended Kensington High School in Buffalo prior to enlisting in the Army / After receiving a Honorable Discharge, Schmitt worked for Sahlen's Meat Packing Company in Buffalo, New York where he retired as a supervisor after 33 years of employment / Richard Schmitt is a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post 8113 and American Legion Post 735

The Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR) is a family of American automatic rifles and machine guns used by the United States and designed by John Browning in 1917 / The BAR was designed to be carried by infantrymen during an assault advance while supported by the sling over the shoulder, or to be fired from the hip / The BAR was used as a light machine gun, often fired from a bipod (introduced on models after 1938) / Although the weapon did see some action in World War I, the BAR did not become standard issue in the US Army until 1938, when it was issued to squads as a portable light machine gun / The BAR saw extensive service in both World War II and the Korean War and saw limited service in the Vietnam War / The US Army began phasing out the BAR in the late 1950s

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-in-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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The Presidential Unit Citation, originally called the Distinguished Unit Citation, is awarded to units of the United States



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Armed Forces for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy on or after 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:** **SCHRUEFER**

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

**RAYMOND J.**

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Year Entered:** 1952

**Year Discharged:** 1954

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/1 BRONZE STAR

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

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

**Service Notes:**

Corporal

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Raymond John Schruefer was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post 2940

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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

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:** SCHULTZ

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

THOMAS J.

**Address:** 268 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Year Entered:** 1952

**Year Discharged:** 1954

**Unit / Squadron:**

1745TH COMPANY "C", 35TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

**Medals / Citations:**

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/1 BRONZE STAR

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Private Thomas Joseph Schultz served as an Infantryman

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Thomas J. Schultz was a Millwright Helper for Bethlehem Steel prior to military service in the U.S. Army / Schultz was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post 2940



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**Name:** SCHWAB

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

LYLE

P.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** SGT

**Year Entered:** 1950

**Year Discharged:** 1952

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS RIBBON

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

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant

**Base Assignments:**

Camp LeJeune, North Carolina - 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:**

Lyle Philip Schwab was a Truck Driver for S.M. Flickinger Company prior to enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps / Schwab was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post 2940



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**Name:** **SCIANDRA**

**Hometown:** CLARENCE

**MILDRED**

**W.**

**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:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Mildred W. Sciandra passed away 29 January 2023



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**Name:** SELBERT

**Hometown:** CHEEKTOWAGA

HENRY

P.

**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:**

Henry "Bud" Selbert retired after 30 years of law enforcement with the Cheektowaga Police Force / Henry P. Selbert passed away on 12 August 2022 at the age of 92 years old



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**Name:** SHATZEL

**Hometown:** CHEEKTOWAGA

LEON

F.

**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:**

Leon F. Shatzel passed away on 1 January 2023 at the age of 89 years old



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**Name:** SPAGNOLA

**Hometown:** TONAWANDA

JOSEPH

F.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SSGT

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

Staff Sergeant

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Joseph Spagnola was the owner of Joe Spag's Restaurant and JFS Parking / Joseph "Joe Spags" Spagnola passed away on 14 August 2021



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**Name:** SPERDUTI

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

JAMES

V.

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** U.S. MARINE CORPS

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

James V. Sperduti passed away on 20 December 2021



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**Name:** STACHOWICZ

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

JAN

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** E-3

**Year Entered:** 1951

**Year Discharged:** 1953

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

BRONZE STAR W/COMBAT "V"

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL FOR KOREA

NAVY/MARINE COMBAT ACTION RIBBON

KOREAN STAR MEDAL W/ 3 BRONZE SERVICE STARS

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Jan "John" Stachowicz served as an Intelligence Specialist and was awarded the Bronze Star for his heroic actions during hostile conditions while serving in Korea

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Jan Stachowicz was Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps on 7 December 1953 / Jan "John" Stachowicz passed away on 24 June 2022

The Bronze Star Medal (BSM) is a 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

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The Combat Action Ribbon 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





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deemed eligible for consideration of the award / The Combat Action Ribbon is awarded when there is evidence that the Sailor/Marine engaged the enemy, was under hostile fire, or was physically attacked by the enemy / The service member must have demonstrated satisfactory performance under enemy fire while actively participating in a ground or surface engagement

**Name:** STACHOWICZ

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

JAN

**Address:**

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:**

**Year Entered:**

**Year Discharged:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

BRONZE STAR

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

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Jan Stachowicz passed away on 24 June 2022

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**Name:** SWARTZ SR.BUFFAL  
LAWRENCE D.

**Hometown:**

**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:**

Lawrence Swartz was a member of the Ghostlight Theater Company and a longtime employee of Niagara Frontier Transit Authority (NFTA) Metro / Lawrence "Larry" D. Swartz Sr. passed away on 14 January 2022 at the age of 89 years old