



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



Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **LABBY**

**HENRY**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY - AIR FORCE

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

TRANSPORTATION CORPS

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

New Orleans Army Airbase (New Orleans, Louisiana) - During World War II, the airfield was used by the United States Army Air Forces and housed the Tropical Weather School in 1945

*Miscellaneous:*

The Transportation Corps was established 31 July 1942 and was a combat service support branch of the U.S. Army / The Transportation Corps was responsible for the movement of personnel and material by truck, rail, air, and sea / By the end of World War II, the Transportation Corps had moved more than 30 million soldiers within the continental United States; and 7 million soldiers plus 126 million tons of supplies overseas



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**Name:** **LABUNSKI**  
**SIGMOND**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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**Name:** LACHAT

GEORGE

F.

**Address:** 56 LAFAYETTE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

141ST ORDNANCE COMPANY, M.M. (MEDIUM MAINTENANCE)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Corporal George F. Lachat served as a cook and also drove ordnance trucks

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Atterbury, Indiana - The camp was named for William Wallace Atterbury (1866–1935), an executive of the Pennsylvania Railroad who ultimately became the railroad's president / Camp Atterbury was also used as a prisoner of war camp, housing German and Italian soldiers

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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**Name:** **LAGLER**

**JOSEPH**

**A.**

**Address:** 26 KIRKWOOD DRIVE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

56TH MALARIA CONTROL UNIT

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Corporal

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The United States Army faced difficult malaria control problems both at home and abroad during World War II / Malaria had a significant impact on the operations and battles of the South Pacific / This challenge forced the Army to develop new tools and strategies for use in malaria's areas where fighting was occurring / Due to the severe malaria problems being faced in some combat areas and the need to solve these problems quickly, intensive malaria research and operational programs were developed and implemented / With these concerted efforts and the simultaneous development of new control technologies, malaria was successfully controlled in most locations

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**Name:** LAHRS

GEORGE

E

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** A/S

**Unit / Squadron:**

U.S. NAVY CAMP 724

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Apprentice Seaman

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Peary, Virginia - Located near Williamsburg, Virginia, Camp Peary is named for Arctic explorer Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary / During World War II, beginning in 1942, Camp Peary was initially used as a Seabee training base / More than 100,000 men would go through the camp before training there ceased in June of 1944 / During that period the Seabees established over 60 trade schools on the base / Some of its first graduates included the first six classes of Seabee volunteers for the Naval Combat Demolition Units / After June 1944 Seabee boot camp was moved to Camp Endicott, Quonset Point, Rhode Island / Camp Peary's mission changed when the camp became a prisoner-of-war center for captured German naval personnel / In June 1961, the U.S. Navy vacated Camp Peary and the camp became a training facility run by the Central Intelligence Agency

**Miscellaneous:**

An Apprentice Seaman was knowledgeable in naval drill duties, knots, steering and signaling / Also stood watch and handled gunnery duties

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**Name:** **LAMBERT**

**WILLIAM**

**E.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* NAVY

*Rank:* FC 1/C

*Unit / Squadron:*

USS TUTUILA (ARG-4)

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

PACIFIC THEATER

*Service Notes:*

Fire Controlman First-Class William E. Lambert served on the USS Tutuila during 1944-46 / Lambert was responsible for installation and repair of Fire Control equipment

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

Fire Controlmen provided system employment recommendations; performed organizational and intermediate maintenance on weapon subsystems, and systems; operated and maintained combat and weapons direction systems, surface-to-air and surface-to-surface missile systems, and gun fire control systems at the organizational and intermediate level / Fire Controlmen operated the weapons sensors and tracking devices, from first detection through firing the weapons, to defending the ship against tactical threats or to make offensive strikes against hostile targets

USS Tutuila (ARG-4) was a Luzon-class internal combustion engine repair ship that was named for the Island of Tutuila, the largest and main island of American Samoa / Commissioned on 8 April 1944, it was the second US Naval vessel to bear the name / Early in August 1944, the Tutuila joined Service Squadron (ServRon) 10, based at Purvis Bay, in the Solomon Islands / The Tutuila served the Fleet as a floating advance base as it swept its way across the Pacific toward Japan / For the final year of the war, the repair ship engaged in round-the-clock work schedules and aided in the buildup for the operations which led to the liberation of the Philippines from the Japanese occupation / Decommissioned in 7 December 1946, the Tutuila earned 7 battle stars / After serving for nearly 30 years, the USS Tutuila was sold to the Republic of China in 1972



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**Name:** LAMBING

PAUL

R.

**Address:** 135 BROOKSIDE DRIVE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "C", 299TH ENGINEERING BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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**Name:** LANG

MELVIN

J.

**Address:** 29 LIND AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/4

**Unit / Squadron:**

BATTERY "A", 230TH A.A.A. BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON W/4 BRONZE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL W/2 BRONZE STARS

BRONZE ARROWHEAD

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fourth-Grade (Sergeant)

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military awarded to any member of the United States Military who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945 / The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal awarded Bronze service stars to all services for participation in designated campaigns and a bronze arrowhead device was awarded for participation in designated Army amphibious and airborne combat assaults

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**Name:** LANG

ROY

W.

**Address:**

SENECA CREEK ROAD

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S. 2/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

REPLACEMENT GROUP, N.C.T.C. (NAVAL CONSTRUCTION TRAINING CENTER)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Seaman Second-Class Roy W. Lang served in the South Pacific, stationed in Guam

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Endicott (Davisville, Rhode Island) - Camp Endicott was a United States Navy Seabee facility part of Davisville Naval Construction Battalion Center / The camp was named in honor of Rear Admiral Mordecai T. Endicott, the first Civil Engineer Corps Officer to be appointed Chief of the former Bureau of Yards and Docks

**Miscellaneous:**

After his Honorable Discharge from the Navy, Roy W. Lang was employed by the Gardenville Lumber Company until 1977 / Lang then went to work for the Erie County Parks Department as a Purchasing Agent until his retirement in 1991 / Roy W. Lang was a life member of Harvey D. Morin VFW Post 2940, life member and Past President of Union Fire Co., life member of Erie Lodge #22 IOOF, member of Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #2351 in Surf Side Beach, SC and inducted in the WNY Softball Hall of Fame in 1970 / Roy W. Lang passed away on 9 September 2010

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

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



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**Name:** **LANGE**

**EARL**

**W.**

**Address:** 29 LIND AVENUE

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

487TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

352ND FIGHTER SQUADRON

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	6 BATTLE STARS
DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION W/OAK LEAF CLUSTER	MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN - RIFLE
MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT - CARBINE	MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT - THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUN
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL	

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Earl W. Lange earned 6 Battle Stars for combat action in Belgium

**Base Assignments:**

Bodney Air Field, England - Royal Air Force Bodney or more simply RAF Bodney is a former Royal Air Force Station located 4.5 miles west of Watton, Norfolk, England / Originally built as an RAF Bomber Command airfield during 1939-1940, Bodney was transferred to the United States Army Air Forces in the summer of 1943 / Placed under the jurisdiction of VIII Fighter Command of Eighth Air Force, it was primarily the home of the 352d Fighter Group, the "Blue Nosed Bastards of Bodney" / The unit briefly moved to Belgium in January 1945 due to the Battle of the Bulge, although it returned in April / The base was closed after the 352d returned to the United States in November 1945

Asch Air Field, Belgium - originally constructed by the German Army Air Corps in March 1917, Asch Air Field became the Flying School of the Belgian Military Aviation until 1924 / In November 1944 a new airfield near the World War I field was constructed by the United States Army Air Forces / Asch was home to North American P-51 Mustangs of the 352nd Fighter Group, Eighth Air Force (which included the 328th Fighter Squadron, led by George Preddy); and P-47 Thunderbolts from 366th Fighter Group, Ninth Air Force, from 19 November 1944 – 11 April 1945 / The 406th Fighter Group, also flew from the airfield in P-47s from 8 February – 15 April 1945 / The fighter planes flew support missions, patrolling roads in front of the beachhead; strafing German military vehicles and dropping bombs on gun emplacements, anti-aircraft artillery and concentrations of German troops when spotted / With the end of the war in Europe, the airfield was closed by the Americans on 20 June 1945 and



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the airfield was taken over by the Belgian Air Force

Chièvres Air Base, Belgium - Chièvres Air Base was a United States Army - Air Force operated airfield located near the town of Chièvres in the province of Hainaut, Belgium / The first airfield at Chièvres was established in 1914 by the Germans during their occupation of Belgium in World War I and rebuilt by the Belgian Army in the 1930s / Shortly after its capture in May 1940 by the German Army, the airfield was turned over to the Luftwaffe, and Chièvres became a major air base during the Battle of France, heavily engaged in combat operations with the French and the British Expeditionary Force in France / Targeted by the Ninth Air Force, the Luftwaffe was forced to withdraw from the base by 1 September 1944, leaving the installation heavily damaged / On 3 September 1944, Allied troops arrived and assumed command of the airbase and repaired the runways and by the middle of September 1944, ready for combat missions against the German Army / After the German surrender Chièvres became both a transit station for US soldiers returning home and a German POW camp / By the end of 1945 the base was turned over to the Belgian authorities

### *Miscellaneous:*

The 487th Fighter Squadron was activated in September 1942 and deployed to Bodney Air Field, England during June 1943 from Republic AAF New York and began combat operations in July 1942 / Initially using Republic P-47 Thunderbolts, until they received drop tanks, the missions were largely limited to the Dutch coast / The group flew numerous escort missions to cover the operations of bombers that attacked factories, V-weapon sites, submarine pens, and other targets on the Continent / The 352d participated in missions that bombers struck German aircraft factories during Big Week, 20–25 February 1944, and after conversion to North American P-51 Mustangs, received a Distinguished Unit Citation for performance in Germany on 8 May 1944 while escorting bombers to targets in Brunswick, the group routed an attack by a numerically superior force of German interceptors and then continued the battle against the enemy planes until lack of ammunition and shortage of fuel forced the group to withdraw and return to its base / Re-equipped with the P-51 Mustang on 8 April, the group flew counter-air patrols, and on many occasions strafed and dive-bombed airfields, locomotives, vehicles, troops, gun positions, and various other targets / P-51s of the 352d were identified by solid blue cowlings and rudders, for which the group was nicknamed "The Blue Nosed Bastards of Bodney" / The Group supported the invasion of Normandy in June 1944 by strafing and dive-bombing enemy communications, assisted the Allies in breaking through the German line at Saint-Lô in July, and participated in the airborne attack on the Netherlands in September 1944 / After the Germans launched a counteroffensive in the Ardennes in December 1944, the group's planes and pilots were sent to Chievres Belgium and placed under the control of Ninth Air Force for operations in the Battle of the Bulge (December 1944-January 1945) / During that battle, on 1 January 1945, action by the detachment earned for the group the French Croix de Guerre with Palm: just as 12 of the detachment's planes were taking off for an area patrol, the aerodrome was attacked by about 50 German fighters; in the aerial battle that followed, the 352d shot down almost half the enemy planes without losing any of its own / In February 1945 the remainder of the group joined the detachment at Chiveres Belgium for operations under the control of Eighth AF / While based on the Continent, the group participated in the airborne assault across the Rhine in March 1945 / The 352d Returned to Bodney in April and continued operations until a few days before V-E Day / The group returned to Camp Kilmer New Jersey and was inactivated on 10 November / The group flew 420 missions, 59,387 operational combat hours, destroyed 776 enemy aircraft and had 29 aerial aces

On January 1, 1945, Asch airfield was the site of a major aerial battle during the Luftwaffe's Operation



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Bodenplatte / The FW-190's and BF-109's of JG-11 arrived at Asch just as the 487th FS of the 352nd FG were rolling down the runway, the ensuing battle came to be known as the Legend of Y-29 / The pilots of the 487th Fighter Squadron who took off did so under fire and in the face of overwhelming odds / The 487th scored 23 kills while suffering only 2 damaged aircraft in the face of 3:1 odds / For their performance the 487th received the only Distinguished Unit Citation given to a fighter squadron in the European theatre

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Battle (Combat) Stars were presented to military personnel who were engaged in specific battles in combat under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action

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

An oak leaf cluster is a miniature metal device worn by members of the uniformed services of the United States on medals and ribbons issued by the United States Army, Air Force, and Department of Defense to denote subsequent decorations and awards / It is bronze or silver in appearance, formed as a twig of four oak leaves with three acorns on the stem / The bronze oak leaf cluster represents one additional award, while the silver oak leaf cluster is worn in lieu of five bronze oak leaf clusters

A Marksmanship Badge is a military badge of the United States Armed Forces presented to personnel upon successful completion of a weapons qualification course or high placement in an official marksmanship competition / The U.S. Military's Marksmanship Qualification Badges are awarded in three grades (highest to lowest): Expert, Sharpshooter, and Marksman

The Thompson submachine gun is an American submachine gun invented by John T. Thompson in 1918 to replace the bolt action service rifles in use / The Thompson was used in World War II by Allied troops as a weapon for scouts, non-commissioned officers (corporal, sergeant, and higher), and patrol leaders, as well as commissioned officers, tank crewmen, and soldiers performing raids on German positions / Over 1.5 million military Thompson submachine guns were produced during World War II

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:* **LANGE**

**KENNETH**

**G.**

*Address:* 29 LIND AVENUE

*Service Branch:* MARINE CORPS

*Rank:* PFC

*Unit / Squadron:*

M.A.G. 62 (MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP), BARRACKS 216, M.C.A.S. (MARINE CORPS AIR STATION)

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Private First-Class

*Base Assignments:*

Cherry Point, North Carolina - V.M.B. 621 (Fixed Wing Marine Bombing Squadron) / Commissioned in 1942, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point or MCAS Cherry Point is a United States Marine Corps airfield located in Havelock, North Carolina / Cherry Point's primary World War II mission was to train units and individual Marines for service to the Pacific theater / The air station also served as a base for anti-submarine operations, with an Army Air Corps (22d Antisubmarine Squadron) and later a Navy squadron each being responsible for the sinking of a German U-boat just off the North Carolina coast during 1943

*Miscellaneous:*

The United States Marine Corps Aviation was the air component of the United States Marine Corps / During World War II, The Marine Corps Aviation had 5 air wings, 31 aircraft groups and 145 flying squadrons / During the course of the war, Marine Aviators were credited with shooting down 2,355 Japanese aircraft while losing 573 of their own aircraft in combat, they had 120 aces and earned 11 Medals of Honor



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**Name:** **LANGENDORFER**

**IRVING**

**W.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** F. 1/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

S.S.C. E.M. 10-45 (SUBMARINE SUPPLY CENTER) (ENGINE MAINTENANCE)

USS CULEBRA ISLAND (ARG-7)

US NAVY SECTION BASE NAVY 3133, CEBU, P.I.

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Fireman First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

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

Section Base #3133, Cebu, Philippines - Cebu is a province of the Philippines located in the Central Visayas region, and consisting of a main island and 167 surrounding islands and islets / The Battle for Cebu City was a major engagement of World War II that occurred between 26 March and 8 April 1945, during the second Philippines Campaign / The battle resulted in an Allied victory over the occupying Japanese Army and the liberation of Cebu City.

**Miscellaneous:**

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

The USS Culebra Island (ARG-7) was a Luzon-class internal combustion engine repair ship in the service of the United States Navy in World War II / Named after Culebra, an island between Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, it was the only ship of the Navy to bear this name / The Culebra was commissioned on 19 May 1944 and



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dispatched to Milne Bay, New Guinea on 16 August 1944 / The Culebra remained on repair duty and prepared ships for the Leyte (Philippines) operation / On 14 April 1945 she sailed for Morotai to serve ships bound for the Borneo operation and repaired ships damaged until 24 July 1945 / The Culebra Island remained in the Philippines on repair duty until 1 December 1945 / The USS Culebra Island was decommissioned on 15 January 1947 and scrapped in 1974

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**Name:** LAPP

EDWARD L.

**Address:** 65 AURORA AVENUE

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

33RD AIR SERVICE SQUADRON

**Medals / Citations:**

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Edward L. Lapp served in Trinidad, located in the Caribbean Islands

**Base Assignments:**

Miami, Florida - From 1942 to 1945 Miami Beach played a significant role in WWII. Nearly 500,000 men, including matinee-idol Clark Gable, took over 300 hotels and buildings for housing and training headquarters under the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command. By the time the war ended, one-fourth of all Army Air Force officers and one-fifth of the Air Corps' enlisted men had been trained in "the most beautiful boot camp in America" - Miami Beach

Waller Field, Trinidad - Waller Field was a former United States Army Air Forces World War II air base located in northeastern Trinidad / The American rights to the airfield were obtained via the Destroyers for Bases Agreement in September 1940 when the United States transferred fifty destroyers to Great Britain in exchange for Army and Navy base rights on British possessions in the Americas / Waller Army Airfield was activated on 1 September 1941 and named after United States Army Air Corps Major Alfred J. Waller, a distinguished World War I combat pilot, killed in the crash of a Consolidated PB-2A at Langley Field on 11 December 1937 / With the establishment of United States bases on Trinidad and other Caribbean islands, the Nazi menace was eliminated by the action of numerous air and naval patrols / In 1943, President Roosevelt visited Waller Field on his way to the Casablanca Conference in North Africa / Waller AFB was closed on 28 May 1949

**Miscellaneous:**

The 33rd Service Group was activated at Mitchell Field, New York on 15 January 1941 with the designation 33rd Air Base Group / The 33rd Air Service Group was tasked with providing a wide range of services for fighter groups

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**Name:** LAPP

KENNETH

**Address:** 65 AURORA AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "A", 206TH INFANTRY, 174TH INFANTRY - CANNON COMPANY, 4TH ARMY CORPS

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Kenneth Lapp was stationed in Alaska

**Base Assignments:**

Seattle, Washington

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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**Name:** LARKIN

HOWARD C.

**Address:** 73 CHAMBERLIN DRIVE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** AM 2/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

INSTRUMENTS SECTION

**Medals / Citations:**

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Aviation Metalsmith Petty Officer Second-Class

**Base Assignments:**

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

Barin Field, Alabama - Leased by the Navy in 1942, Barin Field was used for training in torpedo bombers & Naval fighter instruction / In 1945, 150 German POWs were housed on base

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

**Miscellaneous:**

An Aviation Metalsmith maintained and repaired aircraft sheet metal, piping, radiators, and instruments / Welded, machined and forged aircraft parts and knew the principles and theory of flying

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**Name:** **LAWRENCE**

**DONALD**

**E.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** AOM 3/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

GROUP 100, N.A.A.S. (NAVAL AUXILIARY AIR STATION)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Aviation Ordnanceman Third-Class Donald E. Lawrence attended the V-12 program at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York / AOM 3/C Lawrence was a gunner for Bombardier Squadron 106 and served in Hawaii and the Philippine Islands

**Base Assignments:**

Cecil Field (Jacksonville, Florida) - Cecil Field was named in honor of Commander Henry Barton Cecil, USN, who died in 1933 in the crash of the Navy airship USS Akron / Cecil Field became the principal war-at-sea and dive-bombing training center for the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps / From 1943 until the war ended, Cecil Field was a pilot's last stop before assignment to combat in either the Atlantic Fleet or Pacific Fleet / It operated at full capacity during the war years and after the war

Whidbey Island Naval Air Station (Oak Harbor, Washington) - Commissioned on 21 September 1942, the mission of the Naval Air Station was to re-arm and refuel Navy patrol planes defending Puget Sound

**Miscellaneous:**

The brother of Donald Lawrence, Marshall F. Lawrence, served in the Marine Corps during World War II

An Aviation Ordnanceman operated and handled aviation ordnance equipment / The Ordnancemen were responsible for the maintenance of guns, bombs, torpedoes, rockets, and missiles / Duties included the stowing, issuing, and loading of munitions and small arms

The purpose of the V-12 Navy College Training Program was to grant bachelor's degrees to future officers drawn from both the U.S. Navy and the Marine Corps / Once they completed their baccalaureate program, the next step toward obtaining a Navy commission was to attend a U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School where the future officer was required to complete the V-7 program, a short course of four months, including one month spent in indoctrination school / Graduates from the midshipmen schools were commissioned as ensigns in the



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U.S. Naval Reserve and the majority entered into active duty with the U.S. fleet / The V-12 Navy College Training Program was initiated in 1943 to meet both the immediate and long-range needs for commissioned officers to man ships, fly planes and command troops called to duty in World War II / Between 1 July 1943, and 30 June 1946, more than 125,000 men were enrolled in the V-12 program in 131 colleges and universities in the United States

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**Name:** **LAWRENCE**

**MARSHALL**

**F.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* MARINE CORPS

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

MARINE BARRACKS, N.A.D. (NAVAL AMMUNITION DEPOT)

*Medals / Citations:*

PURPLE HEART

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Marshall F. Lawrence enlisted in the Marine Corps on 16 July 1941 and served in the South Pacific during 10 April 1942 through 5 April 1943 / Marshall Lawrence was wounded in action on Guadalcanal on 11 October 1942 and received the Purple Heart / Marshall F. Lawrence was Honorably Discharged on 11 September 1945

*Base Assignments:*

McAlester, Oklahoma - Served as a Naval Ammunition Depot and Construction Equipment Repair Depot during World War II

*Miscellaneous:*

The brother of Marshall Lawrence, Donald E. Lawrence, also served in World War II as an Aviation Ordnanceman in the Navy

The Naval Ammunition Depot (NAD), with four different locations, was the largest United States World War II naval munitions plant operating from 1942 to 1946 / The NAD facilities produced bombs, rockets, torpedoes, mines, bagged powder and all calibers of smaller ammunition

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** LEATHERBARROW

ERIC

**Address:** 176 EDSON STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "D", POSTAL BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private

**Base Assignments:**

Hotel Breslin (New York City, New York)

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **LEENHAN**

**FRANCIS**

**J.**

**Address:** 20 WINEGAR PLACE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

756TH FIELD ARTILLERY B.U. (BASE UNIT)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Phillips, Kansas - Camp Phillips was established in the latter part of 1942, and was named in honor of Colonel William A. Phillips, one of the co-founders of the city of Salina, Kansas / The post was used as a training center and P.O.W. camp until its closing in the fall of 1945

**Miscellaneous:**

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



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*Name:* **LEHMAN**

**RAY**

**W.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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**Name:** LEHSTEN

CARL

W.

**Address:** 339 SENECA CREEK ROAD

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "B", 26TH PLATOON, 10TH 155MM GUN BATTERY

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT - BAYONET

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Carl W. Lehsten sailed to Pearl Harbor on the USS Pierce / Sailed to Guam on the USS DeGrasse / After his overseas tour was over, PFC Lehsten returned on the USS Broadwater

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The USS De Grasse (AP-164/AK-223), originally SS Nathaniel J. Wyeth, was a Crater-class cargo ship active and the second ship of the Navy to bear the name De Grasse, named after French Admiral François Joseph Paul de Grasse / In November 1943, the De Grasse sailed from Port Hueneme, California with construction battalion troops and cargo, arriving at Pearl Harbor 2 December. Along with training assault troops in the Hawaiians, she carried men and equipment to the Marshalls and Gilberts on two voyages / Until the end of 1944, The De Grasse transported troops among the Marshalls, the Gilberts, and the Marianas, and trained men in the Hawaiian area for amphibious assaults / Commissioned 8 November 1943 and decommissioned 28 March 1946

USS Broadwater (APA-139) was a Haskell-class attack transport named for Broadwater County, Montana / In August 1944, the Broadwater transported troops and supplies to Manila and Luzon in the Philippine Islands / Commissioned on 2 January 1946 and decommissioned on 28 February 1946

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

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



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**Name:** LEHSTEN

ORVILLE

H.

**Address:** 339 SENECA CREEK ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "B", 114TH ENGINEER BATTALION, 32ND DIVISION, 6TH ARMY  
I CORPS, 6TH ARMY

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

4 BATTLE STARS

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Inducted into the Army on 15 January 1942, Technician Fourth Class (Sergeant) Orville H. Lehsten spent 41 months overseas from 22 April 1942 through 22 September 1945

Sergeant Orville Lehsten sailed to the Pacific on the USS Hugh L. Scott / Left in April 1942 with the first full division of American troops to embark for Pacific warfare

Sergeant Lehsten participated in the campaigns for New Guinea, and the Philippines and earned his Battle Stars during action at Nuna (New Guinea), Saidor (New Guinea), Leyte (Philippine Islands) and Luzon (Philippine Islands)

Sergeant Lehsten returned to the United States on the USS Randall and was discharged on 29 September 1945

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Company "B" of the 114th Engineer Battalion was attached to the 127th Infantry

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



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USS Hugh L. Scott (AP-43) was a transport ship built in 1921 and spent 20 years in merchant service as a passenger and cargo liner / She was acquired for the United States Navy shortly before the United States entered the Second World War, served as a troopship in Operation Torch in November 1942, and was sunk by a U-boat four days later

USS Randall (APA-224) was a Haskell-class attack transport, named after Randall County, Texas / Commissioned on 12 December 1944 and decommissioned on 6 April 1956

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

Battle (Combat) Stars were presented to military personnel who were engaged in specific battles in combat under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action

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The Presidential Unit Citation, originally called the Distinguished Unit Citation, is awarded to units of the United States Armed Forces for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy on or after 7 December 1941

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**Name:** LEHSTEN

WILBUR

E.

**Address:** 339 SENECA CREEK ROAD

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S. 2/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

U.S. NAVAL RECEIVING STATION

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Seaman Second-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Boston, Massachusetts

**Miscellaneous:**

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



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**Name:** **LEILICH**

**DONALD**

**N.**

**Address:** 218 ALLENDALE ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** LT.

**Unit / Squadron:**

3RD FERRY GROUP, A.T.C. (AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

PURPLE HEART

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Lieutenant Donald N. Leilich was Killed in Action (KIA)

**Base Assignments:**

Romulus Army Air Field (Romulus, Michigan) - Headquarters for the 3rd Ferrying Group

**Miscellaneous:**

The Ferrying Group delivered thousands of aircraft all over the world and was the first to utilize women pilots

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

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

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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**Name:** LEIN

CLARENCE E.

**Address:** 1281 MINERAL SPRINGS ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

U.S. CLAIMS SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, P.B.S. (PRODUCTION BASE SUPPORT)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	2 BATTLE STARS
WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL	MARKSMANSHIP BADGE
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL	

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

NORTH AFRICAN THEATER / EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Clarence E. Lein entered the Army in July of 1942 at Fort Niagara and received his basic training at Fort Belvoir, Virginia

In September 1942, Corporal Lein was transferred to Fort Slocum where he embarked overseas to England, serving in the Claims Service / Corporal Lein was later sent to North Africa in January 1943 / In January 1944, Corporal Lein was assigned to Italy

Corporal Clarence E. Lein earned 2 Battle Stars for combat action

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Belvoir, Virginia - First authorized in 1917 as Camp Humphries and renamed Fort Humphries in 1922 after Major General Andrew A. Humphries, distinguished U.S. Civil War veteran and Chief of Engineers (1866-79) / Renamed Fort Belvoir in February 1935 in recognition of the Belvoir plantation that once occupied the site

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** LEITTEN

JOSEPH

W.

**Address:** 73 COLUMBIA PARKWAY

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

288TH PORT COMPANY, 508TH PORT BATTALION T.C. (TRANSPORTATION CORPS)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Corporal

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The Transportation Corps was a combat service support branch of the U.S. Army and responsible for the movement of personnel and material by truck, rail, air, and sea during World War II / By the end of the war, the Transportation Corps had moved more than 30 million soldiers within the continental United States and 7 million soldiers, plus 126 million tons of supplies overseas

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**Name:** LESINSKI

EDWARD J.

**Address:** 190 BARNSDALE AVENUE

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

PILOT'S COMMAND

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Lieutenant Edward J. Lesinski entered the Air Force in February 1943 / Lieutenant Lesinski graduated as a pilot on 23 May 1944 from Columbus Army Flying School, Columbus, Mississippi and was transferred to Harlingen Army Air Force Base - Harlingen, Texas

**Base Assignments:**

Harlingen Army Air Force Base (Harlingen, Texas) - Originally known as Harlingen Army Airfield / The aircraft utilized for training and transportation at the Harlingen Army Air Field were the Vultee BT-13 Valiant, Bell P-39 Airacobra, Bell P-63 Kingcobra, Beech C-45H Expeditor, Lockheed A-29 Hudson, Lockheed B-34 Ventura, Martin B-26 Marauder, North American B-25 Mitchell, Douglas C-47 Skytrain, North American AT-6 Texan Trainer, and Consolidated B-24 Liberator

**Miscellaneous:**

Edward J. Lesinski was a graduate of Gardenville High School

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**Name:** **LESLIE**

**ALBERT**

**R.**

**Address:** 27 LAFAYETTE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

31ST COMBAT SUPPORT HOSPITAL

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON W/2 BRONZE STARS

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fourth-Class (Corporal) Albert R. Leslie was attached to the Sixth Army, serving at the 31st General Hospital

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The unit was activated on 7 June 1943 at Bushnell General Hospital, Brigham City, Utah / During World War II, the unit participated in the Asiatic Pacific Theater and the liberation of the Philippine Islands, providing medical support to the Northern Solomons and the Luzon Campaigns

In the years from June 30, 1943 to June 30, 1945 the Medical Department trained 189 General Hospitals, 74 Field Hospitals and 61 Station Hospitals for overseas service / In 1945, when the peak of overseas shipments occurred, the War Department sent 81 General, 35 Field, and 8 Station Hospitals to the various Theaters of Operations (European, African and Asiatic-Pacific). By May 1945, when the peak in Hospital beds overseas was reached, there were 335,000 fixed beds and about 87,000 mobile beds in all Theaters

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**Name:** **LESLIE**

**FOREST**

**J.**

**Address:** 88 FLOHR AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S.F. 1/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

C.B. 114TH (CONSTRUCTION BATTALION), COMPANY "B", PLATOON "3"

A.B.A.T.U. (ADVANCED BASE AVIATION TRAINING UNIT)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER / PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Shipfitter First-Class Forest John J. Leslie served in France and the Alaska Aleutian Islands with the 114th Naval Construction Battalion (Seabees)

**Base Assignments:**

Lido Beach (Long Island, New York) - Advanced Base Assembly and Training Unit

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **LESLIE**

**ROBERT**

**K.**

**Address:** 98 HARLEM ROAD

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S. 2/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

U.S. NAVAL FRONTIER BASE, NAVY 116

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Seaman Second-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Indian Head, Maryland - Established in 1890, Indian Head has the longest running history of any Naval ordnance facility in the United States / During World War II, the Navy facility produced flashless powder and pellets, and research was conducted in rocketry and development of air-to-ground anti-tank weapons

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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**Name:** **LESSWING**

**RICHARD**

**G.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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*Name:* **LETINA**

**JAMES**

**J.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** **LETTEN**

**JOSEPH**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* CPL

*Unit / Squadron:*

288TH PORT COMPANY, 508TH PORT BATTALION

*Medals / Citations:*

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

EUROPEAN THEATER

*Service Notes:*

Corporal

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** LEVORCHICK

MARY E.

**Address:** 140 DORRANCE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** COAST GUARD

**Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Palm Beach, Florida

**Miscellaneous:**

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

The Germans sank 24 ships in Florida waters during the war, eight of them off Palm Beach County between February and May of 1942



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**Name:** LEYDECKER

HARVEY

O.

**Address:**

SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

F.A.R.T.C. (FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENTAL COMMAND)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Sill, Oklahoma - The site of Fort Sill was staked out on 8 January 1869, by Maj. Gen. Philip H. Sheridan, who led a campaign into Indian Territory to stop hostile tribes from raiding border settlements in Texas and Kansas / At first, the garrison was called "Camp Wichita" and was referred to by the Indians as "the Soldier House at Medicine Bluffs" / Sheridan later named it in honor of his West Point classmate and friend, Brigadier General Joshua W. Sill, who was killed during the American Civil War

**Miscellaneous:**

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



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**Name:** LIEDKE

RICHARD

J.

**Address:**

UNION ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 750TH A.A.A. GUN BATTERY (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Corporal

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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



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*Name:* **LIMBURG**

**DONALD**

**C.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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**Name:** LINDNER

LEONARD H.

**Address:** 829 ELM STREET

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

A.A.F.T.T.S. (ARMY AIR FORCE TECHNICAL TRAINING SERVICE), SECTION "I", BARRACKS 1013

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

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

**Miscellaneous:**

Established in March 1941, the mission of the Army Air Force Technical Training Service was the orientation, classification, basic, and technical training of enlisted men and the training of nonrated officers at officer candidate and officer training schools and in technical subjects like armament, engineering, communications, and photography



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**Name:** LINDSTROM

EINAR

B.

**Address:** 213 AURORA AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/4

**Unit / Squadron:**

422ND O.M. COMPANY (OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fourth-Grade (Sergeant)

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** LINDSTROM

URBAN

R.

**Address:** 146 CLOVERSIDE DRIVE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS CARD (AVG-11/ACV-11/CVE-11/CVHE-11/CVU-11/T-CVU-11/T-AKV-40)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL    ATLANTIC CONVOY MEDAL  
FOREIGN SERVICE MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Chief Torpedoman's Mate

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

A Torpedoman's Mate performed organizational and intermediate level maintenance on underwater ordnance / Handled torpedoes and antisubmarine rockets (ASROC) launched from surface ships, submarines, and aircraft / Operated and maintained test equipment, launching/firing systems, and stowage facilities associated with underwater ordnance / Prepared underwater ordnance for launching, conducted postfire/post-run routines, and weapons performance evaluation procedures / Maintained and operated the anchor on board submarines / Maintained, issued, and conducted training for small arms on board submarines / Laid mines and dropped depth charges

The USS Card (AVG-11/ACV-11/CVE-11/CVHE-11/CVU-11/T-CVU-11/T-AKV-40) was a Bogue-class escort aircraft carrier / The Card was the flagship for one of the hunter-killer groups formed for offensive operations against German submarines / Between September 1943 and December 1943, aircraft from the USS Card sank 9 German U-Boats / She made two voyages to Pearl Harbor and one to the western Pacific from 21 August 1945 to 16 December 1945, returning servicemen to the West Coast / The USS Card received the Presidential Unit Citation and three Battle Stars for her service in World War II / Commissioned on 8 November 1942 and decommissioned on 13 May 1946

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**Name:** LINNEBRUGGE

GERTRUDE R.

**Address:** 40 OSCHAWA AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

W.A.V.E.S. (WOMEN ACCEPTED FOR VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICE)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Storekeeper Third-Class

**Base Assignments:**

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

**Miscellaneous:**

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

Thousands of WAVES performed duties in the aviation community, Judge Advocate General Corps, medical professions, communications, intelligence, science and technology / At the end of World War II, there were well over 8,000 female officers and some ten times that many enlisted WAVES, about 2 ½ percent of the Navy's total strength

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**Name:** LINNEBRUGGE

HEDWIG

M.

**Address:** 40 OSCHAWA AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** LT. (JG)

**Unit / Squadron:**

U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Lieutenant (junior grade)

**Base Assignments:**

Oakland, California - Oakland's Moore Dry Dock Company expanded its shipbuilding capabilities during World War II and built over 100 ships

**Miscellaneous:**

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

In the years from 30 June 1943 to 30 June 1945 the Medical Department trained 189 General Hospitals, 74 Field Hospitals and 61 Station Hospitals for overseas service / In 1945, when the peak of overseas shipments occurred, the War Department sent 81 General, 35 Field, and 8 Station Hospitals to the various Theaters of Operations (European, African and Asiatic-Pacific) / By May 1945, when the peak in Hospital beds overseas was reached, there were 335,000 fixed beds and about 87,000 mobile beds in all Theaters



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**Name:** LINTNER

NORMAN

**Address:** 168 WILDWOOD AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** A.S.

**Unit / Squadron:**

V-12 UNIT

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Apprentice Seaman

**Base Assignments:**

St. Lawrence University (Canton, New York) - Naval V-12 Training Program

**Miscellaneous:**

A Seaman was knowledgeable in naval drill duties, knots, steering and signaling / Also stood watch and handled gunnery duties

The purpose of the V-12 Navy College Training Program was to grant bachelor's degrees to future officers drawn from both the U.S. Navy and the Marine Corps / Once they completed their baccalaureate program, the next step toward obtaining a Navy commission was to attend a U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School where the future officer was required to complete the V-7 program, a short course of four months, including one month spent in indoctrination school / Graduates from the midshipmen schools were commissioned as ensigns in the U.S. Naval Reserve and the majority entered into active duty with the U.S. fleet / The V-12 Navy College Training Program was initiated in 1943 to meet both the immediate and long-range needs for commissioned officers to man ships, fly planes and command troops called to duty in World War II / Between 1 July 1943, and 30 June 1946, more than 125,000 men were enrolled in the V-12 program in 131 colleges and universities in the United States



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**Name:** LIPEZYNSKI

JOHN

J.

**Address:** 112 AURORA AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

MEDICAL DETACHMENT, STATION HOSPITAL

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Corporal

**Base Assignments:**

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

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** LIPPMAN

CLARENCE

**Address:** 39 BURCH AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** QM. 3/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

USS RENATE (AKA-36)

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Quartermaster Third-Class

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Quartermasters (QMs) are experts in navigation / They stand watch as assistants to officers of the deck and the navigator / They also served as helmsman and performed ship control, navigation, and bridge watch duties

The USS Renate (AKA-36) was commissioned on 28 February 1945 as an Artemis-class attack cargo ship named after the minor planet 575 Renate / The Renate performed cargo-loading operations in the Marshall Islands and Okinawa / Returning to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on 12 July 1946, she was renamed USS Maury (AGS-16) and converted to a survey ship / The Renate/Maury was decommissioned on 19 December 1969 and sold for scrap in 1973

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**Name:** **LITTLE**

**LEONARD H.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** MARINE CORPS

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

7TH DIVISION MARINE REGIMENT

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

9 BATTLE STARS

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Leonard H. Little was assigned to the battleship USS Massachusetts (known as "Big Mamie") / PFC Little earned 9 Battle Stars for combat action

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

USS Massachusetts (BB-59), known as "Big Mamie" to her crewmembers during World War II, was a battleship of the second South Dakota class / Massachusetts has the distinction of having fired the US Navy's first and last 16-inch (406 mm) shells of World War II / Her first assignment was part of a task force formed to support the invasion of North Africa, where she served as the flagship for Admiral Henry Kent Hewitt during Operation Torch / The Massachusetts participated in the Solomon Islands campaign and the Philippines Campaign, and in the latter campaign took part in the Battle of Leyte Gulf / In 1945 she was one of several ships assigned to shell targets on Honshū, the largest of the Japanese Home Islands / Commissioned on 12 May 1942 and decommissioned 27 March 1947

On 1 January 1941, the 7th Marine Regiment was activated at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and transferred to Australia in January 1943 / The Seventh Marine Regiment fought in such places as Eastern New Guinea, New Britain, "Bloody Peleliu" and the island fortress of Okinawa / The 7th Marines saw intense fighting on the island of Okinawa where they would sustain 700 Marines killed or wounded in the fighting to take Dakeshi Ridge and another 500 killed or wounded in the fighting near Wana Ridge

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Battle (Combat) Stars were presented to military personnel who were engaged in specific battles in combat under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action

The World War II Victory Medal was first issued as a service ribbon referred to as the "Victory Ribbon" / By 1946, a full medal had been established which was referred to as the World War II Victory Medal / The medal commemorates military service during World War II and is awarded to any member of the United States military, including members of the armed forces of the Government of the Philippine Islands, who served on active duty, or as a reservist, between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946

A Marksmanship Badge is a military badge of the United States Armed Forces presented to personnel upon successful completion of a weapons qualification course or high placement in an official marksmanship competition / The U.S. Military's Marksmanship Qualification Badges are awarded in three grades (highest to lowest): Expert, Sharpshooter, and Marksman

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**Name:** **LOBDELL**

**PAUL**

**A.**

**Address:**

**TERRACE BOULEVARD**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "A", 125TH ENGINEERS BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Campbell, Kentucky - Constructed in January 1942, The camp is named in honor of Union Army Brigadier General William Bowen Campbell, the last Whig Governor of Tennessee / Camp Campbell was the training ground for the 12th, 14th and 20th Armored divisions, Headquarters IV Armored Corps and the 26th Infantry Division

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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**Name:** LOCKWOOD

ALTON

F.

**Address:** 1497 UNION ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON, 315TH AIR SERVICE GROUP

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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*Name:* **LOEB**

**CHARLES**

**D.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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**Name:** LOFTUS

JOHN

J.

**Address:**

ROSE AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

3508TH A.A.F. BASE UNIT, SECTION "M", BARRACKS 2117

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private

**Base Assignments:**

Truax Field (Madison, Wisconsin) - Truax Field was named in honor of Lieutenant Thomas L. Truax, USAAF, a Wisconsin native who was killed (along with his wingman, Lieutenant Speckman) in a P-40 training accident during poor weather in San Anselmo, CA on 2 November 1941, just before the United States' entry into World War II

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** LOMBARDI

E.

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** NAVY

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

T.S. 3, ENGINEERING

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Aviation Machinist's Mate Second-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Whiting Field (Milton, Florida) - Whiting Field has served as a naval aviation training facility since it was established as a Naval Air Auxiliary Station in July 1943

**Miscellaneous:**

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



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**Name:** LONG

JOHN

M.

**Address:** 23 NORTH AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/5

**Unit / Squadron:**

721ST C.A. BATTERY (COASTAL ARTILLERY)

277TH COASTAL ARTILLERY OUTFIT AND DETACHED FINANCE SECTION

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal) John M. Long served on Amchitka and Kiska in the Aleutian Islands for 25 months

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Coastal artillery is the branch of armed forces concerned with operating anti-ship artillery or fixed gun batteries in coastal fortifications / The defenses heavily depended on fortifications but also included submarine minefields, nets and booms, ships, and airplanes

Amchitka is a volcanic, tectonically unstable island in the Rat Islands group of the Aleutian Islands in southwest Alaska and is part of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge / The island, with a land area of roughly 116 square miles, is about 42 miles long and 1 to 4 miles wide / During World War II, it was used as an airfield by US forces in the Aleutian Islands Campaign / American forces made an unopposed landing on Amchitka on 12 January 1943 / Despite facing difficult weather conditions and bombing from the Japanese, a useable airfield was constructed by 16 February 1943

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Franklin D. Roosevelt / The ribbon was intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the American Theater of Operations during World War II / The requirements for the American Campaign Ribbon were for service within the American Theater between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946 / The American Campaign Medal was issued as a service ribbon only for the entirety of the Second World War, and was only made a full-sized medal in 1947

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The Good Conduct Medal is one of the oldest military awards of the United States Armed Forces / The Navy Good Conduct Medal was established in 1869, the Marine Corps version in 1896, the Coast Guard version in 1923, the Army version in 1941, and the Air Force version in 1963 / The medal is awarded to any active-duty enlisted member of the United States military who completes three consecutive years of "honorable and faithful service" / Such service implies that a standard enlistment was completed without any non-judicial punishment, disciplinary infractions, or court martial offenses



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**Name:** LONG

PERRY

A.

**Address:** 519 MAIN STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** 1ST SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

1180TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

3 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

First Sergeant Perry A. Long was assigned convoy work and traffic control in Africa, Italy, France, Luxembourg and Germany, earning 3 Battle Stars for combat action

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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The American Campaign Medal/Ribbon (also known as the (ATO) American Theater of Operations Ribbon) was a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on November 6, 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt / The ribbon was intended to recognize those military service members who had



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performed military duty in the American Theater of Operations during World War II / The requirements for the American Campaign Ribbon were for service within the American Theater between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946 / The American Campaign Medal was issued as a service ribbon only for the entirety of the Second World War, and was only made a full-sized medal in 1947

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*Name:* **LONG**

**SAMUEL**

**J.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:* PVT

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Private

*Base Assignments:*

Washington, D.C.

*Miscellaneous:*

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

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**Name:** LONG

THOMAS

G.

**Address:** 28 WILLINK STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 215TH ORDNANCE

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private

**Base Assignments:**

Fort Benning, Georgia - Established in 1918, Fort Benning was named in honor of Confederate brigadier general Henry L. Benning, who had commanded a Georgia brigade in General John Hood's division of the Army of Northern Virginia / Fort Benning has served as the Home of the Infantry, and established an officer candidate school and airborne training center / Fort Benning developed military leaders such as five-star generals Omar Bradley, George Marshall, and Dwight D. Eisenhower. George Patton also trained at Fort Benning

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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**Name:** **LOOMIS**

**RAYMOND D.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

1302ND ENGINEERS GENERAL SERVICE (G.S.) REGIMENT, COMPANY "C"

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL      WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL  
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

The 1302nd Engineers (G.S.) Regiment was stationed in England

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The World War II Victory Medal was first issued as a service ribbon referred to as the "Victory Ribbon" / By 1946, a full medal had been established which was referred to as the World War II Victory Medal / The medal commemorates military service during World War II and is awarded to any member of the United States military, including members of the armed forces of the Government of the Philippine Islands, who served on active duty, or as a reservist, between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946

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**Name:** **LOW**

**EUGENE**

**A.**

**Address:**

**GARDEN AVENUE**

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

374TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 361ST FIGHTER GROUP

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

5 BATTLE STARS

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER - MACHINE GUN

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER - 45 CALIBER  
AUTOMATIC

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER - M1 RIFLE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Eugene Alexander A. Low earned 5 Battle Stars for combat action in the Air Offensive in Europe, Central Europe, Normandy, Northern France and the Rhineland

**Base Assignments:**

Royal Air Force Bottisham, England - RAF Bottisham airfield opened in March 1940 and was used by Royal Air Force squadrons before it was turned over to the United States Army Air Forces / The airfield was first used by the United States Army Air Forces Eighth Air Force 361st Fighter Group, arriving from Richmond AAF, Virginia on 30 November 1943 / The unit served primarily as an escort organization, covering the penetration, attack, and withdrawal of Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress and Consolidated B-24 Liberator bomber formations that the USAAF sent against targets on the Continent / In September 1944 the 361st FG moved to RAF Little Walden and from mid-1945 until 5 January 1946 Bottisham airfield was used temporarily by Belgian airmen until being closed

RAF Little Walden, England - Located 12 miles from Cambridge, England, RAF Little Walden airfield opened in 1944 and was used by the Royal Air Force and in August 1942, was assigned to the United States Army Air Forces / During the war it was used primarily as a bomber and fighter combat airfield / The 361st Fighter Group from RAF Bottisham was transferred to the airfield on 26 September 1944 / After the war it was used for surplus military storage before being closed in 1958

Saint-Dizier-Robinson Air Base, France - The French Air Force fighter base was established in 1913 and located in the Champagne-Ardenne region of northwestern France / Seized by the Germans in June 1940 during the Battle of France, St. Dizier was used as a Luftwaffe military airfield during the occupation / During the Liberation of France, the airfield was seized by Allied Forces during September 1944 and taken over by the United States Army





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Air Force / The IX Engineer Command repaired the war-damaged base and it was designated by the Americans as Saint-Dizier Airfield and used for fighter and reconnaissance units / With the end of the war in Europe in May, 1945 the Americans began to withdraw their aircraft and personnel and control of the airfield was turned over to French authorities on 5 July 1945

Chièvres Air Base, Belgium - Chièvres Air Base was a United States Army - Air Force operated airfield located near the town of Chièvres in the province of Hainaut, Belgium / The first airfield at Chièvres was established in 1914 by the Germans during their occupation of Belgium in World War I and rebuilt by the Belgian Army in the 1930s / Shortly after its capture in May 1940 by the German Army, the airfield was turned over to the Luftwaffe, and Chièvres became a major air base during the Battle of France, heavily engaged in combat operations with the French and the British Expeditionary Force in France / Targeted by the Ninth Air Force, the Luftwaffe was forced to withdraw from the base by 1 September 1944, leaving the installation heavily damaged / On 3 September 1944, Allied troops arrived and assumed command of the airbase and repaired the runways and by the middle of September 1944, ready for combat missions against the German Army / After the German surrender Chièvres became both a transit station for US soldiers returning home and a German POW camp / By the end of 1945 the base was turned over to the Belgian authorities

### *Miscellaneous:*

The 361st Fighter Group served primarily in the European Theater of World War II / During World War II the group was an Eighth Air Force fighter unit stationed in England / The 361st Fighter Group claimed 226 air and 105 ground aircraft destroyed / The group flew its last mission on 20 April 1945

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A Marksmanship Badge is a military badge of the United States Armed Forces presented to personnel upon successful completion of a weapons qualification course or high placement in an official marksmanship competition / The U.S. Military's Marksmanship Qualification Badges are awarded in three grades (highest to lowest): Expert, Sharpshooter, and Marksman

The M1 carbine was a lightweight, easy to use .30 carbine semi-automatic carbine that was a standard firearm for the U.S. military during World War II / The M1 carbine gained generally high praise for its small size, light weight and firepower, especially by those troops who were unable to use a full-size rifle as their primary weapon / A total of over 6.1 million M1 carbines of various models was manufactured, making it the most produced small arm for the American military during World War II

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**Name:** **LOW**

**HAROLD**

**Address:**

**GARDEN AVENUE**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "E", 260TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 65TH DIVISION, 3RD ARMY  
1ST B.M.T. REGIMENT (BASIC MILITARY TRAINING)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL    BATTLE STARS  
W/ 2 BATTLE STARS  
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First Class Harold Low earned two Battle Stars for combat missions in Europe

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Shelby, Mississippi - Camp Shelby was established in 1917 and named in honor of Isaac Shelby, Indian fighter, Revolutionary War hero and 1st Governor of Kentucky / Camp also served as a holding center for German Prisoners-of-War

Camp Ellis, Illinois - Camp Ellis opened on 16 April 1943 and named after Sergeant Michael B. Ellis, a World War I Medal of Honor recipient from East Saint Louis, Illinois / Camp Ellis was established as a World War II Army Training Center in 1943 / Camp Ellis provided basic training and advanced unit training for engineer, medical corps, signal corps, and quartermaster troops / About 125,000 troops trained at the camp during the war / A Prisoner of War (POW) camp, housing 2,500 German and Austrian soldiers was later added

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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**Name:** LUKSCH

HAROLD

G.

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "A", 2ND TRAINING GROUP, A.S.F.T.C. (ARMY SERVICE FORCES TRAINING CENTER)

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Corporal

**Base Assignments:**

Jackson Air Base (Jackson, Mississippi) - Originally named Hawkins Field, the Dutch government-in-exile, following the occupation of the Netherlands, established the Royal Netherlands Military Flying School at Hawkins Field in May 1941 / The school operated Lend-Lease aircraft with civilian pilots from the Mississippi Institute of Aeronautics / In June 1941 Hawkins Field was designated as Jackson Army Air Base. It activated on 1 May 1942 and was used by the United States Army Air Forces' Flying Training Command as a basic flying training airfield (Army Air Forces Pilot School, Miscellaneous Fields for Basic and Advanced Single and Twin-Engine training)

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** LUPKE

KENNETH

G.

**Address:** 60 BURCH AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

988TH TREADWAY BRIDGE COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Bowie, Texas - Camp Bowie, named in honor of the Texas patriot James Bowie, was a military training facility during World War II and grew to be one of the largest training centers in Texas

**Miscellaneous:**

Working with armored engineer battalions, Treadway Bridge Companies were assigned or attached to armored divisions to construct temporary steel pontoon bridges for river crossing

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



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**Name:** LYNCH

GLENN

J.

**Address:** 51 BELLWOOD AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

3250TH ORDNANCE COMPANY, 7TH ARMY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL    PURPLE HEART

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Glenn J. Lynch served in France with the 7th Army where he received the Combat Infantryman's Badge / PFC Lynch was also wounded in battle

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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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 Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to infantrymen and Special Forces Soldiers in the rank of Colonel and below, who personally fought in active ground combat while assigned as members of either an infantry, Ranger or Special Forces unit, of brigade size or smaller, any time after 6 December 1941



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*Name:* **LYONS**

**B.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* PFC

*Unit / Squadron:*

HEADQUARTERS, 1ST BATTALION F.A. (FIELD ARTILLERY)

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Private First-Class

*Base Assignments:*

Fort Sill, Oklahoma - The site of Fort Sill was staked out on 8 January 1869, by Maj. Gen. Philip H. Sheridan, who led a campaign into Indian Territory to stop hostile tribes from raiding border settlements in Texas and Kansas / At first, the garrison was called "Camp Wichita" and was referred to by the Indians as "the Soldier House at Medicine Bluffs" / Sheridan later named it in honor of his West Point classmate and friend, Brigadier General Joshua W. Sill, who was killed during the American Civil War

*Miscellaneous:*

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





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**Name:** LYONS

GEORGE

R.

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* NAVY

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

B.E. SECTION "C", N.T.C. (NAVAL TRAINING CENTER)

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

Gulfport, Mississippi - On 2 June 1942, an Advanced Base Depot was established in Gulfport and the first Seabees started coming through Gulfport / The mission of the Center changed from a receiving organization to a U.S. Naval Training Center in March 1944, and provided for training in basic engineering, diesel, radioman, quartermaster and electrician's ratings.

*Miscellaneous:*

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

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