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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: ABENDSCHEIN

DAVID F.

Hometown: EDEN

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1957

Year Discharged: 1960

Unit / Squadron:

2ND MARINE DIVISION

1ST MARINE AIR WING, AIR FLEET MARINE FORCE PACIFIC

Medals / Citations:

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Corporal David F. Abendschein served 3 1/2 years active duty as a Repair Shop Machinist

Base Assignments:

Camp LeJeune, North Carolina - Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune is a 246-square-mile United States military training facility in Jacksonville, North Carolina / Constructed in 1942, the base is named in honor of the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps, John A. Lejeune / 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 / One of the satellite facilities of Camp Lejeune served for a while as a third boot camp for the Marines, in addition to Parris Island and San Diego

Miscellaneous:

David Abendschein received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Marine Corps on 10 August 1960 / David F. Abendschein passed away on 19 February 2017

The 2nd Marine Division (2nd MARDIV) is a division of the United States Marine Corps, which forms the ground combat element of the II Marine Expeditionary Force (II MEF) / The division is based at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina / During World War II, the 2nd Marine Division (Headquarters) participated in operations in the Pacific Theater of Operations: the Guadalcanal Campaign, in the Solomon Islands campaign, the Battle of Tarawa, the Gilbert Islands campaign, the Battle of Saipan, the Battle of Tinian and the Battle of Okinawa / The Division didn't take part in a major action again until 1958 when elements participated in the U.S. intervention into the Lebanon crisis of 1958 / 2nd Marine Division units helped to reinforce Guantanamo Bay



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during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962 and landed in the Dominican Republic in 1965 as part of Operation Power Pack / Other peacekeeping operations carried on by the Division include being part of the Multi National Peacekeeping Force in Lebanon from August 1982 until February 1984 / The Division suffered the loss of 238 Marines and Sailors during the 1983 Beirut barracks bombing, plus 3 U.S. Army personnel attached to the unit

The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing is an aviation unit of the United States Marine Corps that serves as the Aviation Combat Element of the III Marine Expeditionary Force / The wing is headquartered at Camp Foster on the island of Okinawa, Japan / Activated in 1940, the wing has seen heavy combat operations during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War / The mission of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing is to conduct air operations in support of the Fleet Marine Forces to include offensive air support, anti-air warfare, assault support, aerial reconnaissance including active and passive electronic countermeasures (ECM), and control of aircraft and missiles

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Name: **ACKERMAN**

MAURICE D.

Hometown: BUFFALO

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Maurice D. Ackerman served in the US Army National Guard

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Maurice D. Ackerman passed away on 1 June 2023



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Name: ADAM

JAMES

R.

Hometown: LACKAWANNA

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment: VIETNAM

Service Notes:

James R. Adam served in Vietnam

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

James R. Adam passed away on 2 January 2024 at the age of 79 years old



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Name: ADAMS

KEITH

E.

Hometown: KENMORE

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Keith Edward Adams served two tours in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot / After his discharge from active duty, Keith Adams served with the National Guard

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Keith Adams was a graduate of Kenmore High School and was a graduate of the West Point Military Academy / Adams was the co-owner of Adams Door Company in Buffalo / Keith Edward Adams passed away on 31 March 2023



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Name: **ADAMS SR.**

ROBERT J.

Hometown: ALDEN

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank: SGT

Year Entered: 1965

Year Discharged: 1968

Unit / Squadron:

436TH ORGANIZATIONAL MAINTENANCE SQUADRON, 436TH MILITARY AIRLIFT WING

Medals / Citations:

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AIR FORCE OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant Robert J. Adams Sr. served two tours in Vietnam as an Aircraft Maintenance Specialist / Adams was stationed in Tokyo, Japan and assigned to Transportation and learned welding

Base Assignments:

Dover Air Force Base, Dover, Delaware - The facility was opened on 17 December 1941 and converted to a U.S. Army Air Corps airfield just weeks after the 7 December 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor / It was renamed Dover Army Airbase on April 8, 1943 and renamed Dover Air Force Base on 13 January 1948 / On 20 December 1941, the first military unit arrived at Dover's new airfield: the 112th Observation Squadron of the Ohio National Guard which flew anti-submarine patrols off the Delaware Coast / In early 1942, three B-25 Mitchell bomber squadrons arrived with the 45th Bombardment Group from I Bomber Command, later part of Army Air Forces Antisubmarine Command, assumed the anti-submarine mission / In 1944 the Air Technical Service Command chose Dover as a site to engineer, develop, and conduct classified air-launched rocket tests / The information collected during these experiments resulted in the effective deployment of air-to-surface rockets in both the European and Pacific combat theaters / Deactivated after World War II, Dover was reactivated on 1 August 1950 / In 1966, the 436th Military Airlift Wing (436 MAW) was activated and assumed the mission at Dover / During the Vietnam War, more than 20,000 dead American soldiers were brought back to the United States via Dover AFB / In 1973 Dover became the first all C-5 equipped wing in the Air Force / Following the attacks of 11 September 2001, the 436th Military Airlift Wing and 512 Air Wing became major participants in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.



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Miscellaneous:

Robert J. Adams got into coaching sports in high schools and colleges after his Honorable Discharge from the Air Force / Employed by Niagara Transformer, Adams traveled to Beijing, China as a welder at some of the facilities for the 2008 Olympics / Adams retired from Niagara Transformer as a Welding Supervisor / Adams was a bartender and member of American Legion Post 735 / Robert J. Adams Sr. passed away on February 10, 2022 at the age of 75 year old



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Name: **ALEXANDROWICZ**

KENNETH W.

Hometown: BUFFALO

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1968

Year Discharged: 1972

Unit / Squadron:

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP (MAG) 13, 3RD MARINE AIRCRAFT WING (MAW)

Medals / Citations:

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

MARKSMAN BADGE: RIFLE

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Corporal Kenneth William Alexandrowicz served as a Aviation Fire Control Technician

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Kenneth W. Alexandrowicz was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post 2940

Marine Aircraft Group 13 was established on March 1, 1942 in San Diego as a response to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii / While participating in the Marshall Island campaign, Marine Aircraft Group 13 engaged in sustained combat operations against the Japanese on the Samoan Island of Tutuila, the Funafuti Atoll of the Ellice Islands, and the Majuro Atoll of the Marshall Islands / Marine Aircraft Group 13 was deactivated on 30 November 1945 after the conclusion of World War II, but was reactivated on March 15, 1951 at Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, California in response to the Korean War / Between 1951 and 1965 Marine Aircraft Group 13 was assigned to various locations such as Kaneohe Bay, Atsugi and Iwakuni, Japan / In June 1965, MAG-13 became a unit of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan / In September 1966 Marine Aircraft Group 13 deployed to Chu Lai airbase in the Republic of Vietnam and conducted combat operations against the North Vietnamese while flying the F-4B Phantom / Since September 2001, MAG-13 has amassed over 15,000 combat flight hours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom

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Name: **ALFIERI**

ROBERT J.

Hometown: HAMBURG

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-3

Year Entered: 1960

Year Discharged: 1962

Unit / Squadron:

US ARMY SIGNAL CORPS

82ND AIRBORNE, FIELD OPERATIONS COMPANY, 50TH SIGNAL BATTALION (AIRBORNE)

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

ARMY PARACHUTIST BADGE

COLD WAR SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Robert J. Alfieri served in the United States Army as a Low Speed Radio Operator

Base Assignments:

Fort Bragg, North Carolina - In 1918, Congress established Camp Bragg, an Army field artillery site named for the Confederate General Braxton Bragg / Camp Bragg became a permanent Army post renamed Fort Bragg / Various units trained at Fort Bragg during World War II, including the 9th Infantry Division, 2nd Armored Division, 82nd Airborne Division, 100th Infantry Division, and various field artillery groups

Miscellaneous:

Robert Alfieri received his Honorable Discharge from the US Army on 12 April 1962 / Robert J. Alfieri passed away on 25 October 2023

Airborne forces are military units, usually light infantry with non-armored vehicles and guns, set up to be moved by aircraft and "dropped" into battle. They can be placed behind enemy lines, and have the capability to deploy almost anywhere with little warning / The basic premise of airborne forces is that they can arrive with such speed that a coherent defense cannot be mounted quickly / The paratroopers must either use the supplies of the enemy, be continuously resupplied by air or wait to be relieved by ground troops

The 82nd Airborne Division is an airborne infantry division of the United States Army specializing in parachute assault operations into denied areas with a U.S. Department of Defense requirement to "respond to crisis



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contingencies anywhere in the world within 18 hours" / Based at Fort Liberty, North Carolina, the 82nd Airborne Division is part of the XVIII Airborne Corps / The 82nd Airborne Division is the U.S. Army's most strategically mobile division / The division was constituted, originally as the 82nd Division, in the National Army on 5 August 1917, shortly after the American entry into World War I / It was organized on 25 August 1917, at Camp Gordon, Georgia, and later served with distinction on the Western Front in the final months of World War I / Since its initial members came from all 48 states, the division acquired the nickname All-American, which is the basis for its "AA" on the shoulder patch / The division later served in World War II where, in August 1942, it was reconstituted as the first airborne division of the U.S. Army and fought in numerous campaigns during the war / In April 1965, the "All-Americans" entered the civil war in the Dominican Republic / Spearheaded by the 3rd Brigade, the 82nd deployed in Operation Power Pack / During the Tet Offensive, which swept across South Vietnam in January/February 1968, the 3rd Brigade was en route to Chu Lai within 24 hours of receiving its orders / The 3rd Brigade performed combat duties in the Huế – Phu Bai area of the I Corps sector / Later the brigade moved south to Saigon, and fought in the Mekong Delta, the Iron Triangle and along the Cambodian border, serving nearly 22 months

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The Army's Basic Parachutist Badge is awarded to all military personnel of any service who complete the US Army Basic Airborne Course at Fort Benning, Georgia / It signifies that the soldier is a trained military parachutist, and is qualified to participate in airborne operations

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



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Name: **ALJOE**

GARY

L.

Hometown:

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SFC

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

152ND BRIGADE ENGINEERS

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Sergeant First-Class (SFC) Gary L. Aljoe spent almost 40 years in the Army and National Guard / SFC Aljoe was stationed in Korea, returning stateside in 1974

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

SFC Gary Aljoe helped build bridges, schools and homes in Honduras, Panama and Guatemala / SFC Aljoe spent six months at Ground Zero in New York City after the 11 September 2001 terrorist attack helping with clean up and recovery / The last tour of duty for Aljoe was border patrol in Arizona / Sergeant First-Class Gary L. Aljoe passed away on 15 May 2022



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Name: **ALLEIN**
RICHARD

Hometown: BUFFALO

Address:

- Vietnam Era**
- Vietnam 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:

Richard Allein was Past Commander of American Legion Post #64 and a member of several veteran organizations / Richard Allein passed away on 20 January 2024 at the age of 80 years old and is interred at Hillcrest Cemetery, Hamburg, New York



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Name: **AMROZOWICZ JR**

STANLEY J.

Hometown: HAMBURG

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Stanley J. Amrozowicz, Jr. served as an Officer during his enlistment in the Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Stanley J. Amrozowicz, Jr. passed away on 15 March 2023 and is interred in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



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Name: **ANDERSON**

JOHN A.

Hometown: WILLIAMSVILLE

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SP4

Year Entered: 1968

Year Discharged: KIA

Unit / Squadron:

HHC COMPANY, COMMUNICATIONS PLATOON, 4TH BATTALION, 9TH INFANTRY, 25TH INF DIV,
USARV

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

ARMY PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Specialist Fourth-Class John Austin Anderson served as a Field Wireman in Vietnam / SP4 John Austin Anderson was Killed In Action on 13 May 1968 during combat action in Tây Ninh, Vietnam

On the evening of 13 May 1968, the communication relay complex operating on Nui Ba Den (Black Virgin Mountain) in Tay Ninh Province was attacked by enemy sappers / Following a barrage of mortar fire on the mountain top compound, the enemy breached the perimeter and proceed to destroy the communication relay facilities with satchel charges / The troops managed to force the enemy into retreat, suffering nineteen men killed in the action / One of the casualties, first reported as missing in action was SP4 Anderson who was killed as a result of multiple fragmentation wounds

John Austin Anderson was the 131st Erie County resident to be killed in the Vietnam War

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

John Anderson lived in Fort Erie until moving to the United States and was a former Buffalo Evening News carrier before he enlisted in the Army in October 1968 / John Austin Anderson was 21 years old at the time of his death



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and is interred at Victoria Lawn Cemetery, St. Catharine's, Ontario, Canada

The 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry (4/9) disembarked at Vung Tau, Vietnam on 29 April 1965 / Within days of landing. the 4/9 Infantry saw combat action in Cu Chi, Vietnam / Battalion-size operations conducted by the 4/9 Infantry included Asheville, Wahiawa, Joliet I and II, Helemano, and Kahana I and II / While assigned to the 25th Division, the 4th Battalion received two Presidential Citations and added 12 campaign streamers to the Regimental Colors for Combat Operations in the Republic of South Vietnam / On 2 August 1972 the 4th Battalion was relieved from assignment to the 25th Infantry Division and was reassigned to Alaska with the 172nd Infantry / The 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry served in Vietnam for four years and six months

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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A Marksmanship Badge is a U.S. military badge or a civilian badge which is awarded to personnel upon successful completion of a weapons qualification course (known as marksmanship qualification badges) or high achievement in an official marksmanship competition (known as marksmanship competition badges) / The U.S. Army and the U.S. Marine Corps are the only military services that award marksmanship qualification badges / The U.S. military marksmanship qualification badges are awarded in three grades (highest to lowest): expert, sharpshooter, and marksman while their marksmanship competition badges are awarded in three to four grades (highest to lowest): distinguished, silver, and bronze for the U.S. Army and distinguished, gold, silver, and bronze for the Marine Corps

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

The Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Medal, also known as the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross or Vietnam Cross



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of Gallantry is a military decoration of the former Government of South Vietnam (Republic of Vietnam) / The medal was created on August 15, 1950 and was awarded to military personnel, civilians, and Armed Forces units and organizations in recognition of deeds of valor or heroic conduct while in combat with the enemy / Individuals who received the medal, ribbon, and a citation were personally cited at the Armed Forces, Corps, Division, Brigade or Regiment level / The United States military began authorizing the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross in March 1968 with retroactive presentation of the decoration to 1961

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Name: **ANDERSON**
WILLIAM

Hometown: BLASDELL

Address:

- Vietnam Era*
- Vietnam War Veteran*

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

William Anderson retired from the U.S. Navy / William Anderson passed away on 14 May 2022



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Name: **ANDREWS**

JAMES E.

Hometown: BUFFALO

Address:

- Vietnam Era
- Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Year Entered:

Year Discharged: KIA

Unit / Squadron:

101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION, 1ST BATTALION, 506TH INFANTRY, C COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| PURPLE HEART | VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL |
| VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL | COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE |
| PARACHUTIST BADGE | ARMY PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION |
| VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSS | NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL |
| GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL | |

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

Service Notes:

Private First-Class James Edward Andrews was deployed to Vietnam as a Light Weapons Infantryman and was Killed In Action on 7 July 1968 from multiple fragmentation wounds suffered during combat operations in Binh Duong province, South Vietnam

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

James Edward Andrews was 21 years of age at his passing and is interred at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, New York

Light Weapons Infantryman lack heavy weapons and armor or with a reduced vehicle footprint / Light infantry units lack the greater firepower, operational mobility and protection of mechanized or armored units, but possess greater tactical mobility and the ability to execute missions in severely restrictive terrain and in areas where weather makes vehicular mobility difficult / Light infantry forces typically rely on their ability to operate under restrictive conditions, surprise, violence of action, training, stealth, field craft, and fitness levels of the individual soldiers to compensate for their reduced lethality / Despite the usage of the term "light", forces in a light unit must carry everything they require to fight, survive and win due to lack of vehicles



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The 506th Infantry Regiment, originally designated the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment (506th PIR) during World War II, is an airborne light infantry regiment of the United States Army / Currently a parent regiment under the U.S. Army Regimental System, the regiment has two active battalions: the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment (1-506th IR) is assigned to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, and the 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment (2-506th IR) is assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division / Both battalions were part of the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, which was deployed to Vietnam from late 1967 to 1971 / 1-506th was recognized for its role during the Tet Offensive in early 1968 and the Battle of Hamburger Hill in May 1969 together with 2-506th, during the battle of FSB Ripcord / The 506th, was reorganized as Airmobile in 1968, later renamed Air Assault in 1974 / During the Vietnam War, five soldiers from the 506th were awarded the Medal of Honor / On 1 April 1967 the colors of the former Company C, 506AIR were reactivated at Fort Campbell as HHC, 3rd Battalion, 506th Infantry / Assigned to the 1st Brigade, it served in Vietnam and was inactivated at Fort Campbell on 31 July 1972

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Name: **ARMBRUSTER**

JAMES A.

Hometown: BUFFALO

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-5

Year Entered: 1962

Year Discharged: 1965

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 2ND AIRBORNE BATTALION, 506TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

PARACHUTIST BADGE

EXPERT BADGE: M-14 RIFLE

SHARPSHOOTER BADGE: M-14 RIFLE

MARKSMAN BADGE: M-14 RIFLE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant James Anthony Armbruster served as a Light Weapons Infantryman / Sgt Armbruster attended Airborne School and the 7th Army Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO) Academy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

James A. Armbruster was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post 2940

The 506th Infantry Regiment, originally designated the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment (506th PIR) during World War II, is an airborne light infantry regiment of the United States Army / The regiment served with the 101st Airborne Division in World War II / Regimental elements have served with the 101st in Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan / The 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 506th Infantry was deployed to Vietnam from late 1967 to 1971 / The 2nd Battalion was recognized for its role during the battle of FSB Ripcord

The Army's Basic Parachutist Badge is awarded to all military personnel of any service who complete the US Army Basic Airborne Course at Fort Benning, Georgia. It signifies that the soldier is a trained military parachutist, and is qualified to participate in airborne operations

The Good Conduct Medal is one of the oldest military awards of the United States Armed Forces / The U.S. Navy's variant of the Good Conduct Medal was established in 1869, the Marine Corps version in 1896, the Coast



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Guard version in 1923, the Army version in 1941, and the Air Force version in 1963 / The Good Conduct 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

Name: ASKEY

Hometown: AMHERST

JOHN

B.

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: PO3

Year Entered: 1956

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Petty Officer Third-Class John B. Askey served as an Aviation Electronics Technician

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

John Askey graduated from Kenmore High School / After receiving his Honorable Discharge from the United States Navy, Askey joined the Amherst Police Department as a Patrolman in 1963 and was promoted to Patrol Lieutenant in 1969 and Patrol Captain in 1972 / John Askey enrolled in SUNY Buffalo State University and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice / Askey was also a graduate of the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Program / As the Amherst Police Head Planner, Askey played a key role in the construction of the new Police Headquarters in 1979 and established a Computer-Aided Dispatch System / In December 1988, John Askey was appointed as the Amherst Chief of Police / Askey was a longtime member of the Users Committee of the Erie County Central Police Services and a member of the State Division of Criminal Justice Planning Committee / John Askey retired from the Amherst Police Department in January 1999 / Askey was a member of the Amherst Township Post 416, Veterans of Foreign Wars / John B. Askey passed away on 20 May 2023 at the age of 84 years old