



Honoring Our Vietnam War and Vietnam Era Veterans



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **IGOE**

DENNIS

P.

Hometown: HAMBURG

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Dennis Igoe graduated from Bishop Timon High School in 1962 and attended Canisius College, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in History and English and a Master of Science Degree in Education / Igoe taught in the Holland Central School System and the Orchard Park Central School System / With the Orchard Park Central School District, Igoe served as a 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher, an Assistant Principal, Director of Pupil Services and Assistant Superintendent / Igoe retired in 2001, after 32 years of service to teaching / Dennis Patrick Igoe passed away on 2 October 2023 at the age of 79 years old



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Name: IPPOLITO

PHILIP

G.

Hometown: BUFFALO

Address:

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Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SP-4

Year Entered: 1967

Year Discharged: 1969

Unit / Squadron:

72ND ARMOR, EIGHTH ARMY

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment: VIETNAM

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Fort Belvoir is a United States Army installation in Fairfax County, Virginia, United States / The post was founded during World War I as Camp A. A. Humphreys, named for American Civil War Union Army general Andrew A. Humphreys, who was also Chief of Engineers / The post was renamed Fort Belvoir in the 1930s / Camp Humphreys was established in World War I as the U.S. Army Engineers Training School /It served as the post-graduate institution for U.S. Military Academy engineers and a finishing school for engineering troops headed to war

Miscellaneous:

Philip G Ippolito was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post 2940

The 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment was born of Armor in 1943 as "A" Company, 5th Armored Regiment and was activated for battle in July 1943 at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas



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Name: IRWIN

RONALD E.

Hometown:

Address:

- Vietnam Era
- Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: EM2

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

USS NEW JERSEY

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Electrician's Mate Second-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Ronald Irwin retired from the former Niagara Machine & Tool Company / Ronald E. Irwin passed away on 17 January 2023 at the age of 76 years old and interred in the Western New York National Cemetery in Corfu, New York

USS New Jersey (BB-62) is an Iowa-class battleship, commissioned on 23 May 1943 and was the second ship of the United States Navy to be named after the US state of New Jersey / She was often referred to fondly as "Big J" and earned more battle stars for combat actions than the other three completed Iowa-class battleships, and was the only US battleship providing gunfire support during the Vietnam War / , During World War II, New Jersey shelled targets on Guam and Okinawa, and screened aircraft carriers conducting raids in the Marshall Islands / During the Korean War, she was involved in raids up and down the North Korean coast, after which she was decommissioned into the United States Navy reserve fleets, better known as the "mothball fleet" / She was briefly reactivated in 1968 and sent to Vietnam to support US troops before returning to the mothball fleet in 1969 / Reactivated once more in the 1980s as part of the 600-ship Navy program, New Jersey was modernized to carry missiles and recommissioned for service / In 1983, she participated in US operations during the Lebanese Civil War / The USS New Jersey was decommissioned for the last time in 1991 (after serving a total of 21 years in the active fleet), having earned a Navy Unit Commendation for service in Vietnam and 19 battle and campaign stars for combat operations during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Lebanese Civil War, and service in the Persian Gulf / After a brief retention in the mothball fleet, she was donated to the Home Port



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Alliance in Camden, New Jersey, and has served as a museum ship there since 15 October 2001



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Name: **ISAACS JR.**

CHESTER M.

Hometown: HAMBURG

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: E-5

Year Entered: 1966

Year Discharged: 1969

Unit / Squadron:

USS LLOYD THOMAS (DD764)

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Petty Officer 2nd Class Chester M. Isaacs, Jr. served as an Electricians Mate onboard the USS Lloyd Ythomas

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Chester Isaacs, Jr. was Honorably Discharged from the US Navy / Chester M. Isaacs, Jr. passed away on 29 June 2022

The third USS Lloyd Thomas (DD/DDE-764) was a Gearing-class destroyer in the United States Navy during the Korean War and the Vietnam War / The ship was named after Lloyd Thomas who was born on 10 March 1912 in Nelsonville, Ohio and became an Aviator Ensign / During World War II, Thomas was assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise and promoted to Lieutenant, Junior Grade / Lieutenant Thomas, piloting a Douglas TBD Devastator torpedo bomber on 4 June 1942, died in his squadron's attack during the Battle of Midway / He was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross / The ship was commissioned on 21 March 1947 and conducted antisubmarine operations in the Caribbean and made yearly voyages to the Mediterranean / The 1952 voyage included a NATO amphibious landing on the coast of Denmark (Operation "Mainbrace") and port calls in Scotland in England / During 1953 she again operated with NATO, this time in the Mediterranean, and visited Cannes and Naples / In April 1972, in what would later be called the Battle of Đồng Hới, the Lloyd Thomas with three other US Navy warships were engaged in a naval strike just below the Vietnamese Demilitarized Zone against North Vietnamese coast artillery when attacked by artillery, MIGs and automatic weapons fire / Among other minor damage, the Lloyd Thomas was struck by a single artillery shell on the port bow above the waterline / Three sailors had minor injuries and the Lloyd Thomas remained on the firing line / She was decommissioned



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on 12 October 1972 and struck from the Naval Vessel Register on the same day / The Lloyd Thomas was sold to Taiwan on 12 October 1972, and renamed ROCS Dang Yang (DD-911) / The ship was sunk as artificial reef on 31 October 2002

The National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) is a service award of the United States Armed Forces established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953 / It is awarded to every member of the US Armed Forces who has served during any one of four specified periods of armed conflict or national emergency from 1950 to the present / Combat or "in theater" service is not a requirement for the award



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Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: EM2

Year Entered: 1966

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Unit / Squadron:

USS LLOYD THOMAS (DD-764)

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Electrician's Mate Petty Officer 2nd Class Chester M. Isaacs, Jr. served aboard the USS Lloyd Thomas (DD-764)

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Chester M. Isaacs, Jr. passed away on 29 June 2022

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Name: ISCH

DAVID

R.

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

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:

David R. Isch served in Vietnam

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

David Isch was a Master Mechanic and a Customer Representative at Lowe's / David R. Isch passed away on 9 October 2023 at the age of 76 years old