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Name: JANAK

MICHAEL R.

Hometown: BUFFALO

Address:

- Vietnam Era
- Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SP-4

Year Entered: 1969

Year Discharged: 1971

Unit / Squadron:

2ND BATTALION, 3RD INFANTRY REGIMENT, 199TH LIGHT INFANTRY BRIGADE
 4TH BATTALION, 31ST INFANTRY REGIMENT, 196TH LIGHT INFANTRY BRIGADE
 23RD INFANTRY DIVISION (AMERICAL)

Medals / Citations:

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL W/2 STARS
 COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE
 VIETNAMESE GALLANTRY CROSS
 NATIONAL DEFENSE RIBBON

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL
 BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE
 ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL W/CLUSTER

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

Service Notes:

Specialist Fourth-Class Michael "Doc" Janak

Base Assignments:

Ft. Dix, New Jersey - Fort Dix was established on 16 July 1917 as Camp Dix, named in honor of Major General John Adams Dix, a veteran of the War of 1812 and the American Civil War, and a former United States Senator, Secretary of the Treasury and Governor of New York / Ft. Dix was used for the mobilization, training and demobilization of soldiers from World War I through April 2015 / On 1 October 2009, Fort Dix was consolidated with an adjoining U.S. Air Force and Navy facility to become part of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JB MDL)

Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas - Fort Sam Houston is a U.S. Army post known as "Fort Sam," it is named for the U.S. Senator from Texas, U.S. Representative from Tennessee, Tennessee and Texas Governor, and first President of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston / The installation's missions include serving as the command headquarters for the United States Army North (formerly the Fifth United States Army), United States Army South, the Army Medical Command (MEDCOM) headquarters, the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Center and School, the Fifth Recruiting Brigade, Navy Regional Recruiting, the San Antonio Military Entrance and Processing Station, and the Medical Education and Training Campus (METC)



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Long Binh, Vietnam - Long Binh Post was located on the east of Dong Nai river, northeast from Saigon (now called Ho Chi Minh City) / The base functioned as a U.S. Army base, logistics center, and major command headquarters for United States Army Vietnam (USARV) / Long Binh Post was southeast from Bien Hoa Air Base / Long Binh was also unofficially known as "Long Binh Junction, influenced by the widely used initials of then-President Lyndon B. Johnson / By mid-1967, United States Army, Vietnam (USARV), 1st Logistical Command and many other Army units dispersed in Saigon were moved to Long Binh Post to resolve centralization, security, and troop billeting issues / Long Binh Post was a sprawling logistics facility and the largest U.S. Army base in Vietnam, with a peak of 60,000 personnel in 1969 / The base was the target of several attacks, especially during Tet in 1968 as well as 1969 / The base and its facilities were handed over to the South Vietnamese army on 11 November 1972

Chu Lai, Vietnam - Chu Lai was a United States Marine Corps military base from 1965 to 1970, and a United States Army military base from 1970 to 1971 during the Vietnam War / Roughly 56 miles southeast of Da Nang, the base had an airfield to supplement the major base at Da Nang / It was not named for any local geographic feature, but rather was the Chinese name of Lieutenant General Victor H. Krulak, commanding general of Fleet Marine Force, Pacific / Chu Lai Base became operational on 1 June 1965 and remained in use by Marine aviation units until September 1970

Miscellaneous:

The 199th Infantry Brigade (Light) is a unit of the United States Army which served in the Army Reserve from 1921–1940 and in the active army from 1966 to 1970 (serving in the Vietnam War) / Nicknamed "the Redcatchers", the unit was hastily moved to Song Be, Vietnam on 10 December 1966 to provide an increased U.S. presence in the III Corps Tactical Zone and remained there until its return to Fort Benning on 11 October 1970, where it was inactivated / The brigade was conducting Operation Uniontown in Dong Nai Province when the 1968 Tet Offensive began / It immediately began a defense of U.S. II Field Force headquarters at Long Binh and the Bien Hoa Air Base against attacks by the VC 275th Regiment / One battalion was moved by helicopter to attack a Viet Cong command post at the Phu Tho racetrack inside Saigon, then engaged in house-to-house fighting in Cholon / During 1969, the 199th was responsible for the security of the region north and east of the capital, and in 1970 moved into the "Iron Triangle" when other units participated in the Cambodian Incursion

The Combat Medical Badge (CMB) is an award of the United States Army which was first created in January 1945. Any member of the Army Medical Department, at the rank of colonel or below, who is assigned or attached to a ground combat arms unit of brigade or smaller size which provides medical support during any period in which the unit was engaged in ground combat is eligible for the CMB. According to the award criterion, the individual must be performing medical duties while simultaneously being engaged by the enemy; strict adherence to this requirement and its interpretation (e.g., distant mortar rounds vs. direct small arms fire) will vary by unit

The Bronze Star Medal is a United States decoration awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces for either heroic achievement, heroic service, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service in a combat zone / Whenever the medal is awarded by the Army and Air Force for acts of valor in combat, the "V" Device is authorized for wear on the medal

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



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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

Name: JANICKI

MATTHEW A.

Hometown: LACKAWANNA

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:

Matthew Janicki was a retired Operating Engineer with IUOE Local #17 / Matthew A. Janicki passed away on 17 April 2023



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Name: **JANISZESKI**

MICHAEL E.

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank: MSGT

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Master Sergeant Michael E. Janiszkeski retired from the United States Air Force and also served in the US Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Michael Janiszkeski served as a Deacon at the Winchester Community Church / Michael E. Janiszkeski passed away at the age of 72 years old on 3 November 2022



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Name: **JANOSKE**

THOMAS

V.

Hometown: **BLASDELL**

Address: **MCGURK AVENUE**

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:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Thomas Janoske worked in the Stockroom at Merchants Mutal Insurance Company prior to entering the Army /
Thomas V. Janoske passed away on 23 June 2021 at the age of 73 years



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Name: **JARVIS**

RONALD H.

Hometown:

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: LT.

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Lieutenant Ronald H. Jarvis served in the Dental Corps at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Base Assignments:

Guantanamo Bay Naval Base (Spanish: Base Naval de la Bahía de Guantánamo), officially known as Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba - Guantanamo Bay or NSGB, (also called GTMO, pronounced Gitmo as jargon by members of the U.S. military is a United States military base located on 45 square miles of land and water[2] on the shore of Guantánamo Bay at the southeastern end of Cuba / It has been permanently leased to the United States since 1903 as a coaling station and naval base, making it the oldest overseas U.S. naval base in the world / Since 2002, the naval base has contained a military prison, for alleged unlawful combatants captured in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other places during the War on Terror / The 1903 lease has no fixed expiration date, and as such it can only be ended if the US Navy decided to abandon the area or both countries agreed mutually to end the lease

Miscellaneous:

Ronald Jarvis graduated from Lackawanna High School in 1955 / Jarvis attended the University of Buffalo, receiving his Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S) in 1959 and 1963 respectively / After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Navy, Ronald Jarvis attended the University of Indiana, receiving his Master of Science in Dentistry (M.S.D.) in 1965 / Jarvis was Past President of the Eighth District Dental Society, the Erie County Dental Society and the American Prosthodontic Society / Jarvis was also a past member of the teaching facility at the University of Buffalo School of Dentistry and the Eastman Dental Center in Rochester, New York / James H. Jarvis, D.D.S., M.S.D passed away on 26 May 2023 after a brief illness



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Name: JASINSKI SR.

THOMAS E.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment: VIETNAM

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Thomas E. "TJ" Jasinski Sr. was a life member of the National Association of Postal Supervisors, past director and life member of the Erie County Conservation Society, a life member of the Knights of Columbus Hamburg Council #2220, a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, a life member and past Commandant of Marine Corp League Detachment 239, and a member of the Marine Corp Heritage Foundation / Jasinski worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 37 years, retiring as acting General Supervisor of Motor Vehicle Services / Kasinski and his parents owned and operated Jasinski's Club 86 in Black Rock

Thomas E. "TJ" Jasinski Sr. passed away on 11 May 2022



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Name: **JELONEK SR**

DONALD B.

Hometown: DEPEW

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: SGT

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant Donald B. Jelonek, Sr. served in Vietnam, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Donald B. Jelonek, Sr. passed away on 30 November 2023 at the age of 74 years old and is interred at the Western New York National Cemetery, Corfu, New York

The Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) is a military decoration of the United States Armed Forces / The medal was established on July 2, 1926, and is currently awarded to any persons who, after April 6, 1917, distinguish themselves by single acts of heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight / Both heroism and extraordinary achievement are entirely distinctive, involving operations that are not routine

The Vietnam Service Medal is a military award of the United States Armed Forces established on 8 July 1965 by order of President Lyndon B. Johnson / The medal is awarded to recognize service during the Vietnam War by all members of the U.S. Armed Forces provided they meet the award requirements / Bronze Service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns

The Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, also known as the Vietnam Campaign Medal is a South Vietnamese military campaign awarded during the Vietnam War (Second Indochina War), the South Vietnamese government awarded the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device (1960–) to members of the U.S. military for support of operations in Vietnam In May 1966 / The medal was awarded for two different periods of service in



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Vietnam / The first period for the award was from 8 March 1949 to 20 July 1954 / The second period was from 1 January 1960 to the end of the Vietnam War

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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Name: **JERGE**

DAVID R.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address:

- Vietnam Era*
- Vietnam War Veteran*

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1966

Year Discharged: 1968

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Equipment Operator (Hauling) 3rd Class David Robert Jerge served as Truck Driver

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

David R. Jerge was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post 2940



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Name: JOHNSON

GERALD D.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address: 245 NORTHWOOD AVENUE

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: E-3

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

USS HANCOCK (CVA-19)

Medals / Citations:

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION

Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment: VIETNAM

Service Notes:

Seaman Gerald Johnson was part of the Deck Force, handling the ship lines, on the USS Hancock / Johnson also worked onboard in the mail room and as a ship's cook

Base Assignments:

Great Lakes Training Center, Illinois - Home of the United States Navy's only boot camp, located near North Chicago, in Lake County, Illinois / Naval Station Great Lakes is the second largest military installation in Illinois and the largest training station in the Navy

Miscellaneous:

Prior to enlisting in the Navy, Jerry Johnson graduated from West Seneca High School / After an honorable discharge from the Navy, Gerald Johnson went to work at West Seneca West Senior High School as a Custodial Engineer / Johnson is a member of West Seneca American Legion Post 735

The USS Hancock (CV/CVA-19) was one of 24 Essex-class aircraft carriers built during World War II / The ship was the fourth US Navy ship to bear the name, and was named for John Hancock, president of the Second Continental Congress and first governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts / The Hancock was commissioned in April 1944, and served in several campaigns in the Pacific Theater of Operations, earning four battle stars / Decommissioned shortly after the end of WWII, she was modernized and recommissioned in the early 1950s as an attack carrier (CVA) / In her second career, the Hancock operated exclusively in the Pacific, playing a prominent role in the Vietnam War, for which she earned a Navy Unit Commendation / The Hancock



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was the first US Navy carrier to have steam catapults installed / The USS Hancock was decommissioned in 1976 and sold for scrap

Name: **JOHNSON**
JAMES A.

Hometown: GRAND ISLAND

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:

James Johnson graduated from Burgard High School and drafted into the United States Army / After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army, Johnson went to work For Dunlop Tire in Tonawanda, New York / James Johnson retired after 32 years with Dunlop and held various positions for the 135 URW / James A. "JJ" Johnson passed away on 2 March 2023 at the age of 76 years old



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Name: **JOHNSON**

RAYMOND H.

Hometown: KENMORE

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1963

Year Discharged: 1966

Unit / Squadron:

384TH REPLACEMENT COMPANY

15TH SUPPLY & TRANSPORT BATTALION, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Specialist 4th Class Raymond H. Johnson was deployed to Korea with the Army Chemical Corp for 13 months of active duty assigned as an Equipment Operator

Base Assignments:

Fort Hood, Texas - Fort Hood is a United States Army post located near Killeen, Texas and was named after Confederate General John Bell Hood / The post is the headquarters of III Corps and First Army Division West and is home to the 1st Cavalry Division and 3rd Cavalry Regiment / During the late 1960s, Fort Hood trained and deployed a number of units and individuals for duty in Vietnam / As the United States ended its role in the conflict, thousands of returning soldiers completed their active duty with one of the divisions / In 1971, the colors of the 1st Cavalry Division came to Fort Hood from Vietnam / On May 24, 2022, the Commission on the Naming of Items of the Department of Defense that Commemorate the Confederate States of America or Any Person Who Served Voluntarily with the Confederate States of America recommended the fort be renamed to Fort Cavazos, named after Gen. Richard E. Cavazos, a native Texan and the US Army's first Hispanic four-star general

Miscellaneous:

Raymond Johnson was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army on 29 July 1966 / Raymond H. Johnson passed away on 15 February 2019 at the age of 74 years old

The Army Chemical Corps is the branch of the United States Army tasked with defending against chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) weapons / The Chemical Warfare Service was established on 28 June



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1918, combining activities that until then had been dispersed among five separate agencies of the United States federal government / It was made a permanent branch of the Regular Army by the National Defense Act of 1920 and in 1945, it was redesignated the Chemical Corps

The 1st Cavalry Division ("First Team") is a combined arms division and is one of the most decorated combat divisions of the United States Army / It is based at Fort Hood, Texas and was formed in 1921. serving in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, with the Stabilization Force in Bosnia-Herzegovina, in the Iraq War, in the War in Afghanistan and in Operation Freedom's Sentinel / The unit is unique in that it has served as a horseback cavalry division until 1943, an infantry division, an air assault division and an armored division during its existence

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Name: **JOHNSON**

RICHARD T.

Hometown: LANCASTER

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:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Richard Johnson was a former Choir Director for the Faith United Methodist Church in Lancaster / Richard T. Johnson passed away on 26 September 2022



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Name: JONES

RICHARD F.

Hometown: LANCASTER

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank:

Year Entered: 1972

Year Discharged: 1976

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Richard F. Jones was stationed in Germany

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Richard Jones was a lector and past chairman of the HMRC Parish Church Committee / Richard F. Jones passed away on 2 October 2023



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Name: **JUDGE JR**

WILLIAM C.

Hometown: LACKAWANNA

Address:

- Vietnam Era
- Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY C, 1ST BATTALION, 8TH CAVALRY, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSS

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

ARMY PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Private First-Class William Charles Judge Jr. was deployed to Vietnam on 2 October 1967 / PFC William Judge was Killed In Action on 27 March 1968 in Quang Tri province from multiple fragmentation wounds as a result of enemy fire / PFC Judge was awarded the Purple Heart (posthumously)

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

William Judge graduated from Lackawanna Senior High School in 1960 / Prior to military duty, Judge worked as a Firefighter in the Bethlehem Steel Plant in Lackawanna / William Charles Judge Jr. was KIA on 27 March 1968 at the age of 25 years old and is interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, New York

The 8th Cavalry Regiment, represented in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Brigades of the 1st Cavalry Division, was constituted in the Regular Army on 28 July 1866 / Company "A" (now the 1st Battalion) was organized on 21 September 1866 at Angel Island, located in San Francisco Bay / On 22 January 1921, the 1st Cavalry Division was constituted in the US Regular Army / In September 1965, 1st Battalion (ABN), 8th Cavalry Regiment arrived in Vietnam, and participated in numerous campaigns in South Vietnam and Cambodia / The battalion was awarded two Presidential Unit Citations, the Valorous Unit Citation, and four soldiers were awarded with the nation's highest honor, the Medal of Honor / On 24 August 1968, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry aided in exploiting a minor contact and wound up inflicting heavy losses on elements of the PAVN K8 Main Force Battalion / An estimated



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80% of the enemy unit was killed in the four-day fight which took place in three coastal villages northwest of Quang Tri City / During the months of September and October 1968, the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry conducted search and clear operations, as part of Operation Comanche Falls, in the Ba Long Valley, west of the Trach Han River / There were many entrenched sites and built-up areas discovered which were exploited and destroyed by 1st Battalion / On 05 May 1971, the colors of the 1st Cavalry Division were moved from Vietnam to Texas / The 1st Cavalry was honored with the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer for 1965 through 1971

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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The Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, also known as the Vietnam Campaign Medal is a South Vietnamese military campaign awarded during the Vietnam War (Second Indochina War), the South Vietnamese government awarded the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device (1960–) to members of the U.S. military for support of operations in Vietnam In May 1966 / The medal was awarded for two different periods of service in Vietnam / The first period for the award was from 8 March 1949 to 20 July 1954 / The second period was from 1 January 1960 to the end of the Vietnam War

The Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB) is a United States Army military decoration. The badge is awarded to infantrymen and Special Forces soldiers in the rank of colonel and below, who fought in active ground combat while assigned as members of either an Infantry or Special Forces unit of brigade size or smaller at any time after 6 December 1941

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 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



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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 / Gallantry Cross with Palm: cited at the Armed Forces level

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 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



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Name: **JUSKO**

TOM

A.

Hometown: HAMBURG

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Tom A. Jusko was stationed at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi and at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Base Assignments:

Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Mississippi - Keesler Air Force Base is a United States Air Force base located in Biloxi, a city along the Gulf Coast in Harrison County, Mississippi, United States / The base is named in honor of aviator 2nd Lieutenant Samuel Reeves Keesler Jr., a Mississippi native killed in France during the First World War and was activated in June 1941 / The base is home of Headquarters, Second Air Force (2 AF) and the 81st Training Wing (81 TW) of the Air Education and Training Command / The Tuskegee Airmen were trained at Keesler. More than 7,000 Black soldiers were stationed at Keesler Field by the autumn of 1943 / These soldiers included pre-aviation cadets, radio operators, aviation technicians, bombardiers, and aviation mechanics / Keesler is also home to CNATTU Keesler (Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit), a training unit for U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps enlisted personnel receiving training at Keesler, such as enlisted meteorology training, with their Air Force counterparts

Miscellaneous:

Tom Jusko graduated from the George Washington University and the University of Buffalo / Jusko retired as the Principal Probation Officer for Erie County, New York / Tom A. Jusko passed away on 23 September 2022 at the age of 74 years old