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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **TABONE**

THOMAS L.

Hometown: BLASDELL

Address:

- Vietnam Era
- Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1965

Year Discharged: 1969

Unit / Squadron:

48TH FIGHTER-INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON (AIR DEFENSE COMMAND)

Medals / Citations:

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL W/1 SERVICE STAR

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL

AIR FORCE OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant Thomas L. Tabone served as a Jet Engine Mechanic during his 12 month tour in Vietnam

Base Assignments:

Langley Air Force Base, Virginia - Langley Air Force Base is a United States Air Force base located in Hampton, Virginia, adjacent to Newport News / Langley Air Force Base, originally known as Langley Field, is named after Samuel Pierpont Langley, an aerodynamic pioneer and a former Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution / It was one of thirty-two Air Service training camps established after the entry of the United States into World War I in April 1917 / The Air Force mission at Langley is to sustain the ability for fast global deployment and air superiority for the United States or allied armed forces / The base is one of the oldest facilities of the Air Force / On 25 May 1946 the headquarters of the newly formed Tactical Air Command were established at Langley / The command's mission was to organize, train, equip and maintain combat-ready forces capable of rapid deployment to meet the challenges of peacetime air sovereignty and wartime air defense / The arrival of Tactical Air Command and jet aircraft marked the beginning of a new era in the history of the field, and in January 1948 Langley Field officially became Langley Air Force Base

Miscellaneous:

Thomas Tabone was Honorably Discharged from the United States Air Force on 27 February 1969 / Thomas L. Tabone passed away 28 March 2023

The 48th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron (FIS) constructed and maintained airfields and related facilities in France



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between 1917 and 1919 / It trained aviation personnel from 1927 to 1931 and from 1933 to 1936 / The 48th FIS was deployed to the European Theater of Operations (ETO) in August 1942 to fly escort missions of B-17 and B-24 heavy bombers as part of VIII Fighter Command / The squadron was sent to North Africa in late 1942 as part of the Operation Torch invasion forces, taking up station in Algeria / It was reassigned to the Twelfth Air Force and flew fighter escort missions for the B-17 Flying Fortresses operating from Algeria as well as tactical interdiction strikes on enemy targets of opportunity in Algeria and Tunisia during the North African Campaign / Following the German defeat and withdrawal from North Africa the squadron participated in the Allied invasions of Sicily and Italy and the subsequent drive of the United States Fifth Army up the Italian peninsula. It was engaged primarily in tactical operations after November 1943, supporting ground forces and attacking enemy targets of opportunity such as railroads, road convoys, bridges, strafing enemy airfields and other targets / The squadron was deployed to Corsica in 1944 to attack enemy targets in support of the Free French Forces in the liberation of the island and to support Allied forces in the invasion of southern France / The squadron continued offensive operations until the German capitulation in May 1945 / The unit was demobilized during the summer and fall 1945 in Italy and inactivated / The 48th FIS was reactivated in 1946 to the new Air Defense Command to perform air defense of the eastern United States / The 48th FIS was activated at Dow Field in November 1946 with P-47 Thunderbolts / The unit was deployed to Florida in 1962 during Cuban Missile Crisis / The 48th continued training and operational exercises until inactivation in 1991 / The 48th FIS was assigned to Langley Air Force Base, Virginia from 1953 through 1991

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The Air Force Commendation Medal was authorized by the Secretary of the Air Force on March 28, 1958, for award to members of the armed forces of the United States who, while serving in any capacity with the Air Force after March 24, 1958, shall have distinguished themselves by meritorious achievement and service / The degree of merit must be distinctive, though it need not be unique / Acts of courage which do not involve the voluntary risk of life required for the Airman's Medal may be considered for the Air Force Commendation Medal

The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award is one of the unit awards of the United States Air Force / It was established in 1954 and was the first independent Air Force decoration created / The Outstanding Unit Award is awarded to any unit of the U.S. Air Force (including the Air Force Reserve and the Air National Guard) which performs exceptionally meritorious service, accomplishes specific acts of outstanding achievement, excels in combat operations against an armed enemy of the United States, or conducts with distinct military operations involving conflict with, or exposure to, a hostile action by any opposing foreign force



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Name: **TANNER**

WILLIAM B.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1966

Year Discharged: 1969

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant William B. Tanner served as a Security Policeman during 11 months of active duty in Korea / Sgt Tanner served in the U.S. Air Force for 3 years, 10 months including active duty from 1968-1969

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

William Tanner received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Air Force on 11 June 1969 / William B. Tanner passed away on 16 May 2018

The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM) is a military award of the United States Armed Forces, which was first created in 1961 by Executive Order of President John Kennedy / The medal is awarded to members of the U.S. Armed Forces who, after July 1, 1958, participated in U.S. military operations, U.S. operations in direct support of the United Nations, or U.S. operations of assistance for friendly foreign nations

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Name: **TANNER JR.**

WILLAIM

B.

Hometown: KENMORE

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1968

Year Discharged: 1969

Unit / Squadron:

107TH COMBAT SPT SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant (E-4) William Bancroft Tanner Jr. served in the Air Security Police and was stationed in South Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

William B. Tanner Jr. was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post 2940



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Name: **THIEBOLT**

DANIEL M.

Hometown: TONAWANDA

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: E-2

Year Entered: 1968

Year Discharged: 1969

Unit / Squadron:

A CO., 1ST BATTALION, 28TH MARINE REGIMENT, 5TH MARINE DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN (M-14 RIFLE)

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

COMBAT ACTION RIBBON

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Daniel M. Thiebolt was a Machine Gunner, serving 5 months in Vietnam / PFC Thiebolt was wounded in action on 17 March 1969 and received the Purple Heart

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

After receiving his Honorable Discharge from the United States Marine Corps, Daniel Thiebolt joined the City of Tonawanda Police Department, serving for more than 26 years before retiring as a Lieutenant / Daniel M. Thiebolt passed away on 18 February 2018 at the age of 70 years old

The 28th Marine Regiment (28th Marines) is an infantry regiment of the United States Marine Corps / The regiment (inactive since the Vietnam War) which is part of the 5th Marine Division, fought in the Battle of Iwo Jima during World War II. Six Marines of the 2nd Battalion, 28th Marines were featured in the historical photo by Joe Rosenthal of the U.S. flag raising on top of Mount Suribachi / After the Battle of Iwo Jima, the 28th Marines, 5th Marine Division sailed back to Hawaii, refitted and then sailed for mainland Japan where it landed at the port of Sasebo on 22 September 1945, becoming part of the American occupation force / The 28th Marines was reactivated at Camp Pendleton on 31 January 1967 and assigned to the newly reactivated 5th Marine Division / While the division's 26th and 27th Marines served in Vietnam, the 28th Marines remained at Camp Pendleton as a reaction force and training unit for personnel bound for Vietnam / The regiment was deactivated on 26 November 1969



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The Combat Action Ribbon (colloquially "CAR"), is a high precedence United States Navy, United States Coast Guard, and United States Marine Corps military decoration awarded to United States sea service members "who have actively participated in ground or surface combat" / Coast Guardsmen, Navy sailors, and Marines active in clandestine, stealth or special operations are deemed eligible for consideration of the award / The U.S. Navy first authorized the Combat Action Ribbon on 17 February 1969 / The CAR is awarded to members of the Navy and Marine Corps with a rank no higher than captain and colonel, respectively

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Name: THOMAS

RICHARD J.

Hometown: LANCASTER

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-5

Year Entered: 1970

Year Discharged: 1973

Unit / Squadron:

1ST SIGNAL CORP

US ARMY ADJUTANT CORPS

Medals / Citations:

BRONZE STAR

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER (GRENADE)

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSS UNIT CITATION
W/PALM

OVERSEAS SERVICE BAR (2)

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN (AUTOMATIC RIFLE)

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Specialist Fifth-Class Richard J. Thomas served as a Clerk Typist during his 12 month deployment to Vietnam / Thomas also served as a Combat Photographer / Specialist Fifth-Class Thomas was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in a combat zone

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Richard J. Thomas passed away on 31 March 2023

The Adjutant General's Corps is a branch of the United States Army first established in 1775 / This branch provides personnel service support by manning the force, providing human resources services, coordinating personnel support, Army band operations, and recruiting and retention / The objective of the Adjutant General Corps is to "maximize operational effectiveness of the total force by anticipating, manning, and sustaining military operations"

The United States Army Signal Corps (USASC) is a branch of the United States Army that creates and manages



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communications and information systems for the command and control of combined arms forces / It was established in 1860 and had an important role in the American Civil War / Over its history, it had the initial responsibility for portfolios and new technologies that were eventually transferred to other U.S. government entities / Such responsibilities included military intelligence, weather forecasting, and aviation

The Bronze Star Medal (BSM) is a is the fourth-highest individual military award and the ninth-highest by order of precedence in the United States Armed Forces / The Bronze Star is awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces for either heroic achievement, heroic service, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service in a combat zone / When the medal is awarded by the Army and Air Force for acts of valor in combat, the "V" Device is authorized for wear on the medal

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The 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 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 Army Commendation Medal, created in 1945, is a mid-level United States military decoration presented for sustained acts of heroism or meritorious service / A "V" device distinguishes an award for heroism or valor in combat instead of for meritorious service or achievement

An Overseas Service Bar indicates a soldier has served six months of service in a combat zone / Service Bars are cumulative, in that each bar worn indicates another six-month period / Time spent overseas is also cumulative, meaning one bar could be earned for two separate deployments totaling six months

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Name: THOMPSON

RICHARD R.

Hometown: TONAWANDA

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank:

Year Entered: 1964

Year Discharged: 1968

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Richard R. Thompson served as an Egress Systems Technician

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Richard R. Thompson passed away on 21 August 2022

Aircrew Egress Systems technicians ensure that pilots can safely eject from aircraft in the event of an emergency / By performing precise maintenance and coordination of seats, hatches, canopies and modules, these professionals make sure that every component is in perfect working order so that Airmen can make a safe escape when necessary



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Name: TOMAKA
THADDEUS C.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

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:

Thaddeus "Ted" C. Tomaka passed away on 5 June 2022



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Name: **TOMASULA**
MICHAEL V.

Hometown: BUFFALO

Address:

- Vietnam Era
- Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch:

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment: VIETNAM

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Michael V. Tomasula passed away on 22 January 2023 and is interred at Mt. Calvary Cemetery



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Name: **TOWNSEND**

GARY

R.

Hometown: ORCHARD PARK

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: LCPL

Year Entered: 1968

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

1ST MARINE DIVISION (1ST MARDIV)

Medals / Citations:

SILVER STAR

PURPLE HEART

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Lance Corporal Gary Ray Townsend enlisted in the US Marine Corps on 7 February 1968 in Buffalo, New York and underwent recruit training at Parris Island, South Carolina / Townsend was named the most outstanding Marine in his platoon / LCpl Townsend arrived in Vietnam on 28 July 1968 and assigned to and serving with Company F, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st MARDIV (Rein) FMF / In the month of September 1968, Company F was under the OPCON (Operational Control) of the 1st Battalion participating on Operation MAMELUKE THRUST in the Duy Xuyen District of Quang Nam Province / On 30 September, Company F and H launched an attack as part of the Battalions mission on the Cu Ban village complex / Encountering a stubborn enemy in fortified positions, Company F suffered losses of four men killed and several wounded during the battle / One of the casualties was LCpl Townsend who was Killed In Action from hostile rifle fire / LCPL Townsend served two months in Vietnam

LCpl Gary R. Townsend was presented with the Silver Star Medal posthumously "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action on 30 September 1968"

Base Assignments:

Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina - Abbreviated as MCRD, Parris Island is an 8,095-acre military installation located within Port Royal, South Carolina, approximately 5 miles south of Beaufort / MCRD Parris Island is used for United States Marine Corps Recruit Training of enlisted United States Marines / Recruits living east of the Mississippi River report there to receive initial training / Marines were first assigned to Parris Island on 26 June 1891 with military buildings and family quarters constructed between 1891 / World War I formed the nucleus of the Parris Island and was officially designated a Recruit Depot / From 1941 to 1945, the



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Marines trained 204,509 recruits there, and at the time of the Japanese surrender, the Depot contained more than 20,000 recruits / The Korean War began in 1950, when 2,350 recruits were in training / From then until the 1st Marine Division withdrew from Korea, Parris Island drill instructors trained more than 138,000 recruits / In March 1952, the training load peaked at 24,424 recruits / The recruit tide again flooded during the years of the Vietnam War, reaching a peak training load of 10,979 during March 1966

Miscellaneous:

Gary Ray Townsend was a 1965 graduate of Orchard Park Central High School and had attended Colorado State University at Ft Collins Colorado for 2 1/2 years majoring in sociology / Gary Ray Townsend was KIA on 30 September 1968 at the age of 21 years old and is interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, Orchard Park New York

The 1st Marine Division (1st MARDIV) is a Marine division of the United States Marine Corps headquartered at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California / It is the ground combat element of the I Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF) / It is the oldest and largest active duty division in the United States Marine Corps, representing a combat-ready force of 22,000 personnel / It is one of three active duty divisions in the Marine Corps today and is a multi-role, expeditionary ground combat force / The 1st Marine Division is nicknamed "The Old Breed" / As its mission, the 1st Marine Division is the division employed as the ground combat element (GCE) of the I Marine Expeditionary Force or may provide task-organized forces for assault operations and such operations as may be directed / The 1st Marine Division must be able to provide the ground amphibious forcible entry capability to the naval expeditionary force (NEF) and to conduct subsequent land operations in any operational environment

The Silver Star Medal (SSM) is the United States Armed Forces' third-highest military decoration for valor in combat / The Silver Star Medal is awarded primarily to members of the United States Armed Forces for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States / The gallantry displayed must have taken place while in action against an enemy of the United States, while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force

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RICHARD D.

Hometown: HAMBURG

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-5

Year Entered: 1968

Year Discharged: 1970

Unit / Squadron:

1ST BATTALION, 13TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 8TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT (M-14 RIFLE)

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER (MACHINE GUN)

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT (M-16 RIFLE)

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Richard "Dick" D. Tracy served on active duty in Baumholder, Germany as an Armor Reconnaissance Specialist / SSgt Tracy also served in the Air National Guard from 1970 through 1977 as a Squad Leader with the 152nd Construction Engineer Battalion in Buffalo, NY

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Richard Tracy received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army 14 March 1970 and his Honorable Discharge from the Army National Guard on 2 February 1977 / Tracy was a member of the Patriot Guard Riders of New York and a member of the American Legion Honor Guard / Richard "Dick" D. Tracy passed away on 7 August 2017

In June 1898 the 13th Infantry Regiment was sent to Cuba and led the 1st Infantry's attack on San Juan Hill, capturing the Spanish flag / Major William Auman was the first commanding officer to reach the top of San Juan Hill / The regiment saw combat in the Philippines during the Philippine-American War, and was assigned to the 8th Infantry Division in June 1918 / As a member of this organization, the regiment did not participate in World War I / In 1939 the regiment was ordered to the Panama Canal Zone and a year later, after having been disbanded, was reconstituted at Camp Jackson, South Carolina / The regiment found itself fighting through the hedgerows of France in July 1944 as a member of the 8th Infantry Division and led the drive to the Aa River / The regiment spent ten months in combat in Normandy, Northern France, The Rhineland and Central Europe / It



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occupied a position on the Siegfried Line and was involved in the Battle for Brest and the Battle of Hurtgen Forest / In January, 1958 the 1st Battle Group, 13th Infantry Regiment moved from Neu Ulm to Sandhofen, Germany / The First Battalion was posted to Baumholder whilst the Second Battalion was posted to Mannheim, Germany and remained there until 1 August 1988 when it was inactivated and relieved from assignment to the 8th Infantry Division

The 152nd Engineer Battalion served as part of the New York Army National Guard from 1946 until 2007. At that time it had been part of the 42nd Infantry Division's Engineer Brigade of three engineer battalions

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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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **TREMANE**

GARY

C.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-3

Year Entered: 1966

Year Discharged: 1969

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 3RD BATTALION, 6TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, US ARMY, BERLIN, GERMANY

Medals / Citations:

ARMY OCCUPATION MEDAL (GERMANY)

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN (RIFLE)

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Gary C. Tremane served as a Pay Disbursement Clerk deployed with the 3rd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, US Army, Berlin, Germany for 20 months

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Gary Tremane received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army on 6 October 1969 / Gary C. Tremane passed away on 16 December 2017

The 6th Infantry Regiment ("Regulars") was formed 11 January 1812 / Zachary Taylor, later the twelfth President of the United States, was a commander of the unit / The motto, "Regulars, By God!" derives from the Battle of Chippawa, in which British Major General Phineas Riall noticed that the approaching regiment had on the uniforms of militia, which the British had defeated at Queenston Heights / Instead, the Americans pressed the attack / Riall is believed to have said, "Those are Regulars, By God!", though the only source of this was opposing U.S. General Winfield Scott / The regiment participated in the War of 1812, the Mexican–American War, the American Civil War, the Indian Wars (1823–1879), the Spanish–American War, Philippine–American War (1899–1913), the Pancho Villa Expedition (1916–1917), World War I, World War II, and the Vietnam War / The headquarters and headquarters company is a company sized military unit

The Army of Occupation Medal is a military award of the United States military which was established by the



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United States War Department on 5 April 1946 / The medal was created in the aftermath of the Second World War to recognize those who had performed occupation service in either Germany, Italy, Austria, Japan or Korea / The first medal was presented to General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, who had been the Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force Commander during World War II / Because of the legal status of West Berlin as an occupied territory, the Army of Occupation Medal was issued for forty-five years until the unification of Germany in 1990, making it one of the longest active military awards of both the Second World War and the Cold War / To be awarded the Army of Occupation Medal, a service member was required to have performed at least thirty consecutive days of military duty within a designated geographical area of military occupation

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **TWAROG**

JOHN E.

Hometown: BUFFALO

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank:

Year Entered: 1968

Year Discharged: 1970

Unit / Squadron:

H&S COMPANY, 3RD BATTALION, 4TH MARINES, 3RD MARINE DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Lance Corporal (E-3) John Edward Twarog served as a Mortarman

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

A Mortarman is a soldier who operates a firing device called a mortar / Mortarmen in the U.S. Marines are the unit that's mainly responsible for the tactical employment of the 60 mm light mortar and the 81 mm medium mortar



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Name: TYCZKA

EDWARD A.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address: BOSSE LANE

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS.

Rank: SGT

Year Entered: 1962

Year Discharged: 1966

Unit / Squadron:

3RD BATTALION, 8TH MARINES

USS BOXER (LPH-4)

Medals / Citations:

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant (E-5) Edward A. Tyczka was stationed on the aircraft carrier, the USS Boxer, in the Caribbean Sea off the Cuban coast during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962

Base Assignments:

Camp Lejeune, North Carolina - Located in Jacksonville, North Carolina, construction on Camp Lejeune was begun in 1941 and named in honor of the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps, John A. Lejeune / As a military training facility, the Camp's 14 miles of beaches make it a major area for amphibious assault training, and its location between two deep-water ports (Wilmington and Morehead City) allows for fast deployments

Clarksville Base, Tennessee - Built in 1942 and operated by the U.S. Navy from 1948 through 1969, Clarksville Base was a heavily-guarded Cold War secret / The Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) built more than 240 buildings and logistic structures within Fort Campbell for the sole purpose of transporting, storing and assembling the nation's fast-growing stockpile of nuclear weapons / At one time, one-third of America's nuclear weapons were stored at Clarksville / Operations at Clarksville Base ended in 1965, and control of the facility was transferred to the Army in 1969

Miscellaneous:

Edward Tyczka was a graduate of Seneca Vocational High School prior to his service in the Marine Corps / After his Honorable Discharge, Tyczka joined the West Seneca Police Department / Tyczka retired as a Detective after 34 years on the Police Force / Edward Tyczka is an active lifetime member and an officer of American Legion Post



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The 3rd Battalion 8th Marines (3/8) is an infantry battalion in the United States Marine Corps based out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina consisting of approximately 1,100 Marines and Sailors / The battalion was deactivated 26 March 1946 following World War II and was reactivated on 15 January 1951 at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and assigned to the 2nd Marine Division / During the 1960s they participated in the Cuban Missile Crisis from October to December 1962 and Operation Powerpack in the Dominican Republic in 1965

The USS Boxer (CV/CVA/CVS-21, LPH-4) was one of 24 Essex-class aircraft carriers of the United States Navy, and the fifth ship to be named for the HMS Boxer, which had been captured from the British during the War of 1812 / The Boxer was commissioned on 16 April 1945, too late to see action in World War II / The USS Boxer supported the Inchon landings and subsequent invasion of North Korea, and was among the ships that provided support during the Chinese counteroffensive against an under-prepared and spread out United Nations (UN) force / She saw three subsequent combat tours in Korea conducting close air support and strategic bombing in support of UN ground troops fighting along the 38th parallel / The Boxer was awarded eight battle stars for her service in Korea / During the 1960's, the USS Boxer operated mainly out of the Caribbean as an amphibious assault carrier / During this duty, she was on station during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis / In 1964, she undertook her first tour to the Mediterranean when she took part in Operation Steel Pike, the largest amphibious exercise in history / The USS Boxer was decommissioned on 1 December 1969 after 25 years of service, and sold for scrap on 13 March 1971



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Name: TYCZKA JR.

EDWARD A.

Hometown: BUFFALO

Address: 428 WILLET STREET

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: E-5

Year Entered: 1961

Year Discharged: 1966

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL

SHARPSHOOTER BADGE: RIFLE

WARD TYCZKA WAS A MEMBER OF VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS VFW POST 2940 AND AMERICAN LEGION POST 735

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Sergeant (E-5) Edward Adam Tyczka Jr. served as an Infantry Anti-Tank Assault Man / Sergeant Tyczka was deployed during the Cuban Missile Crisis of October 1962 / Sgt Tyczka successfully completed the Marine Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO) course and the Rocket Launcher Course

Base Assignments:

Marine Base, Clarsville Base, Clarksville, Tennessee -

Miscellaneous:

Edward A. Tyczka joined the West Seneca Police Force after receiving his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps / Tyczka retired from the West Seneca Police Force with the rank of Detective / Edward Tyczka was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post 2940 and American Legion Post 735

The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM) is a military award of the United States Armed Forces, which was first created in 1961 by Executive Order of President John Kennedy. The medal is awarded to members of the U.S. Armed Forces who, after July 1, 1958, participated in U.S. military operations, U.S. operations in direct support of the United Nations, or U.S. operations of assistance for friendly foreign nations

The Infantry Assault Marine is on the front line of any infantry mission / Infantry Assault Marines use several weapons as part of their jobs, including rockets and Anti-Personnel Obstacle Breaching Systems (APOBS) / Their duties include providing rocket fire in support of rifle squads, platoons, and other companies within the infantry battalion



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