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Name: ZBOCH SR

JERRY

A.

Hometown: LACKAWANNA

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch:

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

USS STODDARD (DD-566)

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Jerry A. Zboch served aboard the United States destroyer, USS Stoddard (DD-566)

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Jerry A. Zboch, Sr. passed away on 6 September 2023

The USS Stoddard (DD-566) was a Fletcher-class destroyer of the United States Navy, named for Master's Mate James Stoddard, who was awarded the Medal of Honor during the Civil War. She was the last Fletcher to be stricken from the U.S. Navy, in 1975 / The Stoddard was commissioned on 15 April 1944 and served in the North Pacific with Task Force 94 / During World War II, the mission of Task Force 94 was to harass Japanese outposts in the Kuril Islands, northeast of Japan proper and west of the Aleutian Islands / In June of 1945, she participated in the Battle of Okinawa / In January 1955, she embarked upon her first deployment to the western Pacific since World War II / Soon after her arrival, she participated in the evacuation of Chinese Nationalists from the Tachen Islands / Following that operation, she served on the Taiwan Strait patrol / Stoddard followed a schedule of deployments to the Far East alternated with west coast operations throughout the remainder of her career / On 4 June 1965, the Stoddard operated along the coast of Vietnam, providing gunfire support to American and Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) troops operating ashore against the forces of the Viet Cong (VC) insurgents and their allies, the People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) regulars / On 28–29 July 1965, she joined USS John R. Craig in giving naval gunfire support to a Marine Corps unit, Hotel Company, 3rd platoon, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines north of Da Nang / At night with danger close, Craig fired 348 5-inch rounds, and Stoddard fired 148 rounds, saving Marines on and near the beach as well as a battalion of the ARVN 2nd Regional Force, who were badly outnumbered and threatened with being overrun / In doing so the ships effectively destroyed the VC 7th



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Battalion engaging Marines on the Ca De River Bridge and the northern sector of Da Nang / Stoddard spent the next twelve months operating with the 1st Fleet in the waters off the west coast of the United States / Her primary mission was to maintain operational readiness through training, which ran the gamut from antisubmarine warfare exercises to bombardment drills / The USS Stoddard earned three battle stars for World War II and three battle stars for the Vietnam War / The Stoddard was decommissioned on 26 September 1969 and sunk off Hawaii on 22 July 1997 as part of naval training exercises

Name: ZEKAS

EDWARD

S.

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered: 1965

Year Discharged: 1967

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Edward Stanley Zekas passed away on 30 July 2023 and is interred at St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York



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Name: ZEKAS

EDWARD S.

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered: 1965

Year Discharged: 1967

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Edward Zekas was under the care of social services / Edward Stanley Zekas passed away on 30 July 2023 and is interred at St Stanislaus Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York



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Name: ZIELINSKI

RONALD R.

Hometown: BUFFALO

Address:

- Vietnam Era
- Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank: SSGT

Year Entered: 1961

Year Discharged: 1965

Unit / Squadron:

526TH FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON, 86TH AIR DIVISION
431ST MUNITIONS MAINTENANCE SQUADRON, PACIFIC AIR FORCE

Medals / Citations:

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL	REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL
AIR FORCE LONGEVITY SERVICE RIBBON W/2 OAK LEAFS	OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD RIBBON
COLD WAR SERVICE MEDAL	NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL
ARMED FORCES RESERVE MEDAL	GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Ronald R. Zielinski served in the US Air Force as a Weapons Mechanic / SSgt Zielinski served in Germany assigned to the 526th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 86th Air Division and also served 12 months in Vietnam with the 431st Munitions Maintenance Squadron, Pacific Air Force

Staff Sergeant Zielinski served a total of 5 years of active duty in the US Air Force from 1961-1965 and 1968-1969

Zielinski went on to serve for over 11 years from 1967-1978 as a Missile Systems Maintenance Technician with the Air National Guard's 107th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (CAM), 107th Fighter Group at Niagara Falls, NY / He attained the rank of Master Sergeant (E-7), and for his over 16 total years of service to our nation

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Ronald R. Zielinski passed away on 2 February 2023 at the age of 79 years old

The 526th Fighter Squadron is an inactive United States Air Force unit / In 1954, the squadron was redesignated



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the 526th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron and assumed a new mission of air defense for the central European region / For this mission, the squadron was re-equipped with the rocket-armed F-86D Sabre interceptor which provided an all-weather capability / Its last assignment was with the 86th Operations Group, based at Ramstein Air Base, Germany / The unit was inactivated on 1 July 1994

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 / Service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns

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The Air Force Longevity Service Award is a military award established by Air Force General Order 60, on 25 November 1957 by General Thomas D. White, Air Force Chief of Staff / The award was primarily created as an Air Force equivalent to the service stripes used by other branches of the United States military to denote years of military service / The award is retroactive to the establishment of the U.S. Air Force as an independent service in September 1947 and for any service with the U.S. Army Air Forces, U.S. Army Air Corps, or U.S. Army Air Service prior to the creation of the U.S. Air Force as a separate service as long as the serviceman was on active duty on or after 18 September 1947 / The Air Force Longevity Service Award is awarded for completing four years of Active, Air Force Reserve, or Air National Guard service / The Air Force Longevity Service Award is a ribbon-only award

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

The Armed Forces Reserve Medal (AFRM) is a service medal of the United States Armed Forces that has existed since 1950 / The medal recognizes service performed by members of the reserve components and is awarded to both officers and enlisted personnel / The medal is considered a successor award to the Naval Reserve Medal and the Marine Corps Reserve Ribbon, which were discontinued in 1958 and 1967, respectively

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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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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ARTHUR T.

Hometown: ARMY

Address: BUFFALO

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:

Arthur T. Zimmer passed away on 22 September 2018



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Name: ZIMNIEWICZ SR

VALENTINE T.

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: VIETNAM

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Valentine Zimniewicz retired from the Buffalo Water Authority / Valentine T. Zimniewicz, Sr. passed away on 13 December 2022 at the age of 75 years old



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Name: ZIMPFER

FRED

C.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address: 5303 SENECA STREET

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Year Entered:

Year Discharged: KIA

Unit / Squadron:

AERO RIFLE PLATOON, F TROOP, 8TH CAVALRY, AMERICAL DIV,
UNITED STATES ARMY REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (USARV)

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Private First Class Fred Charles Zimpfer was Killed in Action on 15 February 1970 during a battle in Quang Tin Province, South Vietnam

Private Zimpfer was an Infantryman whose tour of duty in South Vietnam started on 5 December 1969.

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Fred C. Zimpfer was 26 years of age at the time of his death

The main mission of the Aero Rifle Platoon, a Recon element, was to perform ground reconnaissance of areas that the scout ships cannot check out by air / They were not a main fighting force and only about 32 soldiers are inserted at any one time, although they could handle a small numbers of Viet Cong / Anything of a larger size would have to be dealt with by a regular infantry company which would be brought in by an Assault Helicopter Company / Another function of the Aero Rifle Platoon was to secure any of downed aircraft until it could be extracted

The Purple Heart was instituted in 1782 by George Washington and is the first and oldest military American decoration / The Purple Heart is awarded to military service members wounded or killed in action, in the latter case posthumously



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Name: ZIOLKOWSKI

MICHAEL J.

Hometown: LANCASTER

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1965

Year Discharged: 1967

Unit / Squadron:

TROOP "C", 3RD SQUADRON, 4TH CAVALRY REGIMENT, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

1 OVERSEAS SERVICE BAR

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER (M-14 RIFLE)

Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment: VIETNAM

Service Notes:

Specialist 4th Class Michael J. Ziolkowski served 12 months in Vietnam as a Cook

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Michael Ziolkowski received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army on 15 September 1967 / Michael J. Ziolkowski passed away on 19 May 2018

The 4th Cavalry Regiment is one of the most famous and most decorated regiments in the United States Army / Since its activation in 1855, the 4th Cavalry has continuously served the United States of America in peace and war / The regiment has fought gallantly in the Indian Wars, the Civil War, the Philippine Insurrection, World War II, Vietnam and the Gulf War / The Mobility and firepower of the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry, 1st Infantry Division and the 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry, 25th Infantry Division, along with tank and mechanized infantry units supported by air cavalry was very effective against Viet Cong and North Vietnamese forces / In the War on Terrorism, all 4th Cavalry active elements have served with distinction in Afghanistan and Iraq / For its wartime service the 4th Cavalry Regiment has been awarded 61 campaign streamers, three Presidential Unit Citations, five Valorous Unit Awards and two awards of the French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star

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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

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

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Name: ZMARZLY

ERWIN J.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank: TSGT

Year Entered: 1955

Year Discharged: 1966

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

TIGER AWARD

AIR RESERVE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (3)

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT (SMALL ARMS)

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL (2)

ARMED FORCES RESERVE MEDAL

AIR FORCE GALLANT UNIT AWARD RIBBON (2)

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL

ANTARTICA SERVICE MEDAL

AIR FORCE LONGEVITY SERVICE AWARD RIBBON (2)

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

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

Service Notes:

Technical Sergeant Erwin J. "Ed" Zmarzly served as a Personnel Specialist, Small Arms Instructor, Small Arms Repairman, Recruiter, and Combat Arms Training & Maintenance Craftsman / TSgt Zmarzly started the first Boy Scout Troop at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware / When transferred to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, Zmarzly served as a Commissioner for on-base Boy Scout Troop 18

Zmarzly served two years at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. as a Firing Range Instructor / During his military career, Erwin Zmarzly attended a number of schools, including Classification Specialist, Personnel Technician in 1059, Code of Conduct, Professional Investigation, Law Enforcement/Corrections, Federal Jail Operations, Non-Commission Officer Academy and Smith & Wesson School for Maintenance of Pistols and Automatics

After serving 11 years of active duty with the Air Force Erwin joined the Air Force Reserve and served as a Combat Arms Instructor for the Security Police, 107th Fighter Squadron, Niagara Falls, New York

Erwin J. "Ed" Zmarzly retired from the United States Air Force with over 37 years of combined service, active and reserve duty

Base Assignments:

Sampson Air Force Base, Geneva, New York - Sampson AFB was established initially by the United States Navy as



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a Naval Training Station (USNTS Sampson) in 1942 and named after Rear Admiral William T. Sampson / At the end of World War II, the base was closed, but with the outbreak of the Korean War, the United States Air Force took interest in the former Naval Station for use as a Basic Military Training (BMT) Base / In February 1951, training started for 16,000 Air Force recruits of the Air Training Command (ATC) / The mission of Sampson AFB was to provide formal basic training for all male and female enlisted personnel not having sufficient previous military training; to establish and operate such assembly, processing and separation station as specifically directed; to provide a comprehensive counseling program for Basic Indoctrinated personnel in order that these airmen may be most effectively assigned in accordance with Air Force requirements; and to maintain training programs for accomplishing rehabilitation of garrison prisoner / With the end of the Korean War and cutbacks in the military budget afterwards, Air Training Command discontinued its basic training school at Sampson AFB on 1 July 1956 / Shortly thereafter, ATC discontinued Sampson's 3650th Military Training Wing / By the time it was closed, over 300,000 airmen received basic training at Sampson AFB in preparation for service in the Korean War, as well as service in USAFE, Far East Air Force, and other United States Air Force major commands both in the United States and around the world / Today, the majority of the former Air Force base is abandoned

Dover Air Force Base, Dover, New York - Dover Air Force Base is a United States Air Force (USAF) base under the operational control of Air Mobility Command (AMC) and is located 2 miles southeast of the city of Dover, Delaware / Construction began in March 1941 and the facility was opened on December 17, 1941 / It was converted to a U.S. Army Air Corps airfield just weeks after the 7 December 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor and renamed Dover Army Airbase on 8 April 1943 / With the establishment of the United States Air Force (USAF) on 18 September 1947, the facility was renamed Dover Air Force Base on 13 January 1948 / 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 / On 1 April 1952, Dover was transferred to the Military Air Transport Service (MATs) and became home to 1607th Air Transport Wing (Heavy) / During the Vietnam War, more than 20,000 dead American soldiers were brought back to the United States via Dover / The Vietnam War dead account for over 90% of all the remains processed at Dover before 1988 / Following the September 11 attacks, the 436 Air Wing (AW) and 512 Air Wing (AW) became major participants in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom

Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas - Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas - Lackland Air Force Base is a United States Air Force base located in Bexar County, Texas / The base is under the jurisdiction of the 802d Mission Support Group, Air Education and Training Command (AETC) and an enclave of the city of San Antonio / It is the only site for Air Force enlisted Basic Military Training (BMT) / Lackland AFB is part of Joint Base San Antonio, an amalgamation of the Fort Sam Houston, the Randolph Air Force Base and Lackland Air Force Base, which were merged on 1 October 2010 / Lackland is best known for its role in being the sole location for U.S. Air Force enlisted Basic Military Training (BMT) for the active duty Regular Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard

Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C - From its beginning, the installation has hosted elements of the Army Air Corps (predecessor to today's Air Force) and Navy aviation and support elements / Founded on 2 October 1917 as The Flying Field at Anacostia, it was the first military airfield near the United States Capitol / It was renamed Anacostia Experimental Flying Field in June 1918 / Bolling Field was opened 1 July 1918 and was named for Colonel Raynal C. Bolling, the first high-ranking air service officer killed in World War I / In the late 1940s,



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Bolling Field's property became Naval Air Station Anacostia and a new Air Force base, named Bolling Air Force Base, was constructed just to the south on 24 June 1948 / Bolling AFB has served as a research and testing ground for new aviation equipment and its first mission provided aerial defense of the capital / Throughout World War II, the installation served as a training and organizational base for personnel and units going overseas / It also served as the aerial gateway to the nation's capital / The Air Force's first headquarters was established at the installation, as Army Air Forces Headquarters in 1941 and, with the creation of the United States Air Force, Air Force Headquarters in 1947 / In 1962, fixed-wing aircraft operations at the air force and naval installations ceased, due to congested airspace around Washington National Airport on the opposite shore of the Potomac River / The Air Force District of Washington (AFDW) was created and activated at Bolling on 1 October 1985 with the mission of providing administrative support to Air Force members

Andrews Air Force Base, Morningside, Maryland - Andrews Field was named on 7 February 1945 in honor of Lt Gen. Frank Andrews and in 1946, Andrews was a sub-base of Bolling Field (3 January 1946 – 20 November 1946) / The Strategic Air Command headquarters transferred from Bolling Field to Andrews and the command of CONAF's Radar Bomb Scoring detachments (e.g., at Dallas Love Field) transferred to Andrews on 17 March 1946 / Andrews was transferred from the Army to the Air Force in 1947, and it was a Headquarters Command installation from 1947 through 1952 / Andrews Air Force Base was designated on 24 June 1948, and in June 1950, Andrews rapidly became involved in combat readiness training for B-25 Mitchell medium bomber crews / Combat readiness training and proficiency flying for military pilots assigned non-flying duties in the Washington area have remained two key elements in the local mission since the establishment of the base / HQ Air Research and Development Command (later, Air Force Systems Command) moved to Andrews from Baltimore, 24 June 1958 / With the construction of new facilities beginning in 1959, Andrews had become by early 1962 the primary USAF flight installation serving the Washington, DC, area / Andrews' air defense role was strengthened in the 1950s with the latest in fighter-interceptor hardware appearing on the flight line / F-94 Starfires, F-102 Delta Daggers and finally, F-106 Delta Darts formed the backbone of the three fighter interceptor squadrons which operated from the base until 1963 / In the years since 1959, Andrews' flight operations and importance have increased greatly / In 1961, the last of the Military Air Transport Service's flying units at Washington National Airport transferred to Andrews / Andrews has become firmly established as the main port of entry for foreign military and government officials en-route to Washington and the United States / In July 1961, the official presidential aircraft was stationed here, known as "Air Force One" when the president is on board / The base is widely known for serving as the home base of two Boeing VC-25 aircraft which have the call sign Air Force One while the President of the United States is on board / The Boeing C-32A, which is used by the Vice President of the United States, is also based at Andrews / During Operation Desert Storm, Andrews handled 16,540 patients in makeshift hospital facilities

Miscellaneous:

Erwin Zmarzly attended Burgard High School in Buffalo where he studied to be an airplane mechanic / Erwin Zmarzly received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Air Force on 14 September 1998 / After active duty, Zmarzly worked for the Erie County Sheriff's Department and in 1973, went to work for the West Seneca Police Department / Zmarzly was a Board Member of the West Seneca Senior Center / Ed Zmarzly was a long-time member of the West Seneca Auxiliary Police Department and held the rank of Sergeant / Zmarzly was a member of American Legion Post 735 and Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post 2940 / Erwin J. "Ed" Zmarzly passed away on 21 August 2023 at the age of 84 years old and is interred at St. Matthew's Cemetery, West Seneca, New York



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The "Tiger" Award is named in honor of General Charles A. Horner, and recognizes the accomplishments an individual who demonstrates the highest degree of professionalism, leadership, integrity, dedication and courage in the performance of their duties and conduct of their lives

Air Force Gallant Unit Citation Ribbon is awarded to Air Force active duty, Reserve and Air National Guard units for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy of the United States while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force on or after Sept. 11, 2001 / The Air Force Gallant Unit Citation Ribbon (GUC) award will normally be earned by units that have participated in single or successive actions covering relatively brief time spans

The Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal was established by the Secretary of the Air Force on 1 April 1964 and is awarded for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity during a four-year period while serving in an enlisted status in the U.S. Air Force Reserve

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 1 July 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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The Antarctica Service Medal (ASM) was established by the United States Congress on July 7, 1960 / The Antarctica Service Medal is considered an award of the United States Armed Forces, issued in the name of the U.S. Department of Defense, and is authorized for wear on active duty uniforms / To qualify for the Antarctica Service Medal, personnel must train or serve ten days stationed on the Antarctic continent, or aboard vessels in Antarctic waters, defined as south of 60 degrees latitude / Flight crews performing transport missions to Antarctica qualify for one day of service for each flight mission performed within a 24-hour time period

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military service / The award is retroactive to the establishment of the U.S. Air Force as an independent service in September 1947 and for any service with the U.S. Army Air Forces, U.S. Army Air Corps, or U.S. Army Air Service prior to the creation of the U.S. Air Force as a separate service as long as the serviceman was on active duty on or after 18 September 1947 / The Air Force Longevity Service Award is awarded for completing four years of Active, Air Force Reserve, or Air National Guard service / The Air Force Longevity Service Award is a ribbon-only award

The Armed Forces Reserve Medal (AFRM) is a service medal of the United States Armed Forces that has existed since 1950 / The medal recognizes service performed by members of the reserve components and is awarded to both officers and enlisted personnel / The medal is considered a successor award to the Naval Reserve Medal and the Marine Corps Reserve Ribbon, which were discontinued in 1958 and 1967, respectively

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