Richmond Heights Honor Roll

A Listing of Current and Former Residents of
Richmond Heights, Missouri,
Who Are Veterans of America's Wars

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Introduction

The City of Richmond Heights was incorporated in December of 1912. It was not long before the tumultuous history of the twentieth century impacted the new city, and scores of her young people answered the call to serve in World War I. Since then, whenever there has been a time of national need, the citizens of Richmond Heights have served in numbers that reflect well on the patriotism and dedication of her population.

The city has recognized this service several times. First there was the cannon memorial on Bellevue Avenue, recognizing the service of World War I veterans. Then there was the World War II vintage memorial that still stands in front of City Hall. On Memorial Day of l975, the new Richmond Heights Memorial Library was dedicated to the memory of those citizens who have given themselves in service to their fellow men. In May of 2002, the new library building, located in The Heights, was similarly rededicated. In November 2013, the Mid-County Veterans Memorial Gazebo was dedicated.

This Richmond Heights Honor Roll seeks to be a living document, recording the names and service records of as many of those brave men and women as possible, so that in years to come, it can be a source of information, local history, and community pride.

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World War I

Chronology of American Involvement in World War I, With Participation by Richmond Heights Veterans Noted

1917

April 6 — United States enters the war on the side of the Allies.

June 25 — First American Fighting troops land in France.

1918

May 28 — Battle of Cantigny, first independent American operation. Americans capture Cantigny.

June 5 — The Battle of Belleau Woods begins, and lasts until early June.

(Manuel Johnson)

Sep. 12 — Newly created American 1st Army, with French allies, attacks St. Mihiel. Battle of Épehy begins.

Sep. 28 — Battle of Flanders begins.

Oct. 3 — Americans engage in fierce fighting in the Argonne Forest.

(Lee Goff, Edward Muren, I. A. Muren)

Oct. 5 — Second battle of Cambrai and battle of St.-Quentin; Germans fall back.

Oct. 8 — American-British-French advance 3 miles on the Cambrai-St.-Quentin front.

Oct. 14 — Allies start Flanders offensive and advance 5 miles.

Oct. 17 — Battle of the Selle: British and American forces capture part of the Selle position.

Oct. 25 — Americans in stiff fighting north of Verdun in the Meuse-Argonne offensive.

Nov. 3 — Americans and French clear the Argonne forest and move into open country. French reach the Aisne.

Nov. 6 — Germans are in general retreat. Americans and French reach the Meuse River at Sedan. German armistice delegates travel from Berlin to the western front.

Nov. 11 — Armistice signed at 5 a.m. Firing stops at 11 a.m. Almost 2,000,000 Americans are now in France.

Dec. 1-8 — Americans cross the German frontier and enter their occupation zone at Koblenz.

World War I Veterans

This section was assembled primarily from news clippings and other old print sources. Consequently, we have many names, but not many details of veterans' service records. Still, it is impressive to see the sheer numbers who responded to the call of duty.

Aldag, E.

E. Aldag served in the U.S. Army.

Anderson, Harry

Harry Anderson served in the U.S. Army.

Anderson, Edward

Edward Anderson served in the U.S. Army.

Bachland, Paul W.

Paul Bachland served in the U.S. Army.

Bante, Charles

Charles Bante served in the U.S. Army.

Bante, Harry

Harry Bante served in the U.S. Navy.

Barfield, Walter

Walter Barfield served in the U.S. Army.

Breitshaft, Henry

Henry Breitshaft served in the U.S. Army.
Brewer, Chester

Chester Brewer served in the U.S. Marines.

Brewer, Samuel

Samuel Brewer served in the U.S. Army.

Brewer, Victor

Victor Brewer served in the U.S. Marines.

Buchanan, Kenneth B.

Kenneth Buchanan was First Lieutenant of Battery A, 128th U.S. Field Artillery. He was later promoted to Captain.

Buehning, Edmond

Edward Buehning was inducted into the U.S. Army on June 6, 1917, and was promoted to Sergeant in December 1918. He was a member of Battery F1 FA MO NG until August 1917; then Battery A1 FA MO NG and Battery A 128 FA until his discharge in 1919, and is believed to have participated in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. From 1917 to 1920 he was on the roster of the Missouri National Guard as a saddler in Battery A. Sergeant Buehning passed away in an auto accident in Lyman, Nebraska in 1969, along with his wife.

Buehning, Walter A.

Walter Buehning enlisted in the U.S. Navy on July 23, 1918 and served until discharged on April 10, 1919.

Chambers, Clifton

Clifton Chambers served in the U.S. Army.

Chambers, Lovell

Lovell Chambers served in the U.S. Army.

Dearbaum, George

George Dearbaum served in the U.S. Army.

Dearbaum, Milton

Milton Dearbaum served in the U.S. Army.

Dearbaum, Raymond

Raymond Dearbaum served in the U.S. Army

Dickson, Earl

Earl Dickson served in the U.S. Army.

Doherty, James

James Doherty served in the U.S. Army.

Doherty, Francis

Francis Doherty served in the U.S. Army.

Douglas, Francis

Francis Douglas served in the U.S. Army.

Finch, Carl

Carl Finch served in Naval Aviation.

Furey, Nicholas

Nicholas Furey served in the U.S. Army.

Gloeckner, Max

Max Gloeckner served in the U.S. Army

Goff, Lee T.

Lee Goff enlisted on May 26th, 1918 in the 5th Missouri Infantry, National Guard, and was called into duty on August 5th of that year. He was killed in action on September 24, 1918, while serving with the Intelligence Section of the Third Battalion of the Thirty-eighth United States Infantry. He was killed near the town of Auzeville, just prior to the opening of the battle of the Argonne Forest.

Gordon, Harvey

Harvey Gordon served in the U.S. Army.

Granger, Homer

Homer Granger served in the U.S. Army.

Gray, Charles

Charles Gray enlisted October 18, 1918 in Company B, Field Training Depot, U.S. Marines. He trained for five months at Paris Island, then went to Quantico, Virginia. While at Quantico, he caught double pneumonia and died on March 22, 1919. He was buried at Jefferson Barracks.

Gregg, C. P.

C. P. Gregg served in the U.S. Army.

Grutsch, Frank L.

Frank Grutsch was a Lieutenant in the 128 Field Artillery of the U.S. Army.

Grutsch, Raymond

Raymond Grutsch served in the 128 Field Artillery of the U.S. Army.

Hauck, Fred

Fred Hauck served in the U.S. Navy

Herr, Clement

Clement Herr was a bugler in the U.S. Army, 126th Field Artillery during World War I.

Herr, Raymond

Raymond Herr was a bugler in the U.S. Army, 126th Field Artillery during World War I. He and his brother (see above) served together throughout the war.

Hoffman, J. Austin

J. Austin Hoffman was a First Lieutenant with the 138th Infantry.

Horn, Elmer

Elmer Horn served in Aviation.

Horton, Frank

Frank Horton served in the U.S. Navy.

Horton, James

James Horton served in Aviation.

Hughes, Russell

Russell Hughes served as a Sergeant with the 138th Infantry in France during World War I. He was injured there, and spent time working in a military hospital, dressing the wounds of German prisoners.

Hunter, William

William Hunter was in the U.S. Army.

Ikenrath, Charles

Charles Ikenrath was in the U.S. Army.

Johnson, Manuel

Manuel Johnson joined the U.S. Marine Corps on May 6th, 1917. He trained at Paris Island and Quantico, Virginia. He served in France with the 75th Company, 6th Regiment, 2nd Division. He was killed at Belleau Woods on June 13th, 1918. He was 21 years old. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Kluck, Samuel D.

At the age of 16 Samuel Kluck ran away from home to join the U.S. Army and fight in World War I. His father found him after six weeks, though, and made him come back home.

Lewis, Joe

Joe Lewis served in the U.S. Army.

Lile, Roy E.

Roy Lile enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on June 14th, 1917. He trained at Paris Island and Quantico, Virginia, and served overseas with the 82nd Company, 6th Regiment. He fought in several engagements, and was wounded at Belleau Woods on June 6th, 1918. He was sent home in September of that year, but died after an operation on February 13th, 1919. He was awarded the *Croix de Guerre* by the French government. The

medal's inscription read: "Gave proof of Courage and Coolness in attacking a nest of machine guns strongly fortified, which he captured and kept."

Lindenstein, Frank

Frank Lindenstein served in the U.S. Army.

Manners, Roy A.

Roy Manners was in the U.S. Army.

Martin, Samuel

Samuel Martin was in the U.S. Navy.

Mauer, Charles

Charles Mauer was in the U.S. Navy.

McKelbey, Charles L.

Charles McKelbey was in the U.S. Army.

Moline, Harry

Harry Moline was in the U.S. Army.

Morris, Arlie

Arlie Morris was in the U.S. Army.

Moroney, John J.

John J. Moroney was in the U.S. Navy.

Morrissey, Edward

Edward Morrissey was in the English Army.

Morrissey, Thomas J.

Thomas Morrissey was in the U.S. Marines.

Morton, S. H. (Jr.)

S. H. Morton, Jr. was in the U.S. Navy.

Muren, Edward J.

Edward Muren was a Sergeant with Company 1, 135th Infantry. He was stationed at Lerouville, France, and fought in the battle of the Argonne Forest.

Muren, I. A.

I. A. Muren was a Corporal with Company 1, 135th Infantry. He was stationed at Lerouville, France (with his brother, see above), and fought in the battle of the Argonne Forest.

Muren, Lee J.

Lee Muren was a radio operator with the U.S. Navy, who made several transatlantic transport crossings.

Notter, Walter C.

Walter Notter was in the U.S. Army, and served in France during World War I.

O'Connell, Frank

Frank O'Connell served in Tank Battalions.

O'Keefe, James C.

James O'Keefe served during the war in the U.S. Navy. He trained at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

O'Keefe, Lester A.

Lester O'Keefe served in the U.S. Navy.

Olsen, Fred

Fred Olsen served in the U.S. Army.

Owen, E. Dale

E. Dale Owen served in the U.S. Navy.

Owens, Benjamin

Benjamin Owens served in the U.S. Army.

Quillen, J. E.

J. E. Quillen served in the U.S. Army.

Robinson, (?) Dr.

Dr. Robinson served in the U.S. Army.

Richard, P. J.

P. J. Richards served in the U.S. Army.

Rupert, Walter M.

Walter Rupert was a private in the 304th Battalion, Tank Corp. He died during service, on May 27, 1919, at nineteen years of age.

Shore, William

William Shore served in the U.S. Army.

Siebert, Hugo

Hugo Siebert served in the U.S. Army.

Sirson, Hans

Hans Sirson served in the U.S. Marines.

Sirson, Harry

Harry Sirson served in Aviation.

Sterling, Ed

Ed Sterling served in the U.S. Army

Steliway, Edward

Edward Steliway served in the U.S. Army.

Stillman, Fred

Fred Stillman served in the U.S. Army.

Stukes, John

John Stukes served in the U.S. Navy.

Van Lear, Lucien

Lucien Van Lear served in the U.S. Army.

Vaugh, Mason

Mason Vaugh served in the U.S. Army.

Voges, Glenn

Glenn Voges served in the U.S. Army.

Voiles, Raymond

Raymond Voiles served in the U.S. Army.

Weaver, Lee

Lee Weaver served in the U.S. Army.

Ward, Home

Home Ward served in the U.S. navy.

Weipert, John

John Weipert served in the U.S. Army.

Williams, Al

Al Williams served in the U.S. Army.

Wilson, Walter

Walter Wilson served in the U.S. Army.

Whittier, L.

L. Whittier served in the U.S. Army.

Winzenburg, Roy G.

Roy Winzenburg enlisted in Company I, 1st Missouri Infantry, in October, 1909. He served until 1913, and then re-enlisted in 1917 in the 138th Missouri Infantry. While in camp at Doniphan, Missouri he was shot by a sentry. The sentry was trying to stop a private who would not halt, but his bullet went through Lieutenant Winzenburg's tent and struck him in the back. He underwent 26 surgeries to halt the progress of the wound, and finally succumbed in 1917.

World War II

Chronology of United States Action in World War II, With Participation of Richmond Heights Veterans Noted

1941

Dec. 7 — Japan bombs the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. The United States declares war on Japan. Japan's allies, Germany and Italy, declare war on the United States on December 10.

1942

Feb. 28 — The Japanese Fleet inflicts severe damage on the U.S. Navy in the Battle of the Java Sea.

April 9 — American and Filipino forces defending the Bataan Peninsula surrender to Japanese forces. 76,000 American and Filipino prisoners are forced to march to distant POW camps, and thousands of them are murdered along the way. Many more die of dysentery, exhaustion and malnutrition.

May 7 — U.S. Navy defeats the Japanese Fleet in the Battle of the Coral Sea.

June 4-7 — The U.S. Navy defeats the Japanese Fleet at the Battle of Midway, one of the most decisive naval battles in history.

Aug. 7 — U.S. troops land on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands, the first American offensive operation of the war.

(Terry McAuley, Robert Whalen)

Aug. 17 — The American Army Air Force conducts its first major bombing raid of the European war, with 12 B-17's striking the railroad yards at Rouen.

Nov. 8 — The Allies launch Operation Torch, an invasion of German-occupied North Africa that ends with the Germans being chased from the region.

(Charlie Whisenton)

1943

January — Allied forces clear Papua New Guinea of Japanese forces.

(Robert Whalen)

May 11-29 — American forces take the island of Attu, in the Aleutians, from its Japanese defenders.

(Robert Buchroeder)

July 10 — American, British and Canadian troops land on Sicily, and defeat German forces there.

Aug. 1 American B-42's bomb the Ploesti Oil Fields in Romania, which supply the German Reich with the majority of its petroleum. The daring raids destroy about 42% of the oil fields' capacity.

(William L. Cassidy, John Rhoades)

Sept. 3-8 The Allies invade the Italian mainland and secure the surrender of the Italian government, though occupying German forces fight on.

October The Allies capture Finschhafen, a port across the strait from New Britain, where the Japanese have their main South Pacific base.

(Robert Whalen)

November A division of Marines, soon joined by the Army, land on Bougainville, at the northwestern end of the Solomons island chain. They build an airfield and establish a powerful defensive position.

(Freddie B. Beck)

1944

March 4 American and British forces begin aerial bombings of Berlin.

June 4 Following victories at Anzio and Cassino, the Americans enter Rome, while the Germans retreat farther north to the mountains.

(Robert Saxton, Charlie Whisenton)

June 6 (D-Day) Allied forces land in Normandy in the largest sea invasion in history, called Operation Overlord. After establishing a landing area, the Allied forces fight their way across Northern France in what is known as the Normandy Campaign.

(James Finger, Pete Gallo, James Glaser, Tony Jaegers, Charles Sargent, Eugene Topolski)

Jul 21-Aug 10 American forces attack and finally retake the island of Guam.

(Donald K. Anderson, Freddie B. Beck)

Aug. 15 The American 7th Army opens Operation Anvil, an attack from the south of France, between Nice and Marseilles. The southern France campaign ensures the eastern retreat of German troops leaving the Normandy region.

(Robert Saxton, Charlie Whisenton)

Aug. 25 Paris is liberated by Free French and American forces.

September U.S. Third Army with Allied assistance besiege and eventually capture Metz, France from the Germans. They cross the Maginot Line, heading for the Rhineland.

(Edmund Coto)

Oct. 23-26 The Battle of Leyte Gulf, the largest naval battle in history, ends in the almost total destruction of the Japanese fleet.

(Dr. Samuel A. Bassett)

Dec. 16 The Germans launch a major counter-offensive against the Americans in the Ardennes forest, known as the Battle of the Bulge.

(James Finger, Pete Gallo, James Glaser, Edwin Hardt, Tony Jaegers, Malachy Monahan)

1945

Jan. 8 American Army lands at Luzon, largest of the Philippine Islands, in General MacArthur's famed return. Fighting in the Philippines continues until March, when the U.S. once again controls the Philippines.

(Cloral Butler, Donald Dill, Leroy Ludwig, Robert Jacquin, Jack Marcus)

Feb. 19 American marines land on Iwo Jima in the Pacific.

(Donald K. Anderson, Freddie B. Beck, Robert Jacquin)

Mar. 7 American troops cross the Rhine River in Germany, the last natural obstacle between the Allies and Berlin, and aim for the German capital.

(James Chandler, James Finger, Pete Gallo, James Glaser, Tony Jaegers, Charlie Whisenton)

Apr. 1 American troops land on Okinawa, one of the Ryukyu Islands south of Japan. In the largest land battle of the Pacific war, the Japanese forces are defeated by June.

(Kenrick Gannon, Raymond Zielinski)

May 8 The Germans surrender unconditionally.

Aug. 6 The United States drops an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan.

Aug. 9 A second atomic bomb is dropped on Nagasaki, Japan.

Aug. 15 Japan surrenders unconditionally.

World War II Veterans

Most of our information about World War II veterans came either from the veterans themselves or from surviving family members. There are several whose names came from newspaper clippings and other sources, so the completeness of listings varies. We have more complete service records for veterans of World War II than for any other war.

Adreon, Leonard
(SEE ALSO LISTING UNDER KOREAN WAR)

Leonard Adreon served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He trained at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, and served from February 1944 to August 1945. Later, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and did his active duty in Korea.

Amann, Edward W.

Edward Amann joined the Army Air Corps in December of 1941. He had Signal Corps Basic Training at Fort Monmoth, New Jersey, graduating as a high speed radio operator assigned to a medium bombardment squadron. But due to heavy American losses at Normandy, he, like many servicemen, was transferred to the Army Infantry and retrained at Camp Maxie, Texas. He joined the 86th Division in Germany, and after the German surrender, came back to the states. The 86th was then sent for the anticipated invasion of Japan, but by the time the division reached the Philippines, the Japanese had surrendered. Amann then did reconnaissance work, combing the jungles for Japanese soldiers who had not surrendered. Despite his long service, Amann was transferred to different organizations too often to gain promotions, and never rose above the rank of Corporal. In fact, his last job, as a radio operator in battalion headquarters, required a reduction to Private First Class, since the position had no rank. He left the Amy in January, 1946, with six ribbons, including the European Campaign Medal with one battle star.

Anderson, Donald K.

Donald Anderson joined the U.S. Marine Corps fresh out of high school and served from July 1943 to July 1946. He did his basic training in California, and served in the Pacific with the 3rd Division. He saw action on both Guam and Iwo Jima, and left the Marines as a Corporal.

Angthius, Lawrence

Lawrence Angthius was in the United States Air Force during World War II. He served in Europe, where he was killed in action in 1944.

Barton, Stephen A.

Stephen Barton, former resident of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, served in the U.S. Army during World War II, from January 1943 to January 1946, as an engineer and an MP. He took basic training both in Massachusetts and at the Corps of Engineers in Granite City, IL. He achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was stationed in Germany and the European Theatre, and was a part of the Eisenhower Occupation forces in Berlin, after fighting through Germany.

Bassett, Samuel A.

Dr. Samuel Bassett was a member of the Naval Reserve, and was called to active duty in 1941. He was commissioned as a Lieutenant Commander, senior medical officer on an escort aircraft carrier. His letter home describing the U.S. victory in the Battle of Leyte Gulf was excerpted in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on November 25, 1944.

Beck, Freddie B.

Freddie Beck was in the U.S. Marine Corps for 5½ years, with his active duty split between World War II and Korea. He trained at San Diego, California, and served in the Pacific Theater, where he was stationed on Guam. He fought at Bougainville, Guam, Iwo Jima and other engagements. He was in the reserves from 1947 to 1950, when he began his service in Korea.

Belk, Dale

Dale Belk served in the U.S. Navy from April 1944 to May 1946. He did his basic training at the Farragut Training Station in Idaho. Belk served aboard the USS Canberra, a heavy cruiser, which had the distinction of being the only ship in the U.S. fleet named after a foreign capital. The honor was bestowed because the original Canberra, an Australian ship, was sunk in August of 1942, while fighting alongside U.S. ships in the Battle of Savo Island. Belk saw action throughout the Pacific, and left the Navy as a Seaman 1st Class.

Blatt, Arthur

Arthur Blatt served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Bodine, Robert J.

Robert Bodine served in the U.S. Merchant Marine for 3 years, from February 1943 to February 1946. He trained at Sheepshead Bay, New York and Pass Christian, Mississippi, and sailed in the North Atlantic, Mediterranean, Middle East and Pacific war zones. He left the Merchant Marine as an ensign, having earned an Atlantic War Zone bar, Mediterranean Middle East War Zone Bar, Pacific War Zone Bar and an award from Russia.

Boyce, Donald

Donald Boyce served in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

Brown, Louis N.

Louis Brown served in the U.S. Navy from February 1945 to July 1946. He trained at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, and served aboard the USS Pensacola, USS Vicksburg and USS Springfield, throughout the Pacific theater. He left the navy as a Seaman 1st Class, and was awarded a WWII Victory Medal.

Brown, Robert J.

Robert J. Brown was a captain in the Army Air Force during World War II. He flew scores of missions in Europe, and was twice wounded, receiving a Purple Heart and an Air Medal with numerous clusters. A dinner in his honor was held by the Optimist Club on January 6, 1944.

Browne, David R.

David Browne served in the 45th Division, U.S. Army Infantry, from August 1943 until January 1946. He trained at Camp Blanding, Florida, and fought served in the Europe. He fought at Anzio, Southern France and into Munich, Germany. He left the Army as a PFC, with a Bronze Star with 2 Clusters.

Buchroeder, William

William Buchroeder served in the U.S. Army Tank Corps for 4 years, beginning November 25, 1941. He had basic training at Aberdeen, Maryland, and served in North Africa and Europe. He fought in major campaigns in North Africa. William Buchroeder left the Army as a Sergeant.

Buchroeder, Robert

Robert Buchroeder served in the Army Band for three years and nine months, starting in January of 1942. He trained at Fort Leonard Wood, and was stationed in the Yukon Territory and Alaska. He saw action in the Aleutian Islands.

Butler, Cloral C.

Cloral Butler served in the U.S. Army from February 1942 until March 1946. He had basic training at McCord Field, Washington, and was stationed in the South Pacific Islands. He fought in major campaigns for the Philippine Islands and other Pacific Islands; as he put it, 'too many to remember.' He left the Army as a Private First Class, having earned an Asiatic Pacific Bronze Star with one Arrowhead, a Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, a World War II Victory Ribbon, a Good Conduct Medal and Six Overseas Chevrons (for 36 months in combat zones).

Campbell, Edward W.

Edward Campbell served in World War II, and was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

Cassidy, Wayne F.

Wayne Cassidy joined the Canadian Air Force, and served as an electrician in England from 1937 until December 7, 1941, when he joined the U.S. Navy. He served in amphibious divisions in the European and Pacific Theatres. Wayne Cassidy left the Navy as a Petty Officer.

Cassidy, William L.

William Cassidy served in the U.S. Army Air Force from 1941 to 1945. He was a gunner on bombers in the European Theatre of Operations. He was shot down during bombings of the Ploesti Oil Fields in Romania, and was missing in action for seven months, before his mother heard he was a prisoner of war. He received four medals when he left the Air Force, including a Purple Heart.

Chandler, James B.

James Chandler served in the U.S. Army from May 1943 to February 1947. He trained at Fort Knox, and served with the 4th Cavalry Reconnaissance Group. This is the successor to the famed First U.S. Cavalry, which was activated at Jefferson Barracks in 1855 by First Lieutenant J.E.B. Stuart. Chandler fought with U.S. forces advancing across Germany, and also served in Belgium, France and Austria. He left the Army as a Captain, having received a Bronze Star and a Unit Citation.

Clarke, Monroe H.

Monroe Clarke was a corporal in the 6th Armored Division of the U.S. Army during World War II, stationed in Europe. (*information transcribed from a photocopied envelope mailed November 28, 1944. Name may be wrong*)

Cooper, William

William Cooper was in the U.S. Army from December 1942 to November 1945. He trained at Jefferson Barracks, and served with the 366th Engineers. He was with American forces advancing across France to the German Rhineland, and also saw duty in the Pacific and Mid-eastern campaigns. Cooper left the Army as a Private First Class, having earned the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Defense Service Medal, European-African-Middle-Eastern Campaign Medal, 3 overseas bars, a Good Conduct Medal, a Victory Ribbon and 2 Bronze Stars.

Coto, Edmund (Jr.)

Edmund Coto served in the U.S. Army from March 1942 until November 1944. He trained at Camp Roberts, California, and served in Europe with the 241st Field Artillery Battalion of the Third Army. He was with the Third Army when they advanced across the Maginot line and beseiged and liberated the city of Metz in northeastern France. He left the army as a Corporal, having been awarded a Purple Heart.

Dill, Donald

Donald Dill was in the U.S. Army for a little over 2 years, from November 1945 to December 1947. He trained at Camp Hood, Texas, and served in the Philippine Islands and Japan. At war's end, he served occupation duty in Japan, and left the Army at the rank of T/5.

Ermatinger, Charles J.

Charles Ermatinger served in France and Germany during the War.

Evans, Hoyte C.

Hoyte Evans was in the Army Air Force for 6 years, from September 1939 to September 1945. He trained at Scott Air Force Base, and participated in Operation Bolero, the massive shipment of U.S. men and materiel to the British Isles prior to Operation Overlord. During these operations, he rescued radio station equipment from a burning hangar, thereby helping to ensure uninterrupted flights. He received a letter of commendation for this. He also served on anti-submarine operations in the Caribbean area, where he received another letter of commendation. He left the Army Air Force as a Technical Sergeant.

Evans, William P.

William Evans joined the U.S. Army in June 1941, transferring to the Army Air Corps in October 1942. He served 4 years and 4 months total, with active duty in the China-Burma-India Theater. He left the Army Air Corps as a First Lieutenant, earning an Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon and 3 Bronze Stars.

Fantz, Paul A.

Paul Fantz joined the U.S. Navy in 1944. He had his basic training at Farragut, Idaho, and began service as a Machinist 2nd class. He was discharged in March 1946, having risen to Machinist 1st Class.

Finger, James W.

James Finger was in the U.S. Army from February 1943 to December 1945. He trained 'in the California desert', and served throughout the European Theater of Operations. He fought in the Normandy Invasion on D-Day, June 6, 1944, coming ashore at Utah Beach. He left the Army as a Corporal, having earned Bronze Stars for the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes and Rhineland campaigns.

Fiorita, Nicholas R.

Nicholas Fiorita served in the U.S. Army from 1945 to 1947. His basic training was in Kentucky, where he learned to be a radio operator. He joined the Army of Occupation in Sonthofen, the Bavarian town where the Nazis had their infamous Ordensburg training school for Hitler Youth. He left the Army as a T/5, having earned the Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal.

Fitterman, Martin

Martin Fitterman served in the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater. He was a highly decorated 1st Sergeant.

Fugel, George A.

George Fugel was in the U.S. Army from November 1944 to August 1946. He had basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and served with the 42nd Division, Company F, 242nd Infantry Regiment in Germany and Austria. He left the Army as a Staff Sergeant, having earned the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 1 Battle Star, a Victory Medal, an Army of Occupation Medal (Germany) and a Good Conduct Medal.

Gallo, B. Stephen

B. Stephen (Ned) Gallo served in the U.S. Army from March 1943 until December 1945. He trained at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and served in Europe during the war. He was in England, France, Belgium, Germany and Luxembourg, and fought in the Rineland, the Ardennes and Central Europe. He left the Army at the rank of T5.

Gallo, Pete B.

Pete Gallo was in the U.S. Army from October 1942 until October 1945. He trained at Fort Bragg, Fort Sill, and other places, and served in Europe with the 1st U.S. Infantry Division. He landed at Normandy on D-Day, and fought from there through Northern France, the Ardennes, Cental Europe and the Rhineland. He left the Army as a Private First Class, having earned the European-African-Middle Eastern Campagn Medal with 5 Overseas Bars and a Bronze Star, and has recently gotten his Missouri World War II Medal as well.

Gannon, Frank E.

Frank Gannon was in the U.S. Navy for 2 years, from June 1946 to April 1948. He trained in San Diego, California, and served as an Electrician's Mate III. He was stationed in Saipan in the Mariana Islands.

Gannon, Kenrick

Kenrick Gannon was in the Navy Sea Bees from April 1944 to January 1946. He trained at Farragut, Idaho. Gannon was with the Sea Bees and Marines who went into Okinawa on Easter Sunday, April 19, 1945. He left the Navy as a Seaman 1st Class.

Gerhardt, William

William Gerhardt was in the Army Air Corps from August 1942 to November 1945. He had basic training at Greensboro, North Carolina, and served in the Pacific Theatre, 'from Hawaii to Formosa and every island in between.' As a flight engineer he completed 45 missions bombing enemy airfields, oil fields and shipping. William Gerhardt left the army as a Staff Sergeant, earning an Air Medal with 4 clusters and a Pacific Theater Medal.

Glaser, James

James Glaser served in the U.S. Army for a little over 3 years, from June 1942 to October 1945. He trained at Camp Roberts, California, before being sent to the European Theater of Operations. He fought with the Army from Northern France to Central Europe, at Normandy, the Ardennes and the Rhineland. He left the Army as a Private First Class.

Glenz, Eugene C.
(SEE ALSO LISTING UNDER VIETNAM WAR)

Eugene C. Glenz served in the U.S. Air Force for 27 years, from June 1943 to January 1969. He trained at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, before being stationed in England. He flew 17 missions over Europe as a B-17 pilot in the 8th Air Force. His service continued into the Vietnam War, where he flew two B-52 missions over Vietnam. He achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, earning 3 Air Medals and an Air Force Commendation Medal.

Glickman, Lester

Lester Glickman served in the Army during World War II, and left at the rank of sergeant.

Goodman, Jerome Louis

Jerome Louis Goodman served in the U.S. Army for 3 years, from December 14th, 1942 to October, 1945. He trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, before being stationed in England. He participated in the battles at Bourhien, Omaha Beach, St. Lo, Vire, and Brest, and spent time as a prisoner of war. He achieved the rank of Corporal, and received a Purple Heart.

Hardt, Edwin (Jr.)

Edwin Hardt served in the U.S. Army for three years, from May 1943 to January 1946. He trained at Camp Abbott, Oregon, and saw active duty in France and Germany. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge. Hardt left the Army as a Private First Class, having earned 4 Bronze Stars.

Hein, John

John Hein served in the Army Motor Pool during World War II.

Hodes, Samuel R.

Samuel Hodes served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from May 1942 until December 1945. He trained at Jefferson Barracks and left the Army as a corporal.

Hoff, Walter B.

Walter Hoff served 3½ years in the U.S. Army Air Corps, from August 1942 to December 1945. He trained at Jefferson Barracks, and was assigned to duty in the Pacific -- in New Guinea, The Philippines, Okinawa and Japan. He participated in the occupation of Okinawa and Japan. His unit, the Fifth Air Force, was given Meritorious Service Awards for successful bombing of Japanese ships and installations. Hoff left the Army Air Corps as a Corporal.

Hummel, Edward J.

Edward Hummel served in the U.S. Army from December 1941 until October 1945. He trained at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and served in Alaska and Europe. He served during the end of the war in Europe, and left the army as a Staff Sargeant. Edward Hummel is a Disabled American Veteran, the result of an accidental gunshot wound he received from a fellow soldier.

Jacquin, Robert S.

Robert Jacquin was in the U.S. Navy for 2 years and 6 months, beginning in November of 1943. He trained at Farragut, Idaho, and was stationed aboard the USS Lowry, a destroyer nicknamed 'Lucky Lowry' – since it took so many hits from Kamikaze fighters and never foundered. The Lowry participated in the invasion of the Philippines, specifically in the invasion of Ulithi and the Sea Battle for Mindoro. The Lowry also fought in the invasion of Iwo Jima, and its crew did picket duty during the occupations of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. The U.S.S. Lowry received a Naval Unit Citation for shooting down 37 Japanese planes. Robert Jacquin left the navy as a Seaman 1st Class, Gunner's Mate 3rd Class, having also earned the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 4 battle stars, the WWII Victory Medal, the Occupation Service Medal and the American Campaign Medal.

Jaegers, Tony R.

Tony Jaegers served in the U.S. Army nearly 5 years, from January 1941 to October 1945. He served in the European Theater of Operations, and left the Army as a sergeant. He had earned a Purple Heart, 4 Bronze Stars for the Rhineland, Ardennes, Central Europe and Normandy campaigns, a Bronze Star Medal, a Good Conduct Medal, the American Defense Service Ribbon, the European-African-Middle East Theatre Campaign Ribbon and 3 Overseas bars.

King, Harry V.

Harry King entered the U.S. Navy in January 1944, and served in the Pacific theater. He served in the Navy until May, 1958, and received the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, the Philippine Liberation Medal and the WII Victory Medal.

Kluck, Samuel T.

Samuel Kluck served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1947. He had basic training at Tyler, Texas, and was stationed in Paris, France, where he served in both the infantry and the quartermaster corps. He left the Army as a Private First Class.

Kokotan, Arthur

Arthur Kokotan served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945. He volunteered for active duty, but was judged too old at the time, so he trained other soldiers at Camp Roberts, California. He left the army as a Staff Sargeant, and was subsequently active in the American Legion for many years.

Kram, Harold

Harold Kram was a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Krueger, Harold

Harold Krueger served in the U.S. military during World War II.

Leicht, Marvin

Marvin Leicht was a veteran of World War II.

Lichtenfeld, David H.

David Lichtenfeld was a Technical Sergeant with the U.S. Army during World War II.

Ludwig, Leroy Harry

Leroy Ludwig was in the U.S. Navy from June 1944 until January 1946, then again from August 1947 to July 1951. He had basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Illinois and at the Advanced Basic Aviation Training Unit in Long Island, New York. He was stationed in the Pacific at Espiritu Santo in Vanuatu and the Philippine Islands. He fought in the liberation of the Philippines. Ludwig left the Navy as a Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class, having earned the American Area Medal, the Victory Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal and the Philippine Liberation Medal.

Malloy, Charles J.

Charles J. Malloy was in the U.S. Army from May 1942 until March 1946. He trained at Jefferson Barracks and served overseas in England, Scotland and Iceland. He did not fight in any major campaigns, since he was a Special Agent in the U.S. Counter-Intelligence Corps, and an instructor in the Army's Criminal Investigative School. Malloy was honorably discharged with exceptional or outstanding reviews at the rank of 2nd Lieutenant.

Marcus, Jack

Jack Marcus served in the United States Army from August 1941 to October 1945. He had basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, and saw active duty in the Southern Philippines. He left the army as a 1st Sergeant.

Marcus, Jerome

Jerome Marcus served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He had basic training at Jefferson Barracks, and served as a medical corpsman with the 84th Infantry Division. He received a Bronze Star for meritorious service on November 10, 1944, though the medal was not awarded until 1952.

McCabe, James

James McCabe was in the Army Air Force during World War II. He was shot down twice. He left the Air Force at the rank of Major.

McAuley, Terry

Terry McAuley served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 until February 1946. He was a 'ninety-day wonder' who completed his junior grade officer training quickly at Northwestern University. He became an ensign and served on the U.S.S. Jameston (a torpedo boat tender) and the U.S.S. Montrail (an attack transport). The Jamestown patrolled 'Ironbottom Sound', the waters off Guadalcanal, so named because so many ships were sunk there, and challenged Japanese ships involved in the 'Tokyo Express.' McAuley's unit received a Presidential Unit Citation in May 1944 for the probable sinking of two enemy submarines and two battle stars. He left the Navy at the rank of ensign.

McDonough, Francis J.

Francis McDonough served in the U.S. Army from July 1942 to November 1945. He trained at Camp Lee, Virginia, and served in England, Belgium and France. McDonough left the Army as a Staff Sergeant.

Menos, Paul G.

Paul Menos was in the U.S. Army from December 1942 to December 1945. He trained at Camp Swift, Texas, and served with the 507th Quartermaster Car Company in Europe. The 507th holds the distinction of being 'the most traveled outfit in the army,' having driven between 4 and 5 million miles in the U.S. and Europe. In the case of Paul Menos, this included being the driver for General Omar Bradley. As such, he visited many allied command areas from France to Germany. After VE day, he was reassigned for duty in the Pacific, but VJ day came before he shipped out. Menos left the army as a T/5, earning the usual European service medals.

Millman, Selma

Selma Millman served as a U.S. Army nurse from November 1943 to May 1947. She trained as a nurse as Jewish Hospital School of Nursing, and had military training at Shelbyville, Tennessee. She served with the 106th Evacuation Hospital, which was attached to General Patton's 3rd Army as it fought across Northern Europe. She was at Normandy, St. Lo, the Battle of the Bulge, the Rhineland and other places too numerous to remember. She recalls that Patton himself used to visit the hospital when hostilities were in another area. Selma Millman left the Army as a Captain, earning the European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal with 4 bronze stars, the WWII Victory Medal and a Meritorious Service Citation Wreath.

Millman, Victor

Victor Millman served in the U.S. Air Force, Quartermaster Company, from August 1942 to January 1946. He trained at Cheyenne, Wyoming, and served overseas at Eye and Diss in England, and in Margraten, Holland, where the U.S. has a large military cemetery. He left the Air Force as a Sergeant, having earned a Good Conduct Medal. His sister Selma (see above) was serving in Europe at the same time, and they were able to visit each other on a few occasions.

Monahan, Erline R.

Erline Monahan served in the Army Air Force Air Transport Command from July of 1944 to December 1945. She had basic training at Des Moines, Iowa, and served at Bermuda Island and at Headquarters for North Atlantic Wing Operations in Europe. Monahan left the service as a Corporal, having earned a Victory Medal, an American Theater Ribbon, 2 Overseas Bars and a Good conduct Medal.

Monahan, Malachy A.

Malachy Monahan was in the U.S. Army from November 1943 to January 1946. He trained at Camp Roberts, California before going to serve in Europe. He fought in the Rhineland, the Ardennes, Central Europe and the Battle of the Bulge, and was awarded bronze stars for each of those campaigns. He also is entitled to wear the American Campaign Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon, 3 Overseas bars and a Victory Ribbon. He left the Army at the rank of T5.

Nagle, John
(SEE ALSO LISTING UNDER KOREAN WAR)

John Nagle served in the U.S. Air Force from October 1943 until May 1946. He trained at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and served in England, France and Germany. He was a radio Operator in Ansback, Germany. He did not complete his military service until the Korean War.

Nathe, Arthur

Arthur Nathe served in the U.S. Army Air Force.

Nathe, Raymond E.

Raymond Nathe served in the U.S. Army Air Corp for 3 years, from November 1942 to December 1945. He trained at St. Petersburg, Florida. He left the Air Corp as an Aviation Cadet, having earned the Victory Medal and the American Theater Ribbon.

Nathe, Robert R.

Robert Nathe served in the U.S. Army Air Force from December 1943 to March 1946. He trained at Jefferson Barracks, and was stationed in Saipan and Hawaii for 18 month with the 1939th Ordnance Ammunition Company (Aviation), 73 Wing, 20th Air Force. He left the Army Air Force as a Staff Sergeant. He earned the Victory Ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star, the Good Conduct Medal, and 3 Overseas Bars.

Notter, Charles W.

Charles Notter was in the Marines for 1 year during World War II.

Olszewski, Edward W.

Edward Olszewski was in the U.S. Navy from June 1942 until September 1957 – four years of service and the remainder on active reserve. He trained at Corpus Christi, Texas. Olszewski was a fighter pilot stationed aboard the USS Tulagi, USS Wake Island and the USS Marcus Island, all three escort aircraft carriers (CVE's). He participated in the invasion of Southern France in August 1944, the invasion of Luzon, Philippines in January 1945, the invasion of Iwo Jima in February 1945 and the invasion of Okinawa from April to June 1945. He left the navy as a Lieutenant Commander, with 5 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 13 Air Medals and various commendations.

Peterson, Fenton Joseph

Dr. Fenton Peterson served as a Major in the U.S. Army from September 1940 to March 1946. He trained first at Fort McPherson, Georgia, and was subsequently transferred to Camp Ellis, Illinois, where he took command of and trained soldiers to staff the newly activated 78th Hospital Train. In December 1944 the 78th embarked from Camp Myles Standish, Massachusetts for England. The 78th was active across thousands of miles in France and Germany, including the major engagements in the Rhineland. His staff transported and treated nearly 8,000 Allied soldiers and German POW's. Dr. Peterson once had the honor of entertaining General Eisenhower on the 78th.

Polinsky, Nate

Nate Polinsky was a veteran of World War II.

Rapp, Richard A.

Richard Rapp served in the U.S. Navy from March 1945 to July 1946. He trained at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station in Illinois, and served on the USS Sabine, a fleet oiler sailing in the Pacific Theater of Operations. He left the Navy as a Seaman 1st Class, having earned the Philippine, South China Sea and Victory Medals.

Rhoades, John J.

John Rhoades served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from October 1942 until January 1946. He trained at San Antonio, Texas, and was stationed in Italy with the 449th Bombardier Group. He participated in the Ploesti Oil Field Bombardment in August 1943. John Rhoades left the Army Air Corps as a 1st Lieutenant. He was awarded an Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster, a Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster, a Victory Medal, an Overseas Service Bar, a European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 4 bronze stars, an American Theater Ribbon and a Distinguished Unit Citation.

Richardson, Eta Petroccia

Eta Petroccia Richardson served in the U.S. Women's Army Corps for 2 years, from August, 1944 to June, 1946. She trained at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, under Commanding Officer Lt. Jeanne Holm. She was transferred to Fort Des Moines, Oowa, to attend Army Clerk School, and assigned to Charleston, South Carolina, at the Port of Embarkation Message Center, operating a teletype machine. She was later assigned to Camp Stoneman, California, with the Army Publications Distribution Center. She left the Women's Army Corps with the rank of Private.

Romine, Ralph

Ralph Romine served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Rothberg, Manuel

Manuel Rothberg served in the U.S. military during World War II.

Sargent, Charles F.

Charles Sargent served for 3 years in the U.S. Army Finance Office, starting in September 1942. He trained at Jefferson Barracks and was stationed in France. He participated in the Normandy campaign. Charles Sargent left the Army as a Master Sergeant.

Saxton, Robert G.

Robert Saxton served in the Army Air Force from May 1942 until June 1945. He trained as a radio operator at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and as an aerial gunner at Harlingen, Texas. He was stationed in Italy for a year, where he participated in the Rome and Southern France campaigns with the 489th Bomb Squadron, 340th Bomb Group, 12th Air Force. He flew in B-25 (Mitchell) medium bombers. Robert Saxton left the Army Air Force as a Technical Sergeant, and was awarded the Soldier's Medal, an Air Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters and a Distinguished Unit Badge.

Schaffer, Lester A.

Lester Schaffer was in the U.S. Naval Reserves from November 1942 until October 1945. He trained at the San Diego Naval Training Station, and was stationed in the Russell Islands. He left the Naval Reserves as a Chief

Yeoman, having earned what he calls, ‘the usual medals’, a Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal and a WWII Victory Medal.

Schneider, Everett

‘Ev’ Schneider served in the Army Air Force during World War II.

Schneider, Mary K.

Mary K. Schneider served in the U.S. military during World War II, rising to the rank of Lieutenant.

Shanahan, James P. (Jr.)

James Shanahan was in the U.S. Navy for about 4 years during World War II. Now deceased, his family reports that he rose to the rank of Petty Officer, though they are not quite sure.

Silvermintz, Wilbur H.

Wilbur Silvermintz served during World War II.

Sona, Alfred

Alfred Sona was in the U.S. Army from January 1944 to August 1945. He trained at Fort McClellan, Alabama, and was stationed in Italy, where he fought in the European-African-Middle Easter Campaign. He received 3 Bronze Stars and 2 Overseas Bars.

Stack, Kenneth W.

Kenneth Stack was in the U.S. Army from October 1943 to March 1946. Overseas he spent time in the transportation corps, as a dispatcher-driver, a winch operator and a heavy truck driver. But he served his longest time in the Prisoner of War Overhead Detachment, 2020 Enclosure in Lemans, France. He left the Army as a Tec-4, having earned the European-African Middle-Eastern Theater Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star, a Victory Medal, a Good Conduct Medal and three Overseas Bars. He also received a letter of thanks from President Harry S Truman.

Strahan, Larry

Larry Strahan was in the U.S. Navy Seabees from October 1943 to January 1946. He trained at Camp Hueneme in Oxnard, California. He served in the Admiralty Islands in the South Pacific, in a non-combatant construction battalion. He left the Navy as a S/F 3rd Class.

Thomas, Edward F.

Edward Thomas served in the U.S. Army from October 1942 until March 1943. He served at the Trinidad Internment Camp in Colorado, and was honorably discharged as a Private 1st Class.

Thomson, Charles Edward

Charles Edward Thomson served in the U.S. Navy Air Corp for 3 years, from 1942 to 1945. He served out of Rhode Island. He achieved the rank of Lieutenant, and earned the Navy Cross.

Topolski, Eugene

Eugene Topolski served in the U.S. Army from February 1943 to December 1945. He trained at Camp McCain in Mississippi and was sent from there to Southampton, England. He fought in the battles of Northern France. He left the Army as a Private First Class, earning a Purple Heart, a Combat Infantry Badge and a Bronze Star.

Tufts, Lee D.

Lee Tufts served in the U.S. Army from August 1944 to August 1946. He trained at Jefferson Barracks and was stationed in Hawaii. He left the Army as a T4, earning an Asiatic-Pacific Theater Service Medal, a Good Conduct Medal and 2 Overseas Service Bars.

Upchurch, Gail L.

Gail L. Upchurch served in the U.S. Marines. He was stationed in the Marshall Islands, and later served in the first occupation force for Japan.

Upchurch, Harry

Harry Upchurch served in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot. He trained in New Mexico, and served in Alaska during the war, testing aircraft in cooperation with Russia. He died in 1944 in a crash. After the war, his body was returned to the United States and he was buried in Alaska, with Russian officers attending the graveside service. He achieved the rank of First Lieutenant.

Upchurch, John J.

John J. Upchurch serves in the U.S. Army, starting in 1941. He was stationed in the Philippines. He never returned home. As a Prisoner of War, he was declared missing during the Bataan Death March.

Upchurch, William Lee

William Lee Upchurch served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946. He was stationed in England, in the Military Police. He achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Vespereny, Thomas E.

Thomas Vespereny was in the U.S. Army from April 1946 to April 1947. He trained at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He served in the Army of Occupation in Japan, and left the Army as a Private First Class.

Vineyard, Marvin J.

Marvin Vineyard was in the U.S. Navy from April 1944 to March 1945. He trained at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, and left the Navy as a Seaman 1st Class.

Waldbart, Lee

Lee Waldbart served in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

Wendt, Robert H.

Robert Wendt served in Europe during World War II, where he spent time as a prisoner of war.

Whalen, Robert F.
(SEE ALSO LISTING UNDER KOREAN WAR)

Robert Whalen joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1942. He trained at San Diego, California, and served in the Pacific Theater. He fought at Guadalcanal, New Britain and New Guinea in the Solomon Islands. He went on active reserve for 6 years, then was called back to active duty in Korea.

Whisenton, Charlie H.

Charlie Whisenton served in the U.S. Army from October 1941 to September 1945. He trained at Camp Wheeler in Georgia. He served overseas in Algeria, French Morocco, Rome-Arno, Naples and Foggia in Italy, Southern France and the Rhineland. He left the service as a T4, and was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with a Silver Service Star, a Good Conduct Medal and an American Defense Service Medal.

White, Charles

Charles White was in the Army Air Force. He was one of the famed airmen who trained at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, and was stationed at a segregated base in Italy. For his courageous combat action he was promoted in the field from Lieutenant to Captain. He received many medals for his service.

Wonsewith, Donald

Donald Wonsewith was with the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II.

Yaffe, Arthur

Arthur Yaffe was a World War II veteran.

Zielinski, Raymond H.

Raymond Zielinski served in the U.S. Army from October 1940 to June 1952. He trained at Jefferson Barracks, and fought overseas in the battle for the Ryukyu Islands, just south of Japan. He was discharged after the war, in November of 1945, and again in 1952. Zielinski left the Army as a Master Sergeant, and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon, the American Theater Campaign Ribbon, the American Defense Service Ribbon, 5 Overseas Bars, a Victory Ribbon, a Bronze Star and a Good Conduct Medal.

Korean War

Chronology of American Action in the Korean War, With Participation by Richmond Heights Veterans Noted

1950

Jun. 25 North Korea launches a cross-border invasion of South Korea (Republic of Korea).

Jun. 27 President Truman authorizes U.S. air and naval operations south of the 38th parallel to support Republic of Korea (ROK) forces. United States fleet ordered to neutralize the Straits of Formosa.

Jun. 29 President Truman authorizes sea blockade of the Korean coast. First naval bombardment of Korean coast at Mukho. Bombing of Pyongyang in North Korea commences.

Jun. 30 President Truman authorizes commitment of U.S. ground troops to combat in Korea. Reserves and National Guard are called up.

Jul. 1 First U.S. combat troops arrive in Korea, under the command of Lt. Col. Charles B. Smith.

Jul. 5 First U.S. ground action of the war, Task Force Smith engages North Korean forces at Osan.

Jul. 6-8 24th Infantry Division delays advancing North Koreans at Pyongtaek and Chonan.

Jul. 8-12 24th Infantry Division delays North Koreans at Chochiwan.

Jul. 13-16 24th Infantry Division battle North Koreans at Kum River line.

Jul. 18 Lead elements of First Cavalry Division make unopposed landing at Pohan on Korea's eastern coast.

Jul. 20 24th Infantry Regiment, 25 Infantry Division, launches counterattack at Yechon.

Aug. 7 First Provisional Marine Brigade committed to combat at Chinju.

Aug. 8-18 First Battle of the Naktong Bulge.

Aug. 10-20 Battle for Pohong on the east coast. Pohong recaptured and North Korean 12th division destroyed.

Aug. 15-20 Battle of the Bowling Alley. Combined U.S. and ROK forces badly maul North Korean divisions.

Aug 31-Sep 19 Second battle of the Naktong Bulge.

Sep. 15 D-day for Inchon invasion. First Marine Division establishes a beachhead ashore.

(John Slater)

Sep. 16-22 Eighth U.S. Army breaks out of Naktong Perimeter.

Sep. 17 Fifth Marine Regiment liberates Kimpo air base. Seventh Marine Regiment lands at Inchon.

Sep. 18 32nd Infantry Regiment lands at Inchon.

Sep. 20 First Marine Division crosses Han River.

Sep. 27 Seoul liberated by First Marine Division and Army Seventh Infantry Division.

(John Slater)

Sep. 29 Seoul officially returned to ROK President Syngman Rhee by General Douglas MacArthur.

Oct. 4 Chinese Premier Mao Tse-tung decides to intervene in Korean War.

Oct. 9 U.S. Army forces cross 38th parallel and attack northward toward Pyongyang.

Oct. 19 Eighth Army takes Pyongyang, capital of North Korea.

Oct. 27 Eighth Army halted by Chinese.

Dec. 1 Eighth Army and X Corps begin withdrawing in face of Chinese offensive.

Dec. 25 Chinese cross 38th parallel.

1951

Jan. 1 Communist offensive begins.

Jan. 8-15 U.S. 2nd division stops Chinese at Wonju.

Feb. 10 Eighth Army retakes Inchon and Kimpo airfield.

Feb. 13 Major Chinese offensive against X Corps in Central Korea.

Feb. 21 Eighth Army launches Operation 'Killer'.

Mar. 7 Operation Ripper launched.

Mar. 15 Eighth Army retakes Seoul.

Mar. 21 Eighth Army retakes Chunchon.

Mar. 22 Eighth Army reaches 38th Parallel, after opposing Chinese offensives in the 'Iron Triangle' of Chorwon, Kumwha and Pyongyang.

(Leonard J. Adreon)

Apr. 22	Start of Battle of Imjin River.
Jul. 10	Armistice negotiations begin at Kaesong, later moved to Panmunjon.
Aug-Oct.	Several battles over 'Heartbreak Ridge' finally resolved with U.S. victory.

1952

Jun. 23	U.S. Air Force bombs Yalu River power installations.
Aug. 29	Heaviest air raid of the war at Pyongyang.

1953

Feb. 22	U.S. proposes exchange of sick and wounded prisoners.
Apr. 20	Exchange begins at Panmunjon.
May 28	U.S./UN team offers final terms to Chinese. Chinese attack outposts of U.S. 25th Division.
Jun. 8	Prisoner of war questions resolved.
Jun. 15-30	Chinese attack U.S. I Corps.
Jul. 27	Armistice signed at Panmunjon.

Korean War Era Veterans

All of our information for Korean War veterans has come from the veterans themselves. This section has more complete service records than any other war.

Adreon, Leonard J.
(SEE ALSO LISTING UNDER WWII)

Leonard Adreon served in the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps. He trained at Great Lakes Naval Training Station in Illinois and Camp Pendelton in California. He was stationed in Korea from 1951 to1952, seeing action along the 38th parallel. Leonard Adreon left the service as a 3rd Class Petty Officer.

Bailey, Charles P.

Charles Bailey was in the Missouri National Guard from 1948 to 1950, then in the United States Air Force from 1951 to 1955. He trained in San Antonio, Texas, and was stationed overseas in Germany. He was a member of the First Pilotless Bomber Squadron and the First US Operational Missile Squadron in 1954. Bailey left the Air Force as an Airman 1st Class, with an National Defense Service Medal and a German Occupation Medal.

Beck, Freddie B.
(SEE ALSO LISTING UNDER WWII)

Freddie Beck was in the U.S. Marine Corps reserves from 1947 until 1950, after having served in the Pacific Theater in World War II. In December 1950 he went back on active duty, serving in South and Central Korea until March 1951. He left the Marine Corps at a Technical Sergeant.

Bocklage, John H.

John Bocklage was in the U.S. Army from October 1953 until October 1955. He fought in Korea, and left the Army at the rank of Sp4.

Burke, Halpin T.

Halpin T. Burke served in the U.S. Air Force for 2 years, from July, 1951 to April, 1953. He received training through the ROTC at St. Louis University, then was stationed in Korea and Japan. He achieved the rank of Captain.

Clements, Kenneth R.

Kenneth Clements served in the U.S. Army from November 1951 to August 1953. He trained at Fort Ord in California. In Korea he was stationed at Kumwha Valley and Heartbreak Ridge. Clements left the Army as a Sergeant First Class, earning the United Nations Medal, Far East Campaign Medal, Korean Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and three battle stars.

de Kallos, Arpad

Arpas de Kallos served in the United States Army for two years, from February 1951 to February 1953. He did his basic training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and served as a supply sergeant.

Gannon, James A.

James Gannon served from November 1950 to December 1951 in the United States Army. He trained in Fort Scott, Kansas, and was stationed in Germany. He left the Army as a Corporal.

Gannon, John R.

John Gannon served four years in the United States Navy, from September 1951 to September 1955. He trained at Great Lakes Naval Training Station and served in Cuba. Gannon left the navy as a M.E. III (metal smith).

Heiserrer, Cletus L.
(SEE ALSO COLD WAR)

Cletus Heiserrer, then a resident of Kelso, Mo., served 2 years as a Private in the U.S. Marine Corps, from April 30, 1954 to April 27, 1956. He served aboard ship and was also stationed in Spain. He received the National Defense Service Medal and the Navy Occupation Medal for his service.

Hudson, Robert A.

Robert Hudson served in the U.S. Army from March 1953 to March 1955. He trained at Fort Leonard Wood and served in Korea and Guam. While in the Army he sustained an injury on Guam that left him 10% disabled. He left the Army as a Corporal, and received a Good Conduct Medal and a Korean Service Medal.

Langston, James C.

James Langston was in the U.S. Air Force from July 1951 to July 1955. He trained at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, and served in the Far East Command at Okinawa. He left the Air Force as an Airman First Class, receiving the usual service medals.

Lasky, Ronald

Ronald Lasky served four years in the United States Navy, from January 1951 to December 1954. He trained at Great Lakes Naval Training Station and worked on air lifts. He left the Navy at the rank of Aviation Machinist Mate, 3rd class.

McEntee, Edward

Edward McEntee served with the U.S. Navy in Korea.

McLaughlin, Barry

Barry McLaughlin served two years as an Army medic, from September 1953 to September 1955. He trained at Camp Pickett, Virginia, and was stationed in Japan. He left the Army as a corporal, and was awarded a Good Conduct Medal.

Nagle, John J.
(SEE ALSO LISTING UNDER WWII)

John Nagle, already a World War II veteran, served again in the U.S. Air Force from July 1951 to December 1952. During his Korean service he was an electronic countermeasures (ECM) operator on B-29's, flying 25 missions over Korea. He left the Air Force as a Staff Sergeant, wearing an Air Medal with Clusters.

Notter, Donald

Donald Notter was in the U.S. Marines for two years, and served in the Korean War.

Notter, Edward F.
(SEE ALSO LISTING UNDER VIETNAM)

Edward Notter was in the U.S. Army for 22 years. He served in Korea, Europe and Vietnam.

Notter, Joseph

Joseph Notter was in the U.S. Army for 2 years, and served in the Korean war.

Perkins, Don

Don Perkins served in the U.S. Navy for 4 years, from November 15th, 1950 to September 9th, 1954. He received basic training at Great Lakes, Illinois. He was stationed on the USS Burton Island (AGB-1) in Alaska, and the USS Ander (ARS3) in the South Pacific. He achieved the rank of CSSN (Commissaryman Seaman), and received the Good Conduct Medal – South Pacific.

Presti, Edward J.

Edward Presti served in the Finance Corps of the U.S. Army from February of 1953 to February of 1955. He trained at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri and went to Korea in 1955, after the Peace Treaty. He left the Army as a Corporal.

Ruoff, Thomas J.

Thomas Ruoff served in the U.S. Army for 2 years, from November 1954 to November 1956. He had basic training at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, and Medic training at Fort Sam Houston in Texas. He served with the U.S. occupation forces at Kitzingen and Worms in West Germany, guarding the borders there from the Eastern Bloc Nations. He left the army as a Specialist 2nd Class, having earned a Good Conduct Medal and a European Theater Medal.

Schuster, Donald R.

Donald Schuster served 3½ years in the United States Navy, from January 1951 to September 1954. He trained at Great Lakes Naval Training Center and served aboard the USS Harry F. Bauer and the USS Minotaur in Korea. He served as a TE2, teletype operator, and received a National Defense Service Medal and a Good Conduct Medal.

Slater, John D.

John Slater served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1947 to 1955. He trained at the USMC Barracks in San Diego, California. He fought at the invasion of Korea at Inchon, the liberation of Seoul, and served in the Army of Occupation in Japan. He left the Marines as a Corporal, having been awarded a Purple Heart and a Presidential Unit Citation.

Verzini, Nicholas J.

Nicholas Verzini served in the U.S. Army from October 1952 until October 1954. He had basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, and left the Army as a Corporal, having received a Good Conduct Medal.

Whalen, Robert F.
(SEE ALSO LISTING UNDER WWII)

Robert Whalen served in the U.S. Marine Corps for three years in World War II, then went on active reserve until he was called up for duty in 1951. He served from 1951 to 1952 in Korea. He left the Marines as a Staff Sergeant. His unit, the 1st Marine Division, received two Presidential Unit Citations and a Secretary of the Navy Unit Citation.

White, Leon

Leon White was a medic in the U.S. Army from May 1951 to May 1953. He trained at Fort Meade, Maryland. White was stationed with the 121st Evac Hospital, serving in Korean war zones for 17 months and 28 days. He left the Army as a corporal, with an Army Good Conduct Medal, a Meritorious Unit Emblem, a National Defense Medal, 3 Korean War Service Medals and a United Nations Service Medal.

Vietnam War

Chronology of United States Action in the War in Vietnam with Participation of Richmond Heights Veterans Noted

1955

November U.S. Military Advisory Group-Vietnam formed from U.S. Military Advisory Group-Indochina.

1957

June Last French military advisors leave Republic of Vietnam.

October Communist insurgency commences in Republic of Vietnam.

1959

July First U.S. casualties of the war are killed at Bien Hoa.

1962

February U.S. Military Assistance Command-Vietnam formed, headed by Paul D. Harkins. Strategic Hamlet program initiated.

1963

November JFK assassinated, Lyndon Johnson sworn in.

1964

Apr. U.S. Navy places the USS Kitty Hawk and escort carriers in the Tonkin Gulf. In the next months shore bombardment and inland bombing sorties commence. The carrier group becomes known as 'Yankee Station.'

(Phillip Jones)

June William C. Westmoreland replaces Harkins.

August Congress adopts Gulf of Tonkin resolution following incidents in the Gulf of Tonkin.

December Viet Cong bomb U.S. officer's quarters in Saigon. Battle of Binh Gia.

1965

February	Viet Cong attack U.S. base at Pleiku. U.S. retaliates with Flaming Dart air attacks. Viet Cong attack U.S. billet at Qui Nhon.
March	Rolling Thunder begins. U.S. Marines land at Da Nang. Viet Cong bomb U.S. embassy at Saigon.
June	First Arc Light strike launched, the first use of B-52's in combat.
August	Operation Starlite. Operation Silver Bayonet begins.
December	Battles of the Ia Drang.

1966

January	Operation Masher/White Wing begins.
April	B-52's commence bombing of targets in North Vietnam.

1967

January	Operation Cedar Falls.
February	Operation Junction City begins.
March	Battle of Con Thien begins, lasts until October.
Autumn	'Border Battles' of Song Be, Loc Ninh, and Dak To.

1968

January	Siege of Khe Sanh begins, lasting until early April. Tet offensive begins, lasting until late February. U.S. opens Tet Counteroffensive.
	(Arnold Goldman, James Shanahan, Rick Turner, Rick Vilcek, Charles Wentworth)
February	Westmoreland requests 206,000 additional U.S. troops. U.S. and ARVN troops recapture Hue, in Quang Tri Province, from PAVN.
March	Operation J.E.B. Stuart.
	Rick Turner, Rick Vilcek)
April	Martin Luther King assassinated.
May	U.S. and DRV begin negotiations in Paris. 'Mini Tet' offensive.

June Khe Sanh abandoned.

October Second 'Mini Tet' offensive. President Johnson announces a total cessation of bombing in North Vietnam.

1969

January Richard Nixon sworn in as president.

February Communist forces begin rocketing and mortaring South Vietnamese cities. Secret bombing of Cambodia begins, lasting until August 1973.

June Midway Island conference. Nixon announces Vietnamization.

September Death of Ho Chi Minh.

1970

March ARVN troops begin cross-border operations into Cambodia.

April Incursion into Cambodia begins, lasting until June.

December Congress repeals Gulf of Tonkin Resolution.

1971

January ARVN Operation LAM SON 719 begins, lasting until April, supported by U.S. operation Dewey Canyon II.

December U.S. aircraft begin attacks on PAVN forces in North Vietnam massing in preparation for the Easter Offensive.

1972

March Easter Offensive begins.

April Siege of An Loc begins, lasting until June.

May Quang Tri City is captured by PAVN forces. Operation linebacker begins, lasting until operation.

August Last U.S. ground combat troops withdraw from Vietnam. ARVN forces recapture Quang Tri City.

December Operation Linebacker II.

1973

January Draft ends. Paris Peace accords signed.

February	Communists release 588 U.S. POWs in Operation Homecoming.
March	Last U.S. troops leave Vietnam.
April	Last acknowledged U.S. POWs are released.

1975

April	Saigon falls to communists.

Vietnam Era Veterans

We had a good response from Vietnam Era Veterans. Predictably, much of the information came from parents of veterans who served while they lived in Richmond Heights and have since moved away. This war lasted a relatively long time, and actually generated more veterans than World War II, so we suspect there are many unreported veterans out there.

Baker, Alan J.

Alan Baker was in the U.S. Army from July 1968 to July 1970. He trained at Fort Leonard Wood, and served with the Northern I Corps in Vietnam. He left the Army as a SP5, having earned a Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal and a Vietnamese Medal of Gallantry.

Brewer, Dennis G.

Dennis Brewer was in the U.S. Navy from June 1969 to June 1973. He had basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois, and served aboard the USS Ponchatoula, a fleet oiler. He left the Navy as an E5, Electrician's Mate 2nd Class.

Chandler, Paul A.

Paul Chandler served in the U.S. Navy for 6 years, with two years of active duty from July 1969 to July 1971. He trained at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. He was stationed aboard the USS George K. MacKenzie, a destroyer, which supported American campaigns in Cambodia. He left the Navy as an E5, having earned the Vietnam Service Medal and other associated awards.

Cooper, Richard Lee

Richard Lee Cooper, a Corporal in the U.S. Army, was killed by hostile fire at Quang Tri, Vietnam on September 15, 1968. He was 23 years old.

Day, David

David Day served in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Salisbury Sound along with his older brother Lewis, who signed a waiver exempting them from the Sole Survivor Policy and allowing them to serve together on the same ship. In 1965 the U.S.S. Salisbury Sound was stationed in Da Nang in response to events in the Gulf of Tonkin.

Day, Lewis A.

Lewis Day served in the U.S. Navy for 3 years, from April 1962 to April 1965. He completed basic training in San Diego, and was stationed on the U.S.S. Salisbury Sound along with his younger brother David after signing a waiver exempting them from the Navy's Sole Survivor Policy, allowing them to serve together on the same ship. The U.S.S Salisbury Sound was sent to Da Nang in 1965 in response to the Gulf of Tonkin events in 1964. He attained the rank of E-3 by the end of his service and was also awarded a Navy Unit Commendation (together with his unit) and an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

Ford, James B.

James Ford served in the U.S. Navy for 4 years, from December 1968 to December 1972. He trained at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Illinois and was a member of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Training Squadron 110, as well as a member of Mobile Construction Battalion Three (NMCB 3). He left service with the rank of Petty Officer 2nd Class (E-5).

Gannon, David K.

David Gannon served in the Navy Air Force for 7 years, from August 1963 to August 1968. He did his basic training at Pensacola Naval Air Station in Florida, before going to fly Hornets off of aircraft carriers. He did two tours of duty in Vietnam, and left the service as a Lieutenant Commander, with seven Air Medals on his chest.

Gannon, Steven R.

Steven Gannon served in the Army for 15 years, starting in July of 1966. He trained at Fort Leonard Wood, then was stationed overseas at Kaiserslautern, Germany. He left the armed services as a Sergeant First Class E7.

Glenz, Eugene C.

Eugene C. Glenz served in the U.S. Air Force for 27 years, from June of 1943 to January of 1969. He trained at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, before being stationed in England. He flew 17 missions over Europe as a B-17 pilot in the 8th Air Force. His service continued into the Vietnam War, where he flew two B-52 missions over Vietnam. He achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, earning 3 Air Medals and an Air Force Commendation Medal.

Goldman, Arnold M.

Arnold Goldman was in the U.S. Army Medical Corps for 2 years, from May 1966 to April 1968. He trained at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, and served with the 93rd Evac Hospital, Long Binh Post in Vietnam. Goldman served during the Tet Counteroffensive. He left the Army as a Captain, and was awarded a Bronze Star.

Henderson, John

John Henderson left the city of St. Louis for the Army in April 1967. He trained at Ft. Leonard Wood, and served 2 years and 7 months as a private. He was stationed in Vietnam until he left service in September 1969.

Higgins, John J.

John Higgins had a 21-year career in the U.S. Army, from July 1962 until August 1983. He had basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and was stationed overseas in Germany, Turkey and Vietnam. From February 1966 to October 1967 he was an advisor to the Vietnamese Armed Forces. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel, and was awarded two Bronze Stars, three Meritorious Service Medals and Vietnamese Campaign Medals.

Jones, Michael
(SEE ALSO LISTING UNDER COLD WAR)

Michael Jones served the United States from October 1961 to October 1967, for a total of 6 years in three military branches: the Air Force, the Air Force Reserve, and the National Guard. He finished basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, was stationed in France, the Philippines, and Vietnam, and left service with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Jones, Phillip M.

Phillip Jones served in the U.S. Navy from January 1963 until December 1966. He had basic training in San Diego, where he learned to be a sonar technician. He was stationed overseas at Yokosuka, Japan. He served during shore bombardment of Vietnam in the escort carrier group that became known as 'Yankee Station', served on electronic intelligence satellite (ELINT) monitoring of Soviet submarines, and in shadowing Soviet navy exercises in the Taiwan Straits. He left the Navy as an E-5, receiving the usual Vietnam service ribbons.

LaRochelle, Russell

Russell LaRochelle served 20 years in the U.S. Army, from July 1963 to July 1983. He took the Field Artillery Officers Basic Course at Fort Sill in Oklahoma, was involved in campaigns in Vietnam from 1969-70, and was later stationed in Germany. He left service with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel 0-5 and with several medals and commendations: the Bronze Star, an Army Commendation Medal (1st OLC), a National Defense Service Medal, a Meritorious Service Medal (2nd OLC), a Vietnam Service Medal with three service stars, and a Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, as well as ribbons for Army Service and Overseas Service, two Overseas bars, a Parachute Badge and an Expert M-16 Rifle badge.

Lucy, Donald R.

Donald Lucy served 4 years in the United States Marine Corps, from July 1959 to July 1963. He graduated basic training at Camp Pendleton in California, after which he was stationed in Okinawa, Japan, and the Philippines. He left service having attained the rank of Corporal E-4.

Ludwig, David M.

David Ludwig served 3 years in the Army, from September of 1968 to May of 1971. He took basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, then went to Vietnam from October 1969 until May of 1971. Ludwig served during the first invasion of Cambodia. He left the Army as a Sergeant E-5, and received the Bronze Star and a Combat Infantry Badge.

Mattox, Larry

Larry Mattox, a resident of Maplewood, served in the U.S. Navy for four years, from October 1967 to October 1971. He graduated from basic training at Great Lakes, IL, and was stationed in Japan and on the DD-875.

Moore, Terry Lee

Private Terry Moore of the U.S. Army was killed in action in Vietnam on May 6, 1968. He was 20 years old.

Notter, Charles G.

Charles Notter was in the U.S. Army for 1 year during the War in Vietnam. He trained at Fort Leonard Wood, and left the service as a PFC.

Notter, Edward F.
(SEE ALSO LISTING UNDER KOREA)

Edward F. Notter was in the U.S. Army for 22 years. Before his service in Vietnam he has also served in Korea and Europe. He left the Army as a Staff Sergeant.

Notter, Edward J.
(SEE ALSO LISTING UNDER GULF WAR)

Edward J. Notter was in the U.S. Army from November 1971 to October 1991. He trained at Fort Leonard Wood, and served in almost every American military action from Vietnam to Desert Storm. He retired from the service as a Chief Warrant Officer 3.

O'Brien, James L.

James O'Brien served 4 years in the U.S. Navy, from November 1963 to September 1967. He trained at Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Illinois, and was stationed on the U.S.S. America CVA-66 Carrier. He was also a member of the VF33 Fighter Squadron. He was involved with retrieving injured soldiers from the June 8, 1967 attack on the U.S.S. Liberty in the Mediterranean. He left service with the rank of ADJ-3 (Aviation Machinist's Mate, Petty Officer 3rd class).

Pilla, Edward J.

Edward Pilla served 6 years in the U.S. Air Force, was active for 4 years from August 13, 1965, to August 12, 1969, and was a member of the Air Force's inactive reserves from August 12, 1969 to August 11, 1971. He trained at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas and was stationed in Yakata, Japan, and was stationed in Kimpo, South Korea, when the U.S.S. Pueblo was captured in 1968 by North Korean forces. He was awarded the Airman's Medal for heroism on February 10, 1968, and left the Air Force with the rank of Sergeant.

Rhoades, Blaine J.

Blaine Rhoades served 2 years in the United States Army, from June of 1967 to June of 1969. He trained at Fort Leonard Wood, and left the Army as a Sergeant, E-5.

Rhoades, Gregory J.

Gregory Rhoades served in the United States Army from May of 1967 to May of 1969. He trained at Fort Leonard Wood and was stationed for two years in Seoul, South Korea. He left the army as a Spec 3, E4.

Rhoades, Marlott J.

Marlott Rhoades trained at Lackland Air Force Base. He was stationed in Saigon, and did 4 years of active duty, from July of 1966 to July of 1970. He left the Air Force as a Sergeant E-4, having received the Air Force Commendation Medal and a National Service Defense Medal.

Rhoades, Stephen

Stephen Rhoades trained at Lackland Air Force Base and served in the United States Air Force for 4 years, from November, 1967 to November, 1971. He left the Air Force as an E-5, Staff Sergeant.

Rollins, Vernon
(SEE ALSO LISTING UNDER COLD WAR)

Vernon Rollins left St. Louis for the Air Force in November 1957. He served 26 years and 2 weeks, first training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, then technical, aircraft control and warning operator schools at Keesler AFB in Mississippi, where he earned the nickname "Scope Dope." From 1958-65 he was stationed in Asoyama, Japan, and Naha Air Base in Okinawa. He was next deployed to Birkenfeld AS in Germany in 1967, where he served until 1971. He attended photo processing school at Lowry Air Force Base to become a photo processing technician. He was then stationed at Offutt Air Force Base, south of Omaha in Nebraska, and from 1975-79 at Zweibrucken Air Base in Althornbach, Germany. He returned to Lowry in 1980 to work at the photo school, and in 1982 retired with the rank of Master Sergeant.

Rose, J. G.

J.G. Rose served 3 years in the United States Marine Corps, from July 1969 to July 1972. He trained at Parris Island in South Carolina, and when he left service had attained the rank of Sergeant E-5.

Ruhlman, Heinrich

Spec 4 Heinrich Ruhlman of the U.S. Army was killed in action in Vietnam on May 11, 1969. He was 20 years old.

Scheidt, James A.

James Scheidt was in the U.S. Naval Reserves from September 1967 to March 1971. He trained at Newport, Rhode Island, and served aboard the USS Intrepid (aircraft carrier) and the USS Pocono (amphibious command ship). He left the Navy as a Lieutenant, having earned a Vietnam Service Ribbon with 3 stars, and a Navy Unit Commendation.

Shanahan, James P. III

James Shanahan was in the U.S. Army from June 1966 to June 1969. He trained at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and was stationed in Germany for eighteen months and Vietnam for 12 months. He fought in the Tet Counteroffensive, and left the Army at the rank of E4.

Souders, Terry

Terry Souders is a veteran of the Vietnam War.

Thompson, Robert A.

Robert A. Thompson took basic training at Fort Leonard Wood and served six years in the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of E-5. He served from 1969-1975 and was stationed in Vietnam.

Turner, Rick

Rick Turner served in the U.S. Army from July 1967 to August 1969. He trained at Fort Leonard Wood, and was stationed in Dian, Vietnam. He fought in the Tet Counteroffensive and in Operation JEB Stuart. Rick Turner left the Army as a Sergeant, with 2 Purple Hearts, 1 Bronze Star, a Combat Infantry Badge and Airborne Wings.

Vilcek, Rick

Rick Vilcek served in the U.S. Army from July 1966 to February 1969. He trained at Fort Leonard Wood, and was stationed overseas in Vietnam from December 1967 to November 1968, and Korea from November 1968 to February 1969. In Vietnam he fought in the Tet Counteroffensive, Operation J.E.B. Stuart, and other engagements. He left the Army as a Sergeant, and was awarded an Air Medal, a Bronze Star, a Combat Infantry Badge, a Parachute Badge, a Good Conduct Medal, a Meritorious Service Medal, a Vietnam Service Medal with 4 stars, a National Defense Medal and an Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal.

Watson, Curtis Lee

Corporal Curtis Lee Watson of the U.S. Marine Corps was killed in action in Vietnam on May 16, 1966. He was not quite 20 years old.

Whittington, Joseph C.

Joseph Whittington served 2 years in the U.S. Army between April 21, 1967, and June 3, 1972. He trained at Fort Gordon, GA. Stationed in Germany, Whittington attained rank of Captain, and earned the Army Commendation Medal.

Weber, Willard H., Jr.

Willard Weber Jr. served 24 years in the U.S. Air Force, from 1969 to 1993. He trained at Lackland AFB in Texas, was stationed at Kunsan AFB in South Korea, and attained the rank of Master Sergeant (E-7).

Wentworth, Charles

Charles Wentworth served in the U.S. Army for 3 years, from August 1965 to July 1968. He trained at Fort Ord, California, and spent a year in Vietnam. He was stationed with the 4th Division in Pleiku, and fought in the 1968 Tet Offensive. He left the Army as a Specialist 5 and earned an Army Commendation Medal.

Cold War Era
(1945- 1991)

Cold War Era Veterans

In accordance with the 1998 National Defense Authorization Act, the Secretary of Defense approved awarding Cold War Recognition Certificates to all members of the armed forces and qualified federal government civilian personnel who faithfully and honorably served the United States anytime during the Cold War era, which is defined as September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991.

Bailey, Patrick B.

Patrick Bailey, then a resident of East St. Louis, Ill., served 4 years in the U.S. Army during the 1950s and was stationed in France.

Day, Kevin J.

Kevin Day, then a resident of St. Charles, served 4 years in the U.S. Air Force, from August 1972 to July 1976. He trained at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas and was stationed at RAF Chicksands in England and Hahn Air Force Base in Germany. He left service with the rank of E-4.

Fitzhenry, Michael J.

Michael Fitzhenry served 21 years in the U.S. Army, from 1972 until 1993. He trained at Fort Leonard Wood, and served as a Sergeant First Class, seeing duty overseas in Germany. When he left the service, Sergeant Fitzhenry had received the Meritorious Service Medal, 3 Army Commendation Medals, 6 Good Conduct Medals, an Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, 2 National Defense Service Medals, an Armed Forces Reserve Medal, a Non-commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, an Army Service Ribbon, an Army Reserve Overseas Training Ribbon, an Expert Marksmanship Badge, a Sharpshooter Marksmanship Badge and a Driver's Badge with Wheeled Vehicle Device.

Green, Michael J.

Michael Green trained at Ft. Leonard Wood and served 2 years in the Army as a private, from 1963 to 1965. He then served in the Reserves for four years, two active and two inactive.

Heiserrer, Cletus L.
(SEE ALSO LISTING UNDER KOREAN WAR)

Cletus Heiserrer, then a resident of Kelso, Mo., served 2 years as a Private in the U.S. Marine Corps, from April 30, 1954 to April 27, 1956. He served aboard ship and was also stationed in Spain. He received the National Defense Service Medal and the Navy Occupation Medal for his service.

Jones, Michael
(SEE ALSO LISTING UNDER VIETNAM WAR)

Michael Jones served the United States from October 1961 to October 1967, for a total of 6 years in three military branches: the Air Force, the Air Force Reserve, and the National Guard. He finished basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, was stationed in France, the Philippines, and Vietnam, and left service having attained the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Lewis, Audrey

Audrey Lewis trained at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. She served 10 years in the United States Army, from October 1976 to June 1986. During this time she was stationed in Rheinberg and Giessen, Germany, and participated in the Cuban refugee inductions in Sparta, Wisconsin. She left the Army as a Sergeant, having earned the Meritorious Service Award with an Oak Leaf Cluster**.**

Notter, Kenneth C.

Kenneth Notter was in the Army for 3 years in the 1980's. He trained at Fort Leonard Wood and was stationed in Europe. Kenneth Notter left the Army as a Specialist 4.

Notter, Thomas J.

Thomas Notter was in the Army National Guard for 1 year in the 1970's. He trained at Fort Leonard Wood and left the Army National Guard at the rank of private.

Pfeiffer, Ronald F.

Ronald Pfeiffer was in the U.S. Navy from November 1960 until November 1964. He trained at San Diego, California, and served aboard the USS Chivo (SS341), a submarine. He served in the Cuban Blockade and on North Atlantic Barrier Patrol. Ronald Pfeiffer left the Navy as a Torpedoman's Mate, 2nd Class, at the rank of E5.

Redmond, James J.

James Redmond served several years in the U.S. Air Force.

Rollins, Vernon
(SEE ALSO LISTING UNDER VIETNAM WAR)

Vernon Rollins left St. Louis for the Air Force in November 1957. He served 26 years and 2 weeks, training first at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, then at technical, aircraft control and warning operator school at Keesler AFB in Mississippi, where he earned the nickname "Scope Dope." From 1958-65 he was stationed in Asoyama, Japan and Naha Air Base in Okinawa. He was next deployed to Birkenfeld AS in Germany in 1967, where he served until 1971. He attended photo processing school at Lowry Air Force Base to become a photo processing technician. He was then stationed at Offutt Air Force Base, south of Omaha in Nebraska, and from 1975-79 at Zweibrucken Air Base in Althornbach, Germany. He returned to Lowry in 1980 to work at the photo school, and in 1982 retired from service with the rank of Master Sergeant.

Tufts, Robert D.

Robert Tufts was in the U.S. Navy from January 1978 to January 1982. He trained at San Diego, California, and served aboard the U.S.S. America, an aircraft carrier. He served during some of the U.S. action against Lybia in the early 1980's. He left the Navy as an AE2, and received the Navy Expeditionary Medal.

Winkelmann, John Paul

John Winkelmann served in the U.S. Air Force from 1955 until 1966. Much of that time was on inactive and, later, retired reserve, but his active duty was from 1956 to 1957. He began his military training in the JROTC program at Christian Brothers High School, followed by Saint Louis University's Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps, then a crash course of military exercises at England Air Force Base at Alexandria, Virginia. He was assigned to the Air Force Special Activities Group at the Pentagon, and stationed at the Courier Station at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Armed Forces Courier Officers were the smallest occupation in the Department of Defense. During such significant moments as the Hungarian Revolution and the Suez Canal Uprising, both in 1956, Winkelmann performed non-stop courier duty, flying coast-to-coast continually. Important Pentagon, nuclear energy-related and presidential franked documents were conveyed and delivered under armed guard, and Winkelmann himself was authorized to be armed with a .38 caliber revolver. He stresses that in all his courier work, security always took precedent over speed, and that he is thankful to God for always making his service to America successful. Winkelmann left the Air Force at the rank of Captain, receiving a Commendable Officer Efficiency Record. He has since been awarded the Cold War Recognition Certificate.

Persian Gulf War Era

Persian Gulf War Veterans

Bernstein, Brad

Brad Bernstein was in the U.S. Navy for 5 years, from 1987 to 1993. He had basic training at Newport, Rhode Island, and was stationed at Philadelphia Naval Base and aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Kitty Hawk. He received a commendation for his service in the Gulf War, and left active duty at the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Brewer, Melvin

Melvin Brewer served 4 years in the U.S. Army, from November 1989 to November 1992. He took basic training at Fort Dix and then was stationed at Karlsruhe in Germany, where he served as a rail loader, sending equipment to Turkey for deployment. He earned a war ribbon for participation in Desert Storm.

Fitzhenry, Joseph J.

Joseph Fitzhenry has been in the U.S. Air Force Reserve since 1985. He trained at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas and is a Master Sergeant. He has been stationed at various times in Japan, Spain, England, Saudi Arabia, Korea, Germany, Italy and Bahrain. He served in Desert Storm and Desert Shield, and has been awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, 7 Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards, 5 Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medals, a National Defense Service Medal, a Southwest Asia Campaign Medal with 2 campaign stars, an Air Force Longevity Service Medal with 2 devices, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, a Small Arms Expert Marksman Ribbon, an Air Force Training Ribbon, and two Liberation of Kuwait Medals -- one from Kuwait, one from Saudi Arabia.

Notter, Edward J.
(SEE ALSO LISTING UNDER VIETNAM)

Edward J. Notter was in the U.S. Army from November 1971 to October 1991. He served in Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, San Salvador and Desert Storm. He left the Army as a Chief Warrant Officer, having earned Senior Aviator Wings, Paratrooper Wings, a Sapphire Star Recruiter Badge, a Jungle Expert Badge, 5 Sikorsky Life Saving Awards, a Legion of Merit, a Bronze Star, a Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, an Air Medal, an Army Commendation Medal, a Joint Service Achievement Medal, an Army Achievement Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, an Army Good Conduct Medal with 3 Knots, a National Defense Service Medal with a Bronze Star, a Southwest Asia Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, a Humanitarian Service Medal, an NCO Professional Development Ribbon with 3 Devices, an Army Service Ribbon, an Overseas Ribbon with 3 Devices, a United Nations Service Medal, a Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, a Kuwait Liberation Medal (from Saudi Arabia), a Kuwait Liberation Medal (from Kuwait), a Presidential Unit Citation with an Oak Leaf Cluster, an Army Valorous Unit Award, an Army Meritorious Unit Commendation and an Army Superior Unit Award.

Operation Iraqi Freedom Era

Operation Iraqi Freedom Veterans

Bailey, Thaddeus M.

Thaddeus Bailey served 7 years in the U.S. Army, from 2004 to 2011, and was stationed in both Iraq and Afghanistan. During the course of his service Thaddeus Bailey earned several medals and ribbons: the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Iraq Campaign Medal with four campaign stars, a Bronze Star, an Army Commendation Medal (3rd award; 2nd OLC), an Army Achievement Medal, a Meritorious Unit Commendation, a National Defense Service Medal, a Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, an Army Service Ribbon, an Overseas Service Ribbon (3rd award), and a NATO Medal.

Docherty, Martin

Martin Docherty, a resident of Richmond Heights as well as Clayton, enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1989 and serves as Colonel. He attended basic training at Fort Sam Houston outside San Antonio, TX, and was stationed at Ramstein Air Base in Germany and at Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan. During his service, Col. Docherty has earned Army Commendation and Army Achievement Medals.

Noonan, Cabrina

Cabrina Noonan served 3 years in the U.S. Army, from March 2000 to March 2003. She trained at Fort Sill in Oklahoma, left the Army having attained the rank of Sergeant E-5, and during the course of her service had earned several medals and ribbons: an Army Commendation Medal, an Army Achievement Medal (2nd OLC), an Army Good Conduct Medal, and a National Defense Service Medal, as well as a Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon, an Army Service Ribbon, and a Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver-W bar.

Noonan, Tim

Tim Noonan served 4 years in the U.S. Army, from August 2000 to August 2004. He trained at Fort Sill in Oklahoma and during the course of his service was stationed in Saudi Arabia (2001) and Jordan (2003). He left the Army as a Sergeant E-5 and several medals: the Army Commendation medal (1st OLC), an Army Achievement Medal (2nd OLC), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

Notter, Roque E.

Roque Notter served 4½ years in the U.S. Air Force, from December 2005 to March 2010. He took basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, then was stationed in numerous overseas countries: Guam, Spain, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Iceland, and Hungary. He left service with the rank of Senior Airman and several medals: the Air Force Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and two ribbons, one for Air Force Expeditionary Service and one for Air Force Longevity Service.