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1917 - 1919

Dickebush Sector

Mount Kemmel

Vierstraat Ridge

East Poperinghe Line

Hindenburg Line

LaSelle River St. Souplet

Meuse-Argonne St. Mihiel



1940-1945

Makin

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Majuro

Eniwetok

Saipan

Okinawa

2001-Present

Noble Eagle

Iraqi Freedom

Afghanistan

Enduring Freedom

Honors to our Departed

This document continues with the departed from the following formations: 165th Infantry, 107th Infantry, 108th Infantry, 174th Infantry, 27th Armored Units, 102d Engineers, 102d Medical, and 102d Quartermaster units.

It includes two Past National Commanders of the 27th Division Association: Charles Ambrose and Thomas Gibson, Jr.

The advent of the "Atomic Age" saw the US Army redesign their formations to survive on the battlefield in which they envisioned the use of tactical nuclear weapons. Thus the "Pentomic" Division and the brigade sized Battle groups were born. The 27th became an Armored Division and its HQ was moved to Buffalo, NY. Old units departed the formation and new units were added.

Departing were the 106th and 107th Infantry, as well as WWII's 165th Infantry. Also de-

parting were long time Field Artillery units, the 104th & 105th, while the 186th & 280th Field Artillery joined.

New to the formation were the four tank battalions, 127th, 205th, 208th, & 274th Tank. Other changes included the Combat Command HQs and a AAA Battalion. (There is more about this on page 27).

Pages 25-27 of this document reflect the passing of several veterans of this era.

The 74th/174th Veterans Club at the Connecticut Street Armory in Buffalo was the local hang out for many of these fine gentleman. I worked at that Armory for several years and could always count on a half dozen of them being there on any given Tuesday.

Our remaining veterans of this time won't be around forever so if you have the opportunity to speak with them, I encourage you to do so.

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As I state in each volume, these rolls are the members of the 27th Division Association, who have passed on. They in no way represent all of the members of the various 27th Divisional and Brigades elements since WWII. The Association does not have those types of records nor do we have the capability to generate memorials for every Soldier that has passed.

We will continue to attempt to honor all Association members past and present if we are notified of their passing.

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SOLDIER'S PRAYER

by Col. Lewis L. Millett

I've fought when others feared to serve.

I've gone where many failed to go.

I've lost friends in war and strife,

who valued duty over the love of life.

I've shared the comradeship of pain

I've searched these lands for men that we've lost.

I've sons who've served our land of liberty,
who'd fight to see that other lands are free.
I've seen the weak forsake humanity.
I've heard fakers praise our enemy.
I've seen challenged men stand ever bolder.
I've seen the duty, the honor, the sacrifice of the soldier.

Now, I understand the meaning of all lives, The lives of comrades of not so long ago. So to you who answered duties siren call, may God bless you my son, may God bless you all.

Call the Roll

Charles J. Ambrose, PNC Everett H. Jarchow M Sidney Sundstrom

John D. Baker John W. Kammerer Joseph A. Taddeo, Sr.

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Reeves Hupman Joseph R. Stella



165th Infantry Regiment "The Fighting Sixty-Ninth"





165th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co L; Past National Commander

Charles J. Ambrose of Needham, formerly of Dedham, November 29th, 2010. Beloved husband of Josephine L. (Murphy) Ambrose for 64 years.

W.W. II Army Veteran. Recipient of the Bronze Star with Valor and the Purple Heart. Past Commander of the Needham VFW. Past Commander of District 5 and member of the 27th Infantry Division, NY.

Retired 30-year employee of the MBTA.

Devoted father of Mary L. Ferney and her husband James of Walpole, Arthur G. Ambrose and his wife Jane of Hanover, Leonard J. Ambrose and his wife Corinne of Foxborough, Michelle M. Heater and her husband Russell of Phoenix, NY, Michael J. Ambrose and his wife Katherine of Dedham, and the late Charles J. Ambrose and his surviving wife Nancy. Grandfather of 13, great grandfather of 4.





165th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Co C

Thomas M. Baye of Omaha, NE passed away on 22 June, 2019.

Survived by wife, Helen; children: Michael Baye (Virginia), Mary Virginia "Ginny" Burrall, Robert Baye (Anthony Armstrong), Patricia Baye, and Susan Griswold (Robert); grandchildren: Emily Drew (David), Audrey Gilroy (John), John Burrall (Amber), Courtney Garcia (Lionel), Robert, Elisabeth and Madison Griswold; six great-grandchildren; sister, Patricia Vrchlavsky; brother-in-law, Don Cutshall; sister-in-law, Kay Baye; numerous nieces and nephews.





165th Infantry Regiment

Robert Wayne Benson passed away on August 12, 2018 at Solon Care Center. Bob was born in Burlington Iowa on September 15, 1924 to Signa (Swanson) and Paul Nels Benson. Bob graduated from Burlington High School and was President of his senior class, 1943.

During WWII, Bob enlisted in the Army and served as a combat medic in the 165th Infantry Regiment, 27th Infantry Division. He fought in the Battle of Saipan and the Battle of Okinawa earning a Bronze Star among other awards.

After the war Bob returned to the University of Iowa where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and met Jacqueline Louise Shellady. They married on September 6,1947 at the First United Methodist Church of Iowa City. Bob graduated with a degree in General Sciences. Soon after they moved to Burlington where Bob owned and operated Union Supply Company with his brother Paul E. Benson.

Bob served as president of the Burlington Golf Club, president of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Board of Directors for Burlington Bank and Trust and on the board for Messiah Lutheran Church. He was also active in Elks, Kiwanis, poker club and dance club. His other interests included, hunting, fishing, gardening, cooking, oil painting, reading, Hawkeye football and basketball, golf, wintering in Florida for nearly50 years and spending time with his family and grandchildren.

Bob was a true gentleman who brought out the best in the people around him. He always had a great big smile and a twinkle in his eye - his zest for life. In 2000, Bob and Jackie moved back to Iowa City where they rejoined the Methodist Church, they were married 69 years before Jackie's death in 2016.

Robert Benson is survived by his son Robert S. Benson and daughter Julie Benson Hayek (C. Peter), four grandchildren: Benjamin P. Hayek (Jaclyn), Robert W. Benson, David J. Hayek (Sarah), Molly E. Herrick (Joseph) and six great grandchildren: Ava Herrick, Anna Hayek, Jack Herrick, Elsie Hayek, Will Hayek and Walker Hayek, two nieces Barbara Benson Howell and Susan Benson Todd, one nephew John P. Benson and one cousin Shirley Carlson.





165th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co H

Edward Earl Britton, 91, of Montgomery, peacefully passed away on Sunday, October 5th, 2014 at Tillers Nursing Care and Rehabilitation Facility due to complications from a stroke. Ed was born into the loving family of Fred and Zetta Britton on April 8, 1923 in Galesburg, IL. Ed was born and raised in Galesburg.

He entered the army in 1943 at the age of twenty. During WWII he served in the Pacific Theatre until 1945. In 2010, he participated in the Honor Flight to Washington DC to visit the WWII Memorial, which commemorates our Veterans who served. This was a highlight of his life.

Ed worked as an engineer for the Burlington Northern Railroad for 40 years. In 1955, he relocated to Montgomery, Illinois as part of his railroad career.

He retired in 1984. He was also a proud member of the Montgomery VFW Post 7452, the Aurora Moose and was a former director of the Aurora Burlington Credit Union. Ed was a member of St. Olaf Lutheran Church. Since retiring he enjoyed watching the Chicago Cubs and Bears and spending time with family and friends.

Surviving is his wife of 66 years, two sons, Richard (Connie) Britton of Morton, Illinois and Dan (Joanie) Britton of Aurora; three grandchildren, Jennifer, Melanie and Tim. Tim serves in the United States Air Force. Ed also has two great-grandchildren Jake and Elise as well as many nieces and nephews.

165th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co G

Joseph Philip Cavanaugh of Mineola, age 80, passed away on August 2, 2004.

Joe was a proud World War II veteran, a former chaplain of the Mineola units of the American Legion and Veteran of Foreign Wars, and a 4th degree Knight of Columbus (Bishop Kellenberg Council).

He was an ironworker with Local 580 for 28 years and an employee of the Mineola School district for 19 years. He was also among the original Eucharistic Ministers of Corpus Christi RC Church and served as a hospital minister at Winthrop Hospital.

Loving husband for 55 years of Arline (nee Robilliard). Devoted father of Mary Teresa, Jeanne Carroll (Jerome) and Margaret Smith (William). Adored "Poppy" of Patricia Bigotti (Tim); Steven Winkelmeyer, Jamie, Jonathan and Jennifer Carroll, Katie, Zachariah and Molly Smith and great granddaughter, Erin Bigotti. Loving brother of Charlotte Raad and Francis X. Cavanagh.

Joe was a rarity among men; he was kind and forgiving, with an unfailing faith in his God. He will be sorely missed.

165th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co L

Tony Christiano, 83, of Gloversville, passed away peacefully Thursday October 8, 2015 at Nathan Littauer Hospital. Born December 28, 1931 in Gloversville, he was a son of the late Louis and Sophia Lathers Christiano.

He retired as a Sheet Metal Mechanic from General Electric in Schenectady, and was a part of the union as well.

Tony joined the United States Army National Guard in April 1955 and served through April 1958, he retired from the service as a teacher.

Throughout Tony's life he acquired many hobbies, including golfing, fishing and woodworking.

The most important thing to Tony was, and will always be, his family. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Survivors include his loving wife Loretta Picardi Christiano; son Louis Christiano; daughter Dianne Schwarz (John); brother Donald Christiano; grandchildren Brienna Christiano, Neil Christiano and Deanna Schwarz. Tony was predeceased by his brothers Tommy Christiano and Paul Christiano, as well as his sister Betty Boles.



165th Infantry Regiment

C.P. "Duke" Curran of Kapa'a died Sept. 30, 2011, at Wilcox Memorial Hospital at age 90. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on April 5, 1921.

He was a U.S. Army, ret., 165 INF "The Fighting 69th."

He is survived by his wife, Veronica Curran; daughters, Lois Handwerker of New York,

Geraldine (Leonard) Marro of New York and Clare Gude of New York; 14 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.



165th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co E, later USAF

Melvin Leonard Downes, 87, left this earth Thursday, March 29, 2012. Melvin was born in Portland, Oregon, to Leonard and Daisy Downes on February. 17, 1925. He graduated from Glendale High School in Glendale, California, in 1943.

He served in the Pacific Theater of Operations in the Army and then in the Air Force. His honors included a Purple Heart with oak leaf from Saipan and another from Okinawa as well as a Bronze Star and Army Good Conduct Medal, Silver Knot, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with two stars, Victory Medal World War II, Army World War II Occupation Medal and National Defense Medal. His ribbons included Air Force Long Service, Air Force NCO and ACD.

After retiring from the service, he held various positions in the criminal justice system and taught genealogy at Tarrant County College, where he had obtained an associate degree. Melvin loved his God, his country and his family.

He enjoyed cartooning, his dogs, painting miniature soldiers, listening to classical music and the Fort Worth Symphony. He was an avid reader of biblical literature, archaeology and history. His memberships included the Scottish Rite, Ridglea Country Club, Sheriff's Association, Veteran Corps 69th Regiment, Ridglea Presbyterian Church and, in his later years, Arborlawn United Methodist Church.

Survivors: Wife, Georgia Blaydes Downes; stepson, Sean Blaydes and his wife, Kathleen, and sons, Andrew and Aaron; stepdaughter, Moire Blaydes Torres and her husband, Jose, and sons, Jordan and Everett; and from Huntington Beach, Calif., his sister-in-law, Carolyn Downes; nephew, Gary and wife, Rayleen, and children; niece, Kathy and her husband, Frank, and children.



165th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co G; Past National Commander

Thomas D. Gibson passed away on February 7, 2014, after a long illness, and was reunited with his beloved wife, Jean, in time for Valentine's Day.

Tom was born February 19, 1921, to John and Elizabeth (Ferguson) Gibson in Glasgow, Scotland. His family moved to the United States when he was an infant, making the Bronx, NY, their home.

In 1940, Tom enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served as an artillery rifleman in the 165th Infantry (Fighting Irish), 27th Division, in World War II. He later was National Commander of the 27th Division Association from 1988-1989. He participated in action against the Japanese in Makin Atoll, and was a member of invasion forces in Saipan. Tom was very proud of his military service and was wounded in combat in the Pacific Theater. Tom was discharged from the Army in 1945 as a decorated soldier and met the love of his life, Jean Gemza.

The two were united in marriage that same year. After living in New York City, they returned to Utica in 1948 and shared a blessed happy union of 63 years until Jean's passing in 2008.

For 33 years, Tom was employed as an aircraft mechanic under the 416th Bombardment Wing at Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, until his retirement in 1979.

Tom stayed busy after his retirement, assisting family and friends with many home improvements.

Tom was a wealth of knowledge and a great storyteller. He prided himself in knowing intricate directions to anywhere in New York City, and proudly marched with his fellow veterans annually in the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade. His detailed remembrances of World War II, Yankee Stadium and early Utica history offered cherished memories for his family. He was an avid Yankee fan and always rooted for the "Bronx Bombers". He was a member of Disabled American Veterans, Stars& Stripes Empire State #2, American Legion Post 1376 in New Hartford and VFW Post 7393 in the Town of Whitestown, where he devoted countless hours of his skills and talents. Tom enjoyed relaxing with Jean and family members many summers at his camp in Old Forge. "Uncle Tom" was more than a loving uncle to his nieces and nephews and their spouses, and was a welcome addition at holiday celebrations. His intelligent conversation, wit and wisdom made family gatherings more joyous. Tom was loyal to his wife, Jean, caring for her through her illness; loyal to his family members and friends, who could always count on him; and loyal to his country, which he bravely and proudly served.

Tom is survived by his sister, Grace Castricone and husband, Daniel, of Ocala, FL; sisters-in-law, Cecelia Gemza, of Utica, and Helen McKee, of Whitesboro; nephews, Stanley Gemza and wife, Maryann, of Utica, and James Gemza and wife, Norma, of New Hartford; and nieces, Carol Putrelo and husband, Carmen, of The Villages, FL, and Barbara McShea and husband, Greg, of New Hartford. He is also survived by nephews, Paul Gibson, of Seattle, WA, Daniel Castricone and wife, of Tuxedo, NY, and John Thaxton, of New York, NY; and niece, Susan Gage and husband, of Rocky Pt., NY.





165th Infantry Regiment, then OCS and 83d Division

Mortimer Goldman, 93, of Leisure Village West of Manchester, NJ, died on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at home. He was born in Brooklyn, NY, and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1934. Mort Goldman was known throughout Ocean County and New Jersey as a master photographer. He and his partner Leo Peskin operated Peskin-Goldman studios in Toms River, Brick Township, and Lakewood from 1955 to 1984. He is a past president of the NJ Professional Photography Association and the recipient of the National Award for his contribution to professional photography in NJ and the USA. He was a lover of jazz music and a well-known exhibitor and teacher of photography. His home movie Chick to Layer has been archived at Brandeis University as documentary history of the poultry era in Ocean and Monmouth Counties.

Mr. Goldman served in the Army from February 1941 until November, 1945. He was a proud and active member of the 27th and 83rd Divisions, serving first in the Hawaiian Islands, and then, as an officer, he landed in Normandy, France on D-Day and fought through the Hurtgen Forrest and the Battle of the Bulge, and met the Russians at the Elbe River. Mr. Goldman received many awards for his service including the Combat Infantry Badge, two Bronze Stars, the European Badge with five battle stars.

In 1994 during the 50th anniversary of D-day celebrations, he received the French Croix de Guerre medal from the mayor of Normandy in the presence of his children and grandchildren.

After the war, Mort and his wife Dorothy bought a farm on Old Freehold Road in Toms River where they raised chickens and three loving children. Mort and Dot were married 67 years and had a great life together until she passed away last year. Dot worked with Mort on the farm and in the Toms River studio. They traveled and took courses all over the world and volunteered in many local organizations including ten years at the Ocean County library They were founding members of the Congregation B'nai Israel in Toms River, with Mort serving as president from 1967-1969. He was also past president of Toms River B'nai B'rith, the Jewish National Fund, Israel Bonds, and the Jewish Federation of Ocean County.

Surviving are his three children, Roy Goldman and his wife, Georgia of Bloomburg, PA, Judy Van Nostrand and her husband, Don of Oakhurst, and Irene Hoyt and her husband, Charles of West Windsor; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.



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Hoy M. Haught, 80, of Huntsville, died July 8, 2004, at his home. He was born Jan. 10, 1924, at Witter, the son of Everett and Alta Seals Haught. He was a retired postmaster, a businessman and a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Huntsville. He was active in his community, serving as a member of the board of directors and as an off icer of the Office of Human Concern for 30 years. He was a past member of the Huntsville School Board, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Huntsville, a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of Huntsville Lodge #364, Free and Accepted Masons for over 50 years.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the 27th Infantry Division of the United States Army on Okinawa where he was wounded on April 26, 1945. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the American Theater Service Medal, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. Active in veterans' affairs from the time of his discharge from the United States Army, he served several terms as Commander of Hayes-Smith Post #137 American Legion at Huntsville, District Commander and as State Commander for 1986-1987.

During his more than 50-year membership in the American Legion, he worked on committees supporting Boy's Baseball, American Legion Oratorical Contest and was a long-term member of the State Policy Committee as well as an alternative on the National Executive Committee. Along term advocate of veterans' rights, he was appointed to the Arkansas Governor's Commission on Veterans Affairs by four different administrations.

Survivors include: his wife, Hazel Nelle Smith Haught of the home; two sons, H. Marvin Haught, Jr. of Huntsville and Lloyd Haught of Witter; one sister, Lois Bounds of Springdale; two grandsons, Ryan Haught of Witter and Matthew Haught of West Point, NY; two granddaughters, Heather Smith of Witter and Jordyn Haught of Huntsville; and one great-granddaughter, Myranda Smith of Witter.



Military Intelligence Service att. 165th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion & 27th Division HQ

Nobuo "Dick" Kishiue, husband, father and proud U.S. veteran died on Memorial Day, May 31, 2010, at the age of 90. Dick was born on May 20, 1920, in Armona, to Japanese immigrants Nobataro and Yoshiko Kishiue of Wakayama Ken, Japan. Dick's father remarried to Japanese immigrant Otami after Yoshiko's death in 1924.

After graduating from Hanford Union High School in 1938 as class salutatorian, Dick was drafted by the U.S. Army in September 1941 and completed basic training at Camp Roberts in Paso Robles.

After Executive Order 9066, his parents and siblings were interned at the Jerome Relocation Center in Arkansas while Dick was transferred to Camp Robinson, also in Arkansas. Due to his ability to speak and read Japanese, Dick was selected in 1942 to be a member of the exclusive and secret group of linguists used by the Army in World War II known as the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) and trained at Camp Savage in Minnesota. Through his service with MIS, Dick served as a translator, interpreter and soldier in U.S. tours in Makin (Gilbert Islands) with the 165th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Battalion, and in Saipan and Okinawa with the 27th Infantry Division, in addition to other smaller tours. His years with MIS earned him several awards of honor including a Bronze Star.

Dick left the Army in 1945 and returned to Armona to marry Emiko "Emi" Shinagawa of Hanford in 1946. The couple raised three children and ran a small farm in Hanford until retiring in 1990. In addition to being a farmer and businessman, Dick was also active in the local veterans' community. In 1949, he helped found the Nisei Liberty Post 5869 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). Over his years with the VFW, he held the titles of Past Commander of Nisei Liberty Post 5869, Past District Commander of Districts 24 and 9, and State Blood Bank Chairman. Dick was also a member of the Military Intelligence Service Veterans Association of Southern California.

With his wife Emi, Dick was also an active member of the Hanford Buddhist Church holding titles of Former President and Former Board member. In between his veteran's and church duties, Dick was also an avid fisherman, a favored pastime he continued to enjoy even at age 89.

Dick is survived by his wife of 64 years Emiko; brother Henry and sister-in-law Bessie of Cleveland, Ohio; sisters Setsu Hiraoka of Sanger and Mary Toyota of Fresno; son Richard and daughter-in-law Terrye; daughter Lucy; daughter Gail; grandchildren Susan and Robert Kishue-Koval; grandchildren Scott and Elizabeth Isbell; grandchildren Sara and Bill Cunningham; granddaughter Sabrina Sakaguchi; granddaughter Tae Sakaguchi; and greatgrandchildren Kaz, Charlie, Claire, and Chloe.



165th Infantry Regiment, Service Co, then 89th Division

Matthew P. Landers, age 90, passed away January 22, 2007 in Tempe, AZ. Matthew was born in Jamaica, NY in 1916 the son of Sarah Burke and Patrick Landers. He received an Accounting Degree, magna cum laude, from Pace University and a Master's Degree from Columbia University, where he was elected to the Beta Gamma Sigma National Business Honor Society.

A veteran of World War II, Matthew served as a Sergeant in the 27th Infantry Division and as an officer in the 89th Infantry Division. Overseas, he served as a Captain in the Third Army, where he was awarded two Bronze Star Medals, a Meritorious Unit Citation, and the Combat Infantry Badge. He remained a member of the Army Reserve until 1953 and was an active member of the veteran's organizations of both Infantry Divisions for which he served.

Matthew was employed by the New York City Department of Hospitals beginning in1938. From 1949 until 1952, he worked as Internal Revenue Agent and then as a public accountant until 1956. He was a member of both the New York State and American Institute of CPAs. In 1956, Matthew joined Pfizer Inc. as a Tax Accountant. He was elected Treasurer and Assistant

Secretary of Pfizer in 1967. In addition to these positions, he was a member of the Board of Directors of Pfizer's International Subsidiaries and President of the Pfizer Foundation. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Hartford Trust Company of New York. An expert in the field of U.S. Taxation of Foreign Income, Matthew frequently testified on tax legislative matters before both the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees. He was often asked to present Industry's views on tax regulatory matters to the IRS and was a member of the Business and Industry Advisory Board to the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs.

For several years, Matthew served as Vice Chairman of the Tax Committee of the National Association of Manufacturers and as Chairman of their Subcommittee on International Taxation. He served as Chairman of the Tax Committee of the Chemical Manufacturers Association and the Proprietary Association. Matthew was the former President of the New York chapter of the Tax Executives Institute, Assistant Treasurer of the Financial Executives Inc. and the Vice President of the New York Chapter.

Matthew retired from Pfizer in 1981and moved to Greenville, NC. There he served as a member of the Finance Committee of St. Gabriel's Church, Secretary of the Brook Valley Property Owners Association and a Director of Brook Valley Country Club. He was a member and Distinguished Past President of the Pitt County Golden Kiwanis where he was awarded the Kiwanis International Hixson Fellowship. Moving to Tempe, AZ in 1999, Matthew continued his work with Kiwanis as a member of both the Kiwanis Club of Tempe and the Kiwanis Club of Friendship Village.

He was a life member of The American Legion, The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. He is survived by his wife Ruth S. Landers of Tempe, AZ.

He is survived by his son, Captain Gregory P. Landers, USN and wife Robin of San Jose, CA & Tucson, AZ, his daughters Suzanne L. Stevens and husband Thomas of Rhinebeck, NY and Elizabeth (Betsy) L. Lawlor and husband Mark of Stillwater, OK. He is also survived by his step-children, Jerry and Sharon Sanderson of Mesa, AZ, Nancy and Sanford Culver of Tempe, AZ, Bruce and Deborah Sanderson of Phoenix, AZ, Jamie and Diana Sanderson of Phoenix, AZ, Larry and Patricia Sanderson, Wilcox, AZ. He is survived by 15 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.



165th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co F; then 11th Airborne Division

Thomas J. McCullough, 84, old soldier, strong patriot, and good man, a resident of Albuquerque for 25 years, died Monday, June 19, 2000.

He was a WWII 11th Airborne Paratroop Veteran in the Pacific Theatre and awarded the Combat Infantry Badge. Mr. McCullough was a member of the D.A.V. Chapter 32.

Mr. McCullough also had many relatives and friends all over the states and overseas. He volunteered at Lovelace Hospital for 23 years and two years at the VA Hospital.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Anna F. McCullough of Albuquerque; and many nieces and nephews.



165th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co I

William Wayne McPherren, 89, of Roanoke, died Saturday, June 2, 2007, at The Heritage of Huntington in Huntington. Born Feb. 10, 1918, in Roanoke, he was the son of William C. and Florence Fields McPherren. A 1936 graduate of Roanoke High School, he played on both of the Roanoke basketball teams that won the sectional tournament in 1935 and 1936.

He entered the U.S. Army in in 1941, serving as an infantryman in the Pacific Theater, and fought in the amphibious invasions of Makin and Saipan, winning the Bronze Star. He was discharged at the rank of staff sergeant.

After returning from World War II, having earned his Bachelor's degree at Ball State, and his teaching certificate at Huntington College, he taught at Andrews School, Andrews, IN, then taught sixth grade at Roanoke Elementary from 1952 to 1980. He earned his Master's degree at St. Francis College.

He was a lifelong member of Seminary United Methodist Church, Roanoke, and a retired member of the Huntington County Retired Teachers Association.

Surviving is his son, W. Thomas McPherren of Roanoke; daughter, Ann C. McPherren of Huntington; and several nephews.





165th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co G; 150th Finance; 246th Finance; 110th Field Artillery Battalion, HHB

Joseph J. Moscati, a man of exacting standards, a proud military veteran, loving husband, father and grandfather died Dec.12, 2020. Dementia overtook the last few years of his life at Encore Assisted Living at Turf Valley in Ellicott City, but his sense of humor could not be extinguished by this disease. Joe was one of six, born into an Italian family in Baltimore, MD. Their Catholic faith was the cornerstone of—what he called—La Familia, and he remained a faithful servant throughout his life. In fact, Joe's interest in wine could be traced to his early years as an altar boy, where it is believed he occasionally sampled the Communion wine in the sacristy at St. Ambrose Church in Pimlico.

On December 5th, 1944, 18-year-old Joe was drafted into the U.S. Army, and assigned to Camp Blanding, Florida for Infantry Replacement Training. Thus, began a lifelong relationship with the military. Joe was sent to the Asian-Pacific theater in July 1945. The fighting was winding down at that point, and he was assigned to a 60-mm mortar squad in Company G, 165th Infantry Regiment of the 27th Infantry Division on Okinawa. In later years, in his typical self-deprecating style, he referred to this squad as performing mop-up duty.

The 27th Division was deactivated and in December 1945, Joe was assigned to General MacArthur's headquarters in Tokyo, Japan, where he worked in the 150th Finance Disbursing section. Following his tour in Japan, Staff Sergeant Moscati returned to the U.S., enlisted and served two years in the 246th Finance Disbursing section, Enlisted Reserve Corps in the U.S. Army Reserve.

In October 1948, he enlisted in HQ Battery, 110th Field Artillery Battalion of the 29th Infantry Division, Maryland Army National Guard as a Corporal in the Radio section. In 1949 he was promoted to Staff Sergeant.

In December 1962, Joe was promoted to Sergeant-Major of the 110 Field Artillery Battalion and served in that capacity until his discharge in 1965.

Beyond his official military service, Joe was also a member of the Catholic War Veterans and served as National Commander and Finance Officer of the 29th Division Association.

On the home front, Joe was married to Anna May Moscati (nee Hanrahan) for 45 years until her death in 1999. They produced two children, Joanne and Joe, who grew up within Joe's strict guidelines, and Anna May's compassionate heart.

Joe was a conservative in the truest sense. Yes, he might have had the viewpoint of a political hawk, but he was also a child of the Great Depression. Wasting resources was equivalent to a venial sin; as was living outside your means; as was NOT saving for a rainy day.

Forever a company man, Joe Moscati started his professional career below-ground, where he toiled in manholes as a cable splicer for C&P Telephone. Working his way up, he installed public exchange switchboards, subsequently engineering that technology and moved

eventually into management as a cost-analyst, presenting cases before the Public Utilities Commission. He indeed knew the business from below ground up.

During the 1960s and '70s, Joe served as an adult leader and committee chairman of Boy Scout Troop 976, Reisterstown MD. He enjoyed camping—or bivouacking as he called it; pressing his military terminology into service. He was a longtime member of and sang in the choir at Sacred Heart Church, Glyndon MD. His fondness for Gilbert & Sullivan musicals, astonishingly, had him singing and (more or less) dancing in the Young Vic theater productions of the Mikado and The Pirates of Penzance.

Joe believed family was one of the blessings of life. For many years, he was the instigator of and Chief Grill Master at the annual Moscati Family reunions. In its heyday, the event hosted nearly one hundred family members and friends. Uncle Joe was in his element!

In his retirement years he and Anna May traveled with friends to many countries in Europe.

Later, his friendship with Mary Loats and her family kept him active well into his 80's.

Joe is survived by his two children, Joanne Greenberg and husband Dave, of Perry Hall MD; Joseph W. Moscati and wife Jeanne Turner, of Silver Spring MD; three grandchildren, David Greenberg, Sarah Greenberg and Morgan Moscati and husband George Marshall, and a brother Robert W. Moscati of Catonsville, MD.



165th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co I
Alphonse Henry Pagnotta passed away on 16
September, 2008. He was a fireman with the City of
Weehawken, New Jersey.

He served in the US Army 27th Infantry Division, Fighting 69th from February 1941 until May 1945.

Mr. Pagnotta is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Rita Veronica Thorpe, four children, Susan Augello, Rivervale, NJ, Denise Amato, Newton, NJ, Carol Brown (Chip), Longwood, FL, and Allan Pagnotta (Barbara), Westport, CT; nine grandchildren, Daneen Augello, Suzanne Lenc (Jeffrey), Veronica, Tristan, Nathaniel Manzi, Corey, Nichole, Michelle, Thomas Pagnotta, one great grandson, Nathan Henry; one sister, Eva Marie Cook, Weehawken, NJ; two nieces, Nancy Moschello (Tom), Basking Ridge, NJ; Sherry Wanda (Peter), Orlando, FL; one nephew Mark Pagnotta (Verna), Waianae, HI; and loving dog Pepe.



165th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co K Cleland D. Rajski, 89, passed away on Thursday, October 8,2009, at 8:42 p.m. in Hospice House. Cleland was born on November 15, 1919, in South Bend, to the late Edward and Nora (Walters) Rajski.

Cleland served in the United States Army during WW II and was a member of American Legion Post 357.

He is survived by two children, Pam (Robert) Rupert of Bremen, IN, and Randy (Janice) Rajski of South Bend; two grandchildren, Kyle (Shawna) Rupert and Matthew (Kristy) Rupert; one greatgrandson, Mason Rupert; two step-grandchildren, Amanda (Ryan) Duddleson and Anthony(Shalon) Krol; two step-great-grandchildren, Amelia and Kellan; two sisters, Dolores Curtis of South Bend and Barbara Soleta of South Bend; two brothers, Chester (Lorena)Rajski of South Bend and Archie (Lois) Rajski of South Bend; and by his special friend, Evelyn Hock of South Bend.



165th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co F; then Co C MP [?]

William J. Rosson, 90 of Irvington died peacefully on Thursday at his residence. Mr. Rosson was born in New York City on November 6, 1912 the son of William and Margaret nee Rooney Rosson. He attended New York City Schools.

Mr. Rosson served in the United States Army during World War II. He achieved the rank of Sergeant and served in Company C with the Military Police.

On October 15, 1949 William married Mary O'Meara at Immaculate Conception Church in Irvington. Together they settled in Irvington where they raised their family. Mr. Rosson worked for the NY Central Railroad and later for Amtrak in the Baggage department in New York City. He retired in 1977 after 32 years of service.

For the past 53 years William belonged to the Third Order of St. Francis.

Surviving are his wife Mary of Irvington, five daughters and their husbands, Elizabeth and Joseph Panarelli of Hicksville, NY, Rosemary and James Biddle of Garrison, NY, Teresa Rosson of Irvington, Bernadette and Jose Cuello of Irvington, Clare and James Gregory of East Stroudsburg, PA, nine grand-children, a brother John and his wife Julia of Irvington.



165th Infantry Regiment, HHC

Gordon Lisle Sardeson, 86, of Rio, formerly of Adams-Friendship, died peacefully in his sleep April 26, 2008, at Columbia Health Care Center in Wyocena. Gordon was born minutes before his twin sister, Gloria Jean Sardeson Clark on March 26, 1922, in Blanchardville, to Lisle C. and Borghild Gundersen Sardeson. He was a graduate of Bellville High School in 1941.

Just after completing high school, he was drafted into the service where he served as staff sergeant in the 165th Infantry until 1945.

Following his return from the service, Gordon went onto college at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville where he received a B.S. in 1949, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he earned an M.S. in 1952. He taught and coached in the Pardeeville schools from 1949 to 1954 and served as an administrator of the Viola Public Schools from 1954 to 1958. For the next 27 years, from 1958 to 1985, Gordon served as the Superintendent of the Adams-Friendship School District. During that time, he was instrumental in consolidating Adams-Friendship schools and was an avid A-F sports fan.

Gordon himself was an outstanding athlete in high school and was the catcher for the Platteville Cardinals while a student at Platteville. While he especially loved baseball and was lifetime fan of his beloved Cubbies, he also followed the Wisconsin Badger football team as a season ticket holder for over 40 years.

Gordon became engaged to his high school sweetheart Marian June Schrepfer of Belleville, when he returned from overseas and married her in the next year on Aug. 24, 1946. After nearly 50 years of marriage and raising a family together, June sadly passed away in 1994. In 1998, Gordon married again and has been happily married since to Marion Halverson.

He is survived by his second wife, Marion Halverson Sardeson, and two daughters Susan Kay Sardeson Kubik of White Bear Lake, MN, and Nancy

Joan Sardeson, of Amherst, MA, and her partner Jane Simonds, also of Amherst. Gordon also leaves behind four beloved grandchildren Gabriela Kubik (attending Smith College in Northampton, MA, Marisa Kubik of White Bear Lake, MN, Jonathan Lisle Sardeson Simonds and Samuel Blake Sardeson Simonds, both of Amherst, Mass. He is further survived by his twin sister, Gloria Clark of Poynette; step children, Ronald (Ardell) Halvorson of Waunakee, John (Dianne) Halvorson of Sun Prairie, and Joann (Glenn) Schmidt of Antigo; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



165th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co H Carrell Eugene Shelton, 93, of Mt. Vernon and formerly of Wayne City, died 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011, at Nature Trail HealthCare Center in Mt. Vernon. He was born Saturday, Sept. 29, 1917, in Mt. Erie, to John A. and Ina F. (Chaney) Shelton. He married Velma L. Bushong Nov. 14, 1953.

Carrell was inducted into the military on Oct. 18, 1941, and served as a heavy machine gunner with Co. H, 165th Infantry fighting with the U.S. Army in World War II in the Western Pacific, Ryukyus Islands and the Eastern Mandates campaign, was injured and honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant on Oct. 5, 1945.

He later worked in for a total of 57 years in the oil business, 30 of which as production superintendent for Mac Oil Company.

He was a member of Mt. Vernon American Legion Post 141 in Mt. Vernon, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1376, and was recently awarded this 50-year member pin from Mt. Vernon Moose Lodge 755 (L.O.O.M.).

He is survived two sons, Gary Shelton and wife Benita of Dunmore, KY, and Danny C. Shelton of Mount Pleasant, SC; two daughters, Janet Scott and husband Andy of Texico and Judy Ansley and husband Johnny of Thompson, GA; brother Donald Shelton of Centralia; nine grandchildren, numerous greatgrandchildren and several nieces and nephews.



165th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Co B

Harold C. Smith, 91, a native of Staten Island, N.Y went to be with the Lord, Wednesday, Aug. 29th 2012.

He was a WWII veteran of the Pacific Campaign with 'B' Co, 165th Inf. 27th Division, 1940-1945. He was a Purple Heart recipient, a member of Adams-Williams Chapter 607 MOPH and retiree of U.S. Postal Service.

Harold was a daily source of strength for his family and friends, and a devout patriot of his country. He held many leadership positions including VFW 7172 post commander and former president of S.I. Zimmer Club and S.I Sportsmen Club. Throughout his life he volunteered teaching hunter safety classes, worked on environmental issues and received the distinguished service award by the New York State Conservation Council.

He is survived by two children, daughter, Dorothy Phillips and husband, Steve Phillips, son, Albert Smith and companion, Dorothy Mazza; two sisters, Claire Clark and husband Charles, Janice Ystueta and husband Bill; and 13 loving nieces and nephews. He was blessed with seven grandchildren and their families, Debra Ann Smith and Ben Hughett, Anthony and Andrea Smith, Albert and Nicole Smith, Michael Smith, Donovan and Wendy Hindle, Jennifer and Tony Mimms, Jessica and Joshua Allen; and five great-grandchildren, Dylan Allen, Lara Allen, Austin Mimms, Jacob Hughett-Smith, and Gianna Smith.

He will be greatly missed.



165th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co E

Martin Sidney "Sid" Sundstrom, 84, of Ocean Springs, MS, died early this morning at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN, from pneumonia contracted during his recovery from heart surgery. Sid was born 27 June 1926 at the Sundstrom homestead in Brooklyn Township near Beresford, South Dakota, to Simon and Anna (Johansson) Sundstrom. He lived at the family homestead until the late 1930's, when the family moved to Minnesota and farmed in the Lake Crystal area. Sid graduated from the Lake Crystal High School.

He enlisted and served in the US Army during World War II. He was wounded while serving in Okinawa.

Soon after returning to civilian life, he began a lifelong career as salesman and then a sales executive. The career led him and his family to many places, including Indianapolis, Niagara Falls, Chicago, West Bend, Montgomery, Birmingham, and finally in 1970 to Ocean Springs where he lived the rest of his life.

He played a significant role in the establishment of Camp Victor, which has been a leader in the recovery from hurricane Katrina. He was well-known and well-liked in the Ocean Springs community.



165th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Co D

Jay Rollin Varvel was born October 24, 1924, in Nampa, Idaho. He passed away at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, Washington June 12, 2007. Jay was one of two children born to Glen Lyle and Noryne (Gardner) Varvel.

Jay had one quarter remaining in his senior year of high school when he left school to enter the Army. He reported for active duty in February 1943. After completing training, he was assigned to the Pacific Theater of Operations as a member of the 165th (formerly Fighting 69th) Infantry Regiment, 27th Infantry Division. The unit was soon committed to combat, participating in the battles for Makin Island, Saipan, and Okinawa. Jay served in line companies as a heavy machine gunner, then as the commanding officer's radioman until his unit was decimated on Okinawa and removed from active combat. During the course of these assignments, Jay rose to the rank of Master Sergeant and distinguished himself in combat, earning two Bronze Stars for valor and the Combat Infantryman's Badge as well as being awarded two Purple Hearts. He left active duty in November 1945, joining the Army active reserve force and filling a number of senior noncommissioned officer positions before accepting a commission as a second lieutenant in October 1952. Jay continued his active reserve service as an officer until 1961 when he transferred to the Inactive Reserve.

After leaving active military service, Jay unaware that he had already accumulated enough credits to graduate from high school in Idaho enrolled in high school at Richland to complete requirements for his high school diploma, effectively becoming a two-high school graduate.

After graduation in 1946, he accepted a position in accounting at Hanford with E. I. Dupont and, later that year, joined General Electric Company where, over the next several years, he filled positions in Nuclear Reactor Maintenance and Operations as a trainee technician and then as a specialist in the area of Nuclear Reactor Instrumentation. In 1966, Jay joined the Hawaiian Electric Company in Honolulu, HI where he worked in the Technical Division as and engineer and an instructor charged with qualifying personnel to operate a planned Hawaiian Electric Company Nuclear Power Generation plant that was later cancelled. Returning to the mainland in 1967, he joined Heath Tecna Corporation as an engineer and manager working primarily on robotic arms projects for the PISCES submersible.

While with Tecna, he was awarded two patents. He returned to Hanford, joining vitro Engineering when Tecna eliminated their R & D Department in 1971. Jay moved to Burns & Roe Engineering as a Senior Planner in Quality Assurance in 1974, before joining Atlantic Richfield Hanford in 1975 as a supervisor charged with forming a Quality Assurance/ Quality Control Department. In 1977, he became Manager, Quality Engineering and Quality Control for Rockwell Hanford Operations and, in 1980, became an individual contributor to the Vice President, Quality Assurance and as well as Site Metrologist. In the latter position, he represented RHO to the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, DC and Boulder, Colorado. Jay retired from Hanford in 1986.

Jay never neglected opportunities to serve his community in both professional and community organizations and activities. He was one of the founders, and a Charter Member, of Richland Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7952. In 1957, he assumed responsibility for the Building Codes of the new City of Richland. He served as President of the Richland Light Opera Company and appeared on stage or was active behind the scenes in many of their productions over a period of fifteen years and was a recipient of their Life Time Achievement Award.

He was Secretary of the UCLA Extension Marine Technology Society in Seattle. He served brilliantly as chairperson of a committee to establish criteria and standards for instrumentation training at Perry Institute.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to their programs, the Institute named a laboratory for him. Jay served as president of both the Richland Instrumentation Society and the Richland Dancer's Guild. He was a Charter member of the Rockwell Hanford Chapter of the National Management Association. He was also a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Japan/American Society. Jay was a Life Member of the Veterans Corps of the 69th Infantry Regiment, the 27th Infantry Division Association, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, a member of the Military Officers Association of America and Project Honor.

He is survived by his wife, Coleen (Robinson) Varvel and his 'family of choice,' Joann, Cathy, Brent, and Michele Preston. Jay spent the first 14 years of his life in Emmett, Idaho, before moving to Boise in 1938. In Boise, he met the lady, Coleen Robinson, who became the love of his life and married her Christmas Day 1945. Theirs was a truly happy, devoted, and fulfilling union lasting for 62 years.



165th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co F

John Vuletich died in Lafayette, California on

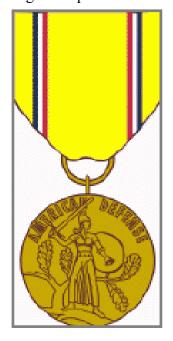
May 28, 2016. Born in Trinidad, Colorado on March 7, 1925, the oldest of 10 children. John was a first-born American of Croatian immigrants. He grew up in Crested Butte, Colorado where he graduated from high school in 1943.

John was drafted into the Army during World War II. He trained at Camp Abbott near Bend, Oregon. John saw combat in the battle for Okinawa with the 165th Regiment, 27th Division and was wounded in action, receiving the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

After the war, John relocated to Roseville, California. He took a job with Bank of America in 1945 at the Sacramento branch and later transferred to the corporate office in San Francisco. He earned a business degree from the University of San Francisco. John retired in 1986, after 41 years at the bank. As a retiree, John enjoyed traveling with his wife. He also loved to take long walks along the nearby regional park trails.

John met his wife Barbara during a trip to Mexico City in 1965. They married in Seattle the following year, lived briefly in San Francisco, and settled in Walnut Creek, California in 1968 where he lived for 46 years, raising two sons.

He is survived by siblings Mary, Ken, Pete, Katherine and Sylvester, as well as wife Barbara, sons Thomas and Daniel, grandchildren John, Ysabelle, Paloma and Lucijan, and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great nephews.





165th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co I

John A. "Johnny" Walker, age 93, of Shell Rock and formerly of Waterloo, died at Shell Rock Health Care Center on Saturday, October 21, 2017. He was born on February 19, 1924 in Pine Island, MN; the son of John Alvin Sr. and Helen Schlief Walker. Johnny graduated from Rochester High School in 1941. He married Ione Kujath on April 27, 1943 in Kasson, MN.

Johnny worked 44 years in the beverage industry, starting in Rochester, MN and Milwaukee, WI; he then worked for Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company in Waterloo and retired as production manager in 1989.

He served in the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theatre during WWII, he was wounded in Okinawa and received a purple heart; Johnny was honorably discharged in December 1945.

He was a member of St. Timothy's United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls; he was a lifetime member of the VFW, American Legion, Purple Heart, and the Disabled American Veterans organization.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Reimer of Wauwatosa, WI and Sheryl (Michael) Sires of Shell Rock, IA; a son, Craig Walker of Omaha, NE; seven grandchildren, Christopher Reimer, Rachel (Bryan) Becker, and Jason.



165th Infantry Regiment, Anti-Tank Co

Wayne W. Wehrli, 88, of Albany passed away at his home with his son Ronald Wehrli at his side. He was born in Fairbury, Nebraska the son of Fred and Nellie (Green) Wehrli and moved to Albany, OR in May of 1937.

Wayne enlisted in the U.S. Army in May of 1941 and went to Hawaii Scofield Barracks for basic training and was placed in Company G, 21st Infantry and survived the attack on Pearl Harbor. In November of 1942 he shipped out to Christmas Island 2d Battalion 102d Infantry in July of 1943 he returned to Scofield Barracks and joined the Anti-Tank Co. with the 165th Infantry and served in the Gilbert Islands, Marianas Islands, and invaded Okinawa and was discharged in September of 1945.

Wayne worked as a dispatcher for Pacific Power and Mountain States Power Co. and retired in 1984.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, working around his house and his rentals, and traveling to Alaska to visit his son. He was a member of the American Legion Post 10, VFW Post 584 the B.P.O.E., Pearl Harbor Survivors, the IBEW and was Oregon's Veteran of the year in 2001.

He is survived by Sons; Ronald of Eagle River, Alaska and Jeffery of Albany, OR., daughter Jayne Jones of Albany, and seven grandchildren.



108th Infantry Regiment "Virtute Non Verbis"





27th Infantry Brigade, HHC & 108th Infantry Regiment

Anthony Clark Crawford died suddenly on October 6, 2007. He was born on November 7, 1948 in Los Angeles, CA. Anthony received a bachelor of science in education and a master of science from Ohio University. His first career was as a teacher employed by Northport Junior High School, Northport, N.Y.; Saint Agnes School in Lake Placid, N.Y.; North Country School and Northwood School in Lake Placid, NY.

In 1987, Anthony began full time employment with the New York Army National Guard. He held positions as a training officer with the second battalion, 108th regiment, recruiting and retention officer of the 27th infantry brigade and by 1993, he was promoted to the deputy inspector general to the New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs. He subsequently became the commander of the second battalion, 108th Infantry regiment; the inspector general of the New York State Division of Military Affairs and then the deputy chief of staff for Army Operations, New York Army National Guard. Anthony's final military assignment as colonel was the facility manager of the Camp Smith Training Site, Cortland Manor, NY. He retired from the New York National Guard in 2005 to enjoy long walks in the woods with his golden retriever Izzy and reveled in his newest avocation, skeet shooting with friends.

Anthony loved to travel across the United States and the world. He was a master scuba diver trainer with over 200 logged dives in both fresh and salt water. He trained and certified over 100 students as open water divers, advanced divers, rescue divers, and specialty divers. He loved the outdoors, whether it was the New York State forests, conservation areas, or the California desert.

He is survived by his beloved companion and fiancée Andrea J. Lazarski of Albany; his daughters Brittany Crawford and Courtney Crawford, both of Wilmington, N.Y.; his father John Crawford of Palm Desert, Calif.; his sister Barbara Crawford of Playa del Rey, CA; brother William Crawford; sister-in-law Maria Crawford; niece Stephanie Craw-ford; and nephew Michael Meccia of Shrewsbury, PA.

108th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co L

William Heckert, a former Corona resident of 63 years, passed away. Born July 24, 1920 in Schenectady, New York, he died December 28, 2007 at his home in Chico, California.

Mr. Heckert lived in Utica, New York until 1940 when called to active duty in the Army, where he served in the South Pacific. Upon release from the Army as a 1st Lieutenant, he came to Corona in April of 1944. He formed the first National Guard Company in Corona.

He joined the Corona Police Department in May 1944 and served 36 years as Patrolman, Motorcycle Traffic Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain before being appointed Assistant Chief of Police. During his early years with the City of Corona, he also served as part-time Recreation Director and Building Inspector while still performing his duties as a police officer.

He retired from the Department in August 1980.

He was a founding charter member of the International Association of Juvenile Officers, served as President of the Riverside County Peace Officers Association, instructing basic and advanced law enforcement classes through adult education and established many innovative programs for dealing with juveniles and the Information and Communications Section of the Police Department.

He was a volunteer assistant varsity football coach at Corona Senior High School from 1944 to 1952. He assisted in the planning and development of the Good Samaritan Boy's Home, which facility expanded to eleven satellite homes and he served eleven years as a member of its' Board of Directors - two years were spent as Chairman of the Board.

He is survived by his daughter, Robbin Heckert-Bryant; son-in-law, George Bryant; grandsons, Shawn Bryant and Dylan Bryant of Chico, CA; granddaughters, Kristen Knoeckel of Bozeman, MT, Susan Knoeckel of Arcata, CA and grandson, David Schwartz of Glendale, CA; nieces, Geraldine Getz, Barbara Swisloski and Cynthia Aldi of Utica, NY; nephews, Harry Geith of Dalhart, Texas, James Garton of Yucaipa, CA and Rodney Garton of Arrowhead Springs, CA; with many great and great-great nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his long-time companion, Dollie M. Johnson of Corona.



108th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co H

Joseph B. McManus passed away on January 25, 2017 at the age of 96.

Joe served in the National Guard and was a highly decorated veteran of WWII.

His personnel work and teaching history included Eastman Kodak, Taylor Instrument, City of Rochester, General Railway Signal, GRS Employee Credit Union, Cornell University Extended Services, RIT and U of R.

He served on many boards in the community including, Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Rochester Girl Scouts, Blue Shield of Rochester, Penfield Credit Union, NYS Credit Union, 84th Infantry Division, and Monroe Golf Club. Joe was a mediator, fact finder and arbitrator with the Public Employees Relations Board (PERB), and worked on many contracts throughout the state. In his retirement he served as President of the 108th Infantry Association. His hobbies included bowling, gardening and golf.

Survived by his children, Joseph J. (Jane), Cheryl (Dave) Funke, James D., and Douglas M. (Shan); nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

108th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co E, then USAF

James P. Skelly of Orchard Park, NY, entered into rest December 5, 2001.

Beloved father of Christine (Edward) Gaiser, Laura (Louis) Croce and Michael (Jean) Skelly; cherished grandfather of nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; dear brother of Charles (Emily), Kathryn (late Clarence) Jeffrey, Betty (late Arthur) Coyne and the late Mary (late Robert) Hand, John Jr. (late Lucille), Margaret (William) Maxwell and Dorothy Skelly; also survived by relatives and many friends.





USMC, then 108th Infantry Battalion, HHC

David E. Stark, age 86, died November 24, 2019 at his home. David was a graduate of Johnson City High School Class of 1951 and was elected President of the Senior Class. He was recognized with many awards for his athletic and extra-curricular activities. He lettered in football and baseball. He played on the varsity baseball team as a sophomore and halfback for the undefeated football teams of 1949and 1950. He was co-captain of the Johnson City American Legion Post 758 baseball team. The Boston Red Sox showed an interest in signing David to their team. After high school he attended the State University of New York at Cortland. He served as President of the Junior Class, Treasurer of the Delta Kappa Fraternity and President of the Hellenic Council. While a student at Cortland he was proud of traveling with classmate Burt Ketchum in a wooden rowboat from Cortland to Johnson City. A trip requiring 15 hours to complete.

Following graduation from Cortland, David joined the US Marine Corps and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant at Quantico, VA. He saw service at Cherry Point, NC as an Air Control Officer and S-1 Personnel Officer. He served in Puerto Rico, Panama, Germany, Spain and Italy. David achieved 25 years of military service including the Marine Corps, National Guard and the US Army. He was Commanding Officer of the 48th Rifle Company in Binghamton (USMCR) for three years. He also served as the Commanding Officer of the Headquarters Company 108th Infantry Battalion US Army National Guard. He graduated from the US Army Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, VA and attended Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS.

After serving four years of active duty, he began his employment with the Binghamton City School District as a 6th grade teacher at Alexander Hamilton School. David later served as Principal of Horace Mann, Calvin Coolidge, Woodrow Wilson, and Ben Franklin Schools. As principal he provided tutoring and mentoring for teachers who were working toward certification as administrators. He was a recipient of the PTA Stearns Life-Time Achievement Award. In 1963 he received his Master's Degree in Educational Administration from SUNY Cortland.

Following retirement from the Binghamton Schools he was appointed Assistant Professor at SUNY Cortland and supervised student teachers in a number of school districts. He was Chairman of the Toys for Tots campaign for several years and a member of the Military Officers Association of America. From 1970-2017 David played piano professionally at many local venues, taking special joy in playing at area retirement and nursing homes probono. He was a charter member of the Binghamton Breakfast Rotary Club and was Club Secretary for four years.

Considering the many accomplishments in his life David was proudest of being a father and celebrating the achievements and accomplishments of his children and grandchildren, which include his son Michael D. (and Susan) Stark (USMC Retired) of Marietta, GA and daughters Andrea (and Daniel) Zollbrecht, Lorraine Stark, of Binghamton, and Jennifer (and Russell) Moss of Harrisburg, PA, grandchildren Michael (and Margo Zodikoff) Shaheen, Shannon Stark (and Will Lang), Ashley and Danny Zollbrecht, Stacey and Matthews Markham and his great-grandchildren; Madelyn Shaheen, Imogene and Scheffer Lang and Harley Zollbrecht, his brother John Stark and former wife Roberta Stark.

108th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion

Joseph R. Stella, age 92, of East Main Road, died early Friday morning (Aug. 19, 2011) at Monroe Community Hospital in Rochester. Mr. Stella was born March 1, 1919 in LeRoy, a son of the late Dominic and Pauline Rigoni Stella.

Mr. Stella grew up in Lime Rock, where he developed a love for baseball, playing shortstop for the Lime Rock Town Team baseball league.

He then joined the U.S. Army serving with the 108th Infantry during WWII.

Upon completion of service to his country, he returned to Lime Rock where he founded Stella Collision Service in 1947. He was an avid bowler and member of Our Lady of Mercy Parish as well as the Knights of Columbus. He was also one of the founding members of the Tuesday night Industrial Golf League in LeRoy.

He is survived by his children; Kathleen (Michael) Lapp of Chili, Robert (Suzanne) Stella of Caledonia, Patricia Stella of CA, Christopher (Gina) Stella of LeRoy, and Paul Stella of Irondequoit; grandchildren; Michael Lapp, Lori (Tom) Peters, Kimberley (Shaun) Sick, Robert (Becky) Stella, Leah Cole and Austin Stella; great-grandchildren; Matthew Butler, Joseph Butler, Karlee Peters, Kyra Stella, Meghan Stella, Kelsey Sick and Lia Sick; a sister, Anna Liberti of Batavia, a very special friend, Mary Wingate of LeRoy, and his devoted cat, Theo, along with many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

murder trial defense, formation of a public corporation and the developer of Gananda.

His home was always full of joy, music, parties and good food where all were welcome to visit and sometimes stay. He was the "Mayor" of the Four Corners and an institution at the Public Market. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Beloved husband of Josephine; loving father of the Honorable Ann Marie Taddeo (Ronald Ferretti), Joseph Jr. (Lisa), Teresa (Frank) Spezio, Paula (Michael) Bonaffine, Carolyn (Peter) Ehni, Janet (Mark) Thurston, Julie (Paulo) Bedaque and Laura (Jeff) Bird; 12 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild; brother-in-law of Carolyn D'Angelo and Matthew D'Angelo; cousin of Al Ciarfello and Margaret Cinelli; several nieces, nephews and friends.





108th Infantry Regiment, Anti-Tank Co

Joseph A. Taddeo, Sr. of Irondequoit passed away on October 3, 2012 at age 91.

Joseph enlisted at age 17 in the National Guard and was called to duty with the 27th Division 108th Infantry in 1941, where he rose to the rank of Captain in the Transportation Corps. He served in North Africa and Sicily and was responsible for the transportation of troops and Prisoners of War.

Joseph was a successful attorney and commercial builder with a diverse career including a successful



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John D. Baker of Boston, NY passed away on October 30, 2013.

Beloved husband of Marian (nee Snyder) Baker; loving father of David J. (Paula) and Sandra L. Baker; dear grandfather of Kristen Anne (Sean) Mingle, David J. Baker, Jr. and Kevin P. Baker; adored great-grandfather of Clara Rae, Nadalie L. and Ty M.; brother of Robert (Ruth), James (Pat) and, Gerry (Bud) and William (Erna) Baker; also survived by nieces, nephews and other loving family members.



174th Infantry Regiment, Co L

Stephen Giambelluca of Tonawanda, entered into rest May 21, 2018.

Devoted father of William (Beth Ann) Giambelluca, Linda (Robert) Rine, Constance (Paul) Wiegand, Robin (John) Litten, Roseann (Jeff) Frazier and Julius (Cindy) Giambelluca; cherished grandfather of 9 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; loving son of the late Julio and Rose Giambelluca;

dear brother of Elizabeth (late Henry) Lombard and the late Grace Liberti, Constance Crimi and Sarah, Joseph Charles, William, Ignatius, Edward and Robert Giambelluca; also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.



174th Infantry Battalion; 127th &

274th Tank Battalions

Charles E. "Chuck" Learn, Jr., age 88 of Niagara Falls, passed away on Sunday, January 3, 2021 following a brief illness. Chuck was born on September 7, 1932 in Niagara Falls, the son of the late Lillian M. Learn Bodie and Charles E. Learn, Sr. and Kenneth S. Bodie.

Chuck left school in 1950 to join the United States Army and it wasn't until the year 2011 that he received his high school diploma at Niagara Falls High School. He was a member of the New York State Army National Guard, originally enlisting in March 1947 for 27 years with three and a half of those years served in the regular Army, Military Police Units from 1950 to 1953 during the Korean War, serving 14 months in Japan and Korea.

During his service with the Guard, he was in the 1st Battalion, 174th Infantry, 27th Infantry Division, also the 336th AAA Gun Battalion, the 127th Tank Battalion and the 274th Tank Battalion. He retired from the Army in 1975 as a Major. During his 27-year military career Chuck was awarded the United States Army Good Conduct Medal, Korean Service Medal, Japan Occupation Medal, American Defense Medal, the Korean President's Award Medal, American Defense Medal, New York State Long and Faithful Service Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Chuck was employed at Hooker/Occidental Chemical Corporation for 34 years, retiring in 1994. After retiring he drove school bus for Niagara Coach Lines for 12 years taking final retirement in 2007.

He served as President of the 127th Tank Battalion Association and was past Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge #346 of Niagara Falls and served on the Niagara Falls Board of Appeals for12 years and in 2015 became President of the Sertoma Club of Niagara Falls. In 2018 he became Eucharistic Minister for Prince of Peace (St. Vincent DePaul) Church. He was also a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Niagara Falls.

Chuck enjoyed fishing, golfing and dancing to country music, spending time with friends and family and vacationing with his wife, Mary Jane, and then his current companion, Grace Patricia Goss, of Wrights Corners, Lockport, NY.

Chuck is predeceased by his loving, wife Mary Jane Bird, the love of his life for 70 years; his son, David; and his daughter, Cynthia Ann. He is survived by his daughter, Deborah Batley; and grandson, Dylan Batley; and a brother, Danny (Barbara) Learn of Canada; and several nieces and nephews.



127th Armor Battalion









127th Tank Battalion

John W. "Bill" Kammerer, 69, a West Seneca resident and active veteran, died Oct.3, 2002.

Kammerer moved to West Seneca in the mid-1970s. He worked as a therapy aide and inhalation technician at Roswell Park Cancer Institute for 16 years, then transferred to the West Seneca Developmental Center, where we worked as a building supervisor. He retired in 1988.

Born in Buffalo, he attended Masten High School. He joined the National Guard in 1950 at age 17 and served as a medic with the 127th Tank Battalion and 27th Armored Division. He rose to the rank of sergeant first class.

Kammerer was an active member of the 127th Tank Battalion Association; Hank Nowak Post, Amvets; Downtown Post, American Legion; and the 174th Veterans Association. He held numerous leadership positions with these organizations over the years.

He is survived by a sister, Doris L. Grogan of Buffalo; a brother, Donald E. of Williamsville; and a foster son, Edward Jobson of West Seneca.



1/127 Tank Battalion, HHC

Daniel S. Kowalczewski, Sr. - of Buffalo, entered into rest on December 8th, 2020.

Father of Daniel S. Kowalczewski, Jr., Ronald Kowalczewski, Dale (Isode) Kowalczewski, and Lisa (William) Brzezinski; grandfather of Ronald Jr., Cory, Lauren, Stefanie, and Erik; greatgrandfather of Logan, Xander, Gavin, Dylan, and Otto; also survived by many loving relatives and friends.



127th Tank Battalion, HHC

Greg M. Nizialek, of Marilla, NY, passed away on March 16, 2010.

Greg was a Vietnam Army veteran, retired Master Sgt. with the 127th Armored Battalion at Masten Armory and member of AmVets Buddy Knaus Post No. 14.

Beloved husband of Shirley (nee Krasinski); dearest father of Linda L. (Martin) Pawlowski; grandfather of Cole; brother of Barbara (David) Damba and the late Loretta Rohr; brother-in-law of John (Joanne) Krasinski, Alice Freeman, Joyce (Peter) Guido and Earl (Sue) Freeman; best friend of Edward (Joyce) Ziolkowski; survived by nieces and nephews.



27th Armored Division Units





27th Division, HQ, then 14th Armored Division

Herman C. Frese, age 90, a longtime resident of Souderton, died March 11, 2008 at Phoebe Richland Health Care Center, Richlandtown. He was the husband of Elizabeth "Betty" (Souder) Frese.

Born in Bronx, NY, Herman graduated from Morris High School, Class of 1936, where he lettered in football, baseball and gymnastics.

He joined the New York National Guard in 1940 which was activated into the 27th Infantry Division, serving in Pearl Harbor and the Pacific Islands, beginning in late December, 1941. Upon returning to the States, he attended Officer Candidate School. School. After graduation, he became a member of the 14th Armored Division. Following World War II, he joined the U.S. Army Reserves and was assigned to the 416th Military Government Unit at Norristown, where he retired as a major in1977. He received the Legion of Honor Award from the Chapel of Four Chaplains in in 1981.

He attended Temple University, where he received a bachelor's degree in business.

Herman was employed by Harleysville Insurance Co., where he was treasurer. He was an international director of the Administrative Management Society. He retired from Harleysville Insurance Co. in the early 1980s, where he continued as a tax consultant until five years ago.

He was the first treasurer of Indian Valley Public Library and a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader and father of two Eagle Scouts. He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Souderton, MacCalla Lodge No. 596, F. & A.M. of Souderton, the Lu Lu Temple, various other Masonic organizations, and the Indian Valley Country Club. He was also a member of Warren Royer Post No. 234, Souderton and the VFW in Sergeantsville, NJ. One of his prime enjoyments was his home on the Delaware River. His love for the water caused him to join the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 10-6. He attained the rank of captain and taught boater safety and seamanship.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three children, Chris Frese of Conestoga, Scott Frese of Souderton, and Wendy Irwin of Washington Boro; a daughter-in-law, Carol Frese of Sunset, SC; eight grandchildren, Brenda Miles, Gregory Frese, Brian Frese, Jeffrey Frese, Becky Shanley, Katie Frese, Jamie Frese and Kelly Irwin; and five great-grandchildren, Alexis, Jacob and Austin Shanley and Abigail and Cody Miles.



175th Armored Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Co B

Robert L. Harbol, age 83, of Elmira, NY, died on Monday, October 13, 2008, in St. Louis, Missouri. Robert was born in Alba, PA on April 8, 1925, the son of the late John and Clara (Ross) Harbol.

Robert was a proud veteran of WWII serving with the U.S. Army.

He continued his service with the National Guard, B Company, 175th Armored Infantry, 27th Division retiring as a Staff Sergeant.

He retired from Moore Business Forms. Robert was a life member of the Southport Volunteer Fire Department and also a past president of the Southport Volunteer Fire Department and the New York-Penn Fireman's Association. He was a member of AARP and a member and past president of North County Seniors.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Wanda W. (Hess) Harbol; daughters, Cheryl (Robert) Summers of Pine City, NY, Deborah Dickinson of Campbell, NY, Pamela Lattin of Elmira, NY, Maureen White of Elmira, and Laurie Ryan of Horseheads, NY; foster daughter, Evone (Paul) Daniels of Columbus, Ohio; fifteen grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren; brother, Charlie (Elsie) Harbol; and sister, Patricia (Ernest) Roucek of Pine City; brother-in-law, Glen Hess of Plattsmouth, Nebraska; several nieces and nephews.



27th Armored Division, 1/210th Armor Battalion

Reeves Darling Hupman Jr., "Huppy," "Pal," 85, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 6, 2020. Born in Whitehall, N.Y. he was the son of the late Reeves Darling Sr. and Theresa May Hupman.

Reeves joined the New York Army National Guard at the age of 17. Huppy moved from Whitehall to Troy and started work full-time in the 210th Armor, 27th Division on New Scotland Ave in Albany. He worked for that division up until his retirement. Huppy loved going on long car rides and spending time with his family at picnics.

Huppy is survived by his three daughters, Debra Diehl (David), Melissa Rinn (David) and Krista Werner (Leland). He was also "Grandpa Huppy" to Micah Diehl (Guylaine), Rebekah Diehl, Devon Rinn and Hanna Rinn.

In February, 1955 a reorganization of the Army National Guard included reorganizing the 27th Infantry Division as the 27th Armored Division. This included exchanging the black and red "NYD" (New York Division) shoulder patch for the triangle-shaped patch of the Army's armor divisions. The 27th Armored Division was called the "Empire Division," after New York's nickname, the Empire State.

The division headquarters was originally in Buffalo, and was later moved to Syracuse.

The division was reorganized in 1968 as the 27th Armored Brigade, a unit of the 50th Armored Division.

The 27th Armored Brigade was reorganized as an Infantry brigade in 1975 and aligned with the 42nd Infantry Division.

In 1985 the 27th Infantry Brigade was activated as part of the New York Army National Guard, and assigned as the "roundout" brigade of the Army's 10th Mountain Division.

The 27th Brigade was later reorganized as the 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and reestablished use of the 27th Infantry Division's NYD shoulder sleeve insignia. The 27th Infantry Brigade carries on the lineage and history of the 27th Infantry Division.

Reference:

https://en.wikipedia.org/ wiki/27th_Armored_Division_(United_States)



Legacy Infantry Formations





53d Infantry Brigade, HQ

Anthony L. "A.D." DeMarco was born on June 17, 1927, the son of Larry and Tina Sapp and passed away on 19 August 2010. A.D. graduated from Newark High School in 1945.

He served in the U.S. Army for the remainder of World War II.

A carpenter, he operated A.D. Builder and Cabinet Shop on Lake St. until his retirement in 1994.

A.D. is survived by his wife of 41 years, Diane; two children, Anthony Jr. (Kathleen) of Pittsburgh and Dina DeMarco of Staten Island; three grand-children, Nicholas, Patrick and Christopher.

53d Infantry Brigade, HQ

Joseph P. Dooley, b. 11/11/1918, d. 03/28/2001, bur. 03/31/2001, Age: 82, Section: St. Agnes Cemetery, Lot: 50, Grave: 266



107th Infantry, 1st Battalion, Co A

Carl E. Rohner, 83, of Hilo, chairman of the

board for F. Koehnen Ltd., died Saturday at home. He was born in Weehawken, N.J.

He was also a retired Army Reservist and veteran.

He is survived by wife Helie H.; son Randolph; daughter Karyl Ann Franks; brother Erwin C., and two grandchildren.

The Division garrisoned the Hawaiian Islands, the 53d Brigade was responsible for the "big" island of Hawaii. On 31 August 1942 the Division was "triangulized" into three main Regimental Combat Teams (RCT). The Headquarters 53rd Brigade was redesignated the 27th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop.

1940: The 107th Infantry is redesignated the 207th Coast Artillery (Anti-Aircraft) Regiment on 1 August

1943: 10 September: The regiment is broken up, reorganized and redesignated as follows:

HHB as HHB 207th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Group (served in Normandy, France, Ardennes-Alsace (Battle of the Bulge), Central Europe)

1st Battalion as 771st Anti-Aircraft Artillery Gun Battalion (served in Hawaii and Guam)

2d Battalion as 7th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (served in Leyte, Philippines, Guam, Okinawa)

3rd Battalion as 247th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Searchlight Battalion (did not serve overseas, inactivated 31 October 1944)

Reference: Stanton, Shelby L. (1991). World War II Order of Battle. Galahad Books. p. 468. ISBN 0-88365-775-9.



102d Medical Battalion









102d Medical Battalion

Luebert Docter MD, age 96, passed away January 20, 2013. He was born on May 4, 1916 in Newaygo, MI one of four children born to Henry and Fannie (Schuiteman) Docter. Luebert attended Grant High School, Western Michigan University and the University of Cincinnati Medical School, graduating in 1940. He interned at St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo, OH.

He was a veteran of WWII and served in the US Army Medical Corps, Medical Officer of the 102nd medical battalion assigned to the 27th Infantry Division, Pacific Theater in the battles of Eniwetok, Saipan and Okinawa. He survived two Bonsai attacks and was awarded the bronze star for medical combat duty.

After certification in ophthalmology, he practiced in Grand Rapids for 35 years. He was a member of the AMA, Michigan State Medical Society, Kent Co Medical Society and American Academy of Ophthalmology. He enjoyed gardening, perennial flowers and beekeeping, belonged to the National Audubon Society and was a member of East Congregational Church.

He is survived by a daughter, Kay (Mark) Bultema; and a son, Hans (Pat) Docter; three grandchildren, Holly (Bultema) Kirkland, Steve Bultema and Kelly (Docter) Lyons; and six great grandchildren.

102d Medical Battalion

Clarence "Jocko" Gardner, age 84 of Hobe Sound, FL, previously of New Fairfield, died Tuesday at Pine Grove Manor, Hobe Sound, FL. Mr. Gardner was born in Chatham, NY, January 5, 1924, son of the late Clarence F. and Louise (Speed) Gardner. He attended New York schools and graduated from White Plains High School.

A World War II United States Army veteran, Mr. Gardner was a railroad engineer beginning in 1946 with the New York Central System and ended with Metro North in 1984.

A resident of Florida since 2007, Mr. Gardner resided in Hyde Park, N.Y. from 2001 until 2007. An area resident from 1975 until 2001 coming from North White Plains, N.Y., Mr. Gardner was a member of the Railroad Old Timers of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., the Brewster Bugle Corps., the Danbury Railway Museum and of St. Joseph's Church, Danbury. While an area resident, Mr. Gardner was an attendee of the Amerigo Vespucci Lodge's monthly dinner.

He is survived by two sons, James M. Gardner and his wife, Barbara of Hopedale, MA and John W. Gardner of Brewster, NY; five daughters, Joyce Cameron and her husband, Robert of Leicester, VT., Margaret Shaw and her husband, Malcolm of Hobe Sound, FL, Barbara O'Boyle and her husband, Thomas of New Fairfield, Kathleen Gardner of Hobe Sound, FL and Marian Reynolds and her husband, William of Brewster, NY; a sister, Helen Bucci and her husband, Michael of Brewster, N.Y.;

19 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

watercolors of Pekin historic buildings and homes. He was also a history buff and a die-hard Chicago Cubs fan.



102d Medical Battalion, Co A

Jason Hopkins, 88 of Pekin, passed away at 3:12 a.m., Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at Pekin Hospital. Born January 6, 1923 in Clinton, IA to James P. and Bertha (Ingram) Hopkins.

He married Marjorie Parks on July 19, 1947 in Morrison, IL. She survives. Also surviving are four daughters, Crete (Richard) Bobenhouse of Robins, IA, Colleen (Keith) Kosier of Sterling, Carla (Roger) Lamer of Pekin, Cori (Mark) Thames of Acworth, GA; fourteen grandchildren and eighteen greatgrandchildren.

He was a member of the United States Army in the Pacific Theater during WWII, where he achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant and had received a Bronze Star for his service as a medic with Co. A, 102 Medical Battalion, 27th Division.

Jason attended Bradley University in the Arts Department. He was employed at Commonwealth Edison, Powerton Station in Pekin, retiring in 1982. It was at that time he became a member of the Powerton Playboys. Jason was a member of the William Schaeffer American Legion Post 44 in Pekin. He was a member of First United Presbyterian Church in Pekin where he was also on the Dart ball team. A renowned artist in Pekin, Jason was known for his



102d Medical Battalion

Everett H. Jarchow passed away in his Tillamook home July 21, 2009, at age 88. Everett was born Sept. 5, 1920, in Chicago to Clayton and Helen (Butcher) Jarchow. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri.

In 1942 joined the U.S. Army, serving honorably in the South Pacific during World War II, then in the Reserve until his retirement in 1962.

Mr. Jarchow worked in labor relations administration, first back and forth between New Jersey and Chicago for several years, then settling in Danville, IL, from where he retired in the early1980s.

In 1970, he and Betty Kelley married in Pekin, IL. He and Betty first lived in Arkansas after retirement, but after several years of visiting the Oregon coast, they decided to make it their home and had lived in Tillamook for nearly 20 years. Everett was very much a "people person."

At Tillamook United Methodist Church, where he was a very involved and active member, he was known as "Peachy," as in, "How are you today, Everett?" "I'm Peachy!" He and Betty enjoyed traveling, usually by car, and he is remembered as a person who was quick to give his time and energy to the people and things he cared about.

Mr. Jarchow is survived by his wife of nearly 40 years, Betty Jarchow of Tillamook; his children, Karen Williams of Greenville, SC, Robert Jarchow and wife Patricia of Concord, NC, and Michael Jarchow and wife Laurie of Danville, CA; stepson Thomas Kelly and wife Beryl of Ellensburg, WA; sister Patricia Dunkeld and husband Colin of Portland; and by seven grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren.



102d Medical Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co H

James A. Rooney of Venice, FL, died on Sunday, (March 17, 2002) at Bon Secours Venice Hospital at the age of 89. "Gentleman Jim" was born in Valhalla, NY and moved to Venice, FL from Carmel, NY in 1999. Jim graduated from Albany Law School in 1949 and was in private practice until 1985.

He served in World War II and attained the rank of colonel.

He is survived by his daughter, Margaret Rooney of Wethersfield; two sisters, Martha Chaleski and Helen Moran of the Chappaqua, NY area; several nieces and nephews; and three special friends, Victoria Vandermark of Wethersfield, Joan Ryalls of Venice, FL, and David Babineau of Wethersfield.







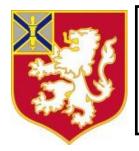
102d Medical Battalion, Co A

Casimer S. Wilk, age 97, former Lexington resident, died Thursday October 19, 2017 in The Long Island State Veterans Home in Stony Brook, New York. Casimer was born March 4, 1920 in Detroit to the late Frank Wilk and Caroline Kopacz. He married Helen Baeckeroot on December 2, 1944.

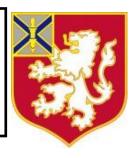
He retired from Federal Mogul Corporation.

Mr. Wilk is a World War II veteran who fought in the Pacific Theater. Casimer was a past Commander and Senior Vice Commander of the VFW Post # 2382.

Surviving are his children, Albert (Zenaida) Wilk, Laura (Paul) Khanton, Mark (Robin) Wilk and April (Gary) Overholser. He has 8 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.



102d Engineer Battalion





102d Engineer Battalion, Co C

Charles Bender, 1922 – 2011, passed away on Sunday, February 6, peacefully in his sleep. Born in the Bronx, NY he was a 32-year Boynton resident. He was a devoted father, neighbor and friend.

Decorated World War II vet and New York City fireman for 23 years.

He is survived by his loving children, Karen and Bobbie; grandchild, Catherine and sister, Madeline.



102d Engineer Battalion, H&S Co

Edward L. DeMers, of East Meadow, formerly of Massapequa and Amityville passed on January 19, 2009 at the age of 88.

U.S. Army veteran of World War II in the Pacific and 34-year employee of Grumman Aerospace Corporation in Bethpage. Ed spent his final years as a beloved resident of Sunrise of East Meadow, playing poker and reading the New York Times.

Loving father of Linda and William (Christine). Cherished grandfather of Craig, David, Kathryn, Rachel and Bryan. Proud great-grandfather of Austin and Brendan.



102d Engineer Battalion, Co A

John Randolph deWolfe, 95 yrs., of Bethlehem, formerly of Hawley, PA and Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, NY, died September 16, 2016, surrounded by his loving family. Born in the Bronx, NY, on Sept. 4, 1921, he was the son of Francis and Helen deWolfe.

John proudly served his country in WWII. After completing U.S. Army Ranger training, he served in the Pacific Theater with the 102nd Combat Engineers and was honorably discharged.

He joined the NYC Police Department and was "on the job" as a detective for 23 years and served as the Financial Secretary for the Detectives Endowment Association. Following his career with the NYPD, he was employed as Assistant Vice President and Director of Security at Amalgamated Bank of NY. He was a loyal member of the Holy Name Society, the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. Lovingly known as "Chief", John embraced life with open arms, generously offering a helping hand or a hug and a smile. He especially enjoyed spending time with his children; playing ball, sleigh riding and body surfing at the beach and served as Scout Master for his sons. He cheered on his children at many sporting events and participated in all kinds of games and activities with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was well-known for enchanting children and their parents by making hundreds of paper helicopters. Chief cherished gathering numerous new friends wherever his journey took him.

He shared 66 years of marriage with his wife, Mary E. Meeks deWolfe, prior to her death in October 2014. Survivors: John is survived by his five sons and three daughters: Stephen (Luann), Joan Doherty, Paul (Traci), Christopher (Debbie), Patricia Rescigno (Rob), Mary Beth Rucker (Dan), John and James; his grandchildren: Matthew, Daniel and David de Wolfe, Samantha MacDonald, Jeannette Dructor, Heather and Kevin Doherty, Alyssa and Ryan de Wolfe, Jason de Wolfe, Erin Hein, Tricia, Robbie and Paul Rescigno, Kerrin Noller and Daniel Rucker; his 21 great-grandchildren and his sister-in-law, Joan Meeks, Sisters of Charity, Halifax.

102d Engineer Battalion

Lester Kramer, 90, Fargo, formerly of Heimdal, died in his home. He was born Sept. 29, 1922, to Louis and Sadie Kramer, north of Hamberg.

He entered the Army Jan. 5, 1943, and served overseas during World WarII, including in Okinawa. He was discharged Nov. 20, 1945.

He married Marian Solin June 27, 1948, north of Heimdal. Survivors: wife; daughter, Pam Stirling, Gardner; and two grandsons.



102d Engineer Battalion, Co B

Don Allen Martin of Toccoa, GA, age 93, died Friday 23 November, 2012.



102d Engineer Battalion

Lt. Col (Ret.) Ralph V. Quinton, 93, of Holiday died Jan. 19, 2009.

Survived by a brother, Gary & several nieces and nephews.



102d Engineer Battalion, Co F; then 152d Engineer Battalion

Norman Sakkestad passed away on 29 September, 2006.



102d Engineer Battalion, Co A

Irving Ziffer, 90. Distinguished Member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, decorated WWII hero and everyone's Uncle Icky.

Staff Sergeant with Company A, 102nd Engineers, 27th Division, he spent over five years in combat in the Pacific, receiving two Purple Hearts, the Presidential Unit Citation, the American Defense Service Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic Campaign Medal with Bronze Star, the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross, and many other citations for his bravery, leadership, and patriotism.

He drank scotch, he shot craps, he told dirty jokes, and he played the horses. But his generosity, compassion, positive attitude, humor, and humility made him a loving role model to all.

He leaves behind his loving sister, Pearl Diamond, nephews and nieces Marshall and Emily, Jody and Debbie, and Harold and Wendy Karp, Dennis Diamond and Elizabeth Geiger, Matthew Diamond and Rae Kraus, and Cori DeFrancis and Steve Baustin, as well as a host of loving great-nieces, great nephews, cousins, and adoring friends.



102d Quartermaster Units





102d Quartermaster Regiment, 1st Battalion, Co C

Anthony J. Caiaccia, b. 03/10/1918, d. 02/07/2001, Section 17, Site 2114, US ARMY, US ARMY, 1ST SGT, M SGT, WORLD WAR II, KOREA

27th Division, 27th Quartermaster Co

Donald P. Carle, 92, of Keene, NH, formerly of Peterborough, passed away Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019 after a period of declining health. He was born in Keene on Aug. 3, 1926, son of H. Dwight and Helen (Jigger) Carle. Don graduated from Keene High School. He then received his Bachelor and Master's degrees in Education from Keene State College, and a CAGS from Boston University. Don was a public-school teacher, principal, and assistant superintendent before becoming the Alumni Director at Keene State College in 1977.

Don graduated from Keene High School in 1944 and was immediately drafted into the US Army to fight in WW II. After basic training, Don was sent to Okinawa, Japan. At the war's end, Don was part of the occupying force in Japan. World War II was always a significant part of his life.

Don loved Keene State College. The house where he grew up, on Appian Way in Keene, became the site of the present-day college library. Later, when he was Alumni Director, his office was located in the former maternity ward of the original Elliot hospital

where Don was born. For many years, Don was looked upon as the local historian of the college.

Much of his later retired time was spent fishing, golfing, and spending time at KSC. Over the years, Don was honored with numerous college and alumni awards, as well as being a member of the Keene State Athletic Hall of Fame. Don was also proud of being one of three hosts for a weekly community television show in Keene. The show, named Keene Insights, would discuss the history of Keene through their perspectives on decades of major local events and the evolution of the city. Don was active in both the Peterborough and Keene Masonic Lodges for 70 years, and achieved the level of 32nd Degree Mason.

He is survived by his three sons, James of Bristol, CT, David and his wife, Pamela of Warner and Philip and his wife, Karen of Hooksett; his grandchildren, Lauren of Manchester, Caroline of Hooksett, and Emily of Newington, CT; his brother, Kenneth Carle of Canandaigua, NY; his brother-in-law, Frank Nelson and sister-in-law, Shirley Nelson of Rochester; as well as nieces, nephews, and cousins.



27 Division, Quartermaster Co

Daniel G. Donohue, Jr., 86, passed away on February 17, 2019. Born in Albany, NY on November 16, 1932, he was the son of Daniel G. Donohue Sr. and Elizabeth (Brighton) Donohue.

Dan and Mollie settled in Albany, NY and together raised two children; Donna Gene Donohue Chillemi and Daniel George Donohue III.

Dan spent his lifelong career working for the New York Army National Guard being one of the first in the state reaching the rank of CW4. He was a widely respected leader known as Chief to his team. He was a member of the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post #1520 and Guilderland Elks Lodge No. 2480.

Together with his wife they often went out to eat, to the movies and on vacations to Cape Cod and Canada where his mother was from. He spent much time at many sports events supporting their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dan was very selfless giving to his family before himself numerous times. He will fondly be remembered answering the "damn" phone with a "L-low".

Dan is survived by his daughter Donna (Michael McCarthy) of Albany, NY, his son Daniel and daughter-in-law Mare Donohue of Berne, NY; his grandchildren Sebastian (Seb) Chillemi II (Claudine) and their children Sebby and Breanna and grandson Antonio (Tony) Chillemi; his brother-in-law Patrick (Pat) Dolan Sr. and sister-in-law Irene Dolan. He also leaves behind many beloved nieces and nephews and his grandpup, Ninja.



27th Division, 27th Quartermaster Co

Arthur G. Petucci, 97, of Port Charlotte, FL joined the love of his life, Margaret, in heaven on Sunday, October 14, 2012 at his residence in Port Charlotte. Arthur was born January 31, 1915 in Brooklyn, NY. He worked as a security officer in a hospital for many years before retiring and moving to Florida.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and National

Guard, and served in the WWII Pacific Theater. "Old Soldiers never die, they just fade away."

Survived by his two daughters, Andrea Rich and Faye (John) Mills both of Port Charlotte, FL; sister, Dorothy Klaus of Wallkill, NY; grandfather of John (Rhiannon) Mills, Joseph (Amy) Mills, Joshua Rich, James Mills and Tina Raimer; great-grandfather of Teagan, Quinnlyn, Liam and Savannah Mills.



102d Quartermaster Battalion, Co A

Thomas B. Spinoso was born on November 30, 1921 in Brooklyn, NY and passed away on September 28, 2013.



102d Quartermaster Regiment, 1st Battalion, Co A

Philip J. Yannaco, 92, died peacefully on Saturday March 7, 2009 at Monroe Village Health Care Center in Monroe Twp. Mr. Yannaco was born and raised in Brooklyn and lived in Hicksville, LI, NY for over 40 years before moving to Greenbriar at Whittingham in Monroe Twp. in the late 1980's. He has resided in Monroe Village since 2005.

He served in the 27th Infantry Division US Army during WWII in the Pacific theatre.

He was a milk delivery man for Bordens, Inc. in LI, NY for 35 years before working as a locker room attendant at Forsgate Country Club in Monroe Twp. for over 10 years.

He is survived by his son, Louis Yannaco and his wife Diane of East Brunswick; his daughter, Annette Yannaco of Valley Stream, LI, NY; two sisters, Amy Russo of Florida and Ann "Carmela" Abrahamsen of Holmdel; two grandchildren, Melissa McCue and her husband Patrick, and Marc L. Yannaco, and two great grandchildren, Cole and Charli May McCue.



102d Quartermaster Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co F

Vincent (Jim) Yannaco, 86, passed away, in Scottsdale, Arizona on November 14, 2007. Jim was born May 16, 1921 to Louis and Giulia Yannaco in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, NY.

Jim proudly served as Sgt. with the New York 27th Division of the U.S. Army, in the Pacific, during WWII.

He owned and operated the Cooper Offset Printing Co. located on Broadway, in Manhattan, NY for 35 years.

Jim is survived by his loving life partner of 23 years, Gloria Di Sanza. He is also survived by 3 daughters: Julie Ann Barlotta (Anthony); Rose Grosso (Anthony); Carolyn Castro (Paul), as well as a grandson, Peter Barlotta, and a grandaughter, Danielle LiBrandi (Joe). Jim is also survived by a brother, Phil Yannaco (Mary) and sisters, Amy Russo (Charlie) and Carmella Abrahamsen. He was a gentle, good humored, loving man who loved life and lived it to the fullest, traveling to many parts of the world. Jim dearly loved his family and friends and was loved by all who knew him. He will be deeply missed.



102d Quartermaster Battalion, 149 Truck Co

Michael Zuckerman passed away on 07 October, 2010.

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