The original list of Morris County Korean Wars veterans was published July 27, 2022, in honor of

The Korean War Armistice

It is important to remember that the armistice, while it stopped hostilities, was not a permanent peace treaty between nations. Hostilities continued to erupt.

To qualify for listing in the Morris County Veterans Compendium, a veteran must be born in Morris County or lived in the county for ten years. Veterans who meet the criteria but are now retired out of state qualify for addition.

To see the Veteran Compendiums presently on-line visit:

https://www.morriscountynj.gov/Departments/Planning-and-Preservation/Cultural-Resources-Survey

If you have additional information, corrections or notice omissions, or if you wish to submit a photo, please contact

Jan Williams, Cultural Resources Specialist at the Morris County Office of Planning and Preservation: jwilliams@co.morris.nj.us

Veterans: if you want to honor the memories of buddies whose names you carry with you to this day, they will be mentioned in your biography if you submit them.

To enroll in the National Purple Heart database, please contact The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor: https://www.thepurpleheart.com

To apply for a Morris County Distinguished Service Medal: https://www.morriscountynj.gov/Departments/Veterans-Services/Apply-for-a-Morris-CountyDistinguished-Service-Medal

If you've lost a medal, award, or decoration, please visit:

https://www.archives.gov/veterans/replace-medals.html

If you would like to donate your personal Korean War items, or provide original or scans of photographs and documents, please contact:

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Amy Curry directormchs@gmail.com

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Korea: Forgotten Wars.

Korean War June 25, 1950 – July 27, 1953; DMZ Wars October 5, 1966-December 3, 1969, and

Veterans of "The Z".

Combatants

Anti-Communist forces		**Communist forces**
South Korea (Republic of Korea)	**v.**	**North Korea (Democratic People's Republic of Korea)**
Supporting: United States		**Supporting:** China, Soviet Union

A unified Korea had been occupied by the Japanese empire since 1895, leaving Korea in a state of limbo when Japan was defeated in the World War II. Korea was eventually split in two – with the Soviets (communist) occupying the north of the "38th parallel north" – a line of latitude on maps – and the south controlled by a United States military administration.

Years of increasingly bloody incidents on the border, the Republic of Korea (ROK) was invaded by North Korea (DPRK) on June 25, 1950. General MacArthur deployed U.S. troops to South Korea and the war seemed to be winding down, however, the Chinese sent 200,000 troops to North Korea in October of 1950 and forced the U.N. troops to withdraw back to the 38th parallel after winning the Battle of the Ch'ongch'on River.

Although the armistice was implemented July 27, 1953, North Korea and South Korea never signed a peace agreement, meaning technically, the Korean War is ongoing.

In December of 2021, North and South Korea, the United States, and China agreed in principle to declare a formal end to the Korean War.

As of this writing in June 2022, talks have not begun.

The Korean War (1950-1953) began as a police action, which gradually became a war. The slow-paced escalation allowed Americans to concentrate on the larger implications of the Cold War in Europe and not on the Korean conflict. Just a few years out of WWII, the United States population feared a return to wartime rationing and hardships. American citizens were generally back to a pre-war lifestyle in the '50s and unenthusiastic at the prospect of another conflict requiring full-on mobilization.

North Korea continued its assault on South Korea years after the Armistice of 1953.

During the Vietnam War and the tensions of the Cold War, the American press and public paid scant attention to the continuing series of attacks by North Korea, designed to test the willpower and resolve of the United States not to enter another full-scale war.

Hostilities continued to produce a bloody powder keg of incidents.

Assaults included guerrilla warfare, sabotage and terrorism directed against the ROK and American troops serving in the "Zone"- the aggression at its most deadly occurring between 1966-1969.

43 Americans were killed, 111 were injured and 85 were captured in this period.

In August 1976 the "Gardening Job" drew the nation's attention. Briefly.

American and South Korean troops were pruning a poplar tree that stood in the middle of "The Zone". North Korean soldiers attacked the landscape detail, killing two United States Army officers.

The White House responded with "Operation Paul Bunyan"- a show of force that included hundreds of U. S. soldiers, B52s, helicopters, and tanks. Soldiers cut off every branch, leaving only the trunk standing.

Eager to put this military chapter behind them, the valor of Korean veterans and veterans of "The Z" were largely relegated into silence.

Today, Morris County remembers the veterans who served in Korea.

Distance from the United States to Korea = 6,563 miles

Battle Conditions

The weather in Korea mimics that of the United States east coast-except that it is more intense. Summers are hotter and more humid, and the winters are more bitter, due to winds blowing in from Siberia.

Many Korean War vets in Morris County have discussed the bitter cold, rather than the oppressive heat.

One of the most brutal battles of the Korean War was the “Battle of Chosin Reservoir”.

The battle nicknamed “Frozen Chosin” raged from November 27 to December 13, 1950, in the intensely bitter cold of -54 F.

Soldiers suffered frostbite, jammed weapons, and frozen rations. Reliable transportation was unknown in that frigid environment. It was routine for soldiers to dress in three layers, making mobility almost impossible-hindering further efforts to transport supplies carried on their backs.

Described as “getting creative”, one Korean War vet explained pouring gasoline into empty 105mm shells and lighting them, using them as heaters.

The Tiger Death March and the “Johnnie Johnson List”

In October 1950, a North Korean Army major referred to as "The Tiger" took command of more than 700 American service men who had been captured and interned as prisoners of war.

In August 1953 following the signing of the armistice, only 262 of these men returned alive. One of the survivors, Army PFC Wayne A. "Johnnie" Johnson, risked his life during his imprisonment by secretly recording the names of 496 fellow prisoners who had died during their captivity.

The Department of Defense (DoD) debriefed all returning American POWs concerning their knowledge of those who did not return from the Communist prison system.

Private Johnson's painstakingly written record was a major contribution to this effort and helped to determine or confirm the fate of many POWs.

In 1995, a Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) analyst learned about Johnson's Tiger Survivors List while attending a Korean War Ex-POW reunion in Sacramento, California.

DPMO analysts then located intelligence archives which contained Johnson's original debriefing report as well as other POW reports corroborating his information. Among these records was also found a debriefer's handwritten memorandum recommending that Private Johnson be recognized for his bravery.

This information was forwarded to the Department of the Army, and in 1996, Private Johnson was awarded the Silver Star, the nation's third highest military combat decoration for Valor.

The name Frederick William Aten, of Butler, is on the Johnnie Johnson list.

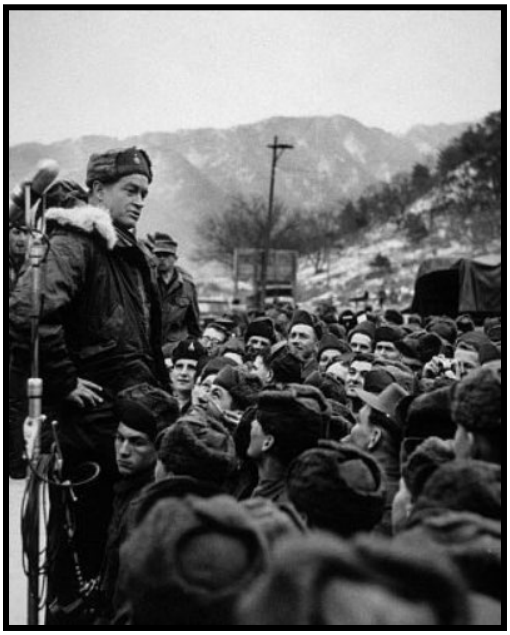
The U.S.O.

At the end of WWII, The United Service Organization-or USO- disbanded.

In 1950, with the United States entering the Korean War, then-Secretary of Defense, George Marshall, and Secretary of the Navy Francis P. Matthews requested the U.S.O. be restored

"to provide support for the men and women of the armed forces with help of the American people."

By 1952, the USO was serving the needs of 3 million troops, and that included the return of touring U.S.O shows



Entertainer Bob Hope with American troops, Korea.

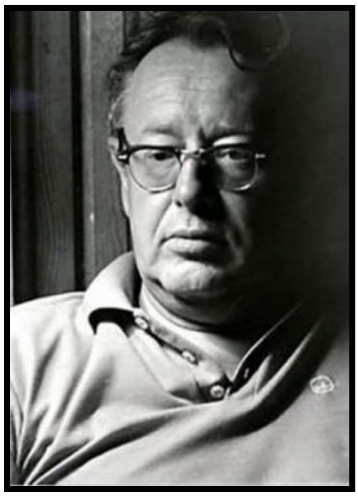
Hope would spend a total of forty-eight Christmas Days over-seas with troops from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and his last tour in 1990 during Operation Desert Shield.

Morris County veterans, regardless of conflict, mention how much the U.S.O shows boosted their spirits.

One veteran stated:

"I just hope Bob knew how much he meant to us."

Aftermath: Dr. H. Richard Hornberger



Born in Trenton, New Jersey, Dr. Hornberger attended Bowdoin College, then Cornell Medical School.

A specialist in Thoracic Surgery, Dr. Hornberger was drafted into the Army and sent to Korea, attached to the 8055th Mobil Army Surgical Hospital or MASH.

These seven outfits were just what the name implied, ready to travel or “bug out” at a moment’s notice to assist the wounded. Often the surgery tables were sawhorses with the stretcher laid across them.

Relocating to Maine after the war, Dr. Hornberger’s time in service inspired him to recount that period of his life by writing three novels.

Published under the nom de plume Richard Hooker, MASH was published in 1968.

The main character, Dr. Benjamin “Hawkeye” Pierce, is based on Dr. Hornberger and the escapades of his fellow unit members, living in a tent they named “The Swamp”.

MASH the novel was quickly adapted into a film in 1970.

MASH was later adapted into a television show, running from 1972 to 1983.

Although Dr. Hornberger approved of the film version of his work as a true representation of his intent when he wrote the novel, he famously did not care for the television series feeling it was anti-military and hardly watched it.

According to the doctor’s son, William:

''My father didn't write an anti-war book, it was a humorous account of his work, with serious parts thrown in about the awful kind of work it was, and how difficult and challenging it was.''

Dr. Hornberger died November 4, 1997.

Aftermath: The Korean War Memorial

The Korean War Veterans Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. was dedicated on July 27, 1995.

Nineteen stainless steel statues were sculpted by Frank Gaylord of Barre, Vermont, each figure is nearly seven feet tall. The figures consist of 14 Army, 3 Marine, 1 Navy and 1 Air Force member.

The statues stand in patches of Juniper bushes intentionally separated by polished granite strips, giving the appearance of the rice paddies of Korea.

The troops wear ponchos covering their weapons and equipment. The ponchos seem to blow in the cold winds of Korea.

The statues depict a constant vigilance, with the heads facing in all directions.

A mural wall is adjacent, engraved with the names of Korean veterans KIA/MIA.

Embedded in the wall panels are over 2,000 images taken during the Korean War.

The memorial includes pavers with the names of U.N. countries that participated in the conflict.

Aftermath: Nuclear Capabilities

North Korea remains an isolationist country and one-party state (Worker's Party of Korea) with little accurate information released across its borders. Media is state-run and strict protocols apply when visiting North Korea.

It is suspected that North Korea began its nuclear weapon capabilities experimentation in the 1980s.

On October 9, 2006, under the country's then-leader, Kim Jong-il , referred to as "Fearless Leader", North Korea announced it had successfully tested a nuclear weapon.

Difficult to discern North Korea fact from fiction, the United States Geological Survey announced they had detected a tremor of 4.2 magnitude on the Korean Peninsula.

April 11, 2022, marked the tenth anniversary of the present Supreme Leader Kim Jung-Un, son of Jong-il, assumed control of the North Korean people.

The month prior, Jung-Un launched an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM).

Due to ruling by threat, intimidation and torture, the region remains unstable, dating back to Kim Il-sung, Jung-Un's grandfather, who founded the Worker's Party of Korea in 1948.

Aftermath: The Joint Security Area

North Korean soldier peers into the JSA conference room where a South Korean soldier stands guard.

The Joint Security Area (JSA) occupies the site of former farming village Panmunjom.

This is the only location where North Korean, American and South Koreans face each other.

Once highly fortified, both North and South Korea began the process of removing landmines and guard towers in 2018.

Morris County Veterans of Korea

Arthur Joseph Abene

Randolph

United States Marine Corps

Member the Marine Corp League, Slattery detachment.

Frederick Abline, Jr.

Parsippany

United States Army

James C. Abline, Sr.

Denville

United States Army

Thomas Francis Abraham, Jr.

Denville

United States Army

Felix F. Albano

Mine Hill

United States Marine Corps

John Henry Alderton, III

Florham Park

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Robert Allen

Rockaway

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Barrett Allison

Denville

United States Army

Frank Alvarez

"Skip"

Florham Park

United States Army

Ralph J. Amato

Parsippany

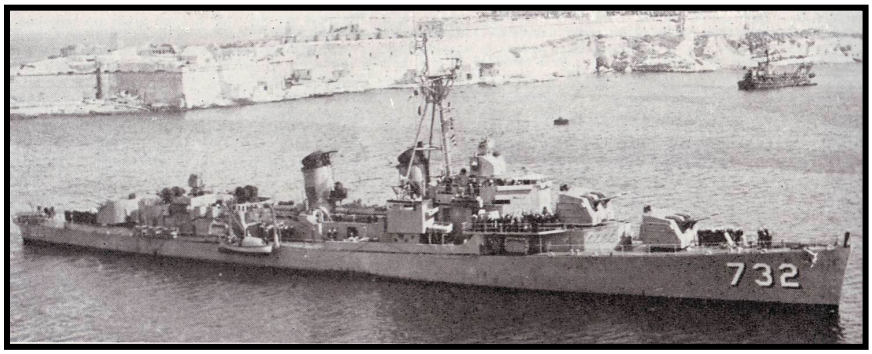
United States Army

Member VFW Post 5481, Montville

Ronald Merritt Ambrose, Sr.

Washington Township

United States Navy USS Hyman DD-732



New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Lloyd I. Anderson

Denville

United States Air Force

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Eugene J. Arduino

Denville

United States Army

Ludwig Arentowicz

Randolph

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Robert F. Arkie

Rockaway

United States Army BAT A - 37th Field Artillery - 2nd Infantry Division

John Armstrong

Long Hill Township

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

William T. Armstrong

Randolph

United States Army 185th Engineer Combat Battalion

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Frederick William Aten

Butler

United States Army 3rd Battalion

October 24, 1950, Manpo, North Korea

Tiger Death March

Combat Infantry Badge

Prisoner of War Medal

United Nations Service Medal

Republic of Korea War Service Medal

Presidential Unit Citation

New Jersey Korean War Memorial

James Auriemma

Morris Township

United States Army

Drafted into the Army, he was trained in the Vulcan, a 20-millimeter-high explosive Gatling gun, and the side-winder missile system. His battalion was sent to Korea, rather than Vietnam, along the DMZ to protect the valley leading to Seoul. He observed Korea as a nation of extreme poverty and realized how blessed we are in the United States.

National Defense Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Samuel Woolton Averett

Chatham Township

United States Navy

Served in WWII and recalled to Korea.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Victor A. Bacile, Jr.

Parsippany

United States Army

Walter Thomas Badcock

Florham Park

United States Navy

Prior service in WWII

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Frank G. Bahlman

Florham Park

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Robert T. Baker

Randolph

United States Marine Corps

Member of the American Legion Musconetcong Post 278

Roy Ball, Jr.

Rockaway Borough

United States Navy

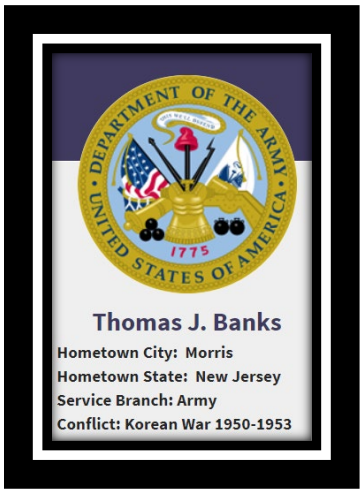
Edward J. Bankos

Boonton Township

United States Army

Lifetime member of the Boonton American Legion.

Thomas J. Banks



National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry

Morris County

United States Army

June 27, 1951, Korea

Purple Heart

Combat Infantryman Badge

Korean Service Medal

United Nations Service Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Korean War Service Medal

New Jersey Korean War Memorial

Samuel Barnes

Long Hill Township, Millington section

United States Marine Corps

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Prior service in WWII in the Army.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Eugene E. Barnish

Montville

United States Marine Corps

David Barrett

Denville

United States Air Force

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

John Patrick Barry

Morris County

United States Navy

Prior service in WWII

Joseph E. Barry

Morris Plains

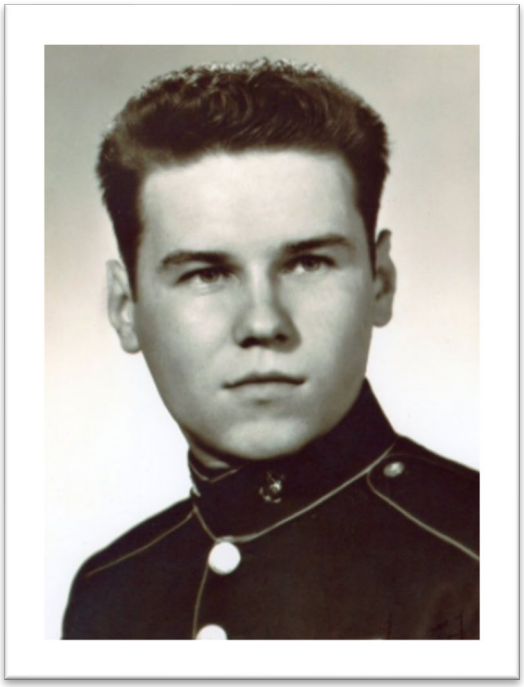
United States Marine Corps

Frank Edward Bartholomay

Boonton

United States Navy

Henry Barzda



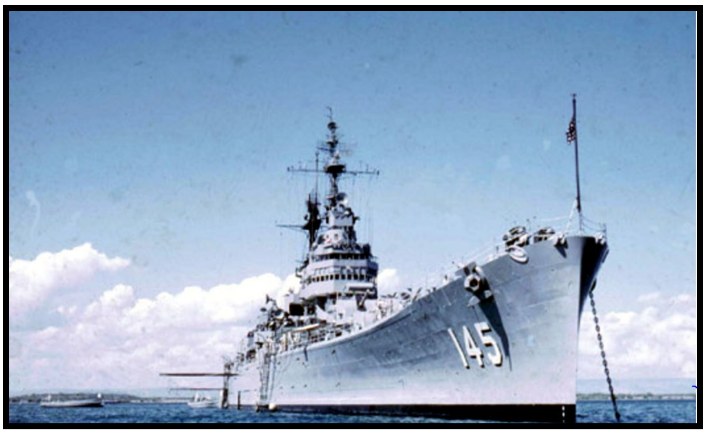
Denville

United States Marine Corps

Ronald R. Bauer

Florham Park

United States Navy USS Roanoke CL-145



Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Walter Bayard, Sr.

Florham Park

United States Army

Bronze Star

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Leo O. Beattie

Mount Arlington

United States Army 82nd Airborne Division

Parachutist Badge

Good Conduct Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Robert Charles Beckmann

Florham Park

United States Air Force

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Werner Frederick Behnke

Dover

United States Air Force

Charles K. Behre

Florham Park

United States Army

Edward Beil

Montville

United States Army 7th Division - 31st Regiment

Purple Heart

Henry E. Bellene

Morris County

United States Marine Corps

James A. Bennett

Parsippany

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

James Benton

Long Hill Township

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

William Henry Bergdal

Rockaway

United States Air Force

Additional service in Vietnam.

Francis G. Bertrand

Randolph

United States Army

John J. Bevacqua

Parsippany

United States Marine Corps

Nicola J. Bevacqua, Jr.

Mountain Lakes

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Michael Bilancia

Montville

United States Army

Charles Billand Jr.

Denville

United States Army

Cyril E. Bindas

Boonton

United States Army

Eugene Bitondo

Dover

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Donald Leroy Bixler

Rockaway

United States Marine Corps

Prior service in WWII.

Domenico Michael Bizzari

Roxbury, Succasunna section.

United States Navy

Louis A. Bizzari

Roxbury, Succasunna section.

United States Army

Roxbury's eldest firefighter, aged 91, was honored in April, 2022 for his 70 years on Roxbury's Fire Company No. 2, having joined the company in 1949.

An Honorary Street blade was placed on the street where Mr. Bizzari lives, having built his home in 1957. In 2008, Mr. Bizzari was named New Jersey's Fireman of the Year.

A Korean War combat veteran and Bronze Star recipient, Mr. Bizzari served as the Grand Marshall in Roxbury's Memorial Day parade in 2019.

He also served as Roxbury's postmaster.

Bronze Star

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

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Charles Allan Blazure

Parsippany, Mt. Tabor section.

United States Marine Corps

Prior service WWII, United States Merchant Marines

Donald Norman Bockoven, Sr.

Mendham

United States Army

Lawrence James Bodgon

Mendham Township, Brookside section

United States Navy

Donald F. Bohne

Morris Plains

United States Army

F. Lewis Bohn

Morristown

United States Navy USS Noa DD-841

Charles R. Bohnenberger

Parsippany, Lake Hiawatha section

United States Marine Corps

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Harold C. Bolton, Jr.

Morris Plains

United States Army

Bronze Star

Gabriel J. Bonanni

"Gabe"

Boonton

United States Army

He was a United States Postal Worker in the Boonton Post Office (07005) for thirty-six years serving ten of those years as Postmaster before retiring in 1988. He was subsequently employed with Chase Bank in Morristown for ten years. He married Angelina Bacchetta in 1954 and they raised 3 children, John Bonanni, (Morris County Administrator), Angela Manning, (a Registered Nurse with St. Clare's) and Rose Sullivan. He had 6 grandchildren Mathew Sullivan (a NJ State Trooper), Danielle Bonanni Evans, (a Speech Language Pathologist), Nichole Bonanni, (a CPA), Christina Bonanni, (an R.N and Nurse Practitioner /May 22), Brian Manning, (a Golf Professional) and Connor Manning (a Chatham Twp. Police Officer), a daughter in law Debra Bonanni, and a son in law Kevin Manning.

Gabe was a 61-year member of the South Boonton Hose and Engine Company #3 of the Boonton Fire Department.

Gabriel's father, Eusebio, served in WWI

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Thank you, Mr. John Bonanni.

Harold A. Borer

Randolph

United States Army

Watson D. Bott

Kinnelon

United States Army

Bruno J. Bottona

Chester Township

United States Navy USS New Jersey BB-62

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Curtis A. Bowen

Morris Plains

United States Air Force

Guy F. Boyle

Chatham

United States Marine Corps

Prior service in WWII

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Eugene F. Bozza

Rockaway Township

United States Army Medic

As a medic, he remembered all these big brave inductees coming into the induction centers for their shots…but passing out once they saw the needle. While serving in Korea he told of seeing the burial grounds of deceased soldiers and other citizens. They were beautifully landscaped areas where loved ones could come and show their respect.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

John Brady

Parsippany

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

William Everett Brady

Morristown

United States Army

Vietnam era, Korea service.

September 17, 1962-September 16, 1968

Expert Rifle M-1

Sharpshooter Rifle M-16

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal*

Thank you, Mr. David Brady, for providing information on William's service.

**Mr. David Brady, a Vietnam veteran and resident of Nevada, received a Morris County Distinguished Service Medal in the May 2022 ceremony. Unable to attend, he requested his brother, William, accept the medal on his behalf. Unbeknownst to William, Dave had applied for a medal for his brother.*

After accepting Dave's medal, William was surprised when he was called back to the podium to receive his own honor.

John D. Brennan

East Hanover

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Walter Charles Bringsauf

Montville

United States Air Force B-29

Joseph M. Brockman

Morris Plains

United States Army

Fred W. Bruehen

Madison

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Paul F. Buckley

Morris County

United States Army 38th Infantry Regiment - 2nd Infantry Division

October 5, 1952

John E. Burbridge

Mine Hill

United States Army

Member of American Legion Post 91 of Wharton

Gray A. Burrell

Denville

United States Army

Marshall Lindley Bush

Dover

United States Marine Corps 2 BN 1ST MARINE DIV

Chosin

Listed as Missing in Action December 2, 1950.

Presumed dead October 30, 1953.

Purple Heart

Combat Action Ribbon

Republic of Korea War Service Medal

Korean Presidential Unit Citation

National Defense Service Medal

United Nations Service Medal

Korean Service Medal

Hector Albert Cafferata, Jr.

Medal of Honor

Boonton

United States Marine Corps 2nd BN 7th Marines

Chosin

A grenade landed near several wounded Marines, and Cafferata ran over, picked it up and tossed it away. It exploded as it left his hand, blasting the flesh off some of his fingers. Just before dawn the next day, he was shot in the right arm, severing the nerves in the arm, a wound that even after several operations would never completely heal.

Uncomfortable with talking about himself, he would rather have discussed hunting and fishing. When told that Florida was naming a school after him, he asked if it was a reform school.

Hector Cafferata Jr. has a street named for him in Montville - Cafferata Court.

Marine Hector Cafferata Jr. Medal of Honor Highway - Interstate 287 from milepost 30.17 to milepost 53.89.

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James Joseph Campbell

Randolph

United States Air Force

Stationed in Japan.

Joseph Campoli

Dover

United States Navy

Mario J. Caporaso

"Doc"

Long Hill Township

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Anthony C. Capossela, Jr.

Morristown

United States Navy

Rocco V. Cappeto

Long Hill Township

United States Air Force

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Raffaele Capra Sr.

"Ralph"

Hanover, Whippany section

United States Army

Anthony Caputo

Mt. Arlington

United States Air Force

Eugene Warren Carey

Rockaway Township

United States Army

James J. Carroll

Parsippany

United States Air Force

Tadeusz M. Cedro

"Ted"

National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry

Florham Park

United States Army 23rd Inf Reg - 2nd Inf Div

Purple Heart

Combat Infantry Badge

Frank C. Cestone

Denville

United States Navy, 1950-1954

Mr. Cestone specialized in metal smithing and rigging and worked aboard a blimp, Airship Squadron Three, one of the Navy's "lighter-than-air" units. He received the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

He went on to work as a facilities manager at Ohaus Scale Co. in Florham Park until retirement and worked in real estate thereafter. He enjoyed playing golf and was a member of the Peace Pipe Country Club in Denville. He was a longtime member of the Indian Lake Community Club and Denville American Legion Post #390.

Mr. Cestone died in 2013 at age 84. He and his late wife, Theodocia, were proud parents of three children, Darla, Frank, and Alan, and four grandchildren.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Kemper W. Chambers

Morristown

United States Army

Combat Infantry Badge (with wreath)

National Defense Medal

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Life member of the 45th Infantry Division and a life member of the Combat Infantrymen's Association.

Joseph E. Chauvette

Florham Park

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Andrew Paul Chirip

Dover

United States Marine Corps

Cpl. Chirip was wounded in combat but refused a Purple Heart, he knew his wife would be notified and didn't want her to worry.

Joseph William Chisari

Denville

United States Army

Richard E. Chouinard

"Cap"

Montville

United States Army

Served in Army Intelligence.

James M. Cicatelli

Dover

United States Army 512nd Eng. Dump Truck Co.

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Walter H. Clark, Jr.

Denville

United States Army

Purple Heart

Combat Infantryman Badge

Korean Service Medal

United Nations Service Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Korean Presidential Unit Citation

Republic of Korea War Service Medal

Clark Street in Denville is named in his honor.

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Charles H. Coe

Mt. Arlington

United States Air Force

After the war, Mr. Coe became a New Jersey State Trooper. He then became Chief of Detectives with the Morris County Prosecutor's Office. Mr. Coe ended his professional career serving as Director of the Morris County Fire and Police Academy from 1991-1995.

Edward T. Coll

Florham Park

United States Army 187th RCT 11th Airborne

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Richard Boyd Collins

Denville

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

John Patrick Condrick

Morristown

United States Army

Joseph F. Connolly

Long Hill Township, Millington section

United States Army

Korean War Medal

United Nations Service Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Thomas J. Conroy

Mt. Olive

United States Navy

Harry William Cook, Jr.

Dover

United States Army

He was taken Prisoner of War while fighting the enemy near the Yongpyong River in South Korea on April 25, 1951 and died while a Prisoner of War, September 1, 1951.

Combat Infantryman Badge

National Defense Service Medal

Korean Service Medal

Vincent T. Coombs

Boonton

United States Army

Michael J. Copensky, Jr.

Rockaway Borough

United States Army

George F. Corry

Wharton

United States Navy

Dominic S. Costanzo

Roxbury, Succasunna section

United States Army

Robert C. Cottrell

Montville

United States Army

Heartbreak Ridge

Bloody Ridge

Korean Service Medal

United Nations Service Medal

Combat Infantry Badge

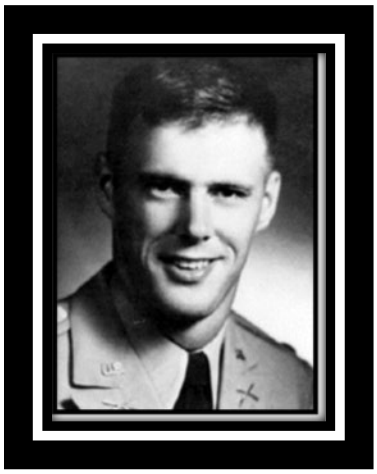
Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

John F. Coughlin, Jr.

Parsippany

United States Army

Samuel Streit Coursen



Medal of Honor

Madison

United States Army

October 12, 1950 Hill 174

West Point Class of 1949.

Born August 4, 1926 in New Jersey and resident of Madison. Graduate of West Point Military Academy, Class of 1949. Posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for actions at Hill 174, Korea on October 12, 1950. Citation in part reads: "without regard for his personal safety, engaged the enemy in hand-to hand combat in an effort to protect his wounded comrade until he himself was killed." Other tributes include: The Lt. Samuel S. Coursen ferry, commissioned by Governours Island, New York; Coursen Memorial Field at the Newark Academy, Livingston, New Jersey and Coursen Rifle Range, Ft. Benning, Georgia.

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Leonard N. Creatura

Boonton

United States Navy

William H. Cross

Denville

United States Army 82nd Airborne Division

Prior service in WWII

Enlisted in the Army at Fort Niagara, N.Y., at the beginning of World War II, and served for 23 years, including during the Korean War. Major Cross was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division, 508th Regiment during World War II. He was wounded in combat at Nijmegen, Holland, and was awarded a Purple Heart Medal.

Purple Heart

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

James Crupi

Roxbury

United States Marine Corps

Member Slattery Marine Detachment.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Robert Joseph Cuneo

Denville

United States Army

Member of the Roc-Den American Legion Post no. 175 in Rockaway, and a life member of the Denville VFW Post no. 2519.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

William Cunningham

Morristown

United States Marine Corps

Bill and buddies, Camp Pendleton 1950. L to R Greene, Dickson, Duncan, Marshall, Corn, Cunningham.
30 days of combat training.

Thank you, Mr. William Cunningham.

William J. Cunningham

Pequannock

United States Army

Robert J. Czarevich

Chatham Township

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Edward W. D' Angelo

Parsippany

United States Navy

Mr. D'Angelo was a career Naval Officer who enlisted with the U.S. Navy before his 17th birthday and served on active duty during the Korean War. He rose to Chief Petty Officer as a Seabee and retired as a Chief Warrant Officer-4.

Among his many awards were 2 National Defense Service Medals, 3 Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medals and 3 Armed Forces Reserve Medals.

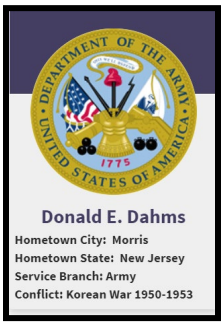
He continued to serve in the Naval Reserve while working as an electrician until 1990. He also served as a Morris County Deputy Sheriff and a Parsippany Police Department Special Officer.

This veteran also proudly raised 5 children, 4 of whom graduated from Penn State University.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal (posthumous), May 24, 2023.

Mr. D'Angelo's sons, Edward J. and Michael, received their own Distinguished Service Medals at the same ceremony. Both served in the Navy.

Donald E. Dahms



National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry

Roxbury

United States Army 2nd Battalion - 5th Cavalry Regiment - 1st Cavalry Division.

Listed as Missing in Action while fighting the enemy in South Korea on July 25, 1950. He was presumed dead on February 26, 1954.

Albert F. Dalena

Florham Park

United States Marine Corps

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

John E. Dalton

"Jack"

Florham Park

United States Army

Thomas Francis Dalton

Montville

United States Navy

Walter Dammer, Jr.

Florham Park

United States Air Force

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Vincent Joseph Danesi, Jr.

Morristown

United States Army

Stephen Frank Dancsecs

Randolph

United States Army

Stationed in Alaska.

Daniel Danzi

Montville

United States Marine Corps

Member Slattery Marine Detachment

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Joseph Day

Denville

United States Army

Charles John DeMartino

Denville

United States Navy

Robert E. de Poortere

Harding

United States Air Force

Mathew M. Dedoussis

Parsippany

United States Army

Frank DeFranco

Florham Park

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Gerald N. DeFranco

Rockaway

United States Army

Drafted into the Army in 1952 in Newark. After basic and advanced training at Fort Bliss, Texas, as an anti-aircraft gunner, Mr. DeFranco was sent to Japan in 1952 on board the ship Kaiser-Frazier. It took 15 days to cross the ocean, and the trip was marked by a typhoon that wreaked havoc during the crossing. He returned from active duty on an aircraft carrier and was assigned to Camp Kilmer here in New Jersey.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Albert R. DeLuna

Parsippany

United States Army

Raymond Otto Degen

Parsippany

United States Army

Carmine Della Vecchia

Parsippany

United States Marine Corps

Alfonso DelSordi

Florham Park

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Joseph DeNaro

Netcong

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Joseph J. DePalma

Florham Park

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Donald Devaney

Butler

United States Air Force

Antonio J. DiCandia, Sr.

"Bucky"

Parsippany

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

VFW Post 10184, Parsippany and American Legion Post 232, Barnegat.

Michael A. DiDomenico, Jr.

Roxbury

United States Navy

James V. DiGuiseppi

Denville

United States Army 13th Battalion of the Combat Engineers

Frederick L. DiMuccio

Florham Park

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Howard Donald Dickerson

Wharton

United States Army

John J. Dineen

Wharton

United States Navy

Russell Dittmar

"Russ"

Mt. Olive, Budd Lake section.

United States Army 2nd Infantry Division 3rd of the 23rd Company B

Spec 5 Dittmar served in the DMZ December 7, 1966 – December 31, 1967.

Mr. Dittmar recalled witnessing firsthand the injuries and deaths inflicted by the DPRK upon the ROK and Americans.

Thank you, Mr. Russell Dittmar. Welcome home.

Mr. Dittmar served as a technical advisor for this project, lending his expertise to the Korean DMZ Wars.

Robert E. Dolan

Florham Park

United States Navy

Mr. Dolan was born in Morristown, 1930, and was a resident of Madison before moving to Florham Park remaining 64 years.

After Graduating from St. Vincent School, he enlisted in the Navy and served from 1948 to 1952, aboard the Carrier Coral Sea; off the coast of Korea in 1952. He attained the rank of Aviation Electrician Mate.

After retirement, Mr. Dolan met a group of friends for coffee every day; the group included fellow Korean War vet, Jerry Kelly.

Navy Good Conduct Medal

Thank you, Mr. Jerry Kelly, for providing information for your friend, Robert E. Dolan.

John James Donahue

Morristown

United States Army

John Donnarumma, Jr.

Mt. Olive, Budd Lake section.

United States Marine Corps

Joseph Donofrio

Rockaway Borough

United States Army

John Michael Doody

“Jack”

Morris Township

United States Army

Combat Infantry Badge

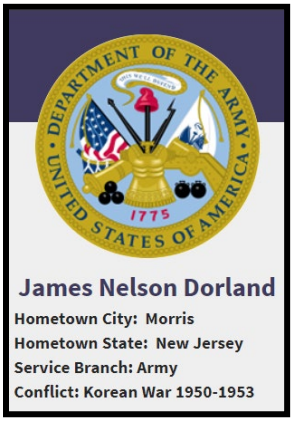
Richard P. Dopsovic

Florham Park

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

James Nelson Dorland



National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry

Morris County

United States Army 92ND ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

His aircraft received a direct hit by anti-aircraft fire and crashed on March 26, 1953

. His remains were not recovered.

Bernard N. Dorn, Jr.

Florham Park

United States Air Force

Prior service in WWII

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Dorothy E. Weldon Dorn

"Dot"

Florham Park

United States Air Force

Capt. Bernard Dorn Jr. met his wife, Dorothy, at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, when both were serving in the Korean War. They celebrated their 50th anniversary May 10, 2002.

Casimir Dorobo

Mine Hill

United States Army

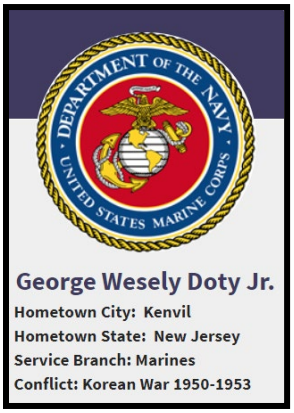
Born in Poland, he came to the United States in 1949.

Michael J. Dosch, Jr.

Montville

United States Air Force

George Wesley Doty, Jr.



National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry

Roxbury, Kenvil section

United States Marine Corps 5th Marines - 1st Marine Division

December 1, 1950

William Doublosky, Sr.

Roxbury

United States Navy

Charles Edward Dowd

Florham Park

United States Army

Robert Irving Downs, Jr.

Butler

United States Army 2nd Battalion - 23rd Infantry Regiment - 2nd Infantry Division

He received multiple wounds during a training exercise from an exploding grenade and was evacuated to the 8055th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH), where he died on December 25, 1952.

Michael A. Doyle, Jr.

"Mickey"

Morris Township

United States Army

Richard W. Dugan

Morris Plains

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Frank J. Dunn

Mountain Lakes

Service unknown

Arthur Frank DuPre

Florham Park

United States Navy

Charles R. Dyon, Jr.

Long Hill

United States Marine Corps

Mr. Dyson had signed with the Yankees and Chicago before joining the Marines. He served in Korea and in Lebanon, and also acted as a Currier for the Pentagon delivering classified documents. He served in the Marine Corps Reserves until 1959. Went to Hofstra University under the G.I. Bill. His love for the Marine Corps resulted in his establishing and endorsing Scholarship Programs at Hofstra for any Honorably Discharged Marine or child or grandchild of a discharged Marine.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

William F. Earls, II

Hanover Township, Cedar Knolls section.

United States Army

Drafted in 1967, Mr. Earls spent a year in the Korean DMZ and was there when the USS Pueblo was captured by North Korea. On January 23, 1968, The Pueblo and her crew of 83 were captured by the North Korean Army, who quickly and repeatedly broadcast the capture on loudspeaker; assuring that troops along the DMZ heard it.

The crew, eighty-two, as one died in the attack, were moved to two North Korean P.O.W. camps. Eventually the remaining crew were released, but the U.S.S. Pueblo remains the only American ship captured on display. She is anchored in Pyongyang, North Korea, maintained as a ship museum at the "Victorious War Museum".

After returning home to the United States from his two-year Army service, he married Sue in 1971.

Mr. Earls then enlisted in the Army reserves, remaining a reservist until mandatory retirement age.

Thank you, Mrs. Sue Earls, wife of William F. Earls, II.

Russell C. Edmunds, Jr.

Florham Park

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Edward J. Edwards

Rockaway Borough

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Member VFW Post 9238, Rockaway; AL Post 425, Tannersville, PA

Thomas J. Egan

Parsippany

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

George Egerer, Jr.

Rockaway Borough

United States Marine Corps

Pusan

Member VFW Post 2519, Denville.

Robert Ell

Madison

United States Army

Stationed in Germany with a MASH unit.

Henry Sidney Elliott

Denville

United States Army

Mr. Elliott “forgot” his real birthdate and enlisted in the Army at age 16.

Wilfred R. Ellis

Madison

United States Navy

Born March 4, 1928 in Newark, New Jersey, Mr. Ellis served in the Army during WWII. After his service, he returned to Newark to work in the Post Office and as a mechanic. After rendering additional service in the Korean War in the Navy, Mr. Ellis moved his family to Madison.

He purchased gas stations in Madison (Fountain Esso) and Chatham (another Esso) on Station Road, presently the site of a bank.

Mr. Ellis was a member of the Watnong Post VFW in Morris Plains.

Wilfred Ellis died December 1, 1994 and is buried in Locust Hill Cemetery, Dover, New Jersey.

Thank you, Ms. Mariann P. Kletke, daughter of Wilfred Ellis

Richard Emrich

Dover

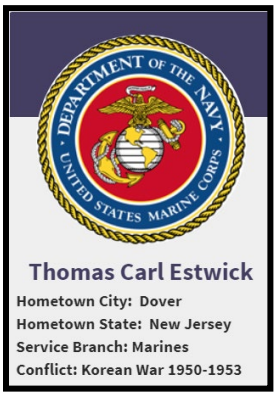
United States Army

Richard DeVoursney Estler

Boonton

United States Army

Thomas Carl Estwick



National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry

Dover

United States Marine Corps

Chosin

Corporal Estwick was a member of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division. He was listed as Missing in Action while fighting the enemy in Korea on December 3, 1950.

Corporal Estwick was presumed dead on October 26, 1953.

Herbert Feinstein

Parsippany

United States Navy USS Wisconsin BB-64 “The Wisky”

After two and a half years at sea, where they were hit by enemy fire, he was transferred to Staten Island and the Military Sea Transportation Service, which transported military personnel and their families to different duty stations. Mr. Feinstein was in charge of entertainment for all military personnel, and the Navy even sent him to movie school.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Harold Feldman

Parsippany

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Anthony J. Fennemore

Montville

United States Army

Earl Robert Fennimore

Harding Township, New Vernon section

United States Army

Sub-Machine Gun Expert Badge

Joseph W. Fenton

Rockaway

United States Army

Edward A. Feola

Rockaway Township

United States Air Force

Anthony Joseph Ferrara

Madison

United States Navy

Baldassare A. Ferraro

Morristown

United States Army

Nelson Ferry, Jr.

"Pal"

Wharton

United States Army

Frank A. Figurelli

Randolph

United States Army

Stationed in Germany

Ralph W. Finson

Denville

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Thomas Flach

Madison

United States Army

Member American Legion Post 43 of Madison and Florham Park.

William J. Flynn, Sr.

Boonton

United States Navy

Prior service in WWII

Member of the VFW Posts 8612 Milford, PA; 242 of Boonton and Totowa.

Evester Foote

Boonton

United States Army

Joseph B. Ford

Morristown

United States Air Force

Additional service Vietnam

Trained as an electrician, working on prop and jet aircraft, and graduated in the top 10% of his class. He was sent to England to maintain the F86, which was the major jet fighter used by the Air Force in the Korean Conflict. Once back in the states, he re-enlisted and was stationed at McGuire Air Base before being sent to Ethiopia as an advisor to the Ethiopian Air Force. When he returned to the states he was trained on the B-52 Bomber that was used in Vietnam from 1971 to 1972 and was soon on his way to Thailand rescuing downed aviators in Laos. Mr. Ford retired from the Air Force with 20 years of service.

Bronze Star

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Raymond L. Forsythe

Parsippany

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Richard Henry Frantz

Roxbury

United States Army National Guard 129th Signal Corps

Activated in September 1950 for the Korean War. While in training at Camp Pickett, Virginia, his unit was reviewed by General Dwight Eisenhower.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Robert P. Freeman

Morris Township

United States Marine Corps

Frederick J. Freiwald

Boonton Township

United States Marine Corps

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Edmund A. Friel

Dover

United States Air Force

Fred Fucetola

Montville

United States Army 51st Signal Battalion

Five Fucetola brothers served in WWII.

Fred convinced the Army Engineers to damn up a stream and made a swimming pool in Korea.

David L. Gallery

Morris Plains

United States Navy

Life member of Disabled American Veterans and member of the American Legion.

Peter Gallo

Randolph

United States Marine Corps

After serving in Korea from 1950-1953, Mr. Gallo became a Hanover Township police officer from 1957 to 1966. He was promoted to detective, serving from 1966 to 1972.

He was a life member and Commandant of the Marine Corps League #206 Slattery Detachment in Whippany, N.J.

Mr. Gallo died on February 1, 2024 at the age of 91.

A tribute from the Slattery Detachment:

Past Commandant
Peter R. Gallo

Here is one of the men who made the Slattery Detachment a well known name both locally and nationally. Sure, there were a few others, but Pete Gallo stepped up whenever there was a need to get something done. He was the detachment Commandant from 2003 to 2008 and again from 2012 to 2013. In fact, he was the Slattery Detachment, Marine of the Year in 2004 and the Department of New Jersey Commandant of the Year in 2005-6.

Let us take a look at this great Marine. Pete joined the Marines during the Korean War and served in Korea in 1952. His job was that of a cook. In fact, here is the menu for the 1st Marine Divisions 1951 Thanksgiving Day dinner that he prepared. It looks like they could have fed the entire division with all that food. And to finish it all off, they had mince-meat pie, fruit cake and pumpkin pie plus a little take-a-way of fresh apples and oranges. We should have tapped him to do the cooking for our socials.

Pete left the Marines and came back to New Jersey where he married the love of his life Marie and moved into their home on Belaire Avenue in Cedar Knolls. There the young couple raised a family and enjoyed life as Pete worked for the Hanover Police Department and Marie taught school.

In 1956, Pete became involved with the American Legions Post 155 and was the Post A djutant at one time. On September 1, 1999 Pete joined the Marine Corps League Slattery Detachment located then in Morris Plains. A week later he applied for Life Membership in the MCL. Since then he has been active building up the detachment in so many ways.

He lead the way, along with Mario Monaco, to create the Slattery Marines Care which has assisted many Marines and Marine families. Pete, with the help of Eddie Neas, created the monthly trips to Bethesda and Walter Reed Military Hospitals to visit the wounded. In 2005, he contacted Rodney Frelinghuysen and got Rodney to get Amtrack to make available the passes for the detachment trips to Washington, DC.

Pete was the co-editor for a long time of the detachment monthly newsletter, The Slattery Sidelines. He was the Chairman of the Hanover Veterans Alliance memorial development committee. This committee created and installed the memorial stone to the Hanover Townships veterans killed in action of all wars. In 2019, Pete was the Parade Marshall of the Hanover Memorial Day Parade. This is only a small portion of what Pete did.

Yes, Pete was a one-man detachment.

Pete greeting wounded at Bethesda in 2005 with Dick Schreck and Dominic DeFalco

Pete at Bethesda in 2005 talking to families of wounded

Frank Garritano

Parsippany

United States Army

William R. Genoble

Hanover Township, Whippany section.

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

John P. Genoese, Sr.

Florham Park

United States Army

Angelo George

Mountain Lakes

United States Army

Harold Milton George, Jr.

Florham Park

United States Army

Rudy F. Gerhard

Morristown

United States Army

Edward Lee Gibbs

Morris Plains

United States Army

Bronze Star (3)

Casimer M. Gigantelli

"Cozie"

Mine Hill

United States Merchant Marines

Ronald Lee Gilbert

Chester

United States Army

Mr. Gilbert was a member of the Army band.

Angelo Giordano

Lincoln Park

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Paul J. Giovinazzo

Florham Park

United States Marine Corps

Rosario V. Girratano

Randolph

United States Army

Norman Trudel Gleneck

"Gramps"

Roxbury

United States Navy

Additional service in Vietnam.

United States Naval Academy, Class of 1957. Nicknamed Gramps at the Naval Academy as one of the oldest in his company.

Henry A. Glowacki

Morris Plains

United States Army

Prior service in WWII.

John Goethius

Florham Park

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Walter J. Goldsworthy

Dover

United States Navy USS Des Moines CA-134

Herman Mark Gonski

Montville, Towaco section.

United States Army

Robert R. Gorman, Sr.

Randolph

United States Navy USS Currier DE-700

Martin F. Gould, Jr.

Morristown

United States Air Force 3308th Training Squadron T-6D Texan

March 14, 1952

Crashed and burned due to engine failure during flight instruction. Both Lieutenant Gould and his flight instructor perished in the crash.

Francis P. Grablutz

Parsippany

United States Navy USS Spokane CL-120

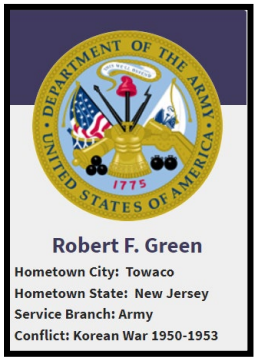
Robert C. Gray

Hanover

United States Air Force

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Robert F. Green



National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry

Montville

United States Army

His last assignment was serving as Sergeant Major of the G-3 Section on the Generals staff of the 40th Infantry Division in Korea.

Robert G. Grieb

Parsippany

United States Army

Donald J. Griffith

Denville

United States Navy

Frederick J. Grogan, Jr.

Netcong

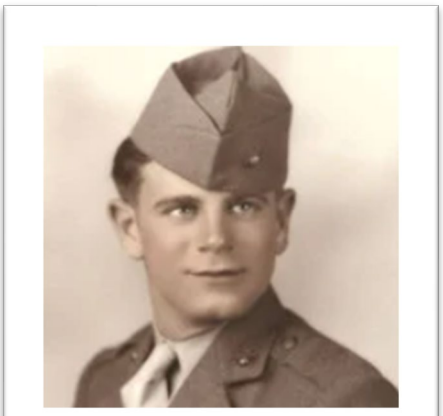
Service unknown.

Raymond Alfred Gronemann

Denville

United States Navy

Carmen E. Guarino



Montville, Towaco section

United States Marine Corps

Samuel Guerra

"Hank"

Roxbury

United States Army

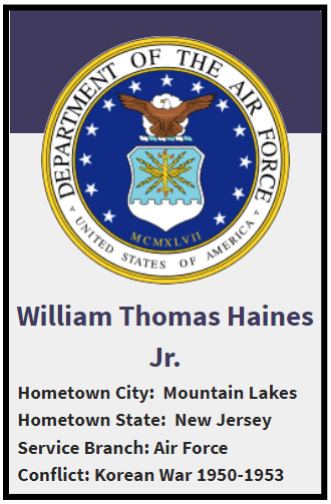
Christopher Guida

Parsippany

United States Army

Life member of the Parsippany Troy Hills Volunteer Fire Association District 6 where he served as Chief in 1970-1971.

William Thomas Haines



National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry

Mountain Lakes

United States Air Force 430th Fighter-Bomber Squadron - 474th Fighter-Bomber Group F-84E Thunderjet

On June 15, 1953, while on a combat mission, his aircraft received a direct hit by anti-aircraft fire, crashed and burst into flames.

Second Lieutenant Haines was the only fatality from Mt. Lakes during the Korean conflict.

John Robert Hansell

Jefferson

United States Marine Corps 2nd BAT 5th MAR

Chosin

Purple Heart

Harry A. Hansen, Jr.

Hanover, Whippany section

United States Navy

Richard Hardie

"Jack"

Denville

United States Air Force

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

William N. Harding

Roxbury, Succasunna section.

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Glenn A. Hardy

Rockaway

United States Navy

Mr. Hardy rendered additional service in Vietnam.

William Harriman

Denville

United States Navy

Donald Joseph Hart

Madison

United States Air Force Special Agent Counterintelligence Corps.

Robert E. Hart, Jr.

Parsippany

United States Army

Russell Clifford Hart

National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry

Roxbury

United States Army 2nd Reconnaissance Company - 2nd Infantry Division

February 22, 1953

Robert E. Harter

Parsippany, Lake Hiawatha section.

United States Army

Garo Bedross Hazarian

Denville

United States Navy

William Drew Hazen, Sr.

Morris Plains

United States Navy

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Robert J. Hedigan

Denville

United States Navy

Commander of District 10, VFW Post no. 3401

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Ralph T. Heiss

Rockaway

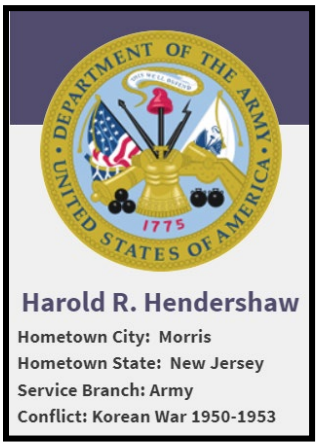
United States Army

Richard J. Heller, Sr

Mountain Lakes

United States Army 101st Airborne

Harold R. Hendershaw



National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry

Morris County

United States Army 187 Airborne Infantry

February 15, 1951

James A. Henderson, Jr.

Morris Plains

United States Army

Richard W. Hennessey, Jr.

Boonton

United States Army

Manuel Hernandez

Parsippany

United States Army

Stephen J. Hernick, Jr.

Montville

United States Navy

Michael Joseph Hickey, Jr.

Morristown

United States Army

Past commander of the American Legion Post 390 in Denville

Donald R. Hill

Mt. Olive

Service unknown.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

John Hilovsky

Madison

United States Army

James W. Hoehn, Jr.

Denville

United States Marine Corps

Edward G. Hoffman

Dover

United States Marine Corps

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Edward A. Hoffmeyer

Florham Park

Service unknown.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Edward F. Holden

Morris Township

United States Navy

Crist Demetrios Hovliaras

Randolph

United States Air Force

Virgil D. Hopler

"Virg"

Mine Hill

United States Air Force Strategic Air Command SAC

Served most of his time in the 485th Command Strategic air Command (SAC) repairing teletype machines. Two weeks after he enlisted, he received a draft notice from the Army.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

John P. Hopping

"Hop"

Parsippany

United States Army

Paul Horchak

Mt. Olive

United States Air Force

Frederick L. Hornung, III

Morris County

United States Army 38th Infantry Regiment - 2nd Infantry Division

November 25, 1950

He was taken Prisoner of War while fighting the enemy in South Korea on November 25, 1950, and died while a prisoner.

https://www.morriscountynj.gov/Departments/Planning-and-Preservation/Cultural-Resources-Survey/Morris-County-POWsMIAs

Henry B. Hunt

"Harry"

Parsippany, Lake Hiawatha section

United States Marine Corps

John J. Jandura, Jr.

Montville, Towaco section.

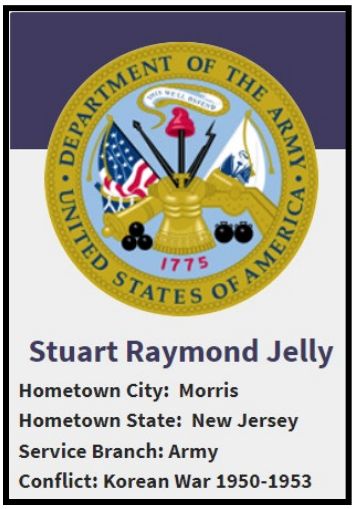
United States Navy, USS Antietam CV-36

Enlisted in the Navy soon after graduating from Boonton High School in 1954.

He trained at Great Lakes, Illinois as a machinist mate and served on the Aircraft Carrier U.S.S. Antietam. After attaining the rank of 2nd Class Petty Officer, he was assigned to a Hunter Killer group a flotilla of ships charged with hunting down enemy submarines in the North Atlantic.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Stuart Raymond Jelly



National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry

Morris County

United States Army 3rd Battalion - 38th Infantry Regiment - 2nd Infantry

On February 12, 1951, First Lieutenant Stuart Raymond Jelly was captured by enemy forces near Saemal, South Korea. He was then marched toward prisoner holding camps along the Yalu River in North Korea. Repatriated American prisoners of war reported that 1LT Jelly died in the Suan Bean POW Camp on May 31, 1951.

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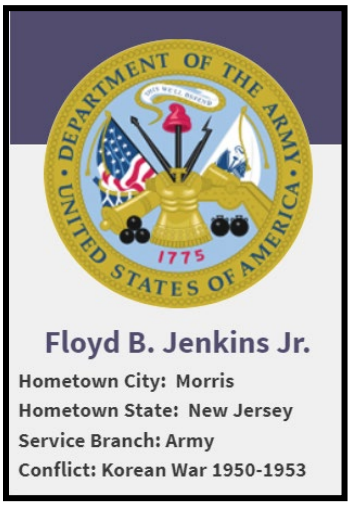
Floyd B. Jenkins, Jr.



National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry

Morris County

United States Army 38th Infantry Regiment - 2nd Infantry Division

September 18, 1952

Bruce Edwin Jensen

Montville

United States Marine Corps 1st Marine Division

George Johns

Morristown

United States Marine Corps

Griffith H. Jones

Mountain Lakes

United States Army

Graduated Princeton University. Served as platoon leader. While the Armistice was being signed, he was patrolling Korea's Chorwon Valley. Two days after he left to become a Regimental Legal Officer, 13 men in his prior unit were killed when in an explosion at a munitions dump.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Robert Kamperman

Long Hill Township

Service unknown.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Robert J. Kasiski, Sr.

Hanover Township, Whippany section

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Kenneth Kay

Madison

United States Army

Donald J. Kearney

Morris County

United States Army 23rd Infantry Regiment - 2nd Infantry Division

He was seriously wounded by the enemy in North Korea on August 8, 1952 and died of those wounds later that day.

William Kearney

Morristown

United States Navy

Robert W. Kellett

Roxbury, Succasunna section.

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Frank A. Kelly

Parsippany

United States Navy

Jerome M. Kelly

Florham Park

United States Army 1st Cav & 7th & 7th Infantry Div.

"Jerry" was drafted into the Army in December of 1951.

Sent to Korea in October of '52 and remained there until August of 1953.

Mr. Kelly was Honorably Discharged later that year in October.

A resident of Florham Park since 1968, after retirement from A.I.G. in 1996, Mr. Kelly had a devoted group of friends that met for coffee together every day; the group included fellow Florham Park resident and Korean War Navy veteran, Robert E. Dolan.

Thank you, Mr. Jerry Kelly. Welcome home.

Arnold Joseph Kelshaw

Parsippany

United States Air Force

John S. Kepler

Boonton

United States Army

William James Keppel, Jr.

Madison

United States Army 29th Infantry Regimental Combat Team

July 31, 1950

MSGT. Keppel has an honor plaque in Madison.

Eugene Klausner

Parsippany, Lake Hiawatha section

United States Army

Sidney Klepesch

Rockaway

United States Air Force

Thomas J. Kleso

Morris Plains

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Robert L. Knapp

Morris County

United States Army 5th Cavalry Regiment - 1st Cavalry Division

Seriously wounded by the enemy in South Korea on September 11, 1950 and returned to duty on October 15, 1950. He was seriously wounded again in South Korea on February 12, 1951 and died of those wounds on February 18, 1951.

Alexander M. Knox, Jr.

Pequannock, Pompton Plains section

United States Navy

Peter D.J. Kohli

Mine Hill

United States Army

Member of the Mine Hill American Legion Post no. 391.

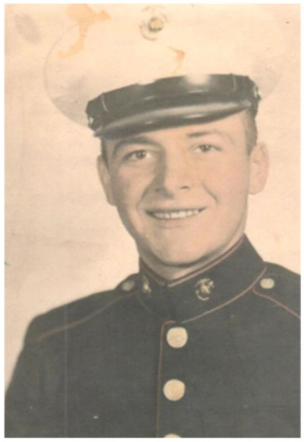
Edward Joseph Koster

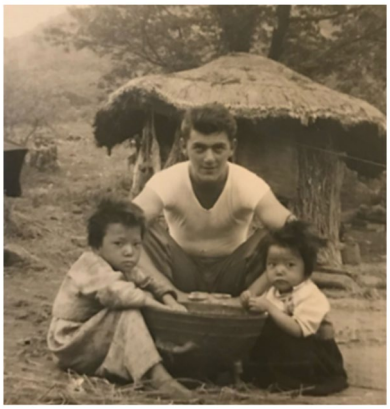
Netcong

United States Marine Corps 2nd Battalion - 5th Marines - 1st Marine Division.

December 4, 1952

Donald Paul Kostka, Sr.





Montville

United States Marine Corps 4th BAT, 11th MAR, 1st MAR DIV

1950-1952

Battle of Chosin

Battle of Heartbreak Ridge

While attending boot camp at Parris Island, he received the Sharpshooter designation, obtaining a 213 out of 250.

Discharged from service as a Sergeant, Mr. Kostka returned to Montville, raising four children, and retiring from Morris County Motor Services Center.

Rifle Sharpshooter Badge

United Nations Korean Campaign Ribbon

Korean Service Medal w/1 star

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Thank you, Ms. Cathy MacLean, daughter of Sergeant Donald Kostka, Sr.

Psychological Warfare: Propaganda leaflets

Sgt. Kostka's archive of images during the Korean War contains a propaganda pamphlet produced by North Korea.

These pamphlets were dropped by plane or left in stacks for American soldiers to find. The goal was to demoralize troops from fighting, encourage the troops to surrender or flip sides.

Propaganda was and is continued to be used by militaries and governments around the world.

In 2020, North and South Korea dropped leaflets encouraging citizens on both sides to defect.

During the Korean War, North Dakota native Albert G. Brauer served as Chief of the Projects Branch, Psychological Warfare Division, G3 section. He was responsible for overseeing the creation of propaganda pamphlets that were airdropped over North Korea.

The themes of war propaganda are similar: The soldier is forgotten, will leave a widow and fatherless children, the leaders of the soldiers' country do not care about the conditions the soldiers are enduring.

The flyleaf: “Somewhere in Korea far away from home for what and for whom are you going to shed more blood!!! U.S. delegation is stalling the armistice talks and forcing you to shed more blood!!! If you are Killed in Action this leaflet can be used as a SAFE CONDUCT PASS to come over to the KPA (Korean Peoples Army)”

Interior: “In the U.S.A. the ruling circles, drinking toasts and dancing, are making a night of it while you are shedding your blood and falling on the Korean front. Who, then, will mourn your death no one but your wives, children, parents and sweethearts!!!”

Joseph G. Kowalski

Morris Plains

United States Army

Pork Chop Hill

Declared missing in action; presumed dead until the military found him in a Japanese hospital.

Purple Heart

Thank you, Mrs. Loretta Kowalski, wife of Joseph Kowalski.

Raymond Wallace Kuehner

National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry

Morristown

United States Army, Company I, 17th Inf., Private First Class

Purple Heart (1)

Combat Infantryman's Badge (1)

Service Medal with 4 Bronze Stars

Wounded in Action on front lines near Hill No. 1000 in North Korea

"On November 25, 1951, Raymond was wounded by an enemy hand grenade while bravely fighting on the front lines in North Korea. He loved God and America. Courageous yet tender-hearted, Raymond was adored by family and friends who agree he was a very special man."

Thank you, Gina, Linda and Ray, the children of Raymond Kuehner, for submitting the biography and image for their father.

Walter Kupecky

Lincoln Park

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Member Ukrainian American Veterans Post 17

Joseph Paul Kurtulik

Dover

United States Army

John J. Kuzel

"John the Mailman"

Dover

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

In civilian life, Mr. Kuzel was a much beloved mail carrier in Rockaway Township. After his death, the community of Birchwood Village on his postal route-spearheaded by Ms. Ellen O'Brien- worked to have a street named in his honor.

Kuzel Lane in Rockaway Township was named in honor of "John the Mailman" in 2013.

Thank you, Ms. Ellen O'Brien

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William J. Kuzmenski

Madison

United States Army

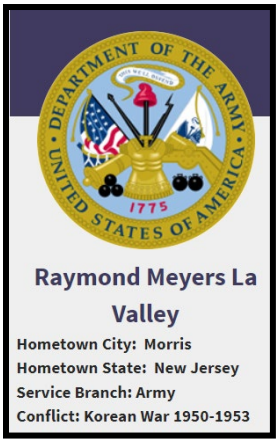
John L. Kwasnik

Mine Hill

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Raymond Meyers La Valley



National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry

Morris County

United States Army 15th Infantry Regiment - 3rd Infantry Division

Seriously wounded by the enemy in North Korea on April 25, 1953 and died of those wounds on May 6, 1953.

Edward Lake

Denville

United States Army

Jack Charles Lanzarone

Rockaway Township

United States Army

John S. Lapko

Morristown

United States Air Force

James Richard Lappegaard

Denville

United States Navy

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Joseph Raymond Lauda

Montville

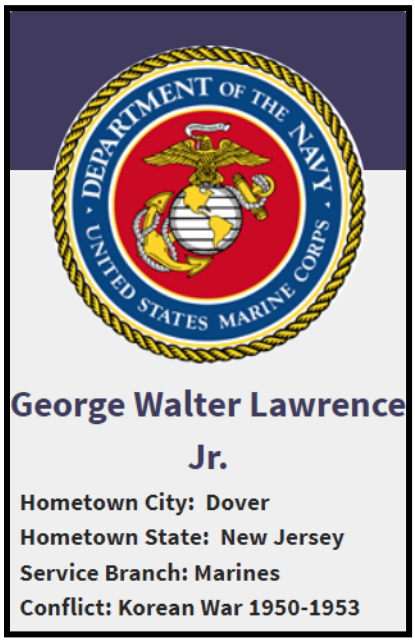
United States Army

Alfred E. Laverty

Rockaway Township

United States Army

George Walter Lawrence, Jr.



National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry

Dover

United States Marine Corps 1 BN 5 MAR RGT 1 MAR DIV

November 30, 1950 Chosin

Alex Lazorisak

Roxbury

United States Marine Corps

Patrick A. Leavy

Parsippany

United States Army

Robert Franklin Lefferts

Parsippany

United States Marine Corps

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Milton Dale Leighton

Florham Park

United States Army Signal Corps

James Lemke, Sr.

"Jim"

Long Hill Township, Gillette section

United States Navy

John W. Leonard, Jr.

Denville

United States Navy USS Glennon DD-840

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Member Denville VFW Post 2519 and American Legion Post 390.

Michael Pasquale Lettera

Rockaway Township

United States Army

Donald Letts

Parsippany

United States Army 2nd Infantry Division

Heartbreak Ridge

Bloody Ridge

Inducted into the Army in 1951 and after basic training at Camp Rucker in Alabama he was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division. He was sent to Korea at the height of the Korean War and participated in combat operations that included the Battles of Heartbreak Ridge and Bloody Ridge. He was injured in February 1952 and airlifted to an Army Hospital in Japan. He was then reassigned to Fort Dix and performed escort duty to bring soldiers who were killed in action back to their hometowns. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and the Korean Service Medal with one Bronze Star and was discharged in 1956.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Arnold Lindstrom

Madison

United States Army 27th Infantry Regiment - 25th Infantry Division

William E. List, Jr.

Wharton

United States Air Force

Additional service Vietnam

New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal

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Pierson P. Little

Denville

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Domenic J. Lombardi

Florham Park

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Paul Lombardino

Parsippany

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Leon G. Lookingbill, Sr.

Denville

United States Navy

Relocated to Illinois.

Andrew P. Lopuhovsky

Morris County

United States Army 19th Infantry Regiment - 24th Infantry Division.

July 16, 1950

Anthony P. Lori

Hanover, Whippany section.

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Ralph A. Loveys

Florham Park

United States Marine Corps

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Robert A. Lowcher

Boonton

United States Navy USS Sea Owl, USS Crevalle SS-291

Member of the United States Submarine Veterans.

Frank A. Lowry

Denville

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Albert Robert Lucas

Rockaway Township

United States Navy

Richard James Lutz, Sr.

Rockaway Township

United States Marine Corps

Willie Lyon, Jr.

Morristown

United States Army

Nathan A. Lyons

"Nicky"

National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry

Madison

United States Army

Thank you, Mr. Joseph Falco, for remembering your friend, Nathan Lyons.

James F. Machurek

"Broadway Jim"

Parsippany

United States Army

William Daniel Maday, Jr.

Randolph

United States Navy

Donald Paul Macgowan

Morristown

United States Air Force 5th AF

July 1951-July 1952

Korean Service Medal

United Nations Korean Campaign Medal

Presidential Unit Citation

Good Conduct Medal

Thank you, Mr. Donald Macgowan.

Joseph J. Mahoney, Sr.

Boonton

United States Army

William John Mainenti

Parsippany

United States Army

Joseph J. Mantineo

Hanover, Whippany section.

United States Air Force

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Joseph V. Marano

National Purple Heart Hall of Honor entry

Madison

United States Army

Member of the Purple Heart Society, American Legion Post 43 of Madison, and Florham Park.

John R. Marra

Denville

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Charles Hobart Marshall

"Charlie"

Boonton Township

United States Army

Philip Richard Marshall

Denville

United States Navy USS Randolph CVA-15

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Member Denville VFW Post 2519

Gerald Anthony Maselli

Morristown

United States Army

Life member of the Whippany American Legion.

James C. Masterson

Florham Park

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Thomas C. Mayer

Morris County

United States Army 279th Infantry - 45th Inf Div

June 22, 1952

Leo Phillip Mayhew

Rockaway Township

United States Air Force

Albert J. Mazzatta

Dover

United States Army 1st Calvary Division

Albert Mazzatta served in the Army's 1st Calvary Division during the Korean conflict. Born in Troup, Pennsylvania, he was one of three brothers and two sisters. His brothers were both veterans one served in the Navy during World War II, and the other was a veteran of the Coast Guard who served during the Korean conflict.

Mr. Mazzatta was discharged in 1952, and passed away from a war injury shortly afterward, on April 11, 1953.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Eugene J. McArdle

Hanover, Cedar Knolls section.

United States Navy USS San Pablo AVP-30

Joined the Navy in 1952 and served until 1956 on various tender ships that repaired submarines, seaplanes and other older ships. One of these ships, the USS San Pablo, conducted oceanographic studies during various cruises, doing research on water temperature, currents and depth to evaluate new sonar devices for submarines. Another of his ships towed an old wooden, revolutionary war ship, The USS Constellation that was commissioned in 1855, to the Port Museum in Baltimore Harbor. His duty stations took him around the world from Alaska to Europe. He has written a book about his family history to be handed down to his children and grandchildren. Instead of dwelling on the fact that he is a 100 percent service-connected disabled veteran, he instead continues to view his time in the service to be a true honor.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

John W. McCarthy

Rockaway

United States Army

Joined the Army when he was 17 after getting his mother's permission, of course. His basic training was at Ft. Dix, and then he trained as a specialist at Ft. Monmouth. Mr. McCarthy was sent to Soul, Korea, in direct support of the front-line troops. There, he remembers he and the other soldiers were constantly worried about insurgents and ambushes. His service from 1947 to 1953 included a stint in Japan.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Robert Paul McCloskey

Denville

United States Army

Leo Francis McCluskey

Pequannock, Pompton Plains section.

United States Army 45th Infantry Division

Artillery Division. Unit nickname "Thunderbirds". Mr. McCluskey was often assigned the difficult task of "Forward Observer".

William Spencer McCue

“Spanky”

Denville

United States Marine Corps

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Robert Allen McGregor, Sr.

Rockaway Township, White Meadow Lake section.

United States Navy

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Charles P. McLaughlin

Roxbury, Kenvil section

United States Army

Stationed in Germany.

Thomas Harold McLaughlin

Florham Park

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

John C. McNeil

Parsippany, Mt. Tabor section.

United States Army Signal Corps

April 4, 1956 – March 26, 1958

Thank you, Ms. Carol McNeil, daughter of PFC John McNeil.

John Meade

Long Hill Township, Stirling section.

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Born in County Clare, Ireland, he immigrated to the United States in 1949.

Alfred Creekmur Melton

Morristown

United States Army

George Edwin Merrill

Denville

United States Air Force

Herbert W. Messinger

“Herbie”

Boonton

United States Navy

Gerard Meyer

Butler

United States Army

Richard C. Meyer

Mount Olive, Flanders section.

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Joseph Patrick Micucci

Morristown

United States Army

Salvatore Mignone

Denville

United States Navy USS PC-1233

Member of the Patrol Craft Sailor's Association.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Edward L. Miller

Rockaway

United States Air Force

William Thomas Miller

Denville

United States Marine Corps

Morton B. Millinger

"Morty"

Randolph

United States Army

Served in Korea as an analyst, keeping track of military personnel. One of eight Korean War veterans selected to accompany Governor Whitman on a trade mission to Korea to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the start of the Korean War.

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Past commander of the Jewish American War Veterans

Joseph Charles Minsavage

Parsippany, Lake Hiawatha section

United States Army

Mario A. Molinaro

Florham Park

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

John E. Monahan

Hanover, Whippany section

United States Marine Corps

Fred R. Monroe

Long Hill Township

Service unknown

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

John E. Moran

Montville, Pine Brook section

United States Marine Corps

James J. Morris

Morris Plains

United States Army

James A. Morse, Jr.

Roxbury, Kenvil section

United States Army

Frank Joseph Mozes

"Frankie Mo"

Boonton

United States Marine Corps

Andrew Rocco Mucci, Jr.

Denville

United States Army

Robert L. Mullen, Sr.

Mine Hill

United States Navy

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Thomas Mullen

"Buck"

Mine Hill

United States Marine Corps 1st Marine Division - 1st Marine Battalion

Chosin

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Member Marine Corps League

Joseph James Patrick Murray, Sr.

Wharton

United States Army

Korean Service Medal (2 Bronze Stars)

Combat Infantry Badge

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

William Muse

Mt. Olive, Budd Lake section

United States Army

He grew up in Maine in a house that had no heat or electricity…but he says that enabled him to endure the 40-below temperatures in Korea. He was a young man who joined the Special Forces…one of 34 who made it out of 150 recruits. He saw action at the battle of Pork Chop Hill where many casualties occurred and men were suffering battle fatigue, but it was his special forces training that allowed him to calm his men. Mr. Muse, of Budd Lake, received a number of awards and commendations including the Bronze Star for Valor and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Combat Infantry Badge

Bronze Star

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Ernest V. Musmanno

Roxbury, Ledgewood section

United States Army

Member of the American Legion, Post no. 278 Musconetcong.

Santo Natoli, Sr.

Parsippany

United States Army

Samuel Andrew Neapolitan

Parsippany

United States Air Force

William Nees

Wharton

United States Navy

Member VFW Post 5351, Whippany; American Legion Post 91 Wharton.

Arthur Lawrence Nelson

Parsippany

United States Marine Corps

Richard W. Nerjes

Rockaway Township

United States Army

Gene Newman

Parsippany

United States Army

Stationed in Kunsun, serving in communications.

Richard Myles Newman

Dover

United States Army

Member of VFW Post 07333 of Randolph, The American Legion William Hedges Baker Post 27 of Dover.

Louis James Nicastro

Rockaway Township

United States Navy

Assigned to the Fleet All-Weather Training Unit, Atlantic, (FAWTULANT) at the Naval Air Station in Key West, Florida.

Mr. Nicastro was honorably discharged on Dec. 16, 1955, and he remained active in the U.S. Naval Reserves until 1959.

National Service Defense Medal

Good Conduct Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Peter Andrews Nichols

Roxbury Township

United States Marine Corps

Thank you, Ms. Maryann Medore, daughter of Peter Nichols.

Donald Nunn

Randolph

United States Navy

Served in the National Guard Reserve from 1975 to 1990.

John Henry Nunn, III

"Jack"

Rockaway Township

United States Navy

Additional service in Vietnam

Neil Nuzzo

Madison

United States Army

James Kenefick O'Brien. Jr.

Mendham Township

United States Army

Served as a Morris County Freeholder (now known as Morris County Commissioners)

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Thomas F. O'Brien

Morris Township

United States Air Force

William Joseph O'Donnell

Madison

United States Army 37th Field Artillery Battalion - 2nd Infantry Division

He was seriously wounded by the enemy in North Korea on September 19, 1951 and died of those wounds the following day.

Cpl. O'Donnell has an honor plaque in Madison.

Robert Stephen Ofsonka

Boonton

United States Marine Corps 1st Battalion - 7th Marines - 1st Marine Division

April 16, 1951

Edward Arthur Ogborne

Florham Park

United States Navy

Arne Olsen

Randolph

United States Army

Richard Andrew Olsen

Denville

United States Navy USS Bearss

Daniel E. O'Neill

Mt. Olive, Budd Lake section

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Harry S. Ostevik

Rockaway Township

United States Navy

Robert J. Padalino

Parsippany

United States Army

Armand D. Pagano

Rockaway

United States Army

Joseph A. Pagano

Long Hill Township

United States Army

During the Korean War, Mr. Pagano saw no combat, but learned to be a code radio operator and a pole lineman. In 1956, he was honorably discharged.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Joseph G. Palazzi

Mount Arlington

United States Army

Salvatore V. Paleologo

Montville

United States Navy

Louis M. Pallotta

Morris Plains

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Pasquale Palma, Jr.

Madison

United States Air Force

Arthur E. Palmer, Jr.

Dover

United States Army

Member Dover American Legion

Anthony Joseph Palmieri, Jr.

Mendham

United States Air Force

Peter P. Parente

Denville

United States Army

Edward Joseph Pavel

Parsippany

United States Army

Granville Peach

Randolph

United States Army

Charles Arthur Peacock

Denville

United States Navy

One month shy of graduating high school, he was accepted in the Navy V-5 Program. He entered Michigan State University and after the required 2 years of college entered flight training. In 1950 he received his wings. A proud Veteran who served in the Navy during WWII and the Korean War, finally retiring as Captain and Commanding Officer of an S2 Squadron in Lakehurst NJ. Mr. Peacock flew the United States flag every day, and kept a red, white, and blue Christmas tree on display year-round until all troops return home.

William A. Pedota

Florham Park

United States Marine Corps

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Donald I. Peer

Wharton

United States Army

Vincent Pesante

Roxbury, Ledgewood section

United States Navy

Leonard L. Peterson

Randolph

United States Army

Daniel J. Petrucelli

"Spike"

Roxbury, Landing section

United States Army

Donald J. Pfleger

Randolph

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

William E. Pierson

Morris Plains

United States Marine Corps

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Hugh Platt Jr.

Denville

United States Marine Corps

Robert P. Pocius

Morristown

United States Army

Peter Vincent Poli

Hanover, Whippany section

United States Army

Louis J. Polise, Sr.

Madison

United States Army

Arthur D. Poquette

Parsippany

United States Navy

Member of the American Legion Post 155 in Whippany and the VFW Post 5351 also in Whippany. Captain of the VFW Color Guard.

Norman Potter

Jefferson Township, Oak Ridge section

United States Army

William G. Povilaitis

Madison

United States Navy

Joseph Andrew Pyontek

Hanover, Whippany section

United States Army

Paul Aloysius Pyontek

Boonton Township

United States Army

38th Parallel

William Pyontek

Boonton

United States Merchant Marines

United States Army

Leo E. Rabinowitz

Hanover, Whippany section

United States Army 82nd anti-aircraft artillery unit battalion self-propelled 2nd Division

He met a South Korean who was assigned to guard duty and who taught him how to speak the Korean language. One of his most memorable events while overseas was seeing Marilyn Monroe* when she came to visit the troops.

**American actress Marilyn Monroe (born Norma Jeane Baker) visited troops in Korea for four days in February of 1954.*

Monroe was on her honeymoon in Japan, recently married to Yankee ball player Joe DiMaggio.

Although the Korean Armistice Agreement which ended the Korean War was signed on July 27, 1953, in 1954, 225,590 American troops remained stationed there.

Harold Radansky

Parsippany

United States Army

Frank T. Ragucci

Morris Plains

United States Air Force

William R. Randall

"Billy"

Morristown

United States Navy

Member of the American Legion Post 59.

Gerald E. Reardon

Riverdale

United States Army

Mark W. Reardon, Jr.

Parsippany

United States Army

Served as an armament and intelligence officer.

Joseph Redan

Parsippany

United States Air Force

Charles R. Remschel

Boonton Township

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Joe Oliver Replogle

Mendham

United States Marine Corps

Joined the Merchant Marines after high school. Then, after three years, he attended Penn State where he joined the ROTC Navy Program and received a degree in Electrical Engineering. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corp and served in Japan as an Assistant Communication Officer and in Korea during the end of the Korean conflict.

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

William Douglas Rhodes

Rockaway

United States Marine Corps 3rd Battalion -7th Marines - 1st Marine Division

He was Killed in Action while fighting the enemy at the Western Outposts in Korea on February 18, 1953.

Gene M. Ricciardi

Rockaway

United States Navy

Paul William Richartz

Washington Township

United States Army

September 1968- June 1971

Paul Richartz was born in Newark, New Jersey on May 16, 1944 and joined the Army at 23 years old.

Mr. Richartz owned and operated an advertising agency from 1987 until 2010, served as Chair of the Washington Township Economic Development Committee from 1990 – 1994, and taught part-time at Fairleigh Dickenson University from 2000-2017. He earned his bachelor's degree from Upsala College and his master's in education from Boston University.

A resident of Long Valley, he is the father of two children, Amanda, and Matthew, and enjoys hunting and fishing in his free time.

National Defense Medal

Army Commendation Medal

Korean Expeditionary Medal

European Security and Defense Policy Medal

Good Conduct Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal, May 27, 2023

Morris County Vietnam Veterans

Richard Anthony Rienzo

Montville

United States Army

Robert W. Riffel

Parsippany

United States Army

Bronze Star

Robert L. Riker

Denville

United States Army

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Daniel Frances Rogers

Rockaway

United States Marine Corps

October 27, 1952

Circumstances unknown.

David C. Rogers

Roxbury, Succasunna section

United States Navy

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Jed B. Rogovin

Rockaway Township

United States Army

Kenneth Rohiff

Parsippany

United States Marine Corps

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Member Slattery Marine Detachment

Nicholas Romola

Montville, Pine Brook section

United States Army

Donald F. Roos

Succasunna

United States Air Force

Mr. Roos was born in Newark and lived in Succasunna for 30 years. A veteran of the Korean War, he earned his BS in Engineering from Fairleigh Dickinson University and worked as an Engineer at Foster Wheeler Energy Corp in Livingston. After his retirement, Mr. Roos went on to serve as the Director of Public Works for Roxbury Township.

Mr. Roos served as the Mayor of Roxbury in 1982 and 1986 and sat on the Roxbury Town Council from 1979 to 1987. He was also a member of Roxbury Planning Board from 1977 to 1980, and on the Morris County Planning Board from 1988 to 1993. Mr. Roos was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Roos died on October 17, 2010 and is buried at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover.

Sam Rosa

Netcong

United States Army 4TH SIGNAL BN

Earl M. Rosen

Parsippany

United States Marine Corps

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Marty Rosen

Parsippany

United States Marine Corps

Battle of Chosin

Even though he suffered frostbite, Mr. Rosen remained in the Marine Corps for thirty years.

Mr. Rosen served with the Parsippany Volunteer Ambulance Squad for forty-eight years and remained an active member until the day he passed away on June 3, 2017, age 89.

On June 17, 2018, an Honor Blade was added to Freneau Road in Parsippany in recognition of Chief Marty Rosen.

Purple Heart

https://www.morriscountynj.gov/Departments/Planning-and-Preservation/Cultural-Resources-Survey/Street-Histories

John P. Rosenski, Jr.

Rockaway

United States Army

LeRoy Ross

Dover

United States Army

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Roger C. Rousch

Roxbury

United States Marine Corps

Enlisted in the Marines, shortly he was shipped off to Korea in 1950.

Served as Grand Marshall of the 2009 Mount Arlington Memorial Day parade.

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Mount Arlington Volunteer Fire Dept.

Arthur E. Runne

Parsippany, Lake Hiawatha section

United States Army

American Legion Post 249.

Scott John Russell Sr.

Parsippany

United States Air Force

Eugene Russo

"Gene"

East Hanover

United States Air Force

Member American Legion Post 421

On November 5, 2006, Mr. Russo blew TAPS at the funeral for serviceman Donald Brown, KIA, Iraq.

Lawrence Ruvolo, Jr.

Boonton

United States Army

Donald E. Ryver

Mine Hill

United States Army 45th Infantry Division

Combat Infantry Badge

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Onufry Ryzuk

Montville

United States Army

George N. Sabo

Roxbury, Succasunna section

United States Army

Edwin George Saddington

Long Hill Township

United States Army

Harold Saks

Mendham Township, Brookside section

United States Army

“He served in Korea with the 25th Division, 14th Tank Battalion from April 1, 1952 to February 1953. The tanks were used as forward artillery along several fronts and Saks said three of the estimated 300 soldiers in his battalion were killed.

The period from November 1951 until the last days of the war was marked by a strategy known as "position warfare." Rather than mounting offensives, the U.S. forces mapped out sectors that they would defend against any enemy aggression, according to military records.

Saks said the service was not difficult and in fact that after 1951, there was little action and plenty of good food for the soldiers.

"There was more food than you can eat," said former Sgt. Saks. "As far as anything lacking, no way."

He also had little bad to say about the notoriously brutal Korean winters.

"To me, the weather was like New Jersey," said Saks, who was raised in Caldwell and moved to Brookside in 1974.”

Interview, New Jersey Hills Media Group, July 11, 2002

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Dominick Salerno

Morris Plains

United States Army

Gilbert F. Schwers

Morris Plains

United States Army

Robert E. Schmidt, Sr.

Rockaway

United States Navy USS Boxer CV-21

William P. Scielso

Rockaway

United States Army

Eugene F. Seugling

Parsippany

United States Army

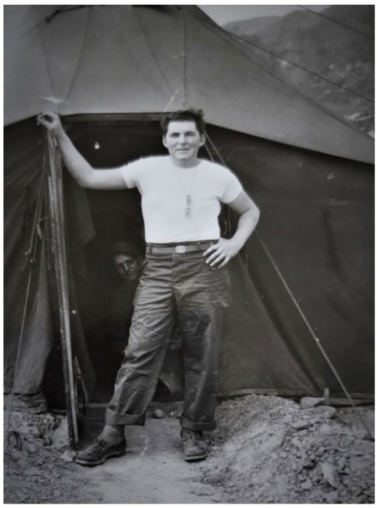
Stationed in Germany.

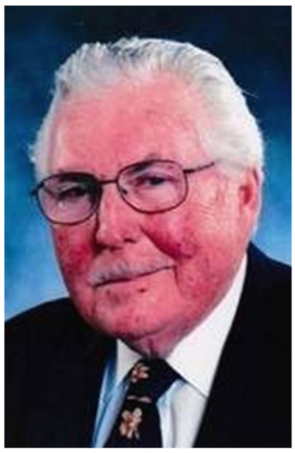
Howard Shaw

Denville

United States Navy

Robert Kent Shaw





Mountain Lakes

United States Army 7th Infantry Division

"The Bayonet Division: Light. Silent. Deadly."

Born in Yeadon Pennsylvania on July 20, 1929, he graduated as a Machinist from The Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades in Media Pennsylvania before being inducted into the Army April 11, 1951. Upon returning from Korea on April 17, 1953, he was transferred to the Army Reserves and honorably discharged on May 6, 1957.

Robert served in Korea as a Private First Class with the 7th Infantry Division also known as the Bayonet Division. The 7th Infantry Division defended the line from Mundung-ni to the rim of "Punchbowl, October 1951 thru March of 1952. The 7th Division also assaulted and captured "Triangle", "Sandy" and "Jane Russell" hills in October of 1952. Bob was a small arms repairman who put his Williamson machinist skills to work. When the parts for weapons were in short supply, Bob convinced his commanding officer to set up a machine shop so he could fabricate the needed parts. He received the Korean Service Ribbon with three campaign stars and the United Nations Service Ribbon.

After being honorably discharged, he met and married Anita and settled in New Jersey. Initially, Bob worked in the field of industrial pollution control where he became a recognized authority in paper mill wastewater treatment and an Officer of Whippany Paper Board Company. In 1973 he founded Shaw Built Homes and became a leader in the home building industry. He served as president of the Builders

Association of Sommerset and Morris and was inducted into the New Jersey Builders Hall of Fame. In 2000 he was honored as a distinguished alumnus of the Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades.

Bob inherited a lifelong love of fishing, hunting, boating, and the outdoors. He shared this, along with his enthusiasm for flying, antique cars and photography, with his family. In 1967 the family settled in Mountain Lakes, where Bob liked to say that they were on vacation 365 days a year.

Bob had a daughter and two sons with his wife of 60 years and four grandchildren.

On May 25, 2022, Mr. Robert Shaw's posthumous Morris County Distinguished Service Medal was accepted by his son, Morris County Commissioner Stephen Shaw.

Korean Service Ribbon (three campaign stars)

United Nations Service Ribbon

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

Thank you, Commissioner Stephen Shaw.

George W. Sindle

Butler

United States Army

Born in Butler, Mr. Sindle served during the Korean War from 1951 to 1953.

He relocated to Rochester, New York after the war and worked as an elevator operator for Case Lincoln Tower.

Mr. Sindle died on August 9, 2007 and is buried in the Manning Avenue Cemetery, Butler

Bronze Star

Thank you, Mr. Tom Riley.

Howard R. Smith

Madison

United States Army 10th Field Artillery Battalion (105MM) HQ BTRY

Killed in Action January 30, 1951

Sgt. Smith has an honor plaque in Madison.

John E. Smolko

Denville

United States Army

Donald Alfred Soderlund

Wharton

United States Navy

Don B. Soisson

Randolph

United States Army

Richard Allen Stark

"Red"

Mine Hill

United States Navy

Rockaway High School Class of 1946

James A. Stafford

Montville

United States Army

George Edward Stefanic, Jr.

Rockaway

United States Army

Robert Kingsley Sturr

Morristown

United States Air Force

Edward Sullivan

Hanover Township, Cedar Knolls section

United States Navy

Edward Peter Sullivan

Boonton

United States Army

Life member and Past Senior Vice Commander in charge of membership of the American Legion Parsippanong Post #249 in Lake Hiawatha.

Melvin C. Swayze

Dover

United States Marine Corps

Joseph Francis Tilt, Jr.

Denville

United States Army

Stanley W. Tomensky

Denville

United States Army

Henry Benjamin Tonking, Jr.

Parsippany, Mt. Tabor section

United States Army

Raymond O. Van Saun

Denville

United States Air Force

Anthony D. Vara

Pequannock

United States Army

Sergeant Vara served from 1953 to 1955.

Korean Service Medal

National Defense Service Medal

United Nations Service Medal

Presidential Unit Citation

Good Conduct Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal, May 24, 2023.

Dominic Carmen Vigilante

Madison

United States Army

Charles David Vissher

“Dave”

Morris Plains

United States Army

Edward M. Weschek

Denville

United States Army

Raymond Paul Westerdahl

Denville

United States Marine Corps

David E. Whitmore

Dover

United States Navy

Member American Legion Post 91, Wharton

Warren E. Wilhide, Sr.

Morristown

United States Army

Korea 1951-1953

At 19 years old, Mr. Wilhide joined the United States Army with his best friend, Rollo. After Basic training in Fort Knox, Kentucky, he shipped to Korea in 1951. During their tour, Pfc. Wilhide delivered supplies from the air base in Chunchon to the troops on the front lines (sometimes in extreme winter conditions). When Wilhide returned to Baltimore on a military plane, it crashed after dropping him off, killing all on board. The last part of his hitch in the U.S., he was assigned to an anti-aircraft battery defending the White House and the Capital in Washington, D.C. until his honorable discharge. Upon returning home, he graduated from Johns Hopkins University and received his Diploma from Dwight Eisenhower in 1958.

Korean Service Medal w/4 Bronze Stars

United Nations Service Medal

Morris County Distinguished Service Medal

On the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, Mr. Wilhide and his son, Warren, Jr., visited Korea. The photos below capture the image of a rock near Chunchon Pfc Wilhide posed on 50 years apart.

On August 29, 2023, The Harter Road Interchange, I-287 was renamed the Warren E. Wilhide Interchange, in remembrance of his military and charitable accomplishments.

Thank you, Mr. Warren Wilhide, Jr., for providing information for Pfc Wilhide's service.

Joseph Wyso

Jefferson Township
United States Army 160th Inf Regt 40th Div

Deployed to Inchon in 1952.
Born in New York City, Mr. Wyso was a long-term resident of Jefferson.

Mr. Wyso passed away on October 12, 2015.

Combat Infantry Badge

Korean Service Medal w/3 Bronze Stars

United Nations Service Medal

Thank you, Ms. Erin Hazard, granddaughter of Joseph Wyso.

Alfred J. Young

Hanover

1st Cavalry Division, 5th Cavalry Regiment

Purple Heart

Combat Medical Badge

Bronze Star

Charles Yurecsko

Rockaway Township

United States Army

Served as a Paratrooper

Thank you, Mr. Greg Olivo, nephew of Mr. Yurecsko.

Robert Francis Zsiray

Rockaway

United States Army Corps of Engineers

Jerome Joseph Zuvich

Hanover, Whippany section

United States Air Force