

## HARRY PAN

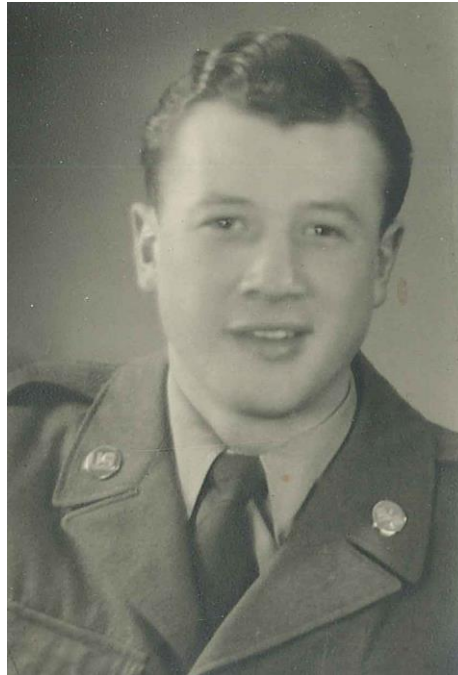
*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** Corporal Specialist E4  
**War Era:** WWII Pacific  
**Date Entered:** September 1942  
**Date Discharged:** November 1945

*WWII Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal*

Harry was inducted into the U.S. Army at Fort Snelling, MN. His basic training was performed in Fort Leonard Wood, MO. From there, Harry went to the Yuma Desert, AZ for a short period and then to San Luis Obispo, CA, where he married Annabelle Bauer on May 23, 1943. His next destination was Camp Stoneman in northern California for advanced training. Harry's next destinations included Honolulu, HI and finally New Guinea. Bases identified along Harry's tour were Milne Bay (Base A), Maffin Bay, Dutch New Guinea, Sansapor, Biak (Base B) and Hollandia (Base G) or Jayapura. Harry did his tour in Brisbane, Australia and back to the U.S. where he was discharged.

Harry was a member of the 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, which holds the record for the most days in combat – 306 days.



## Joseph C. Pan

**Branch of Service:** U.S. Army  
**Rank:** T-3 (Technician Third Grade)  
**War Era/Peace Time:** WW II  
**Date Entered:** 12-28-1943  
**Date Discharged:** 05-08-1946

### Medals/Ribbons/Bars:

European-African Middle Eastern Theater Service Medal,  
Good Conduct Medal, 2 Over Seas Service Bars, Lapel Button

Joe entered the U. S. Army at Fort Snelling in Saint Paul Minnesota. Joe attended Western Sig C School at the U. S. Army Base Davis California. Joseph's specialty was a High Speed Manual Radio Operator.

Joe Served in the European Theater during World War II. He was involved in the Battle of Rhineland in Central Europe.

Joe was discharged from the U. S. Army at Camp McCoy Wisconsin. Joe's rate of T-3 was one of three special ranks during WW II. T-3 was similar to Staff Sergeant.



## **Thomas J. Pan**

*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** Tech 5  
**War Era:** WW II  
**Date Entered:** June 5, 1942  
**Date Discharged:** December 21, 1945

*Asiatic-Pacific Theater Service Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with Bronze Star, Five Overseas Bars, Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Unit Award*

Thomas entered the US Army at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Tom served with Company C 873 Engineer AVN Battalion during WW II. His main duty was truck driver, but he also saw combat. He served in New Guinea, Southern Philippines and Ryukyus. Tom was also involved in the Battle of the Bulge and D-Day. US Army combat engineers played vital roles in many notable World War II actions. For instance, during the June 6, 1944, D-Day landings at Omaha Beach, engineers cleared a path through German fortifications to help GI's escape the murderous enemy fire and move beyond the beach. During the Battle of the Bulge, they not only fought as infantry but also, on December 18, 1944, blew up a key Amblève River bridge literally in the face of SS Colonel Jochen Peiper, stopping the German spearhead in its tracks. On March 7, 1945, combat engineers helped get GIs across the Ludendorff bridge at Remagen and quickly erected eight tactical bridges to speed more units across the Rhine. Tom was discharged from the US Army on December 21, 1945, at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.



## **WILLIAM J. PAN**

*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** Specialist E4  
**War Era:** Vietnam  
**Date Entered:** January 25, 1965  
**Date Discharged:** March 1, 1968

*Sharpshooter Medal, Vietnam Medal*

Bill entered basic training in Fort Leonard Wood, MO. From there, he went to Fort Sam Houston in TX.

For the next year, Bill was stationed in Long Binh, Vietnam, which is 30 miles outside of Saigon, near the Tan Son Nhut Airbase. He was in the 561<sup>st</sup> Ambulance Company 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon and supported the 93<sup>rd</sup> Evac Hospital.

After Vietnam, Bill was stationed back at Fort Sam Houston.



## **Alvin Pany**

*U. S. Army*

**Rank:** Corporal  
**War Era:** Korea  
**Date Entered:** July 17, 1951  
**Date Discharged:** July 1, 1953

### *Army Occupation of Germany Medal*

Alvin attended Basic Training at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. Upon completion of Basic Training Alvin attended Surgical Technician training. After training Alvin was assigned to 379<sup>th</sup> Evac Hospital in Germany as a Surgical Technician. After completion his active-duty requirements Alvin was discharged at Fort Sheridan, Illinois.



## **Gary Parker**

*U.S. Navy*

**Rank:** E4 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Yeoman  
**War Era:** Vietnam  
**Date Entered:** January 23, 1969  
**Date Discharged:** January 23, 1972

*National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal,  
Vietnam Campaign Medal*

Gary attended Basic Training at the U. S. Naval Training Center San Diego California. Upon completion of Basic Training, Gary was assigned to NAAS Fallon, Nevada. After Gary's assignment to NAAS, Gary was deployed to Nhe Be Vietnam, aboard the U.S.S. Tutuila.



## **Kenneth E. Parsons**

*U.S. Navy*

**Rank:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Boilerman  
**War Era:** Viet Nam  
**Date Entered:** 05-14-1956  
**Date Discharged:** 05-13-1962

*Awards if applicable*

*National Defense Service Medal, China Service Medal*

Ken attended Basic Training at U. S. Naval Station, Great Lakes, Illinois. Upon completion of Basic Training Ken went aboard the U. S. S. Vammen DE-644. This ship was a Destroyer Escort. Ken served two years active duty on ship. He was a Boilerman, third class, maintaining the ships boilers. While on board, Ken traveled to Hawaii, Sasebo, Japan, Guam, and New Guinea. Ken traveled across the Equator on December 11<sup>th</sup> 1956. Ken was discharged from active duty on June 11, 1958 at his home port of San Diego, California.



## LAWRENCE "LARRY" M. PARSONS

*U.S. Army*

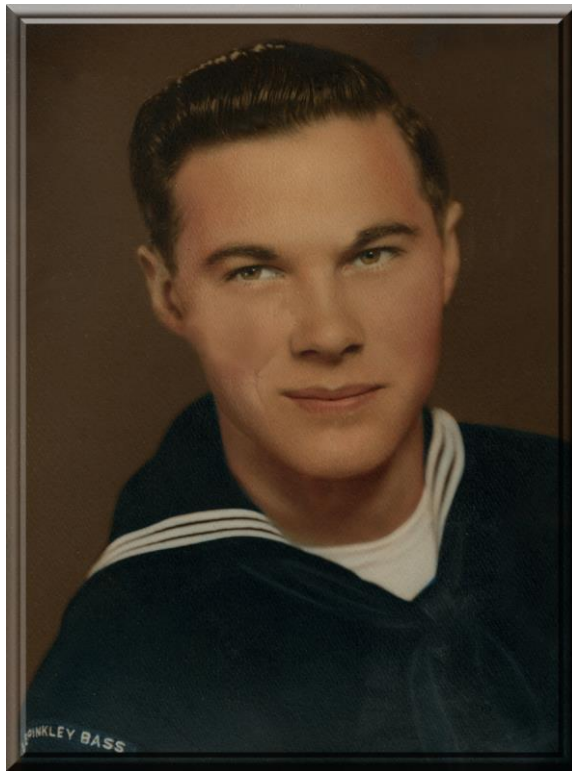
**Rank:** Specialist Fifth Class  
**War Era:** Vietnam  
**Date Entered:** January 15, 1968  
**Date Discharged:** March 12, 1971

*National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal,  
Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal,  
Two O/S Bars, Good Conduct Medal, Sharpshooter Badge Rifle*

Larry attended basic training at Fort Campbell, KY and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Knox, KY. After training, he was assigned to Clerk Typist duty Company B, Special Troops at Fort Knox.

Later Larry was a Personnel Specialist 1<sup>st</sup> Administration Company 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division in Di An, Vietnam.

Before Larry left military duty, he was stationed at Headquarters Company USAG, First Army Headquarters, Fort G. Meade, Maryland.



## ARTHUR J. PAVEK

*U.S. Navy*

**Rank:** Gunners Mate SN  
**War Era:** Vietnam  
**Date Entered:** June 30, 1960  
**Date Discharged:** March 27, 1964

*2 National Service Medals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal*

Arthur attended basic training in San Diego, CA and was assigned to the destroyer USS Brinkley Bass. Upon his arrival on the Brinkley Bass, the ship went to Brimington, WA for a complete overhaul replacing guns and weaponry. Upon completion of the overhaul, the USS Brinkley Bass joined the West Pack Fleet during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Arthur sailed to Hawaii; Okinawa, Yokosuka, Kobe, and Sasebo in Japan; Manila and Subic Bay in the Philippines; Hong Kong and the South China Sea.



## **MICHAEL K. PAVEK**

*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** Major

**War Era:** Iraq

**Date Entered:** June 1996

**Date Discharged:** Active

*Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, and more*

Fort Carson, CO: 1997-2000; 3<sup>rd</sup> ACR (Platoon leader, S-4, SPO S+S, Chemo)

Daegu, South Korea: 2001-2002; 248<sup>th</sup> POL Liaison TM (Petroleum Planner)

Fort Lewis, WA: 2002-2005; 3/2 SBCT (Brigade S-4, Company Commander in Iraq 2003-2004)

Fort McCoy, WI: TSBn (Observer/Controller)

Yongsan, Seoul, South Korea: 2008-Present; United States Forces Korea (Exercise Planner for combined theater – Level Exercise)



## THOMAS EUGENE PEEK

*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** T/4

**War Era:** WWII Europe

**Date Entered:** March 15, 1944

**Date Discharged:** May 2, 1946

*Sharpshooter Combat Infantry; Sharpshooter Expert Infantry; Bronze Star; Two Purple Hearts; Good Conduct; American Campaign; Europe, Africa, Mid-East Campaigns; WWII Victory; WWII Occupation of Germany; Sharpshooter with Rifle Bar; Jubilee of Liberty Medal from French Government; Two Ruptured Duck Medals*

Thomas took basic training at Camp Robert, CA and specialized as a sharpshooter and cook. He trained at Tidworth Barracks, Wiltshire, England for the D-Day Invasion. Thomas was with the 175<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and spent time in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and central Europe.



## **ANTHONY “TONY” PELOWSKI**

*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** Sergeant

**War Era:** Korean

**Date Entered:** October 29, 1952

**Date Discharged:** October 28, 1954

*National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal*

Tony was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, MO where he earned the Good Conduct Medal while serving in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon, Company A, 61<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the 8<sup>th</sup> Armored Infantry.



## JASON MICHAEL PELOWSKI

*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** SP4

**War Era:** Gulf War

**Date Entered:** August 14, 1991

**Date Discharged:** February 12, 1996

*Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Army Service Medal; Expert Hand Grenade; Expert Marksmanship Badge Rifle, M-16; Driver and Mechanic Badge Driver-T Bar; German Marksmanship Badge, Silver*

Jason attended basic training at Fort Lewis, WA and Advanced Infantry Training at Fort Sill, OK. He was stationed at Fort Benning, GA as well as being deployed to Berlin and Baumholder, Germany.

Jason was a 13 Echo Fire Direction Specialist.



## JOHN J. PELOWSKI

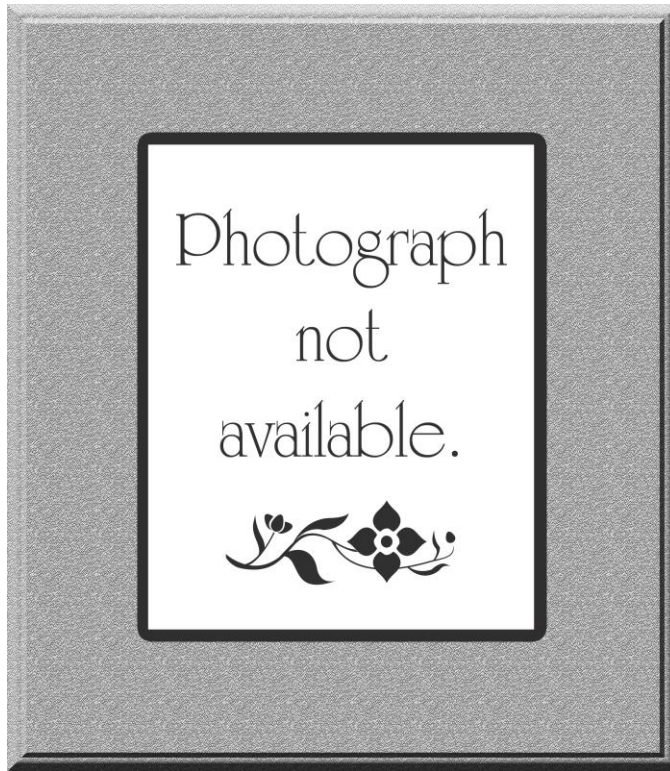
*U.S. Navy*

**Rank:** Electrician's Mate 3<sup>rd</sup> Class  
**War Era:** WWII  
**Date Entered:** October 11, 1944  
**Date Discharged:** June 29, 1946

*Okinawa Theater Ribbon and American-Asian Theater Ribbon*

John attended boot camp at Camp Downs in Great Lakes, IL. He served at the San Diego Naval Repair Base, CA; Awase Air Base in Oahu, HI; and Okinawa in the Philippines. John was a mess cook in the Chiefs' Diner.

John mustered out of the Navy at the USN personnel separation center in Minneapolis. He received \$100 in mustering out pay and \$4.20 as a travel/mileage allowance.



## **WILLIAM FRANCIS PELOWSKI**

*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** Private First Class  
**War Era:** Korean  
**Date Entered:** January 17, 1956  
**Date Discharged:** January 16, 1958  
Reserves until January 1, 1962

*Sharpshooter, Marksman, Good Conduct Medal*

Billy was stationed at Fort Sheridan, IL where he received medals for Sharpshooter (carbine), Marksman (rifle) and Good Conduct Medal. After his time in the Army, Billy transferred to the U.S. Army Reserves.



## **EDWARD PEROUTKA**

*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** Private

**War Era:** WWII

**Date Entered:** October 9, 1942

**Date Discharged:** August 12, 1943

*Honorable Discharge Lapel Button*

Edward entered the U.S. Army at Fort Snelling. He attended basic training at Fort Brown, TX. Edward was assigned to the Medical Enlisted Section 1854<sup>th</sup> Unit at Fort Brown for the duration of his enlistment.



## **Donald P Petricka**

*U.S. Army/U. S. Army National Guard*

**Rank:** Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class E-3  
**War Era:** Vietnam  
**Date Entered:** October 10, 1963  
**Date Discharged:** January 20, 1971

*National Defense Medal, Marksman, M-1 Rifle Badge so 29  
H Q 4<sup>th</sup> BN 135<sup>th</sup> Infantry*

Donald attend basic training at Fort Jackson, SC. He then went on to advanced training at Fort Polk LA. He received instruction in the use of the 81-millimeter mortar, 4.2-inch mortar, 106-millimeter recoilless rifle along with map reading landmine warfare, communications, escape, and evasion tactics. In 1967 Donald was discharged from the Army and then transferred to the Army National Guard ending his military service in 1971.



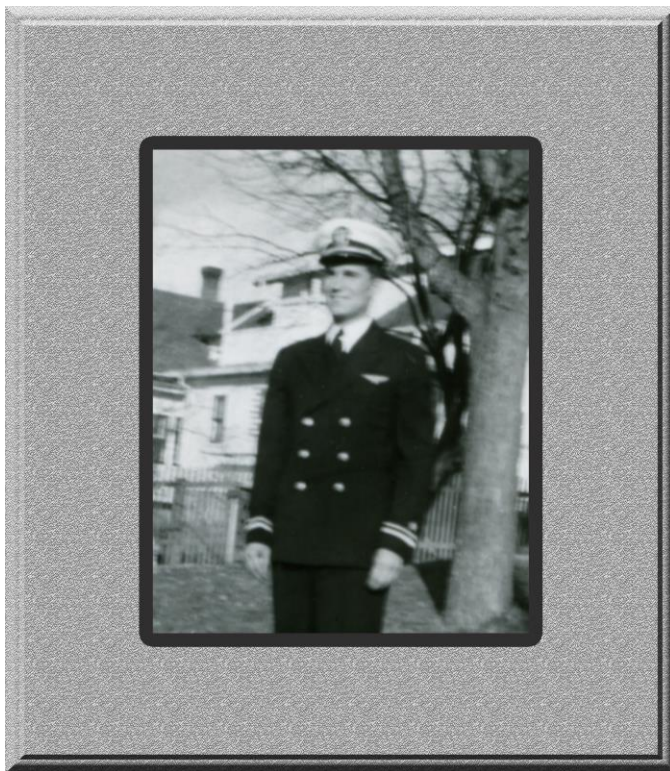
## **GEORGE J. PETRICKA**

*U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*

**Rank:** Staff Sergeant  
**War Era:** WWII Europe  
**Date Entered:** September 21, 1942  
**Killed in Action:** March 7, 1945

*Bronze Medal and Purple Heart (posthumously)*

George's military career led to an extended period of service in U.S. training camps. He won rapid promotion due to his resourcefulness in combat and thoughtfulness for his fellow soldiers. In April 1944, he went overseas to England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany as a member of the 60<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion. Under intensive artillery and mortar fire endangering explosive-laden vehicles and equipment, George volunteered to move equipment to a safe area. He was hit by enemy fire and died March 7, 1945 in Rheinberg, Germany; George was 29 years old.



## **ROBERT "BUDDY" P. PETRICKA**

*U.S. Navy Air Force*

**Rank:** Lieutenant Commander  
**War Era:** WWII  
**Date Entered:** 1943  
**Date Discharged:** 1965

Most of his time in service, Robert spent as an instructor, pilot trainer and flagman on carriers for landing planes.

The last base Robert was assigned to was in Las Vegas, NV where he trained in secret weapons.

Robert "Buddy" Petricka was born June 29, 1924 and passed away April 13, 1995.



## **TEDDY F. PETRICKA**

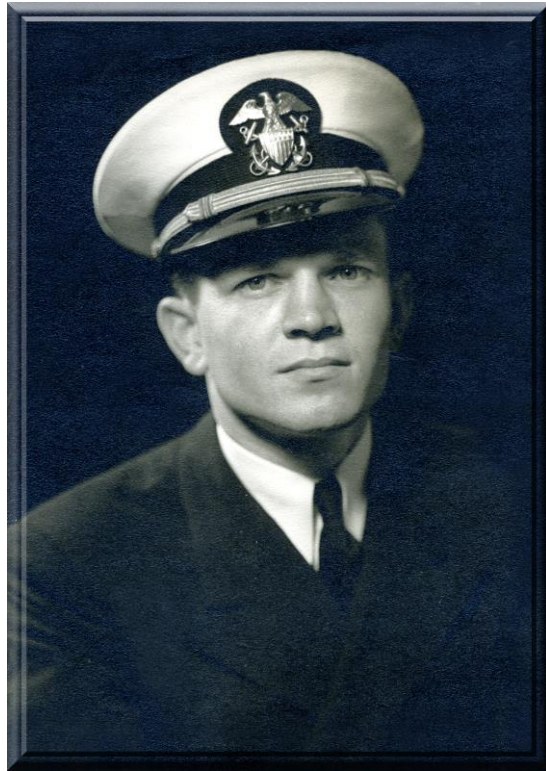
*U.S. Navy*

**Rank:** *Unknown*  
**War Era:** WWII Pacific  
**Date Entered:** October 9, 1942  
**Killed in Action:** May 4, 1945

*Purple Heart, Asiatic Campaign Medal, WWII Service Medal,  
American Campaign Medal*

Teddy graduated from Montgomery High School in 1940. He attended Iowa State College 1940-1941 then St. Thomas College in St. Paul. In July 1943 Teddy sign up for the U.S. Navy V-12 Program and was sent to the University of Kentucky for further training. In 1944 he was transferred to U.S. Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, IL and won Seaman 1<sup>st</sup> Class. Teddy was assigned to the medical department and then assigned to sea duty on December 23, 1944.

Teddy was killed in action by a Kamikaze plane on May 4, 1945.



## **VICTOR A. PETRICKA**

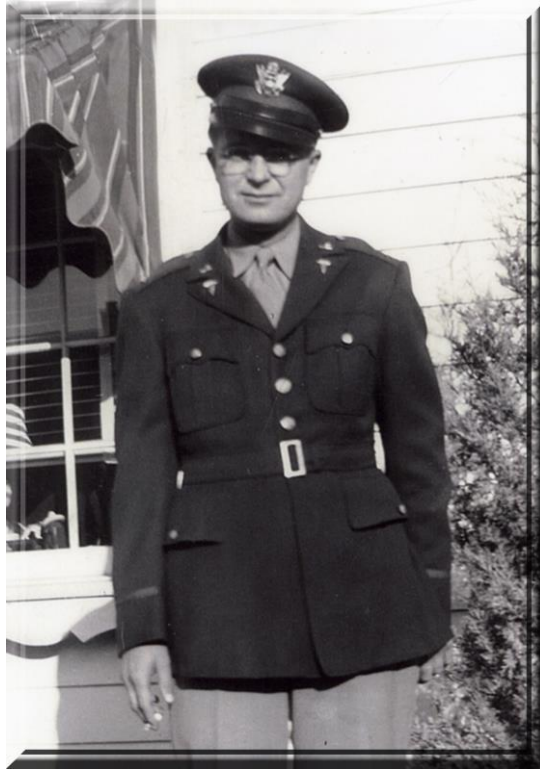
*U.S. Navy*

**Rank:** Lieutenant Commander  
**War Era:** WWII Pacific  
**Date Entered:** April 15, 1942  
**Date Discharged:** July 1, 1946

*Purple Heart*

Victor was wounded by enemy action aboard the carrier USS Fanshaw Bay when they were struck by a bomb.

Victor was born on October 17, 1917 and died April 26, 1977. After he left the Navy, he became a Dental Surgeon.



## **EDWARD D. PEXA**

*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** Captain

**War Era:** WWII European

**Date Entered:** August 6, 1942

**Date Discharged:** February 10, 1946

*Victory Medal*

Edward served as a dental officer with the Army. He participated in the campaigns in Rhineland, Northern France and Normandy.



## **HARRY T. PEXA**

*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** Private First Class

**War Era:** WWII – European Theater

**Date Entered:** January 8, 1944

**Date Discharged:** November 11, 1945

*European African Middle Eastern Service Ribbon,  
Overseas Service Bar, Lapel Button, ASR Score 45 (Sept. '45)*

Harry entered the service at Fort Snelling. He also spent time at Private First Class Headquarters Company at Camp Pittsburgh. Harry was a medic with the 227<sup>th</sup> General Hospital “Bivouac” at Camp Ellis, IL. He left the Army from the Separation Center at Camp McCoy, WI.



## SYLVIA A. "SALLY" PEXA RELANDER

*U.S. Women's Army Corps*

**Rank:** Sergeant

**War Era:** WWII

**Date Entered:** June 10, 1944

**Date Discharged:** March 11, 1946

*Victory Medal*



Sally was stationed stateside at Fort Ogelthorpe in Georgia.

Pictured with Sally are Nan, Jim and Sue Pexa – children of Louis and Loretta Pexa, Montgomery.



## **AARON F. POLAK**

*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** Sergeant  
**War Era:** WWII Pacific Theater  
**Date Entered:** December 1938  
**Date Discharged:** August 1945

*Bronze Service with Arrowhead, Good Conduct Medal,  
Asiatic-Pacific Theater Medal, American Defense Service Medal,  
Philippine Liberation Ribbon w/ 2 Bronze Stars,  
2 Overseas Service Bars, Combat Infantryman Badge Rifle*

Aaron enlisted in the Army on December 13, 1938 at Fort Snelling. He served with the engineering group as a Center Chief 674.

He served 5 years, 7 months and 23 days of continental service (in the United States) and 1 year, 1 month and 29 days of Foreign Service in the southern Philippines and Ryukyus Islands.



## **ALLAN G. POMIJE**

***U.S. Army/Army Reserve***

***Chemical Operations Specialist, Petroleum Specialist***

**Rank:** Staff Sergeant (Ret.)

**War Era:** Gulf, Iraq, Afghanistan

**Date Entered:** 03-25-1982

**Date Discharged:** 11-03-2003

### ***Top Military Awards***

Army Achievement Medal (3), Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (4), National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Army Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Commendation Letters, Army Letters of Appreciation

### ***Units Assigned (Army)***

Co. A 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, Basic Training & Co. C Chemical School, Ft. McClellan, AL / HHC 15 Engineer Bn, Ft. Lewis, WA / 193 Military Intelligence Co., Ft. Clayton, Panama / 518 Engineer Co., Ft. Kobbe, Panama

### ***Units Assigned (Army Reserve)***

Det. 1, Co. C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn, 3<sup>rd</sup> Inf., New Prague, MN / 492<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Co., Mankato, MN / G. Battery 11<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, Mankato, MN / Co. B 367<sup>th</sup> Engineer Bn, Mankato, MN / 216 Quartermaster Co., Force Provider, Mankato, MN

*(Staff Sergeant Pomije was responsible for organizing and training the unit on the defense of Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Warfare)*



## **BRIAN D. POMIJE**

***U.S. Navy, Medical Service Corps, Radiation Health Officer***

**Rank:** Lieutenant Commander (Ret.)

**War Era:** Gulf, Iraq, Afghanistan

**Date Entered:** 09-13-1983

**Date Discharged:** 12-31-2007

### ***Top Military Awards***

Meritorious Service Medal (with Gold Star), Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal, Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Medal, S.W. Asia Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Expert Pistol Medal

### ***Promotions & Ships Assigned***

Seaman Recruit (E-1) through Hospital Corpsman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class (E-5)

Ensign (O-1) through Lieutenant Commander (O-4)

USS Cape Cod (AD-43), USS Iowa (BB-61)

### ***Overseas and Foreign Ports***

Okinawa, Germany, United Kingdom, Puerto Rico, Iceland, Oman, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Guam, Hawaii, Canada, Panama, Honduras, Costa Rica



## **LEROY J. PREBLE**

*U.S. Naval Air Corps*

**Rank:** Lieutenant JG  
**War Era:** WWII Pacific Theater  
**Date Entered:** December 3, 1942  
**Date Discharged:** March 20, 1961

*3 Stars for Service in Korea and China Service Reserve*

LeRoy joined the Navy during the second half of WWII. He attended officer training and flight school in Canon Falls. The test to get into flight school required candidates to stand at attention for 8 hours in full winter woolen dress in July when it was 95° outside. All of the men left standing at the end of the day were admitted to flight school. Roy became a fighter pilot and flew a corsair in WWII in the Pacific and in Korea. Aboard ship he had to take a bit of razzing for being descended from Admiral Perry Preble, the man who wrote the Rules for the Navy. During WWII he was stationed on the USS Kearsarge, a long-hulled Essex-class aircraft carrier and flag ship; and then in Korea on the attack carrier, Valley Forge, manning radar and flying reconnaissance after battles and bombing raids for both tours of duty. On reconnaissance, he was all alone out there taking photos and gathering information so that plans could be made for the next engagement. He earned 3 stars for valor on those missions as well as his work aboard ship.



## **Willard M. Pribyl**

*U.S. Navy*

**Rank:** Seaman Second Class

**War Era:** WWII

**Date Entered:** November 11<sup>th</sup> 1944

**Date Discharged:** July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1946

### ***Medals/Citations:***

*Philippine Liberation Medal, Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal, American Area Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal*

Willard entered the U. S. Navy at Fort Snelling St Paul MN and was transported by train to Basic Training, at U. S. Naval Station Great Lakes Illinois. Upon Completion of Basic Training Willard was transferred to Norfolk Virginia. While at Norfolk VA., Willard's orders took him to the newly built USS LST 1065 at Boston, Massachusetts which was commissioned while he was onboard. This ship was an American Tank Landing vessel. While on board the 1065, Willard sailed through the Panama Canal to Long Beach California, Hawaii, and the Philippines. While enroute from the Philippines to Japan his ship was turned back due to the bombing of Hiroshima. The 1065 was then returned to its home port of Boston MA. Willard was a life time member of Montgomery American Legion Post 79.



## FRANCIS JOHN PROCHASKA

*U.S. Navy*

**Rank:** Seaman First Class  
**War Era:** WWII Pacific Theater  
**Date Entered:** January 22, 1945  
**Date Discharged:** June 25, 1946

Francis attended basic training at the U.S. Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, IL. He served aboard the USS Vincennes CL-64. Francis served his country for three years and was honorably discharged.





## **JAMES FRANCIS PROCHASKA** **“SAM”**

*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** SP 4

**War Era:** Vietnam

**Date Entered:** April 23, 1968

**Date Discharged:** December 7, 1969

*National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal,  
Vietnam Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal,  
2 Overseas Bars, Sharpshooter M-14*

James did his basic training at Fort Campbell, KY and his Advanced Infantry Training at Fort Benjamin Harris, Indianapolis, IN. James was assigned with the 589<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion at Phan Rang Air Force Base in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged from Fort Lewis, WA.



## **JULIE ANN PROCHASKA**

*U.S. Navy*

**Rank:** E-5  
**War Era:** Gulf  
**Date Entered:** August 27, 1985  
**Date Discharged:** February 22, 2002

Julie joined the Navy Reserves in 1985 but enjoyed it so much that she enlisted for active duty. She attended basic training in Orlando, FL. and completed additional training as a photographer in Pensacola, FL. Julie's first tour of duty was in Cuba Point, Philippines and finished her tour on the USS Acadia. While on the ship, she was deployed to Desert Storm and saw a few countries along the way including Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong and Bahrain. Julie's duties included photographing accidents, ceremonies, and portraits; once she even photographed an autopsy in progress.

Side note: Julie was cleaning the head (toilet) when war was declared. For Julie it was memorable because it was the only time she had to clean the head as an E-5.



## **Newell (Red) A. Rauschke**

**Branch of Service:** U. S. Army  
**Rank:** Specialist 4  
**War/Peace Time:** Viet Nam  
**Date Entered:** July 17<sup>th</sup> 1969  
**Date Discharged:** July 16<sup>th</sup> 1971

*National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Army Commendation for Meritorious Service in the Republic of Viet Nam*

Red attended Basic Training at Fort Bragg North Carolina. After Basic training Red attended Supply Clerk training at Fort Lee Virginia. Upon completion of training Red served in Long Binh Viet Nam as a Supply Clerk. Along with his duties as Supply Clerk, Red conducted Guard Duty and Search Missions. After his tour of duty in Viet Nam, Red was stationed at Sharpe Army Depot in Lathrop California.



## **LEO THOMAS REAK**

*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** Sergeant  
**War Era:** Korean War  
**Date Entered:** March 22, 1951  
**Date Discharged:** March 20, 1953

Leo served as part of the Fifth Army, Company A, 866<sup>th</sup> EAB APO #10. On May 7, 1952, he achieved the title of SGT (T). Leo was stationed in Korea for 9 months and 12 days.



## **ANDREW J. REGENSCHEID**

*U.S. Army Reserve*

**Rank:** Specialist 4  
**War Era:** Vietnam  
**Date Entered:** May 3, 1956  
**Date Discharged:** April 30, 1964

Andy attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO and advanced training at Fort Smith, AR – M.O.S.-710.00 (Military Occupational Specialty).

Andy attended Reserve Training meetings in Le Sueur and Mankato. He served as Company Clerk and Battalion Sergeant Major in Battalion Headquarters in Mankato for two years.



## **JAMES "CHESTER" S. RETKA**

*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** Private

**War Era:** Korea

**Date Entered:** 1953

**Date Discharged:** 1955

*National Defense Medal, Korean Service Medal,  
United Nations Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation*

James "Chester" Retka attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. After attending engineering school, Chester was deployed to Korea and served in the 84<sup>th</sup> Engineering Construction Battalion, where he repaired bridges and heavy equipment. The Battalion traveled throughout Korea, living in tents for 16 months. These tents had a fuel stove in the center of each tent so the soldiers could warm up after being out in the cold all day.



## **CHARLES RICHTER**

*U.S. Navy*

**Rank:** MM First Class

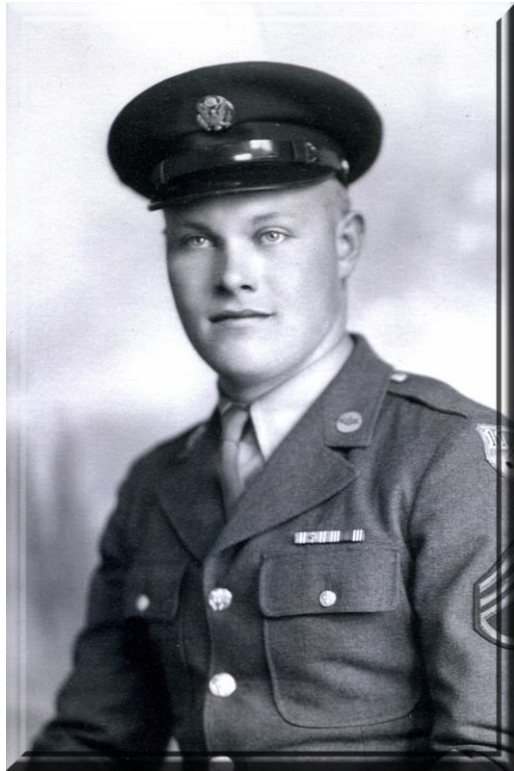
**War Era:** Korean

**Date Entered:** 1953

**Date Discharged:** 1957

*United Nations Medal*

Charles attended basic training at San Diego, CA. He served aboard the U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt CVA 42 out of the home port of Mayport, FL. Rate MMI A. Division. Charles maintained and serviced all engineering machinery such as heating, air conditioning and refrigeration.



## **FRANCIS RICHTER**

*U.S. Army Air Force*

**Rank:** S/S97  
**War Era:** WWII Pacific  
**Date Entered:** 1941  
**Date Discharged:** 1944

Francis was a member of the U.S. Army Air Corp.



## **ORVILLE A. RICHTER**

*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** Corporal

**War Era:** WWII

**Date Entered:** April 17, 1945

**Date Discharged:** October 21, 1946

*Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Victory Medal,  
Meritorious Unit Award, One Overseas Service Bar*

Orville entered the U.S. Army at Fort Snelling in St. Paul, MN. He was transferred to Fort Leonard Wood, MO and then to Camp Maxey in Paris, TX where he attended basic training. After basic training, Orville was shipped to Kobe, Japan where he assigned to the motor pool as a mechanic.



## RAYMOND RICHTER

*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** *unknown*  
**War Era:** WWI  
**Date Entered:** 1917  
**Date Discharged:** 1919

Raymond served at Fort Sheridan, IL in the medical field.



## **ROY ROBERT RICHTER**

*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** S9T (T)

**War Era:** Korea

**Date Entered:** November 30, 1950

**Date Discharged:** November 21, 1952

*Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars,  
United Nations Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation,  
Two Overseas Bars*

Roy attended basic training at Fort Riley, KS. He was part of the 538 Engineer Maintenance Corps in the Fifth Army Area ERC CE specializing as a tractor mechanic.



## **ROBERT RIEBEL**

*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** Corporal

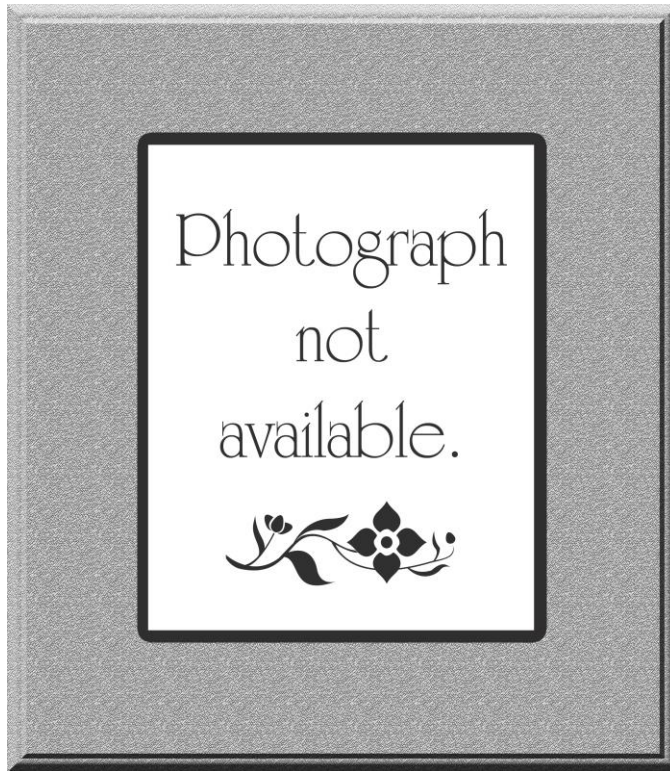
**War Era:** Korean War

**Date Entered:** September 26, 1952

**Date Discharged:** June 25, 1954

*Korean Conflict with 2 Bronze Stars – Combat Zone,  
Marksmanship*

Robert was stationed near Kunsan, Korea. His unit was the 808 Army Engineers attached to the Air Force – known as “SCARWAF” – building an airport.



## **HARVEY H. ROOT**

*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** Sergeant  
**War Era:** WWII European Theater  
**Date Entered:** April 23, 1942  
**Date Discharged:** October 12, 1945

*European African Middle Eastern Service Medal with  
two Bronze Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, four Overseas Bars,  
Combat Infantryman Badge – Sharpshooter*

Harvey was a carpenter during WWII in the European Theater. He participated in the battles of the Algeria-French Moroccan Campaign, a part of Operation Torch; and the Rome-Arno Campaign.



## **ROBERT R. ROTTER**

*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** Specialist

**War Era:** Vietnam

**Date Entered:** November 12, 1968

**Date Discharged:** August 11, 1970

*Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal*

Robert attended Basic Training at Fort Dix, NJ, then to Fort Leonard Wood, MO for Advanced Infantry Training. He received the Army Commendation Medal for exceptional meritorious service while attached to the overseas test operation in Wurzburg, Germany. Concluded service with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Administration Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division and honorably discharged from active duty at Fort Benjamin in Harrison, Indiana.



## **GARY F. RUHLAND**

*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** Specialist 5 E5

**War Era:** Vietnam

**Date Entered:** February 13, 1969

**Date Discharged:** February 9, 1971

*National Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Expert M 16 & M 14*

Gary attended basic training at Fort Campbell, KY. He was stationed with the 808 Engineers in Alaska. Gary was stationed at numerous bases during his time in Alaska: Fort Wainwright, Fort Greely, Fort Richardson and Eielson Air Force Base. He transferred to Camp McCoy, WI where he was honorably discharged.



## **JEROME M. RUHLAND**

*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** TEC 5

**War Era:** WWII European Theater

**Date Entered:** October 29, 1942

**Date Discharged:** December 23, 1945

*European & Middle Eastern Service Ribbon,  
Good Conduct Medal, Four Overseas Bars*

Jerry attended basic training at Fort Sheridan, IL and additional training at Coyne Electric School in Chicago, IL. He was stationed at Camp Claiborne, LA; Camp Maxey, TX; and Camp McCoy, WI.

Jerry landed on Utah Beach in Normandy, France. He served in England, France and Belgium with the 48rd Engineers Maintenance Company 89<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.



## **ROBERT W. RUHLAND**

*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** Specialist 3<sup>rd</sup> Class

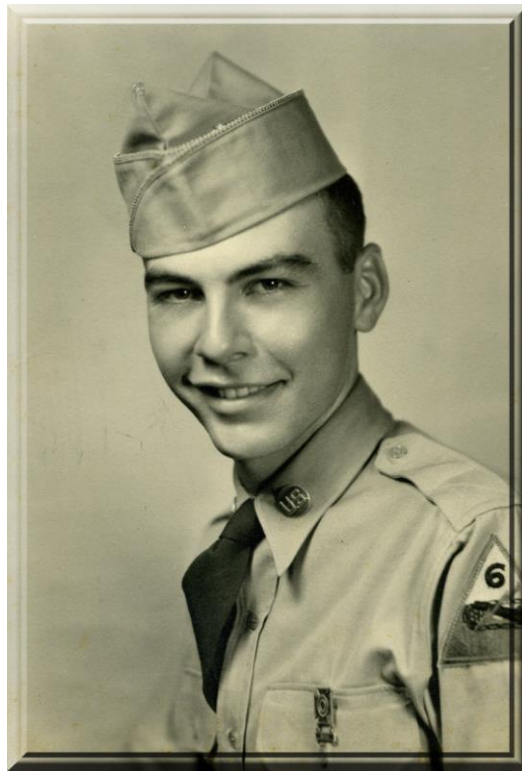
**War Era:** Korea

**Date Entered:** October 12, 1954

**Date Discharged:** October 3, 1956

*Army of Occupation (Germany), Good Conduct Medal,  
Sharp Shooter (Rifle)*

Robert served in the 299<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion, Company A, Höchst, Germany as a combat construction specialist and construction equipment operator.



## **ROGER J. RUHLAND**

*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** Corporal

**War Era:** Korea

**Date Entered:** June 5, 1953

**Date Discharged:** March 4, 1955

*Army of Occupation Medal – Germany, National Defense Medal*

Roger trained with the 6<sup>th</sup> Armored Division in Fort Leonard Wood, MO. His most significant duty assignment was with the Headquarters Company 7th Engineer Aviation Brigade at the Rhine-Main Air Base located near Frankfurt, Germany. This brigade was a SCARWAF – Special Category Army Reassigned With the Air Force.



## **CARL L. RYNDA**

*U.S. Army*

**Rank:** Private First Class  
**War Era:** Korea  
**Date Entered:** December 4, 1950  
**Date Discharged:** November 18, 1952

*Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Campaign Stars,  
UN Service Medal, Army Occupation Medal (Japan)*

Carl was with the 10<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division out of Fort Riley, KS. His tour of duty included being stationed in Korea and Japan.



## **LAWRENCE G. RYNDA**

*U.S. Air Force*

**Rank:** Sergeant

**War Era:** Korea

**Date Entered:** March 21, 1952

**Date Discharged:** May 1, 1960

*National Defense Service Medal*

Lawrence attended basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. He took additional training at Fort Belvoir, VA. In August 1952, Lawrence was assigned to Stead AFB in Reno, NV. In April 1953, he was assigned to 3917 AIO Squadron at Manston AFB, England. He also spent some time at East Kirby AFB before coming back to the U.S. in January 1956. Lawrence had spent a total of 34 months stationed in England. He then went into the Air Force Reserve and was discharged in May 1960.