# World War

# World War I

#### Carlos Lyman Abbott

Clearport, Madison Twp. born May 19, 1893 shoe maker, Single, served with Co L 4<sup>th</sup> Ohio National guard regiment on Mexican boarder 1916. Enlisted July 22, 1918 in Lancaster. Corporal in the 4<sup>th</sup> Co. 1<sup>st</sup> training Battalion 158 depot Brigade, Camp Sherman, Ohio

Died from flu at camp Sherman on Oct 10, 1918 laid to rest in Forest Rose Cemetery, Lancaster. Member of ME Church Amanda, Parents- Frank and Mary (McLaughlin) Abbott. Sister Lulu May and Brother Murray L Abbott

Lafayett Abbott-Born Clearport, US Army, Army School of Aeronautical COnUni

#### **Emil Dayton Armstrong**

Born September 26, 1894 in Perry Twp., Hocking County. Educated in Oakland. Farmer Lived in Clearcreek Twp. Single. Went to ME Church in Amanda, K of P Lodge of Stoutsville, Clearcreek Valley Grange, Fairfield County Pomona and member of State Grange. Parents Wilber E and Cora L (McClelland) Armstrong, sister Lena M and brother Loren L Armstrong. Enlisted at Lancaster July 22, 1918 Private assigned to 4<sup>th</sup> Co. 1<sup>st</sup> TR Bn 158<sup>th</sup> Depot Brigade. Died of Pneumonia on Oct 3.1918. Buried in Stoustsville Mausoleum and then removed to Lancaster mausoleum



ALVA ARTER

June 12th, 1889 at Rockbridge, Ohio, Alva Arter was born. Son of



EMIL DAYTON ARMSTRONG



CARLOS LYMAN ABBOTT

#### Alva Arter

Born June 12, 1889 at Rockbridge, Ohio son of Jesse and Eliza (Kinser) Arter, brother Pearl Arter and sisters Mrs. Myrtle Lutz and Mrs. Elizabeth C. Azbell. Single farmer, Most of his life he lived in Madison Twp, Fairfield County, Ohio. Then for a short time in Hocking County. Enlisted at Logan August 26, 1918 sent to camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Ky. Assigned to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Co 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 159 Depot Brigade, then transferred to D, 67th Field Artillery. Died October 16, 1918 at Hospital in Louisville Ky, Due to Influenza and Pneumonia, Laid to rest at Morgan Chapel Cemetery Hocking County, Ohio

### **Truby Chester Clutter**

Born Sept 12, 1890 in Hocking Twp. Son of Emanuel Clutter and Kathryn (Pugh) Clutter. Brothers Charles and Raymond Clutter and Sister Mrs. Effie Sisson. Wife Ruth (Hummell) Clutter. Educated in grade School, Member of Methodist church and farmer. Enlisted on September 5, 1918 in Bloom Twp. was sent to Camp Sherman. 4<sup>th</sup> CO. 1<sup>st</sup> TR BN 158<sup>th</sup> Depot Brigade. Fell ill at camp to influenza and died October 6, 1918, buried in Amanda Township Cemetery

# Ralph Hickle

Born August 31, 1892 in Bloom Twp to Lyman and Mary c. (Kemp) Hickle. Brothers and Sisters, Anna Amelia, Lyman Leroy, Ora, Bessie, Carrie, and ray Hickle. Single Member of Marcy Lutheran Church, Marcy Grange graduated from Madison Twp Farmer and Stock dealer, Enlisted July 22, 1918 at Lancaster, Camp Sherman Private 4<sup>th</sup> CO 158<sup>th</sup> Depot Brigade Co L 334<sup>th</sup> Inf and later Co I 319<sup>th</sup> INf. Went east and sailed over there Sept 2, 1918 fought in Argonne Forest. November 1 1918was killed in action Buried in France and later disinterred and laid to rest in Lithopolis Cemetery, Sept 25, 1921



RALPH HICKLE

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#### FAIRFIELD COUNTY IN THE WORLD WAR



TRUBY CHESTER CLUTTER



HARRY FRANKLIN HOFFMAN

Harry Franklin Licetiman, the son of Mr. and Mrs. M / H. ffman of

#### Harry Franklin Hoffman

Born in the year 1889 to Mr. And Mrs. Hoffman of Madison Twp. Brothers Edward, Abe, and George Hoffman also Mrs. D.L. Harvey and Mrs. C.j. Gravette. Educated in County schools and occupation rural mail carrier. Enlisted April 1917 73<sup>rd</sup> Co. 6<sup>th</sup> Reg, US Marines. Sailed overseas on October 1917 and on May 29, 1918 was wounded in action. He lingered until June 7, 1918 when he succumbed to his wounds. Laid to rest overseas and later disinterred and brought forest Rose Cemetery Lancaster. Funeral was Aug 2, 1921 Was cited for bravery and family received medal from government.

### Thomas Joseph O'Neill

Born February 26, 1893 in Hocking Twp. Parents Patrick T and Joanna (O'Shaughnessy) O'Neill, Sisters Norah M., Mary B. O'Neill. Member of St Mary's Catholic Church Lancaster, Educated in Hocking Twp and St Mary's in Lancaster, farmer, single. Enlisted in Lancaster in July 1918. Camp Sherman Private in 4<sup>th</sup> Co 1<sup>st</sup> Training Battalion 158 depot Brigade and also in School of Bakers and Cooks at Camp Sherman. Died October 10, 1918 of double pneumonia and the flu at Camp Sherman. Laid to rest at St. Mary's Lancaster



ROSS SMITH SHAEFFER

· · · - A Madison Township near Clearpo



THOMAS JOSEPH O'NEILL

#### Ross Smith Shaeffer

Born September 18, 1892, Madison Twp. Near Clearport. Parents Frank V and Nellie (Smith) Shaeffer, Brothers and sisters, Emerson, Ernest, Oscar, Harold Shaeffer, Mrs. Georgia Frasure, Mrs. Thelma Fosnaugh, Misses Pauline and Emma Shaeffer. School in Madison Twp., Single. Member of Drinkle M. E. Church, K or P Lodge at Stoustville, Clearcreek valley grange. Clerical position in mercantile business before army. Enlisted in Lancaster, on June 28' 1918, sent to Camp Sherman and Camp Mills. Sailed from Camp Mills on September 1, 1918 and landed in Liverpool, England September 18<sup>th</sup>. Engaged in battles of Verdun and Tarames. Private in 22<sup>nd</sup> Co. 6Tr BN 158<sup>th</sup> Depot Brigade. Transferred to Co C 333<sup>rd</sup>. Inf. And later to Co D 140<sup>th</sup> Inf. On October 20, 1918 he died due to an accidental discharge of a rifle. Buried in Isolated grave in Moulainville Dept of the Muse and later disinterred and reburied in grave 208 sec. 12 plot 4 St mihiel Merican Cemetery Thiaucourt Dpt. Of the Meurthe-et-Moselle. Then disinterred and brought to US laid to rest in Stoutsville.

### Clyde Bertine Smith

Born in Davenport, Ohio on September 29, 1891 parents Jesse and Mary Ellen (Leffler) Smith. Brother Harry M, Frank, Calvin A, Ollie L., (Anna Gertrude) and Elmer L. Smith. Wife Bertha May (Bailey) Smith. Farmer in Amanda Twp., Lutheran. Student of county schools in Newton Twp. Muskingum County. Enlisted in army at Lancaster September 5, 1918. Sent to Camp Sherman assigned private 4<sup>th</sup> Co 1<sup>st</sup> Tr Bn 158<sup>th</sup> Depot Brigade. Fell Victim to Influenza during epidemic died on October 18,1918 laid to rest at Reber Hill Cemetery, Pickaway County, Ohio American Legion Post Amanda was named in his honor.



HARVEY RAY STOUDER

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CLYDE BERTINE SMITH

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GLORGH FRANKLIN TERRY

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### Harvey Ray Stouder

Born in Hocking Twp on March 19. 1893 parents Jacob ( Civil War Veteran) Rachael (Parrish) Strouder. Brothers and sisters, Daniel P., Lillian L., Viola D., and Carl St Clair, David A., James C., Minnie may Stouder and Edith I Tripp. Single, member of Reformed Church in Lancaster, attended District 7 school in Hocking Twp. and Crawfis Institute. School teacher and shoe worker. Enlisted at Lancaster ON May 31, 1918. Sent to Camp Gordon and later Camp Mills. First Class Private in CO H. 26<sup>th</sup> US Inf. Sailed overseas on October 4, 1918 from Camp Millis to France. Fought in Argonne Forest. Severely wounded by gun shots, he was first reported as missing in action, he later succumbed to wounds on October 10, 1918. Buried in grave no. 60 plot 36 section 3 then returned to US had a double military funeral with Earl Carrel at Sherman Armory Lancaster, on September 24, 1921 at Forest Rose Cemetery.

#### George Franklin Terry

Born June 10, 1895 to William C. and Ida (Wade) Terry near Glade, Ohio Jackson County. Brothers and sisters William, Mrs. C. H. Allen, Charles, Scott, Siegel, Mary Lewis, Clarence, Phoebe, Dewitt Terry and Mrs. Cyrus Grow. Married to Alta N. (Rhea) Terry, Farmer in Hocking Twp. One child Glenna Mildred Terry. Member of the Methodist Protestant Church. Educated in Jackson County. Enlisted on August 28, 1918 in Lancaster sent to Camp Taylor, Ky Private 5<sup>th</sup> Co, 159<sup>th</sup> Depot Brigade. Died at Taylor from Bronchial Pneumonia on October 5, 1918 buried in Bethel Cemetery in Jackson County

# Post 57 Amanda, Ohio Clyde A. Smith Post American Legion Veterans

Barr, Thomas H.

Boudinot, Carl

Bowers Wm. E.

Conrad, Grover C.

Courtright, Virgil L.

Craiglow, Dallas C.

Crites, Frank W.

Dickson, Lloyd W.

Griffith, Geo Emil

Hiatt J. R.

Johnson, M. A.

Longbrake, Henry

Lutz, C. M.

Lutz, Roy T.

Mcdonald, Chas.

Raum, Russell

Ream, Albert

Reichelderfer, Dr. V. D.

Shupe, Steven

Woodring, Orbie

Woodring, Owen

Young, B.A.

Received information form Fairfield County in the World War Book, American Legion

# US Air Force

# US Army

Alvin Williamson Barr was born June 28<sup>th</sup> 1896 at Fosnaugh School Rd. in Amanda, Ohio to Frank S. and Cora (Williamson) Barr. Cora was the daughter of Henry C. Williamson of Lancaster who was a corporal with the 90<sup>th</sup> regiment, Ohio Infantry, with General Shermans march through Georgia. He was wounded in the arm and was sent back to Kentucky where his arm was amputated and he was discharged. He was paid \$50 for his wound. Alvin W. Barr graduated from Amanda High School and enrolled at Ohio State University. On Dec. 5, 1917, he enlisted in the regular army, 44 Aer Squadron Signal Corps Jan. 1 1918; 211 Aer squadron July 13, 1918; 628 Aer Squadron July 23, 1918; Casual Detachment Aer General Supt Depot Confined Cp Garden City, NY Sept. 7, 1918; School of Military Aeronautics, Princeton, NJ. He was honorably discharged on Nov. 26, 1918 and returned to OSU and graduated in 1920.



# US Coast Guard

# US Marine Corp

# US Navy

# World War II

### World War II

<u>Wade Fry -</u> Graduated from Stoutsville, Died in battle

<u>Wilbert Hedges -</u> Graduated from Amanda, Died in Battle October 24, 1944

<u>John Hosler -</u> Graduated from Amanda, Died in Battle December 7, 1941

<u>Roy Shaeffer -</u> Graduated from Amanda, died in battle February 1945

<u>William Shaeffer -</u> Graduated from Amanda, Died in Battle June 3, 1942

<u>John Miesse -</u> Graduated from Amanda, Died in battle September 16, 1944

<u>Harold Waltes -</u> Graduated from Amanda, Died in battle April 12, 1944

<u>Richard Wiseman -</u> Graduated from Amanda, Died in battle July 6, 1944

# US Air Force

# Billie Lee Crook

# Veteran's List

Name: Billie Lee Crook	
Date of Birth: June 18, 1923	
Place of Birth: Hocking County	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: Air Force	
Dates of Service: 1942-1945	
Unit: Training in England, North Africa, Sicily-Italy, Fro Training in Jefferson Barracks Mo, Chanute Field,	

War or Conflict: World War II		
Rank: Tec Srgt.		
Enlisted, Drafted, Commissioned: Enlisted	Status: Veteran	
Prisoner of War: No		
Service Injury, Details: No		,
Notes:		
Service Medals: Air Medal, Good Conduct, 9 Stars Battle	Overseas Victory Medal	

# Robert E. Garrett Jr.

# Veteran's List

Date of Birth: August 13, 1920	
Place of Birth: Ross County, Ohio	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: Army Air Core ( Air Force)	
Dates of Service: April 15, 1944 through January 2	26, 1946
Unit: 42nd Army Air Forces Base Unit	

War or Conflict: World War II

Rank: Sergeant

Status: Veteran Prisoner of War: No

Enlisted, Drafted, Commissioned: Drafted

Service Injuries, Details: None

#### Notes:

Flew 6 Combat missions in Rhineland, Central Europe, trained as aerial gunne. Operating hand held or turret mounted machine guns. Tail gunner on B-24 Bomber

Vera Bigwood- at mikebig7@frontier.com

Service Medals: American Theatre, EAMET with 2 bronze stars, Good Conduct Medals, air Medal, WWII Victory Medal



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ROBERT E. GARRETT JR

# US Army

# Francis E. Roose

## Veteran's List

Date of Birth: April 15, 1915	
Place of Birth:	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: US Army	
Dates of Service: 1941-1945	
Unit: 341 Combat Engineering	

War or Conflict: World War II, (Rueke?) Island Campaign	
Rank: E-Tech Sgt	
Prisoner of War: No	Status: Veteran deceased in 1977
Enlisted, Drafted or Commissioned: Drafted	
Service Injury, Details:	
Notes: Served in the Yukon in Alaska, Three years in the Pacific,	
Notes: Served in the Tukon in Alaska, Three years in the Tacific,	
Service Medal: Bronze Star?	



# **George Roose**

## Veteran's List

Name: George Roose	
Date of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: US Army	
Dates of Service:	
Unit: 341 Combat Engineering	
War or Conflict: War World II	
Rank:	
Prisoner of War:	Status: Veteran
Enlisted, Drafted, Commissioned:	
Service Injury, Details:	
Notes:	
Service Medal:	

# **Harold Stebelton**

#### Veteran's List

Date of Birth: March 7, 1913	
Place of Birth:	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: US Army	
Dates of Service:	
Unit: Black Panthers Communication Radio	Operator

Status: Veteran

Prisoner of War:

Enlisted, Drafted, Commissioned:

Service Injury, Details:

Rank: SEP5-6

Notes: Wife - Rita Mae (Vickroy) Stebelton

Died, December, 12, 1996 Buried in Amanda Twp Cemetery, lived 6010 Hamburg, Rd

Service Medals:

# Raymond E. Kohler

## Veteran's List

Date of Birth: May 25, 1925	
Place of Birth:	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: Us Army	
Dates of Service:	
Unit:	
ar of Conflict: World War II  ank: T-4?	
	Status: Veteran
ank: T- <b>4</b> ?	Status: Veteran
ank: T-¶? risoner of War: No	Status: Veteran

Service Medals:



# Vernon Garrett

### Veteran's List

Name: Vernon Garrett	
Date of Service: July 29, 1926	
Place of Birth: Pickaway Co	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: Army	
Dates of Service: October 14, 1944 through Augus	st 26, 1946
Unit: Training in Camp Blanding Fl., 106 Division	n, 35 Division, Camp Camble, Kt.
War or Conflict: World War II	
Rank: Tech 5	C V.
Prisoner of War: No	Status: Veteran
Enlisted, Drafted, Commissioned: Drafted Service Injury, Details:	
service injury, Details.	
Notes:	
Service Medals:	



Warren Hughes Gardner was born May 2, 1924 to Clarence and Evelyn Gardner of Westfall Rd. Warren graduated from Lancaster High School and enrolled at Ohio State University on Sept. of 1942. He quit on April 1943 to join the Army. He served with Company "A", of the 506<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment in the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division in the European Theater of Operations for sixteen months. Loaded, aimed, and fired a Browning 30 caliber automatic rifle. Attempted to secure enemy positions by jumping by parachute from low-flying airplanes. Scouted weak-points in enemy strongholds, and relayed the information to the headquarters of the attack. Decorations and citations, EAME THEATER RIBBON W/3 BRONZE STARS: GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL: DISTINGUISHED UNIT BADGE: VICTORY MEDAL WORLD WAR II: ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL (GERMANY) BELGIUM FOURRAGUERRE.



# Carl R. Bussert

## Veteran List

<b>Date of Birth:</b> 11-4-19	
Place of Birth: Amanda, Ohio	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: US Army	· ·
Dates of Service: 2-7-42 thru 9-29-45	
Unit:	

War or Conflict: WWII

Rank: FF Class Rifle Marksman

Prisoner of War: No

Status: Deceased

Enlisted or Drafted: Drafted

Service Injury:

Wife Dortha, Children Connie, Judy, Jim and Patty

Notes:

Service Medals: 4 Bronze stars, Good Conduct Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon.

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### US Coast Guard

## US Marine Corp

### US Navy

### **Donald Edward Collison**

### Veteran List

Date of Birth: July 19, 1926	
Place of Birth: House on Lutz St in Amanda, Ohio	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: US Navy	
Dates of Service: 1944-1947	
Unit: US Submarine Base Navy 926 stationed in South Paci,	fic

War or Conflict: World War II	
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Rank: SC3C  Prisoner of War: No	Status: Veteran (Deceased)
Enlisted or Drafted: Enlisted	
Service Injury, Detail: None	
Notes: Training in Great Lakes, stationed in	Memphis, San Francisco was a fireman.
Service Medals: ?	



### **Robert Roose**

### **Veteran's List**

Name: Robert Roose	
Dates of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: US Navy	•
Dates of Service:	
Unit:	
Cank:	
Prisoner of War:	Status: Veteran Deceased
Inlisted, Drafted, Commissioned:	
Service Injury, Details:	
Notes:	

### Merle R. Kohler

### Veteran's List

Date of Birth: December 10, 1921	
Place of Birth: (lived Mclean Farm at Clearport)	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: US Navy	•
Dates of Service: June 1942- ?	
Unit: Great lakes for training,	

War or Conflict: World War II, Korea	
Rank:	
Prisoner of War: No	Status: Veteran
Enlisted, Drafted, Commissioned: Enlisted	
Service Injury, Details:	
Notes: US Amphibious Forces, USS Joseph Dick reserves in 1950 before getting recalled Married to Alice Hyme	kman, USS Susan B. Anthony lcf-234, Uss LSM 483 Went into to Korea, Uss Delta Ar-9 LCI-234
Service Medals: The American Campaian The A	Asiatic Pacific Campaian. The European-African Middle East

Service Medals: The American Campaign, The Asiatic Pacific Campaign, The European-African Middle East Campaign, Us Navy Expeditionary, The Philippine Liberation, The Good Conduct, The World War II Victory, 5-Bronze Battle Stars for: Invasions, South of France, Anzio, Italy, Salerno, Italy, Sicily, Italy, North Ar.



### Charles W. Brown

### Veteran's List

Name: Charles W. Brown		
Date of Birth: February 21, 1916		
Place of Birth: Lancaster, Ohio	Gender: Male	
Branch of Service: U.S. Navy		
Dates of Service: 1944-1945		
Unit: NTS Great Lakes, Il, NAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii		

War or Conflict: World War II	
Rank: MMS2/c	
Prisoner of War: No	Status: Honorable Discharged
Enlisted, Drafted, Commissioned: Drafted	
Service Injury's:	
Notes:	
Service Medals: ?	

### **Victor H.Young**

### Veteran's List

Name: Victor H. Young

Date of Birth: 12-30-1922

Place of Birth: Amanda, Ohio Gender: Male

Branch of Service: US Navy

Dates of Service: 12-30-42 to 1-1946

Unit: Served on the Enterprise Battleship (Enterprise saw the most battles during WWII)

(The Enterprise also took guns off and then welded bunks in side to transport men back from war.)

(The Enterprise was called the Grey Ghost because the enemy couldn't find it.)

Was in Great Lakes then sent to Illinois to learn electrical. Then sent to

Seattle Washington to meet up with The Enterprise.

War or Conflict: World War II

Rank: EM3C Electrician Mate 3<sup>rd</sup> Class

Prisoner of War: No Status: Veteran

Enlisted or Drafted: Enlisted

Service Injury: no

Notes:

Currently Oldest living resident of Village of Amanda

Former Mayor of Amanda Served on village council 47-48

Service Medals: Presidential, Unit Citation- Asiatic- Pacific 13 Battle Stars

### **Ned Richard Young**

### Veteran's List

Name: Ned Richard Young

Date of Birth: 12-31-1919

Place of Birth: Amanda, Ohio

Branch of Service: US Navy

Dates of Service: 5/20/43 -11/21/45

Unit:

War or Conflict: World War II

Rank: Electrician 1st C lass

Prisoner of War: No Status: veteran

Enlisted or Drafted: Enlisted

Service Injury: Yes

### Notes:

Was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame 11-10-11

Was Mayor of Amanda in 1947-1948

Past President of the Amanda-Clearcreek Alumni Association

Past president of Pickaway Co Shrine Club

Service Medals: American Theater, American Victory, Asiatic-Pacific 2 battle stars



### Korean War

### US Air Force

### Dick Wharton

### Veteran List

Name: Dick Wharton	
Date of Birth: 3-3-1933	
Place of Birth: Rockbridge, Ohio	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: US Air Force	
Dates of Service: 1952-1973	
Unit:	
509 <sup>th</sup> FIS	

War or Conflict:	
Korean and Vietnam	
Rank: Lieutenant Colonel	

Prisoner of War: No Status:

Enlisted or Drafted: Enlisted then Commissioned

Service Injury: None

Notes:

Service Medals: Bronze Star, Air Medals



### George R. Wharton

### Veteran's List

Date of Birth: 3-3-33	
Place of Birth: Rockbridge, Ohio	Gender: Male
Dates of Service: June 52- May 73	
Branch of Service: United State Air Force	
Unit: 509th Fighter Inter Sqd.	

War or Conflict: Korean, Cuban Missile, Vietnam	
Rank: Lieutenant Colonel	
Prisoner of War: No	Status: Retired
Enlisted, Drafted, Commissioned: Enlisted	
Service Injury, Details: Back, Diabetes, Asian Orang	ge
Notes:	
Service Medals: Distinguishing Flying Cross, Bronze S	Star, Air metal with 13 Oakleaf Clusters, National

### US Army

# Counties Dispatch COM

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

### Separated by 'death' in '51, Korean vets reunite

Search for tombstone finds soldier still alive

By Randy Ludlow

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

The scrap of Korean mountains didn't seem worth dying over, but plenty of men were during the late summer of 1951.

Among those ducking the rain of artillery and mortar rounds and sniper bullets were a pair of green GIs from Ohio.

Vernon "Pete" Courtney, of Lancaster, and Elmer Davis, of Gallipolis, became buddies at Fort Hayes in Columbus, where they mustered in together.

They trained on tanks at Fort Knox, Ky., but, in the Army way, became infantry grunts in Korea.

In their first action, they fought beside other young men of the 2nd Infantry Division during the back-and-forth combat on Bloody Ridge.

They looked out for each other, at least until Sept. 19, near the end of a day of flying metal and frantic calls for medics.

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KYLE ROBERTSON | DISPATCH

Vernon "Pete" Courtney, right, began hunting for Elmer Davis' grave last year. He found Elmer living 20 miles away in Grove City.

### SEPARATED

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Pete picked up the end of a stretcher to help hustle a bloody soldier to an aid station. Through the red shrouding the man's face, he recognized Elmer. A mortar round had shredded him with shrapnel.

He carried his unconscious friend down the hill as fast as he could, only to hear the medic say at the bottom: "He's gone ... nothing you can do."

Pete was crushed, but he picked up his rifle and slogged back to the ever-thinning line.

Though wounded a week later by a grenade, Pete survived Bloody Ridge and another 15 years in the Army. He went to work in the lumber and hardware business in Tacoma, Wash. After retiring to Fairfield County in 1992, Pete found himself with too much time to think and too much to think about.

He felt guilty. He couldn't

forget Elmer. The feeling stuck in his gut. He could have, should have, done something more to save his friend.

"Why did he die?" Pete wondered. "Why didn't I?"

More than a half-century gone, Pete resolved in November to find his friend's grave before he was in his own, perhaps to snap a salute and claim a little closure.

He figured Elmer was buried in Ohio. He visited military cemeteries.

No Elmer.

The office of Congressman Dave Hobson and veterans agencies tried to help.

No Elmer.

Finally, a call to the Veterans Administration disclosed there was at least one surviving vet in Ohio named Elmer Davis, but the address was secret because of privacy laws.

Pete, 74, and his wife, Geneva, visited the library and obtained a list of every Elmer Davis in Ohio. There were several dozen. They set out last

"Losing him was like losing your right arm. I couldn't believe it when he called. I was very happy."

### **ELMER DAVIS**

on Vernon "Pete" Courtney

month to call every one.

On the first call, a man in Grove City was intrigued when asked whether he had served in Korea. Pete rattled off his missing buddy's service number, only a couple of digits off his own.

It was Elmer. After 55 years, Pete discovered the friend he long thought dead was still kicking — and only 20 miles away, at that.

"We were looking for a headstone, a tombstone. It didn't work out that way, thankfully."

Elmer, 75, likewise was amazed that Pete was alive and in Amanda.

After six weeks recovering from his wounds, he, too, returned to the front line in Korea. He was assigned to a different unit, where he was told Pete had been killed in action. It turns out each was at the later battle for Heartbreak Ridge but never encountered the other.

"Losing him was like losing your right arm," Elmer said. "I couldn't believe it when he called. I was very happy."

Their reunion came at a Circleville restaurant on Sept. 30. Although Pete's hair is gray and Elmer's largely absent, and both faces weathered, they recognized each other instantly.

The old GIs hugged.

They remain in touch, swapping tales about Korea, their memories a bit brighter now.

"I guess I did save you, Elmer. ... It worked out beautiful in the end."

"Yes, Pete, it did." rludlow@dispatch.com

### Robert R. Schooley

### Veteran List

Name: Robert R Schooley		
Date of Birth: 6-3-1936		
Place of Birth: Amanda, Ohio	Gender: Male	
Branch of Service: US Army		
Dates of Service: 22 years active and 15 years mobile		_
Unit:		

War or Conflict: Korean, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Desert Storm

Rank: SGM E-5

Prisoner of War: No Status: Veteran

Enlisted or Drafted: Enlisted

Service Injury: None

Notes:

Wife Patricia A. Schooley, kids

Service Medals: Natinal Defense Service medal, Meritorious Service medal 2<sup>nd</sup> Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal 7<sup>th</sup> Award, Expert Rifleman Medal, expert Missileman Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Army Commendation Medal 3<sup>rd</sup> Oak Leaf Cluster



### **Kenny Stoneburner**

### Veteran's List

Name: Kenny Stoneburner	×
Date of Birth: 11-30-28	
Place of Birth: Madison Twp	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: Us Army	
Dates of Service: 1954-1955	
Unit: 432 Construction Engineer	
War or Conflict: Korean War	
Rank: PFC	
Prisoner of War: No	Status: veteran
Enlisted or Drafted: Drafted- 2 times sent hor	ne after a week and then redrafted
Service Injury: injured left leg	
Notes:	

Service Medals:



### Walter Junior Huffer

### Veteran List

Name: Walter Junior Huffer	
Date of Birth: 1-7-1937	
Place of Birth: Columbus, Ohio	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: US Army	
Dates of Service: 1955-1957	
Unit: 24th Infantry	
Demilitarized zone 38th Parallel	

War or Conflict: Korean	
Rank: PFC	
Prisoner of War: No	Status: Veteran
Enlisted or Drafted: Enlisted	
Service Injury, Detail: Medically discharged due to injuries resulting	ng in a tank explosion
Notes:	
Service Medals	



### US Coast Guard

### US Marine Corp

### US Navy

### James J. Bitler

### Veteran List

Name: James J. Bitler	
Date of Birth: July 25, 1930	
Place of Birth: Lancaster, Ohio	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: Us Navy	
Dates of Service: 1951-1955 in reserve from 1955-59	
Unit: served 2 years in Tacoma, Wa., 7 months in Honor	lulu, Hawaii, and aboard the USS Walton I

War or Conflict: Korean War		
Rank: E.361 CS 2 <sup>nd</sup> class-CSB2		
Prisoner of War: No	Status:	
Enlisted or Drafted: ?		
Service Injury: Lost Ear when gun went off by mu	istake during Pacific Ocean maneuver.	
Notes:		
Service Medals: China Service, National Defense,	Good Conduct	

### Merle R. Kohler

### Veteran's List

Date of Birth: December 10, 1921	
Place of Birth: ( lived Mclean Farm at Clearport)	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: US Navy	John Mile
Dates of Service: June 1942-?	
Unit: Great lakes for training,	

War or Conflict: World War II, Korea	
Rank;	
Prisoner of War: No	Status: Veteran
Enlisted, Drafted, Commissioned: Enlisted	- Things i eterum
Service Injury, Details:	
Notes: US Amphibious Forces, USS Joseph Di reserves in 1950 before getting recalle Married to Alice Hyme	ickman, USS Susan B. Anthony lcf-234, Uss LSM 483 Went into ed to Korea, Uss Delta Ar-9 LCI-234
Married to Aute Hyme	
Service Medals: The American Campaian The	Asiatic Pacific Committee
Campaian Us Navy Expeditionary The Philipp	Asiatic Pacific Campaign, The European-African Middle East

Campaign, Us Navy Expeditionary, The Philippine Liberation, The Good Conduct, The World War II Victory, 5-Bronze Battle Stars for: Invasions, South of France, Anzio, Italy, Salerno, Italy, Sicily, Italy, North Ar.

### Jackie D. Nusbaum

### Veteran's List

Date of Birth: 10-5-1931	
Place of Birth: Sullivan Co., Indiana	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: US Navy BEES	-
Date of Service: 1950 through 1958	
Unit: Heavy Equipment School- Port Huenema, Ca Little Creek, Virginia, Ocedna, Virginia	

War or Conflict: Korean	
Rank: CD-3 Petty Officer Heavy Equipment	
Prisoner of War: No	Status: Veteran
Enlisted, Drafted, Commissioned: Enlisted Reserve	es
Service Injury, Details: None	
Notes:	
13265 JackRun Rd. Rockbridge, Ohio 43149	
Service Medals:	



### Ramon Neil Shupe

### Veteran's List

Prisoner of War: No Enlisted, Drafted, Commissioned: Enlisted Service Injuries, Details: No	Status: Veteran	
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Rank: Aviation Machinist Mate- Jet- 3rd Class		
War or Conflict:		
Dates of Service: 1956-1958 Unit: 82U206 Pensacola, Florida		
Branch of Service: US Navy		
Place of Birth: Circleville, Ohio	Gender: Male	
Date of Birth: February 13, 1938		

Service Medals:



### Vietnam War

### US Air Force

### George R. Wharton

### Veteran's List

Name: George R. Wharton		
Date of Birth: 3-3-33		
Place of Birth: Rockbridge, Ohio	Gender: Male	
Dates of Service: June 52- May 73		
Branch of Service: United State Air Force		
Unit: 509th Fighter Inter Sqd.		

War or Conflict: Korean, Cuban Missile, Vi	ietnam
Rank: Lieutenant Colonel	
Prisoner of War: No	Status: Retired
Enlisted, Drafted, Commissioned: Enlisted	
Service Injury, Details: Back, Diabetes, Asia	an Orange
Notes:	
Service Medals: Distinguishing Flying Cross, Defense Service Medal	Bronze Star, Air metal with 13 Oakleaf Clusters, National

### Thomas Edward Muck

### Veteran's List

Name: Thomas Edward Muck	
Date of Birth: July 6, 1952	
Place of Birth: Lancaster	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: Air Force	
Dates of Service: March 19, 1972 - March 30, 1	992
Unit:	

Rank: E 8 Senior Master Sergeant		
Prisoner of War: No	Status:	
Enlisted, Commissioned, Drafted: ENLISTEL	)	
Service Injury:		

Service Medals:

# **Dick Wharton**

## Veteran List

Gender: Male

War or Conflict:	
Korean and Vietnam	
Rank: Lieutenant Colonel	
Prisoner of War: No	Status:
Enlisted or Drafted: Enlisted then Commissioned	
Service Injury: None	
Notes:	

Service Medals: Bronze Star, Air Medals



# US Army

## Eddie D. Mohler

### Veteran's List

Gender: Male

Name: Eddie D. Mohler

Date of Birth: July 4, 1947

Place of Birth: Lancaster, Ohio

Branch of Service: Us Army

Dates of Service: 3-21-68 through 3-12-70

Unit: HHC 1st Sig BDE USARV

War or Conflict: Vietnam (in country) 69-70

Rank: SP/5

Prisoner of War: No Status: Honorably Discharged

Enlisted or Drafted: Drafted

Service Injury: Yes

Notes:

Email address-EMOHLER@co.fairfield.oh.us

Service Medals:





# John Leman Collison

Date of Birth: September 15, 1949	
Place of Birth: at home in Fairfield County	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: US Army	
Dates of Service: Active June 4 1969 through April 28 1	1971 Honorably Discharged June 1975
Unit: 199 Infantry Long Ben Vietnam (North Vietnam & Americal Division Chu Lai ,Vietnam (Louse Mo	0 /

War or Conflict: Vietnam		
v.		
Rank: SGT E-5		
Prisoner of War: No	Status: Veteran	
Enlisted or Drafted: Drafted		
Service Injury, Detail: None had effects after that	was related to Asian Orange	
Notice		
Notes:		
Email- johnnycollison@hotmail.com		
Service Medals		



John Leman Collison
Army
199th Infantry
Bin-wal Vietman
196th Infantry
Chu-le Vietnam

## **Conn Mathew Collison**

### Veteran List

Date of Birth: January 15, 1951	
Place of Birth: Columbus, Ohio	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: US Army	
Dates of Service: 1969-1971	
Unit: Charlie Company 802 Engineer Battalion Co	amp Humphreys South Korea

War or Conflict: Vietnam War (stationed in Korea) Rank: Specials 4 Class Prisoner of War: No Status: Veteran Enlisted or Drafted: Enlisted Service Injury, Detail: No Notes: Boot Camp Ft Jackson S. Carolina, IAT Missouri, Stationed- Ft Carson, Colorado

2510 Pine Grove Rd., Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Service Medals: ?



# Steven Warren Gardner

### Veteran's List

Date of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	Gender: Male
Branch of Service:	
Dates of Service:	
Unit: Company C 2 Bn 502 Infantry Regiment 101 Ai	rborne Division
or Conflict: Vietnam -9months and 6 days	
r or Conflict: Vietnam -9months and 6 days	
	Status: veteran
k: coner of War: isted-Drafted-Commissioned:	Status: veteran
oner of War:	Status: veteran

Service Medals:



## Robert R. Schooley

#### Veteran List

Name: Robert R Schooley

Date of Birth: 6-3-1936

Place of Birth: Amanda, Ohio

Branch of Service: US Army

Dates of Service: 22 years active and 15 years mobile

Unit: ....

War or Conflict: Korean, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Desert Storm

Rank: SGM E-5

Prisoner of War: No

Status: Veteran

Gender: Male

Enlisted or Drafted: Enlisted

Service Injury: None

Notes:

Wife Patricia A. Schooley, kids

Service Medals: Natinal Defense Service medal, Meritorious Service medal 2<sup>nd</sup> Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal 7<sup>th</sup> Award, Expert Rifleman Medal, expert Missileman Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Army Commendation Medal 3<sup>rd</sup> Oak Leaf Cluster



# Carl L. Harmon

## Veteran's List

Date of Birth: March 28, 1937	
Place of Birth: Clearcreek Twp	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: US Army	•
Dates of Service: 55-75	
Unit: 32 Tank Battalion in Germany In Vietnam Helicopter Unit Then Army Recruiter in Circleville	

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War or Conflict: Vietnam and Cuban Crisis	
Rank: E-7	
Prisoner of War: No	Status: Veteran
Enlisted, Drafted, Commissioned: Enlisted	
Service Injury, Details: NO	
Notes:	
Service Medals:	

# **Larry Ray Bussert**

### Veteran List

Name: Larry Ray Bussert		
Date of Birth: 10-25-1946		
Place of Birth: in Fairfield County	Gender: Male	
Branch of Service: US Army		
Dates of Service: 1968-1969		
Unit:		

War or Conflict: Vietnam

Rank: E4-UN6720

Prisoner of War: No

Enlisted or Drafted: Drafted

Service Injury, Detail: Suffers effects that was related to Asian Orange

Notes:

Service Medals: Bronze Star



#### Veteran's List

Name: Terry Allan Cordle

Date of Birth: March 22,1949

Place of Birth: Lancaster, Ohio Gender: Male

Branch of Service: US Army

Dates of Service: 1969-1971

Unit: 75th Infantry Regiment (Airborne)-- H Company

War or Conflict: Vietnam

Rank: Sergeant

Prisoner of War: No Status: Veteran

Enlisted, Drafted, Commissioned: Drafted

Service Injury, Details: Wounded in Action- Honorably Discharged- Hip right leg paralyzed

Notes: He served in 33 missions in Vietnam. Inducted into the Ohio Military Hall of Fame

Class of 2009

Service Medals: Air medal, Purple Heart, 2 Silver and 3 Bronze Stars, 4 Army Commendations Medals



# US Coast Guard

# US Marine Corp

# **Russell Bennett**

Date of Birth: August 11, 1950	
Place of Birth: Columbus, Ohio	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: USMC	
Dates of Service: July 1969 through April 1975	
Unit: Stationed in Okinawa and the Mediterranean California	Sea on Aircraft Carrier, also station in El Toro,

War or Conflict: Vietnam War	
Rank: Sgt E-5	
Prisoner of War: No	Status: Veteran honorable Discharge
Enlisted, Drafted or Commissioned: Enlisted	
Service Injury, Detail: N/A	
Notes: Jet Mechanic	
Service Medals: National Defense Service Medal Riffle	Markeman Cood Conduct Model

# US Navy

# Neal E. Fauble (Gene)

### Veteran List

Date of Birth: March 30, 1946	
Place of Birth: Lancaster, Ohio	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: US Navy	
Dates of Service: 10-24-65 through 10-20-69	
Unit:	

War or Conflict: Vietnam

Rank: EM3

Prisoner of War: No Status: Veteran

Enlisted or Drafted: Enlisted

Service Injury: None

Notes:

Email Country Dining agmail.com Address- P.O.Box 24 Amanda, Ohio 43102

Service Medals:



### William L. Brown

### Veteran's List

Name: William L. Brown

Date of Birth: January 21, 1943

Place of Birth: Massillion, Ohio

Gender: Male

Dates of Service: 1965-1969

Branch of Service: U.S. Navy

Unit: Great Lakes- Boot Camp/ETA School, San Diego- USS R. B. Anderson DD 786- USS Cree ATF 84 Guam-N.C.S.

Ports of Entry- San Diego, Long Beach, Guam, Hawaii, Wake Island, Midway, Philippines, Singapore, Formosa(Taiwan), Japan, Hong Kong, Danang

War or Conflict: Vietnam	
Rank: ETN2 (E-5)	
Prisoner of War: No	Status: Honorable Discharge
Enlisted, Drafted, Commissioned: ?	
Service Injury: ?	
Notes:	
F: 1 P.D 1045	
Email- BBrown1945@aol.com	
Service Medals: ?	

# Charles (N.) Kinser Jr.

## Veteran's Log

Name: Charles (N.) Kinser Jr.	
Date of Birth: August 20, 1924	
Place of Birth: Clearport, Ohio	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: US Navy	
Dates of Service: January 16, 1945 through May 2, 194	16
Unit: Stationed booth camp –Sampson N.Y.—Jacksonvi Air Station	lle Florida Naval Air Station, Banana River Naval
War or Conflict:	
Rank: United States Navy Aviation Electricians mate Third	
Prisoner of War: No	Status: Honorable Discharge
Enlisted, Drafted, Commissioned: Drafted Service Injury, Details: None	9
Notes:	
Service Medals:	



# **Bruce Alan Garrett**

Name: Bruce Alan Garrett	
Date of Birth: February 27, 1950	
Place of Birth: Lancaster, Ohio	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: US Navy	•
Dates of Service: 10-26-69 through 4-12-78	4
Unit: Great Lakes Naval Training, Naval Communication St. San Diego California, Naval Training Treasure Islam Washington, HMFS KULA-MSC205-Figi, Naval Re Mobile Ensure Underwater Warfare2122	nd, California, USS Vireo (MSC205)- Seattle

War or Conflict:	
Rank: Petty Officer 1st Class E-6	
Prisoner of War: No	Status: Honorable Discharge
Enlisted, Drafted, Commissioned: Enlisted	
Service Injury, Details: Fell out of truck Sha	ttered elbow and fractured both wrists
Notes:	
Blgarrett07@yahoo.com	
Service Medals: Good Conduct	





# George R. Wharton

Date of Birth: 3-3-33	
Place of Birth: Rockbridge, Ohio	Gender: Male
Dates of Service: June 52- May 73	
Branch of Service: United State Air Force	
Unit: 509th Fighter Inter Sqd.	

Rank: Lieutenant Colonel	
Prisoner of War: No	Status: Retired
Enlisted, Drafted, Commissioned: Enlisted	
Service Injury, Details: Back, Diabetes, Asia	n Orange

# Leota J. Harmon

Name: Leota J. Harmon	
Date of Birth: March 22, 1943	
Place of Birth: Clearcreek Twp.	Gender: Female
Branch of Service: Us Navy	
Dates of Service: Aug 1961 through July 1964	
Unit: stationed Norfolk Virginia- photo lab	

War or Conflict:		
Rank: E-5		
Kunk: E-3	1	
Prisoner of War: No	Status: Veteran	
Enlisted, Drafted, Commissioned: Enlisted		
Service Injury, Details: none		
Notes:		
3018 Junction Circle Dr. Lakeland, Fl 43805		
Service Medals:		

## Carl L. Harmon

#### Veteran's List

Name: Carl L. Harmon

Date of Birth: March 28, 1937

Place of Birth: Clearcreek Twp

Branch of Service: US Army

Dates of Service: 55-75

Unit: 32 Tank Battalion in Germany
In Vietnam Helicopter Unit
Then Army Recruiter in Circleville
B try A 4'/77th FA Ft Campbell Ky

War or Conflict: Vietnam and Cuban Crisis

Rank: SFC E-7

Prisoner of War: No Status: Veteran

Enlisted, Drafted, Commissioned: Enlisted

Service Injury, Details: NO

Notes:

Airplane dispatcher

Service Medals: GCMDL (6<sup>TH</sup> Award), NDSM, ARCOM, VSM(w/2cc), RVNCWw/60Dev, 1 o/s Bar



## Harry William Boyer

Name: Harry William Boyer	
Date of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	Gender: Male
Branch of Service: U.S. Marine Corps	
Dates of Service: March 22, 1953- October 1.	5, 1953
Unit: Marine Air Reserve Training Detachmen	nt, MARTC, NAS, US Naval Air Station Columbus

War or Conflict:	
Rank: Private	
Prisoner of War: No	Status: Honorable Discharge
Enlisted, Commissioned, Drafted:	
Service Injury:	
Notes:	
Basic Aviation Electronics	
Service Medals:	

# **David Aaron Young**

Name: David Aaron Young		
Date of Birth: 12-2-34		
Place of Birth: Lancaster, Ohio	Gender: Male	
Branch of Service: US Army		
Dates of Service: 12-10-58 to 12-8-63		
Unit:		

ator		
Status: Veteran		

