

Silent Heroes: Untold Stories of the Korean War

**Veterans Legacy Grant Program
2024/2025**

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What is National History Day®?

National History Day® (NHD) is a nonprofit organization that creates opportunities for teachers and students to engage in historical research. The mission of NHD is to improve the teaching and learning of history in middle and high school.

The most visible vehicle is the NHD National Contest. Students learn history by selecting topics of interest and launching into year-long research projects. After analyzing and interpreting their sources and drawing conclusions about their topics' significance in history, students present their work in original papers, exhibits, performances, websites, or documentaries. These projects are entered into competitions in the spring at local, affiliate, and national levels, where professional historians and educators evaluate them. The program culminates at the national competition held each June at the University of Maryland at College Park.

National History Day also offers opportunities, including our Silent Heroes® program, where teachers and students engage in historical research and learn how to identify, analyze, and synthesize primary and secondary sources to develop historical narratives. NHD's website, NHDSilentHeroes.org, includes over 500 stories of service members and Veterans who have served their nation.



Program Overview

In June 2024, National History Day® (NHD) received a grant from the Veterans Legacy Grant Program through the National Cemetery Administration (NCA). This was an ambitious project. We identified 50 teachers located within 90 miles of a National Cemetery or an NCA-funded state Veterans Cemetery (over 100 teachers applied for the opportunity). These teachers worked with their middle or high school students to select two Korean War-era Veterans who are buried at their local cemetery.

Over the course of six months, the teachers collaborated with their students to conduct research about their Veterans. They study their Veterans's lives before the war, home communities, military service, and experience as a Veteran. Each month, teachers and students received instructional materials, joined a live webinar program, and completed research. They were mentored by NHD master teachers, who vetted the research and provided feedback and guidance at each stage. At the conclusion of the research, the students wrote eulogies to honor their Veterans.

In the spring of 2025, the teachers and students visited their local cemeteries, where students read and recorded their eulogies. Working with NHD staff, this work was transformed into online profiles that were posted on the Veterans Legacy Memorial website (vlm.cem.va.gov) and NHD's Silent Heroes database (NHDSilentHeroes.org). The video eulogies were edited to include primary source content that was posted on each site.

NHD created tools to assess both the students and the teachers on their content knowledge and their historical thinking skills related to primary source analysis.



Student Program Assessment Comments

- “I have learned how to find accurate sources when researching. I have also learned how to check my sources.”
- “I learned that you can't always get the research you need in an instant even with technology.”
- “I definitely feel better about navigating through archives and finding information buried in the papers of time. I will use my skills to find out even more about my family history when I eventually go digging.”
- “If you are struggling with anxiety and shyness, I think this is a good opportunity to go out and socialize with your community because it helps you improve in that type of stuff.”
- “I would tell the student to never stop looking for information, even after they think they have enough to fill in a required area. There will always be something more to find out about your veteran that will wow you and make you feel more invested in the Korean War.”
- “Get to know the veterans like they are still alive so you truly understand their story and background. Time and patience are required to complete research and get the best results. You can ask for help, it is the best way to receive the knowledge you require.”
- “The program is very hard but it really pays off in the end because it is very rewarding to find people that have served and recognizing them and what they did for us.”



Teacher Program Assessment Comments

- “The experience gave the students a deeper understanding of the War, and it helped them appreciate combat veterans more.”
- “Even though my students do not have military families, after selecting veterans, we learned that they both contributed to the medical profession. One of our students' fathers is a physician, and the other's mother is a veterinarian. This was a great way for them to find a connection to the veterans, as 2 of the 4 would like to pursue a medical career.”
- “The students said how meeting the families and participating in the Zoom interviews gave them deeper insight into the lives of their assigned veterans and made them go back into their research to enhance and make it better. It became more important to them to honor them.”
- “I think they have realized that research is a process. Sometimes, putting in the work does not mean you will be successful at that point in time to get answers or the answers you want. I think the best part was getting to do interviews with family members. They gave us information we otherwise would not have and excited my students who got to do more ‘hands-on’ history.”
- “One thing that I noticed was that the students really enjoyed looking at the primary source documents, like the census data. Several of them even brought in magnifying glasses to look more closely at the small, cursive handwriting to figure out what all was being stated.”
- “My knowledge about the Korean War and Veteran experience has been strengthened through this program. I can't say enough about how engaging and interactive Professor Hamner's presentations were.”



Teacher Program Assessment Comments

- “The Zoom meetings and the primary sources used were a total ‘Aha’ moment and have enhanced my teaching and impacted my students.”
- “As a US History teacher, I felt that I went into this program with an adequate amount of knowledge about the Korean War. However, after completing this program, I look back and realize that I learned SO much more over the last several months than I have anywhere else when it comes to the Korean War. This program has brought not only newfound knowledge but also a deeper respect for those brave souls who participated in the war.”
- “My students had to get creative in their attempts to find information. They took a lot of ‘risks’ (writing emails to families, contacting local libraries, a Presidential Library, and local historical societies), and were very surprised at how willing people were to help. I will now encourage students to step out of their comfort zone and look at local resources, send library inquiries, etc.”
- “As a new teacher in the US, this experience allowed me to connect with the veteran's family and even establish a friendship with them. This project was also commended by the tribe. There will be more collaborations, academically and institutionally, with the district and tribe, based on our experience in this project. Elah'kwa (Zuni word for Thank you).”
- “My students loved this program. They have already asked if we can do it again. They are also looking into how we can gain more recognition for one of our veterans who lived an amazing life of service.”
- “On behalf of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and our institution, Dishchii'Bikoh High School, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to NHD for this grant and project to retell the story of our heroes which can inspire the next generation for a greater purpose.”
- “Don't ever hesitate to work with National History Day. They are the gold standard in teacher professional development and student development of real research skills.”



Recognition

National History Day would like to thank the students who completed this program and their teachers:

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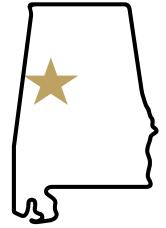


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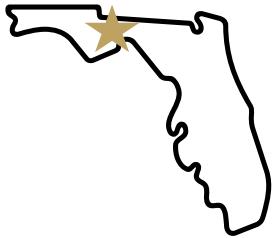
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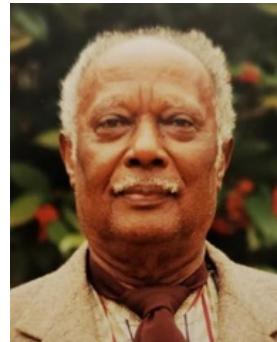


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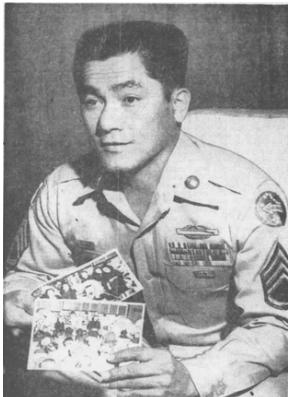


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Eulogy: https://youtu.be/kJrl_tfPy5M



**Skinner North Elementary School
Chicago, Illinois
Mr. Zach Schroeder**

Crown Hill Columbarium Annex

Indianapolis, Indiana



U.S. Air Force Airman Second Class

Florence Mabel Linde Dudley

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U.S. Army First Lieutenant Leon Clay Wesson

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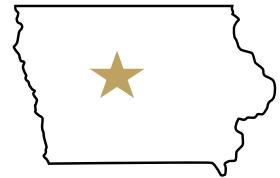
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Mrs. Lori Grant Feliciano

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Adel, Iowa

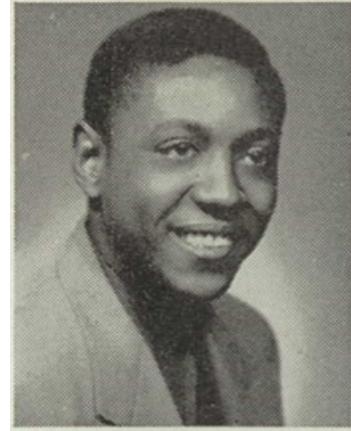


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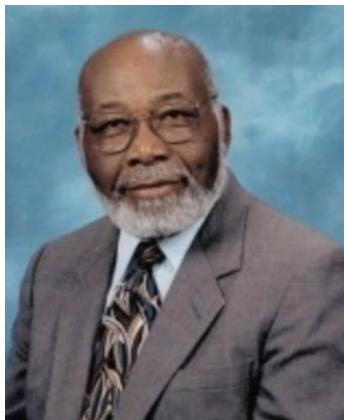


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Eulogy: <https://youtu.be/Nz3oF6YRBew>



Adel DeSoto Minburn Middle School

Adel, Iowa

Mr. Jonathan Markus

Kansas Veterans Cemetery at Winfield Winfield, Kansas



U.S. Army Private First Class Judith Elaine Russell Allen

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Eulogy: <https://youtu.be/GYjuzjS1utM>



U.S. Army Private First Class John Willie Blue

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Eulogy: <https://youtu.be/Z2NaN2QaeHc>



St. Mary Parish Catholic School
Derby, Kansas
Ms. Angie Gumm

Camp Nelson National Cemetery Nicholasville, Kentucky



U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Fred Lee Baker

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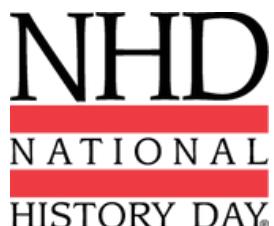
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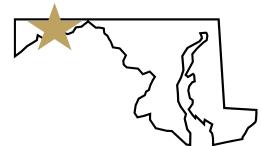


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Mrs. Kathy Bess**



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Flintstone, Maryland

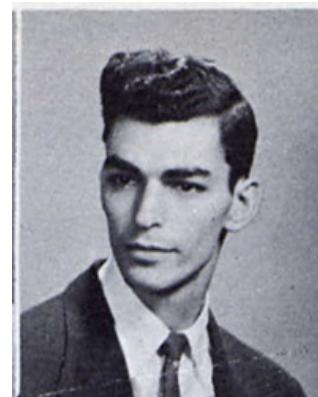


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U.S. Air Force Airman Basic Phillip Ottawao Taylor

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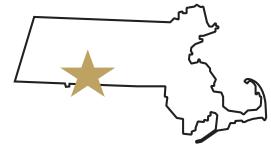
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**Northern Middle School
Accident, Maryland
Mrs. Ali Schilpp**

Massachusetts State Veterans Cemetery

Agawam, Massachusetts



U.S. Air Force Airman Second Class

Margaret “Peggy” Elgie Tansey Bentley

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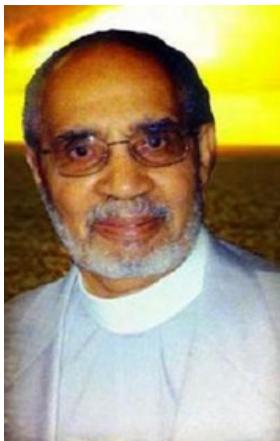
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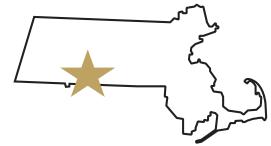
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**North Andover High School
North Andover, Massachusetts
Mr. Brian Sheehy**

Massachusetts State Veterans Cemetery

Agawam, Massachusetts



U.S. Army Private First Class Morris Jones

<https://www.vlm.cem.va.gov/MORRISJONES/838784>

<https://nhdsilentheroes.org/profiles/morris-jones/>



**North Andover High School
North Andover, Massachusetts
Mr. Brian Sheehy**



Great Lakes National Cemetery

Holly, Michigan



U.S. Army Private First Class Jerry Cohen

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Eulogy: https://youtu.be/BbGJqkth_xM



U.S. Army Private First Class Jose Antonio Fernandez

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Eulogy: <https://youtu.be/t4UV0xI7cRM>



Boulan Park Middle School

Troy, Michigan

Ms. Erika Berger

Great Lakes National Cemetery

Holly, Michigan



U.S. Army Sergeant Alice Jean Morrison Bloetscher

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Eulogy: <https://youtu.be/AWISHEED7uM>



U.S. Air Force Airman Second Class Shirley Elizabeth McIntyre

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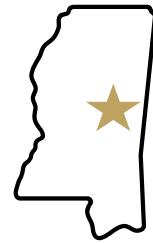
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Richards Middle School
Fraser, Michigan
Ms. Tara Fugate

Mississippi Veterans Memorial Cemetery Newton, Mississippi



U.S. Army Corporal Vernon Anderson

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Eulogy: <https://youtu.be/pB6eYGboLhE>



U.S. Army Private Orville Clyde "Pete" Breazeale

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Eulogy: <https://youtu.be/qVO-1H9F3vo>



Southeast Lauderdale High School

Meridian, Mississippi

Mrs. Catherine McGowin

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

St. Louis, Missouri



***U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel
Johanna Elizabeth Balla Baskin Butt***

<https://www.vlm.cem.va.gov/JOHANNABASKINBUTT/9a8383>

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Eulogy: <https://youtu.be/pT9EAXrw4Wc>



U.S. Army Private First Class Calvin Gilmore, Jr.

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Eulogy: <https://youtu.be/Rf0qgBSerws>



**Marquette High School
Chesterfield, Missouri
Dr. Megan Burian**

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

St. Louis, Missouri



U.S. Army Specialist Fourth Class Reginald Sueo Arakaki

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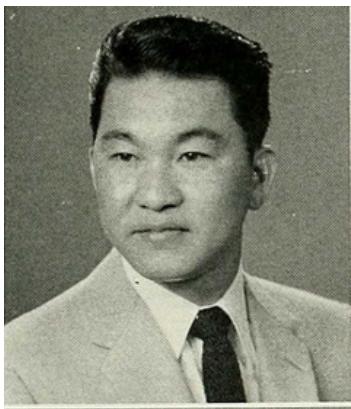


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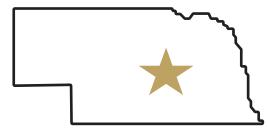
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**Belleville East High School
Belleville, Illinois
Mrs. Katie Hoerner**

Nebraska Veterans Home Cemetery Grand Island, Nebraska



U.S. Army Specialist Sixth Class Howard G. "Hap" Isbrandtsen

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Eulogy: <https://youtu.be/IglaS2trNTQ>.



U.S. Navy Metal Smith Petty Officer Second Class George Marvin Kamper

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Eulogy: <https://youtu.be/Q-7vzqZwfpg>



Loup City Public School

Loup City, Nebraska

Mrs. Kim Henry and Mrs. Janet Kuszak

Omaha National Cemetery Omaha, Nebraska



***U.S. Air Force Airman Second Class
Ruth Elaine Grabner Frost***

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Eulogy: https://youtu.be/-r8iNOBDi_0



U.S. Army Private First Class Hiawatha Thompson

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Eulogy: <https://youtu.be/pOykkGrJQ4Y>



Syracuse Middle School
Syracuse, Nebraska
Mrs. Sarah Burr

New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery Boscawen, New Hampshire



U.S. Air Force Airman First Class Phyllis B. Arnold Crowley

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U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Patricia “Pat” Ann O’Brien Dawe

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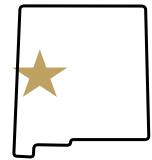


**Bedford High School
Bedford, New Hampshire
Mrs. Sierra Dolce**

Quincy Pateah Cemetery

Zuni, New Mexico

Zuni Nation



U.S. Army Private First Class Alex Roland Seowtewa

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Eulogy: <https://youtu.be/i9nyL1cROGw>



Twin Buttes Cyber Academy
Zuni, New Mexico
Ms. Sheila Uy

Long Island National Cemetery

Farmingdale, New York



U.S. Air Force Airman First Class Morton Bronstein

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U.S. Army Private First Class Jack Leonard Cohen

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Eulogy: <https://youtu.be/28x14jzB5aQ>



New York City Lab School for Collaborative Studies

New York, New York

Mr. Patrick Sprinkle

Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery Black Mountain, North Carolina



U.S. Navy Seaman Robert Elden “Bobby” Buchanan

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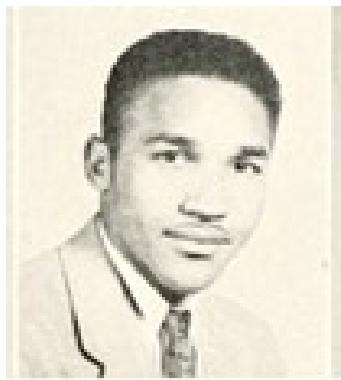


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Eulogy: https://youtu.be/qw9RMq_BVow



**Smoky Mountain High School
Sylva, North Carolina
Mrs. Cecilia Ruth Marcus**

Fort Sill National Cemetery

Elgin, Oklahoma



U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Sir Mack H. Allen, Jr.

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***U.S. Air Force Technical Sergeant
Roosevelt Claiborne "R.C." Peterson***

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Eulogy: <https://youtu.be/Ak9vcuWaaVO>



Blair High School
Blair, Oklahoma
Mrs. Heather McCormick

Washington Crossing National Cemetery

Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania



U.S. Army Private George A. Benton

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U.S. Army First Lieutenant Carl Mervil Cousins

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Eulogy: <https://youtu.be/MhMwgBs0l58>



Holicong Middle School
Central Bucks High School - East
Doylestown, Pennsylvania
Mr. Gregory Maigur

Jardines Memorial Park Isabela, Puerto Rico



U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Calixto López Piñero

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Mr. Timothy Proskauer



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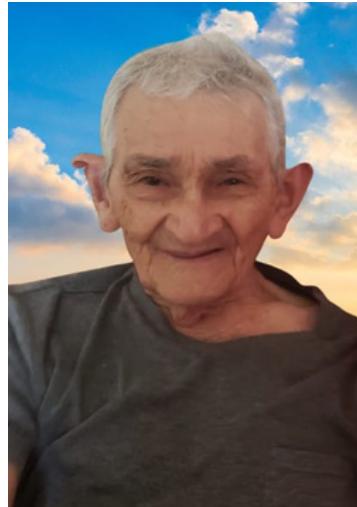
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Ramey School
Aguadilla, Puerto Rico
Mr. Timothy Proskauer



Black Hills National Cemetery Sturgis, South Dakota



U.S. Army Private First Class Sam Edward Dupris

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U.S. Army Private First Class Clifford E. Loudner, Sr.

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Chattanooga National Cemetery

Chattanooga, Tennessee



U.S. Army Private Samuel Gooden

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U.S. Army Specialist Second Class John T. Pataky

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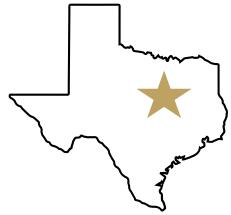
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McCallie School
Chattanooga, Tennessee
Dr. Duke Richey

Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery

Dallas, Texas



U.S. Army Sergeant Hoise Bell

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U.S. Army Colonel Enrique “Hank” Irizarry-Toro

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Plano East Senior High School

Plano, Texas

Mr. Rhett Carter and Dr. Joseph Russell

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

San Antonio, Texas



U.S. Air Force Brigadier General Belsario J. Flores, Jr.

<https://www.vlm.cem.va.gov/BELISARIOJFLORES/7034E48>

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U.S. Army Colonel Lois Anne Johns

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Houston National Cemetery

Houston , Texas

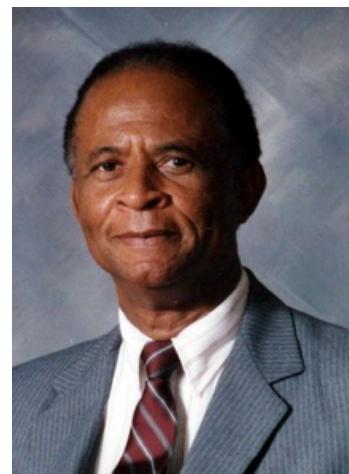


U.S. Army Corporal Oliver Eugene Brown, Sr.

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U.S. Marine Corps Corporal Lezell Hiawatha Hart

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**Odyssey Academy-Webster
Webster, Texas
Mrs. Jan Martinez**

Houston National Cemetery

Houston, Texas

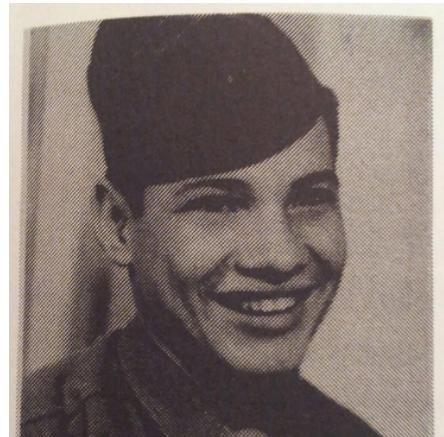


U.S. Army Private First Class Henry Martinez

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U.S. Army First Lieutenant Ernest Kelly Shaw

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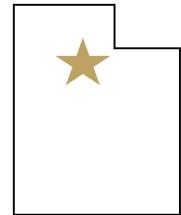
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Utah Veterans Cemetery and Memorial Park

Bluffdale, Utah

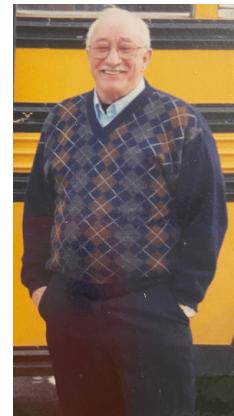


U.S. Air Force Airman First Class Barton J. "Bart" Gressmen

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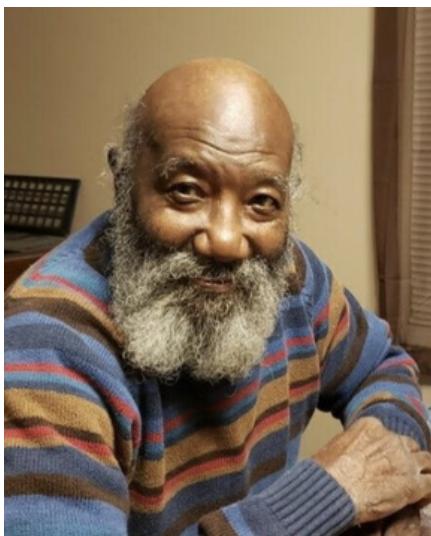


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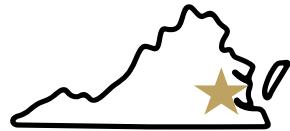
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Syracuse Arts Academy
Syracuse, Utah
Mrs. Heidi Stone

Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery Suffolk, Virginia



U.S. Marine Corps Corporal Raymond Nevarro Armstead

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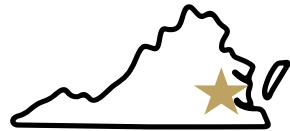
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**Grafton High School
Yorktown, Virginia
Mr. Andrew Abeyounis**

Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery Suffolk, Virginia



U.S. Navy Steward Chief Petty Officer Aurelio Papo Abrigo

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U.S. Air Force Airman First Class Bess Lee Melvin

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**Camden County High School
Camden, North Carolina
Mr. Wesley Young**

National Memorial Cemetery at Quantico Triangle, Virginia



U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant Carroll Hawthorne Allen

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U.S. Army Sergeant Dolores Helen Katashuk Ames

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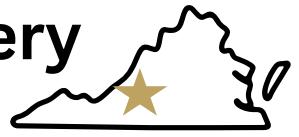
Saint Mary's Ryken High School

Leonardtown, Maryland

Mr. Leif Liberg

Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery

Dublin, Virginia



U.S. Air Force Airman First Class Alanna Grayce Maddock Crowder

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U.S. Air Force Technical Sergeant Billie Clark Alexander

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**Mount Airy High School
Mount Airy, North Carolina
Ms. Rebecca Simmons**

Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia Amelia Court House, Virginia



U.S. Army Corporal Milton “Mickey” David Alexander

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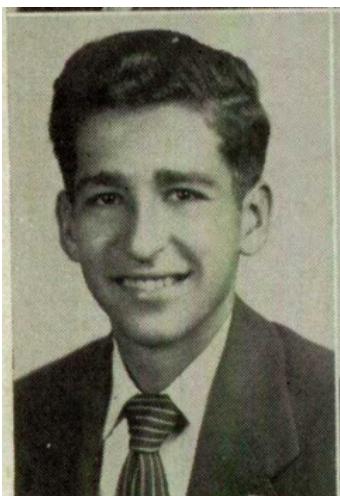


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Swift Creek Middle School
Midlothian, Virginia
Ms. Pamela Rockenbach Plahs

Tahoma National Cemetery Kent, Washington

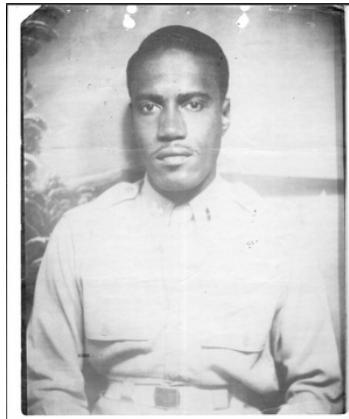


U.S. Army Captain Pearle E. Mack, Jr.

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U.S. Army Major Reynold Tadayoshi Muranaka

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Skyview Middle School
Bothell, Washington
Mrs. Nicole Maleki

Southern Wisconsin Veterans Cemetery Union Grove, Wisconsin



U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander Orville E. Pitts

<https://www.vlm.cem.va.gov/ORVILLEEPITTS/8af793>

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U.S. Army Corporal Cecil Grayson Sutphen

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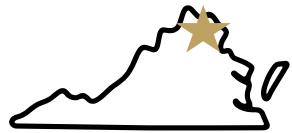
Glen Hills Middle School
Glendale, Wisconsin
Mrs. Lalitha Murali

Additional Veterans Legacy Memorial Profiles

In 2024/2025, National History Day® (NHD) had a contract with the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) to research the stories of 60 Silent Heroes who died in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. NHD has added these profiles to the Veterans Legacy Memorial to preserve these important stories.

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, Virginia



U.S. Marine Corps Private First Class Anthony John Pepper

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U.S. Army Private First Class William H. Bellows

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***U.S. Navy Hospital Apprentice First Class
Louis Baptiste Schuler***

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Ardennes American Cemetery Neupré, Belgium

***U.S. Army Air Corps Staff Sergeant
Wayne Carlyle Thulin***

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Cambridge American Cemetery Cambridge, United Kingdom

***U.S. Army Air Corps First Lieutenant
Henry Edwin Salmons***

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Epinal American Cemetery

Dinozé, France

U.S. Army Private First Class Paul Raymond Krug

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U.S. Army Private First Class James Oland Rose

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Florence American Cemetery

Florence, Italy

U.S. Army Private Edwin Frank Van Der Vaart

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Fairview Cemetery Shawnee, Oklahoma



U.S. Army Corporal Jesse Leroy Mitchell

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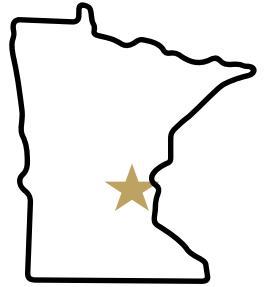
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Fort Snelling National Cemetery Minneapolis, Minnesota



***U.S. Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel
Walter Ernest Lischeid***

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National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific

Honolulu, Hawai'i



Elbert Henry Knox

Wake Island Defender, World War I Veteran

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U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant John Dooley Rucker

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U.S. Navy Ensign Donald Edwin Adams

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U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Louis Henry Bergmann

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U.S. Army Sergeant Worth Lamar Bunting

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U.S. Army Sergeant Celestino Chavez, Jr.

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U.S. Army Sergeant Alphonso Church

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U.S. Air Force Captain Howard Rudolph Cody

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U.S. Air Force Airman First Class Howard LaMont Croshaw

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U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Joe Lynn Delong

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U.S. Marine Corps Captain Phillip Allen Ducat

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U.S. Army Sergeant First Class Frederick Eugene Fleming

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U.S. Army Corporal Amos Ray Hutchins

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U.S. Army Sergeant Calvin Solomon Jones

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SGT	JONES, BILLY B.	ARKANSAS
SGT	JONES, CALVIN SOLMON	VIRGINIA
CPL	JONES, CARL R.	OKLAHOMA
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Salt Lake soldier killed.

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U.S. Navy Commander Max Duane Lukenbach

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U.S. Army Air Forces First Lieutenant Daniel Tucker Mathis, Jr.

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***U.S. Marine Corps Private First Class
James Richard "Rickey" Maxwell***

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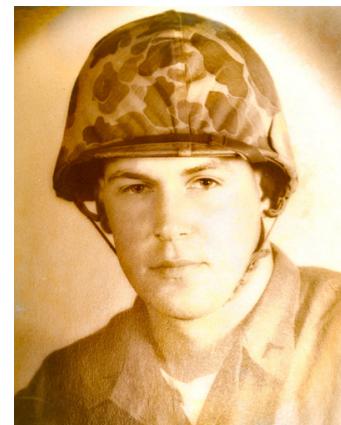
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***U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer Third Class
Thomas Frederick Riggs***

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***U.S. Marine Corps Private First Class
Edward Francis Rogers***

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U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Robert Francis Scherdin

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U.S. Army Corporal Dan Dwain Schoonover

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Sergeant First Class Donald “Don” Lee Sparks

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U.S. Army Corporal Harold Matthew Steele

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SGT	STEELE HAROLD M	ALABAMA
CPL	STEELE JAMES A	WASHINGTON
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Private First Class Walter Joseph Taylor, Jr.

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U.S. Army Corporal Albert Alvis Vincent

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Lorraine American Cemetery Saint-Avold, France

U.S. Army Private First Class Robert Bass

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U.S. Army First Sergeant Harry Emanuel Buckner

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Lorraine American Cemetery Saint-Avold, France

U.S. Army Sergeant James Ray West

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Luxembourg American Cemetery Hamm, Luxembourg

U.S. Army Corporal Wilbert “Will” Russell Geyer

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Manila American Cemetery Manila, Philippines

U.S. Army Private First Class Tench Brower Aldrich

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U.S. Army Private First Class Gerald C. Slonecker

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Manila American Cemetery Manila, Philippines

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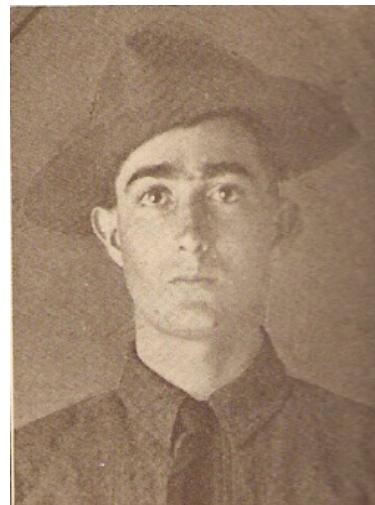


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U.S. Army Private William Flowers

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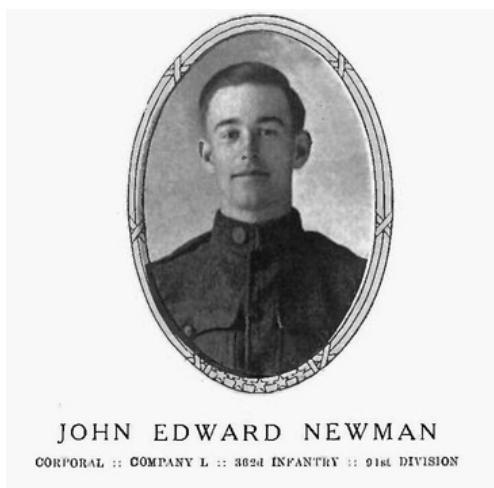
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U.S. Army Corporal John Edward Newman

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JOHN EDWARD NEWMAN

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North Africa American Cemetery Carthage, Tunisia

***U.S. Army Air Corps First Lieutenant
Rufus Randolph McLeod, Jr.***

<https://www.vlm.cem.va.gov/RufusRMcLeod/38E4B>

<https://nhdsilentheroes.org/profiles/rufus-randolph-mcleod-jr/>



Normandy American Cemetery Colleville-sur-Mer, France

U.S. Army Private Henry A. Dziura

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Oisne-Aisne American Cemetery Seringes-et-Nesles, France

U.S. Army Private Edward J. Bresler

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Private Ernest Keeling, Jr.

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Pine Grove Cemetery Annex Lansing, New York



U.S. Army Corporal Richard “Dickie” LeGrand Henderson, Jr.

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Rock Island National Cemetery Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois



U.S. Marine Corps Captain Paul David Derby

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Somme American Cemetery

Bony, France

U.S. Army Corporal Frederick “Fred” Osmond Gaskins

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Suresnes American Cemetery

Suresnes, France

U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant Eugene William Wear

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