



## Roster of Veterans



**Robert Hewitt U.S. Army Air Corps. WWII**

Bob joined after graduating from Dartmouth College. After receiving his commission as a 2nd Lt., he worked in the USA organizing crews for B17s and then B29s. See his interview:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oXfkYX-sqCs>

**Submitted by: American Legion Post 162**



**Edward F. Frank, Jr. U.S. Navy WWII**

Ed was a Storekeeper 1st class and plank holder on LST32 (Landing Ship Tank). They supported operations in North Africa, Sicily, Anzio and the invasion of Southern France, carrying troops, trucks, tanks, ammo, supplies, fuel, prisoners and casualties to and from beachheads.

**Submitted by Doug Frank Hillsdale, NJ**





**Robert Langner U.S. Marine Corps. WWII**

Bob joined the Marines after graduating from Westwood High School. After training, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division and served in the Pacific Campaign.. He was killed in action on March 1st, 1945 as the Marines fought in the largest amphibious landing in the War to capture the strategic island of Iwo Jima. He was 19 years old.



**Submitted by Phil Langner Park Ridge, NJ**



**Phillip Langner U.S. Army Vietnam**

After Basic and Advanced Training at Fort Dix NJ, Phil was assigned to Fort Bliss in Texas. There he received training and was assigned to the Motor Pool of the 6th Artillery Group Headquarters. Phil served as Commander of Post 162 from 2012 to 2019.

**Submitted by Phil Langner Park Ridge, NJ**



**Werner R. Matz U.S. Army Vietnam**

Werner entered the Army in 1963 and went to Ft. Dix for Infantry Training. When completed, he was sent to Fort Sill Oklahoma for Artillery training and was assigned to 6 gun Battalion 14th field artillery 175mm heavy artillery. He was discharged in 1969. He is the Chaplain of Post 162.

**Submitted by Werner "Ray" Matz River Vale, NJ**

**John D. Mac Mahon      U.S. Navy      WWII**



Mac joined the Navy in 1944 after High School graduation. He attended Quartermaster School in Bainbridge, MD and served at a Hospital in Georgia until late 1945.

**Submitted by Doug Frank      Hillsdale, NJ**

**F. Kenneth Frank      U.S. Air Force      WWII**



Ken was an Air Cadet and ended up flying the hump in Asia during the war providing supplies to the Nationalist Chinese. He returned to the Air Force for the Korean War and stayed in for 24 years, retiring as a Sr. Master Sergeant.

**Submitted by Doug Frank      Hillsdale, NJ**

**Douglas E Frank      U.S. Navy      Vietnam**



Doug joined the Navy after graduating college. He attended Yeoman "A" School and was assigned to the Defense Intelligence Agency, a Joint Service Command in the Pentagon, where he served in DI-4 which dealt with all of S. E. Asia, including Vietnam. In 2019, Doug was elected Commander of Post 162

**Submitted by Doug Frank      Hillsdale, NJ**





**Philip G. Fonde U.S. Army Vietnam**

Philip enlisted in the Army after High School. After Basic and Advanced Military Police training he served overseas and in the U.S. Awarded a Reserve Commission upon Graduating College, he joined the NJ National Guard Military Police. Later he served in Command and Executive Positions in Adjutant General and Finance units. After 25 years he retired as Division Provost Marshal, LTColonel MP Corps.. Phil serves as Adjutant of Post 162 since 2017.

**Submitted by Philip G. Fonde Hillsdale, NJ**



**Thomas J. O'Brien U.S. Marine Corps. Vietnam**

Thomas J. O'Brien joined the Marines in 1964, shortly after graduating from high school. Tom was deployed to Vietnam for 1 year. and later stationed in Japan and then Camp Lejeune in NC. Tom was the recipient of several awards, specifically for his service in Vietnam. During his time with the Marines, Tom was promoted several times reaching the rank of Corporal before being honorably discharged in 1968.

**Submitted by the O'Brien and Smith Families Hillsdale, NJ**

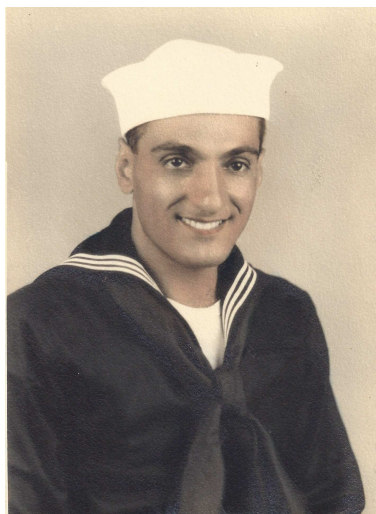


**Henry Simpson U.S. Army WWII Korea**

Henry had studied electrical engineering in college and was commissioned in the Engineering Corps. He was stationed in Japan at the end of the war. He arrived just after the surrender. He served as part of the occupation at the end of the war. He was recalled to duty for the Korean War where he served in Germany.

**Submitted by Henry Simpson Hillsdale, NJ**





**James DeRosa                      U.S. Navy                      WW II**

My father enlisted in the Navy at the height of WW II. He served on the USS Blue Ridge which provided communications and commands to the fleet in the Pacific. Dropping of the atomic bomb on Japan effectively ended the war and brought my father home to my mother, brother, sisters and me.

**Submitted by George DeRosa                      Hillsdale, NJ**



**George M. DeRosa                      U.S. Navy                      Korea**

George DeRosa served in the U. S. Navy from 1951 – 1954 where he attained the rank of Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class. His mission now is caring for veterans and, as Past Post Commander and now leading the Membership Committee, recruiting new members to ensure The Post will be active for many years to come. See his interview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VpIewsS8LX0>

**Submitted by George DeRosa                      Hillsdale, NJ**



**Alfred Grimaldi                      U.S. Army                      Korea**

Fred served with the U.S. Army Reserves, Military Police Company, and then on active duty, in the 12th Regiment of the 4th Infantry Division with the occupation forces in Germany during the Cold War. He was a Staff Sergeant in a Heavy Mortar company. Fred is Service Officer of Post 162.

**Submitted by Fred Grimaldi                      Hillsdale, NJ**



**Michael Gela      U.S. Army      Vietnam**



Mike joined the Army and had Basic Training at Ft. Dix. After Advanced training he traveled by troop transport to South Korea where he served in a Long Line Signal Battalion in a remote area. After 1 year he was transferred to Ft. Hood in Texas, where he completed his enlistment. Mike has served as First Vice Commander of Post 162 for many years. Mike is Sr. Vice Commander of Post 162.

**Submitted by Mike Gela      Hillsdale, NJ**

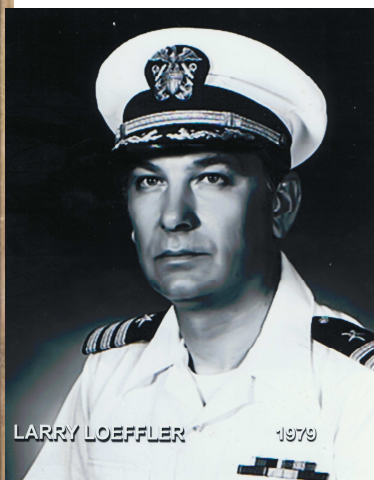
**Rudy Pachner      U.S. Army      Vietnam Era**



After arriving in the USA from Austria in 1959, Rudy was drafted in 1963 going to Ft. Dix, NJ for basic training. Rudy was assigned to Augsburg, Germany in 1964. After further training in Garmisch, Germany with attack dogs, Rudy served at Flak Kaserne, Augsburg, Germany for 2 years as an MP with an attack dog. In April, 1966 Rudy was assigned to Fort Riley, KS and discharged in Dec. 1966.

**Submitted by Evelyn Pachner      Hillsdale, NJ**

**Larry Loeffler      U.S. Navy      Korea**



Larry graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with an engineering degree and was commissioned in the Navy in 1952. He spent 4 years in various departments on the USS Perry DD 844. He then transferred to the Active Reserves and into Naval Aviation where he continued for 22 years. He retired as a Commander. See interview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VW2CGM2DtwQ>

**Submitted by Larry Loeffler      Hillsdale, NJ**



**Natale Lucarello**

**U.S. Navy**

**Korea**



Nat enlisted in the Navy and went to radioman school. He was assigned to USS Witek DD 848 a Geary Class Destroyer. It had been converted to an experimental anti submarine warfare ship and spent its time in the Western Atlantic and Caribbean. Nat was promoted to Petty Officer 3rd Class and stayed on the Witek for his full enlistment.

**Submitted by Nat Lucarello**

**Hillsdale, NJ**



**Frank Lucarello**

**U. S. Marine Corps. WWII**

Frank grew up in West New York, NJ and enlisted in the Marines. He was promoted to Private 1st Class and served in the Pacific with CoK, 3rdBn, 1stMar, 1stMarDiv. While in close combat operating a machine gun on Peleliu during the bitterest battle of the war for the Marines, on September 19, 1944 he was seriously wounded. He was returned to a Navy Cruiser for treatment where he died of his wounds and was buried at sea. Frank was 19 years old.



**Submitted by Nat Lucarello**

**Hillsdale, NJ**



**Thomas J. Ivancich**

**U. S. Army**

**Vietnam**

Tom was drafted shortly after he was married in 1961. After training at Ft. Dix, he and Eileen were assigned to serve in New Ulm in Bavaria, Germany. He was trained in heavy weapons and was promoted to Spec 4. He served in Germany for 18 months before he was discharged and the newlyweds were able to come home.

**Submitted by Tom Ivancich**

**Hillsdale, NJ**





**Albert Vincent Palazzolo U.S. Army WWII**  
Albert served in the U.S. Army prior to W W II. He was stationed in Oahu, Hawaii, Schofield Barracks in the 11th Field Artillery. He re-entered the Army when the War started, serving four years & was in the Anti-Tank Company, 16th Infantry. He performed his military duty in the European & American Theater and fought in The Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and was honorably discharged as a Corporal.

**Submitted by Lorraine Gela**

**Hillsdale, NJ**



**Birger Carlson U.S. Navy Korea**

Birger served in the US Navy for four years. He was assigned to the heavy cruiser USS Columbus CA-74. He was part of the 1st Division as a Bosuns (Boatswain's) Mate. They served most of their time in the Atlantic and Mediterranean, serving as the flagship for several different flotillas during the Korean War period.

**Submitted by Bob Karlson**

**Hillsdale, NJ**



**William J. Ondrejczik U.S. Army Vietnam**

William was born April 4, 1944 in New York City. He graduated from William H. Maxwell H.S. in 1962. He joined the Army in 1967 and served in Nha Trang Vietnam in the 272nd MP company until 1968. He had been promoted to Spec 4. He moved to Hillsdale in 1990 and died November 16, 2011.

**Submitted by Steve J. Ondrejczik Hillsdale, NJ**



**John J. McGoldrick U.S. Navy Vietnam**



John joined the Navy out of High School and served from 1959-1963. He was an Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd class Petty Officer assigned to Airborne Early Warning Squadron 13. He flew over 2,000 hours as a Radio Operator on Barrier missions out of Newfoundland and Iceland.

**Submitted by John J. McGoldrick Hillsdale**

**Louis Amorati U. S. Army WWII**



In Sept 1945 Lou was drafted after graduating Emerson HS in Union City. He reported to Ft. Dix for Basic Training and Advanced Training. He served as a Technician Fifth Grade in the Motor Pool at Ft Dix, repairing all types of vehicles and making pick ups and deliveries off post. He was released from active duty in Dec 1946.

**Submitted by Lou Amorati Hillsdale, NJ**

**Henry Amorati U.S. Army Air Corps. WWII**



Henry enlisted early in the war and was trained as a radio operator in the Army Air Corps. He flew 27 missions over Europe in B17s. He returned to the U. S. Air Force after the war and retired as a Warrant Officer in the medical field.

**Submitted by Lou Amorati Hillsdale, NJ**



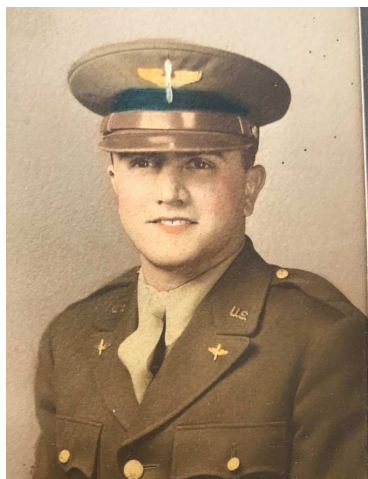


**Paul Fionda**                      **U.S. Army**                      **Vietnam**  
Paul enlisted into the army in 1968 after High School. After basic and advanced Military Police Training, he was deployed to Vietnam. He was the recipient of several awards including the Bronze Star, several Service Medals and Expert Rifle/Marksman. After his discharge from the Army in 1974, Paul joined the 50th Maintenance Battalion National Guard Unit in Lodi NJ as a cook. After serving 34 years in the Military, he retired as a SFC of the Mess Section.

**Submitted by the Fionda Family**                      **Hillsdale, NJ**



**Fred Winkler**                      **U.S. Navy**                      **WWII**  
Fred enlisted in the Navy hoping for submarine service, but was assigned to Navy Air. He trained in NAS Pensacola and served on submarine watch duty on a Catalina PBY. They patrolled the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic. He was a Machinists Mate Petty Officer Third Class and part of a crew of three. At one point he was responsible for guarding 50 German prisoners due to his ability to speak German. At the end of the War he was discharged in New Orleans. Fred Served as Commander of Post 162 in 1949/50.  
**See his interview at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ExSxL-BN-Jg>**  
**Submitted the Winkler Family Hillsdale, NJ**



**Vincent L. Sgroi**                      **U.S. Army Air Corps**                      **WWII**  
As a Proud Son of Italian Immigrants, Vincent entered the service of our country to fight for the right of all peoples to be free. He served as a Sergeant. "This thing called FREEDOM is so precious that I would go back tomorrow to secure a future of true FREEDOM AND LIBERTY, for us, our children, their children and their children's children."

**Submitted by Joe Sgroi**                      **Pearl River, NY**





**Albert P. Corrieri U.S. Army Air Corps WWII**

Staff Sergeant Corrieri was a member of the 1388<sup>th</sup> Army Air Force Base Unit. He entered active service on August 6, 1942 and was discharged on January 6, 1946. He served one year and nine months on U.S. Soil, and one year, seven months and seven days on foreign soil in Alaska and Harmon Field in Newfoundland.

**Submitted by the Corrieri Family Hillsdale, NJ**

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**Cornelius "Neil" Hering U.S. Army Air Corps. WWII**



Neil served with the U. S. Army Air Corps in the African and Italian Campaigns. He flew 18 missions in B-17 Bombers over Northern Italy, Po Valley and Southern France with the 15th Air Force, 885 Bomb Group. He was awarded the Distinguished Unit badge with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal.

**Submitted by John Hering Hillsdale, NJ**



**Thomas Henry Adams U.S. Navy Korea**

Thomas served as a Hospital Corpsman assigned to the 1st Marine Division fighting against enemy forces in December 1950. He exposed himself to machine gun fire aiding wounded Marines. Although injured, he refused evacuation until others were treated. He was awarded the Bronze Star Combat with "V" for Valor and the Purple Heart for his wounds.

**Submitted by John Hering Hillsdale, NJ**





**Michael Conrad Roell      U.S. Army      Vietnam**  
Michael was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served attained the rank of Private First Class. He was sent to Vietnam in March of 1967. In May 1967, his Army unit became engaged in fighting in the Central Highlands near Pleiku, South Vietnam. Michael was killed, along with half of his 150-man company. He died on May 26, 1967. He was awarded a Bronze Star, with V for valor, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Purple Heart, National Defense, Vietnam Service, and Vietnam Campaign medals. the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Psalm and the Vietnamese Military Merit Medal. Michael Roell was 20 years old.

**Submitted by American Legion Post 162**



**Edward Dell      U.S. Army      Vietnam**

In May 1961 Ed enlisted in the Army 2nd Corps 320th General Hospital Unit. He did basic training at Ft. Dix and Advanced Training as a cook. In 1965 during the Vietnam War, his unit was put on ready active alert. He served in VA Hospitals in NJ and NY. In May 1967 he was Honorably Discharged with the rank of Sergeant (E-5)

**Submitted by Ed Dell      Hillsdale, NJ**



**Thomas L. Steele, Jr. U.S. Marines WWII & Korea**

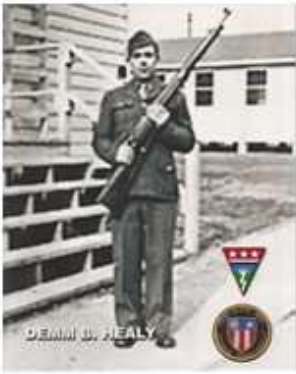
Tom served in the Pacific Theater in Samoa in 1944. Recalled to Korea as a First Lieutenant and forward observer assigned to the 1st Marine Division. In June 1951, he braved heavy shellfire to direct his battalion's artillery fire, successfully taking Hill 676 from the enemy. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with "Combat V" and later promoted to Captain.



**Submitted by the Steele Family      Hillsdale, NJ**



**Demme B. Healy Sr. U.S. Army WWII**



Demme Healy served in the India Burma China Theater where the Army built the Ledo Road to keep lines open to China. He served as Commander of Post 162 twice. From 1955 to 1957 and again from 1977 to 1981. He was instrumental in keeping the Post active in a time of diminishing membership.

**Submitted by Demme B. Healy Jr. Hillsdale, NJ**

**Franklyn Gluckler U.S. Army Air Corps. WWII**



Frank enlisted in the Air Corps in August 1943 and after basic training, he was assigned to Bombardier school in Maxwell Field in AL to be trained as a replacement crew. He was discharged in November 1945 as a 2nd Lt.

See his interview

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=saUe0WubcNw>

**Submitted by Frank Gluckler Hillsdale, NJ**

**Andrew J. (AJ) Elbert U.S. Navy War on Terror**



AJ enlisted in the Navy and served as a Second Class Petty Officer ND2(DSW). Upon graduation from Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center in Panama City Florida, AJ served as an Underwater Ship's Husbandry diver in Groton Connecticut and went on to serve as a Special Operations diver for SDVT-1 based out of Pearl Harbor Hawaii.

**Submitted by AJ Elbert River Vale, NJ**





**Bernard Weber      U.S. Army      Vietnam**

Bernie served from November 1961 to 1964. After basic and advanced training, he received further training at Fort Bragg for counterinsurgency with the 519th MI Battalion and was assigned to the 3rd RRU in Vietnam. He finished his tour of duty as a Staff Sergeant at Fort Meade Maryland.

**Submitted by Bernie Weber      Hillsdale, NJ**



**Vincent McCarthy      U.S. Navy      Korea**

Vince enlisted in the Navy in 1948 and served until 1952. He served on the USS Coral Sea a CVB, Essex Class Aircraft Carrier, which patrolled the Mediterranean. He served as a Machinists Mate. Vince retired as a Lt. from the Hillsdale Police Dept. Vince served as Commander of Post 162.

See his interview <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nTUELcDE5Gk>

**Submitted by American Legion Post 162**



**Roy Meyer      U.S. Navy      WWII**

Roy served with the SeaBees, which is the Navy Construction Battalion. He enlisted in May 1943 at 17. After training he served in England building Pontoon Barges for use in D-Day. They went to Normandy arriving on Omaha Beach on day one. He lived on the sunken ships used for a breakwater until the shore was secured. After serving in Europe he was transferred to the Pacific (Borneo, Philippines and China) in early 1945. He was discharged as a Bosuns Mate 2nd Class. See his interview <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rh7DBdBvjTc>

**Submitted by American Legion Post 162**



**John J. O'Neill Jr.**

**U.S. Navy**

**WWII**



John enlisted in 1944. He did boot camp at Sampson in NY State. After amphibious training in Norfolk, he was assigned to LSM 379 (Landing Ship Medium) in Texas. He was a radarman. The ship went to the Pacific and was poised for the invasion of Japan. After the war ended, he served in the Occupation of Japan before returning home to his wife and two daughters.

**Submitted by Doug Frank Hillsdale, NJ**

**James Scanlan**

**U.S. Navy**

**WWII**



Jim served as a Lieutenant aboard the USS Guadalupe (AO-32), a fleet oiler, in the Pacific from 1942 to 1945. The ship participated in virtually every major event in the Pacific. They supported the US fleet at the Battle of Midway, and the landings at Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

**Submitted by the Scanlan and McCrory Families Hillsdale, NJ**

**Edward J. Pasternacki**

**U.S. Navy**

**WWII**



Ed enlisted in the Navy and was trained as an Aerographers Mate, which is responsible monitoring and forecasting weather and sea conditions. He served on the USS Santee an Escort (Jeep) Carrier that saw service in the Atlantic and N. Africa. He often had to climb the mast to take wind measurements for flight operations. He was promoted to Petty Officer Third Class. In 1944 he was transferred to the USS Matagorda. Ed served as Sergeant at Arms for Post 162.

**Submitted by American Legion Post 162**





**Richard Curran      U.S. Army      Korea**

Rich received training as radio operator. At Fort Jackson. He was stationed with the 1st Infantry Division and served in Wurzburg, Germany during the Korean War. Rich served as Adjutant of Post 162 for many years. Rich has also been a leader in Scouting and an active volunteer for many, many years in Hillsdale.

**Submitted by Rich Curran   Hillsdale   NJ**



**Louis O. Springsteen      U.S. Army      WWII**

Louis Otto Springsteen b. 9/12/26, d. 12/22/16 was drafted into the Army on January 12th, 1945. He served in France and Germany in the Army of Occupation. He served as a Clerk Typist 405, and was discharged 8/29/46. Louis received the Army of Occupation Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

**Submitted by Ellen Springsteen   Westwood   NJ**



**Harry G. Melman      U.S. Army      WWI**

From October 1917 to June 1918, Harry served in the 326th Infantry, a regiment of the 82nd Division that took part in the climactic Meuse-Argonne Offensive. In August 1918, behind heavy artillery, the regiment advanced to capture three enemy machine guns and secure information vital to command. Then on September 12th, this time on the receiving end, the 326th had its first deadly encounter with mustard gas. Following the November Armistice and months of occupation, Harry shipped home the following June.

**Submitted by Robert Lavner   River Vale, NJ**