Veterans Among Us 2016

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From the time of the Civil War, many from the Brockport College community have served their country.

Co. A, 140th NY Infantry was raised in Brockport and included students and alumni of the college. Many served in other units as well.

The 140th played an important role at Gettysburg and many other battles.

Reenactors of the 140th NY Infantry.
Spanish American War, 1898

The “Rough Riders” at San Juan Hill.
Sarah Shaw, ’93 - Nurse

After Brockport she went on to study nursing at the Bellevue Nursing School in New York City. When the Spanish American War began she joined the Red Cross nursing service and went to Cuba with the army.

She returned home at one point to recover from malaria and "nerve exhaustion" and then returned to serve as a nurse in the Philippines.

Pictured is a group of nurses on a ship off of Cuba.
A militia company from Brockport went into service during the war, one of whose members was Harry Burlingame, son of a popular professor at the college, Herman Burlingame, a mathematics professor, pictured at right.
“Doughboys” training with a machine gun.
The WWI memorial poplars, from the 1932 Saga Yearbook

In the 1932 yearbook, Principal Alfred Thompson wrote:

"Beautiful thoughts are inspired by nature's trees. The Lombardy Poplars around the campus that lift their heads so gracefully to the sky are living memorials to the one hundred one members of our school who answered our country's call in the World War. Some of our poplars did not survive and some of our boys did not return. Beautiful thoughts these trees inspire."

These trees stood along Utica St. and the north side of Hartwell Hall up until the 1960s.
An ambulance driver in WWI, he recalled his experiences in an article in the February 1919 edition of the Stylus, including the war’s ending:

“We celebrated November 11…, everyone was everyone else’s friend and booze enough flowed to float the Maine. …who can say that there was not just the slightest feeling of regret? It meant the end of a big adventure…”
Peter D. Ricci

Grandfather of Mark Ricci,
University Police Department

Age approximately 19 years old.
Immigrated to the U.S. through Ellis Island in New York City.
Marvin Croom

Grandfather of Charlie Cowling,
Drake Memorial Library
World War II, 1939-1945

An American soldier on Guadalcanal.
Many from Brockport served, and after the war the returning veterans helped the school expand to unprecedented dimensions.
Some Deceased Brockport College WWII Veterans

Herb Bailey  Bill Hemmer  John Chesnutt

Jack Crandall  Carl Neuscheler

Adam LaZarre  Bill Ward  Clark Whited

Gerry D'Agostino  Steve Dellaquila  Ed Stephany  Cliff Wilson

Collage courtesy of Bud Meade
Francis J. Manno

History Professor, (emeriti, deceased.)
Floyd Harris
Father of Kim Myers,
Drake Memorial Library
Frank Willittts
Uncle of Bill Jolly,
Facilities and Planning Department

At Pearl Harbor.
Daniel Wierzbowski
U.S. Navy
Grandfather of
Kenneth Wierzbowski,
Drake Memorial Library
Albert Casey

Grandfather of Erin Rickman,
Office of Student Retention
Ted Giermek

Grandfather of Amanda Giermek (Nursing Student) and cousin of R. Orzech (Mother of Mary Jo Orzech, Library Director)
Robert H. Carlson
U.S. Navy
Father of Holley Laudico, Drake Memorial Library

Served as a Seabee stationed in the Philippines
Robert J. Potter
U.S. Army Air Corps
Professor & Chair, Sociology, 1967-1985

Charles T. Laudico
U.S. Marines
Father-in-law of Holley Laudico,
Drake Memorial Library

Fought in the Battle of Okinawa
Glenn Quetschenbach
U.S. Navy
Father of Gail Thiel,
Parking & Transportation Services
William David Ward, Sr.
U.S. Marine Corps
Professor, Psychology, 1967-1985

U. S. Marine Corps, WWII, 2nd Lieutenant. Having left San Diego for Guan on an Auxiliary Personnel Attack vessel (APA) that carried troops and supplies that was scheduled to make an initial landing, they received word of the bombing of Hiroshima, followed by word of Nagasaki and were spared the landing.
Kennard Rumage
U.S. Army
Professor and Chair, Earth Sciences, 1968-1983

U. S. Army, WWII. Served with The Big Red 1 infantry division. He was a sergeant in command of two half-tracks and earned two Silver Stars, the third highest medal for gallantry. Captured and spent six months in a POW camp in Northern Germany before liberation.
Daniel C. Smith, Jr.
U.S. Navy

Father of Laurie Smith, Assistant to V P for Finance

b. 5/11/1925 d. 4/5/2010
Unit: U.S. Navy Carrier Aircraft
Service Unit 38
Rank: E5 Petty Officer Second Class, Ordinance & Radar Rated
Served: 1942 to 1945
Theater: Pacific War of WWII
Maurice J. "Maury" Kleiman
U.S. Army

U. S. Army, WWII. For his unit's engagement at Wingen, his battalion, 2nd Battalion of the 274th Infantry Regiment, was awarded "The Presidential Unit Citation." It was the only unit in the whole of the entire 70th Division to receive such honor.
Clark V. Whited
U.S. Army
Professor-Chair-Coach, Physical Education and Sport, 1946-1983

U.S. Army 397th Infantry Regiment, 100th Division. Fought in Southern France and Central Europe. Recipient of Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in action. Following active duty in the war he remained in the reserves at the rank of Captain until 1958.
Warren P. Fraleigh
U.S. Navy

Professor and Dean, Physical Education and Sport, 1970-1996

U. S. Navy, WWII, Submariner, 1944-1946. Inducted into the navy right out of high school in 1944. Served aboard the submarine U. S. S. Angler, S.S. 240 beginning in Pearl Harbor and into the waters around Guam. Once, surfaced near Sendai to bombard a radar station and had to submerge quickly as a Japanese destroyer came after them and hit them with 10 depth charges but they survived.
Edward O. Stephany
U.S. Marine Corps
Professor and Chair, Mathematics, 1947-1980

U.S. Marine (1937-1976) active and reserve. 2/1944 invasions of the Marshall Islands and December 1944 in unit that landed on Okinawa.
William Hemmer
U.S. Navy
Associate Professor, Health Science, 1970-1990

U. S. Navy, WWII, Airman, 3rd Class, Communications Instructor and then radio operator ferrying naval planes across country and to bases in the Pacific Theatre. Discharged in Guam in 1945 when the war ended.
Ian H. Henderson, Sr.
U.S. Navy

Professor, Dean, Acting President, Music and Fine Arts, 1948-54; 1965-1980

U. S. Navy, WWII, assigned as Minesweeping Officer aboard the USS YMS 25 out of Yorktown, Virginia.
Frank Hillman
U.S. Marine Corps
Director of Physical Plant, 1967-1980

U. S. Marine Corps, WWII, Machine Gunner. Enlisted at age 17 after Pearl Harbor, two brothers also did so. Served in Pacific Theatre with 2nd Marine Division with first combat in Saipan. Last assignment was mop up operations in Nagasaki after the bomb.
Richard D. Elton
U.S. Navy Reserve
Professor and Director of Continuing Education, Art and Continuing Education, 1947-1972

U.S. Navy Reserve, WWII, served as skipper on a Landing Craft Control vessel (LCC) doing harbor patrols in Hollandia, New Guinea.
Andrew D. Virgilio
U.S. Army Air Corps

Professor-Principal-Chair-Dean, Educational Administration, 1961-1997

U. S. Army Air Corps, WWII, 1943-1946. Served as Field Radio Operator-Morse Code with a unit assigned to an outpost in Greenland to monitor and report on weather.
Adam M. LaZarre
U.S. Army

Professor and Dean, Theatre and Fine Arts, 1973-1991

Gordon R. Marsham
U.S. Army
Maintenance Man-Locksmith, Physical Plant, 1972-1983

U. S. Army, WWII, (1943-1945), Technician Fifth Class-Automobile Mechanic with Company A, 129th Airborne Engineer Battalion, 13th Airborne Division
Herbert S. Bailey
U.S. Navy
Professor and Chair, Physics, 1950-1970

U. S. Navy, WWII, served as Communications and Deck Officer on troop transport ship USS Naos (AK-105), from 1943 to 1945 and then remained in the Naval Reserves until retiring as Commander in 1974.
Henry L. Bretton
U.S. Army

University Professor & Distinguished Professor, Political Science, 1969-1985

U.S. Army, WWII, The Ruhr Campaign, Germany for which he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal on April 16, 1945.
Albert W. Brown
U.S. Marine Corps
President, 1965-1981

U. S. Marine Corps, WWII, 1942-1945. Saw duty in the South Pacific. The pictures are of him with one of his former commanding officers, Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient, General Joe Foss at a reunion and of him in his early days as president.
John J. Chesnut
U.S. Army Air Corps
Professor, English, 1950-1968

Second Lieutenant and Co-Pilot on American Flying Fortress, Eighth Air Force, U. S. Air Force. Went MIA December 13, 1943 and ended up being a POW after his B17 was shot down over Germany
Jack C. Crandall
U.S. Navy

Professor, Chair, Vice President, Director of Peace Corps, 1957-1985

Gerald Patrick D'Agostino
U.S. Army Air Corps

Assistant Professor & Coach, Physical Education and Sport, 1962-1988

Army Air Corps, WWII. Drafted, became a drill sergeant, then spent most of his time as leader of a search and rescue team in Burma. Towards the end of the war his unit was assigned a rescue of downed aircraft in the Himalayan Mountains and were successful in completing the highest rescue in WWII at 10K feet and without oxygen.
Stephen P. Dellaquila

U.S. Army

Assistant Professor, Mathematics, 1958-2006

U. S. Army, WWII, 1943-1946. Drafted right after high school. On his way to France while transferring from one ship to another he fell into the English Channel with a full backpack, rifle, etc. Fortunately friends were able to retrieve him with a gaff hook.
Carl W. Neuscheler

U.S. Army

Facilities Program Coordinator, Campus Planning, 1964-1976

U. S. Army, WWII, Captain, 203 Engineer Combat Battalion. Participated in D-Day at Omaha Beach. His unit built the famous Ernie Pyle Bridge, and also cleared the path (mines, etc.) for the troops to move inland from the beach at Normandy. Received the Bronze Star with five clusters.
John W. Killigrew
U.S. Army
Professor, History, 1962-2006

U. S. Army, WWII, Invasion of Rome on June 4, 1944. Recommended for the Silver Star Medal but you'll have ask him if he received it.
Gregg Scarborough
U.S. Army Air Force
Associate Professor, Physics, 1958-1989
Army Air Force, WWII, Sergeant, 1944-1946
John S. Sinacore
U.S. Army
Professor and Chair, Health Science Department, 1974-1982

U. S. Army, WWII. Assigned to the 100th Division that suffered heavy casualties, he was fortunate to be transferred before they occurred and ended up in Infantry Co. D at Fort Pepperell, outside of the city of St. John's Newfoundland where they manned machine guns.
Clifford Brittin Wilson, II
U.S. Navy
Professor, Physical Education and Sport, 1948-1976

U. S. Navy, WWII. He was sent to the Pacific in charge of the gun crew on the Hiram S. Maxum that was part of a convoy that carried ammunitions to the battle front.
Gordon R. Gibson
U.S. Army
Professor, Music, 1963-1985

Robert A. Hellmann
U.S. Army
Associate Professor, Biological Sciences-Botany, 1963-1983
Cecil N. King

U.S. Army Air Forces

Father-in-law of Richard Black,
Design and Production

Served in the Army Air Force during WWII with the 509th Composite Group stationed on Tinian Island in the Pacific. He was part of the ground crew that maintained the Enola Gay, the B-29 Superfortress that ultimately deployed the world’s first atomic bomb.
Mr. Cardina began his military career as a Marine during WWII. Because he wanted to be a pilot, he transferred to the Army. When the Air Force was formed he was transferred, again. Following WWII he remained active in the Reserves as a pilot and was called to active duty during the Berlin Crisis of 1961.
Charles B. Black
U.S. Army
Father of Richard Black, Design and Production

Marksman and B.A.R. gunner in the 98th Infantry Division (Iroquois). He served in the Pacific Theatre, and later as part of the U.S. occupying force in Osaka, Japan, after the atomic bombs were dropped.
Donald J. Mondy
US Army Air Corps, 2nd Lieutenant

Father of Richard Mondy (Alumnus), Robert Mondy (Alumnus) and William Mondy (NYU Alumnus)
Korean War, 1950-1953

Soldier resting on a Chinese Communist bunker.
Bill Oakes, seated, served in the Navy and was present at the atomic bomb tests at Bikini Atoll.

Sam Platania, standing, served in the Army in Guadalcanal and other island campaigns.
Stanley Dukat

Grandfather of Kenneth Wierzbowski, Drake Memorial Library
Morris H. Belle, Sr.
Army, Pvt. First Class
Musician

Father of
Sharon Belle Render,
Counseling Center
John Del Vecchio
Army
Father of
Johnna Frosini,
Parking & Transportation Services
Robert A. Batchelor
U.S. Navy
Father of Sandie Almekinder, LITS
Served in the US Navy - Korean War.
John W. Zwierzynski
U.S. Navy
Director of Administrative Computing, 1979-1991

U. S. Navy, Korean War, after Navy Technical Training School in Memphis, worked on projects related to launching missiles under water and then on the carrier, Franklin D. Roosevelt, playing cat and mouse games with Russian ships, subs and aircraft.
Melvin P.
"Mel"
Smagorinsky
U.S. Army

Director of Educational Communications, Ed Comm Ctr, 1958-1991

U. S. Army, Korean Conflict Period, Counterintelligence Corps (1953-1955)
Roger M. Weir
U.S. Army
Advisement and Counseling, Retired
Edward C. Lehman
U.S. Navy
Distinguished Teaching Professor and Chair, Sociology, 1970-1996

U. S. Navy, Korean War Period, Pilot, Anti-Submarine Squadron, VS-24
Vincent
"Vinnie"
Joseph Lista
U.S. Army
Cook, BASC

U. S. Army, Korea, Cooks Mate, 1951-1953. Close to 38th parallel, Vinnie cooked for the troops in the field. At Colonel's request, he had to prepare live turkeys for feeding Christmas dinner for 80 soldiers in the field.
Martin Lindauer
U.S. Army
Professor, Psychology, 1967-1992

U. S. Army, Korean War, 1954-1956. As a First Lieutenant, served as Platoon Commander and a staff officer (S2, Intelligence of a detachment on the DMS. Awarded Patriot Medal by Korean Government.
Harold "Sonny" Pratt
U.S. Navy

Dr. Joseph P. Winnick

Distinguished Service Professor, Kinesiology, Sport Studies and Physical Education

c. 1955
W. Raymond Duncan
U.S. Army
Distinguished Professor, Political Science, 1968-2002

Richard D. "Bud" Meade
U.S. Marine Corps

Financial Aid Counselor and Director, Human Resources, 1967-2001

Robert W. Adams
U.S. Navy
Associate Professor, Earth Sciences, 1967-1994

U. S. Navy ROTC at University of Rochester, 1952-1956 followed by three years of "Cold War" active duty working on submarine detection networks in the North Atlantic.
Veterans Club, 1955 Saga
The “Brockettes”

In the 1950s the Veterans Club did a variety show that toured area VA hospitals; here are the “Brockettes” at the VA in Bath in 1954.
Vietnam War, 1965-1973
From the 1967 Saga

VET'S CLUB


1973 Saga Yearbook; there is a new Veterans Association today.
Ken Herrmann

Associate Professor, (deceased)
Department of Social Work

In the village of Hiệp Đức as an Army advisor in Vietnam
Gary C. Cross
U.S. Army
Father of Laura Dumuhosky,
Drake Memorial Library
Terrin L. "Terry" Hover
U.S. Air Force
Director of Student Union-Assistant VP for Student Affairs, 1968-2002

U.S. Air Force, Viet Nam Era,
Ground Communications Equipment Repairman, 1960-1964,
659th Instrumentation Sq, Grenier Field, Manchester, NH where they tracked Sputnick.
David Morien
U.S. Marine Corps

Cpl United States Marine Corps
Served January 1966- January 1968
Member of Butts-Clark Post 204
American Legion, Medina, NY
James N. Wood
U.S. Air Force
Asst Dean/Residence Director, Dir of Financial Aid, Coord Vets Servs, Dean Advisement Srvcs, 1969-1981
Dave Hallock
U.S. Air Force
Father of Megan Sarkis, Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admissions

Unit 107 International Guard in the Air Force
Rank: Sergeant, E4
Served in Korea during Vietnam War
1967-1968
Neil A. Curtis
U.S. Air Force

Richard "Dick" V. Mancuso
U.S. Army
Associate Professor and Chair, Physics, 1969-2006
Edward Kelly
U.S. Air Force
Assistant to the President, 1979-1987

Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross and three Air Medals for Valor in combat.
Donald F. Murray
U.S. Air Force
Associate Professor & Head Wrestling Coach, Physical Education and Sport/Athletics, since 1970

Mark Ricci
University Police Department

U.S. Army – August 1973 – August 1976
Military Police – Stationed at Fort Riley, KS
Rank SP4/Acting Sergeant

Basic Training
Entry station – Fort Dix, NJ
August, 1973
Laura Buckner
DP3
Lead Programmer/Analyst,
Library, Information and Technology Services

Served from 1972-1975
Byron Highland
Gunnery Sergeant, USMC
Father of Julie Pruss,
Office of the President

KIA Feb. 1967 Vietnam
David Hallock
US Air Force
Father of Megan Sarkis, Undergraduate Admissions

Served in the US Air Force for 8 years.

Photos taken while stationed in Korea in 1968.
Father of Melissa Furness,
Office of Alumni Relations & Development
Bill Jolly
Facilities & Planning Department
Eugene Wood
U. S. Marine Corps
Refrigeration Mechanic, Plant
Utilities Engineer, Physical Plant,
1979-2015

Chris O'Connor
University Police Department

Gulf War
Charles Maxwell
CDR, USN
Husband of Pat Maxwell,
Drake Memorial Library

At far right.
At an orphanage in Korea where the soldiers passed out lollipops to the children there.

Gary Lehman
Cpl., U.S. Marines
Cousin of Lisa Burch,
Financial Aid Office
Julie Pruss
Gunnery Sergeant, USMC (Ret.)
Office of the President

With Master Sergeant John Pruss, USMC (Ret.), HQMC, 2000
Rod
Brinkman
Department of Military Science

In Korea, 1993.
War on Terror, 2001-date
Brandon Downey
Army, Cavalry Scout, 87th Engineer Company
Son of Laurie Downey, Department of Education and Human Development

Kevin Lair
Facilities & Planning Department
Ryan Kelly
Iraq, Army, 10th Mtn. Division
Class of ‘06 and Husband of Sara Kelly, Residential Life
Paul Pratt
Col., Marines
Brother of Pam O’Sullivan, Drake Memorial Library

At right, receiving Purple Heart.
Brandon Nunnery
Cpl. USMC
Admissions Advisor,
The College at Brockport

Fallujah, Iraq

With Senator John McCain (R-AZ)
Jason Daniels
L.Cpl., USMC

Son of Tracy Daniels,
Secretary to the College Senate President

Jason Daniels with his mother Tracy Daniels and sisters Nicole Daniels (Sophomore at the College at Brockport) and Megan Daniels (Freshman at Hornell Senior High School) Missing from photo: Steven Daniels (father) Deployment March 2011

Homecoming with sister Nicole Daniels, sophomore at the College at Brockport; mother, Tracy Daniels; sister, Megan Daniels; father, Steven Daniels
Daniel Kruppenbacher
US Navy, Petty Officer First Class (E-6, CTR1)

Relation of Amy McNulty,
Office of Community Development
Cornelia, Claire, and Eric Willis

Children of Beau Willis,
Vice President for Administration,
Administration and Finance
Jesse Kozub
U.S. Marine Corps

Son of Dr. Francis Kozub, Professor Kinesiology, Sport Studies & P E

2012 Brockport High School graduate who is now serving in the Middle-East
Jacob Napier
NYS Army National Guard

Son of Donna Napier, Purchase Assistant

Joined in May 2015; unit is out of Geneva NY - A 2-101 CAV, rank of PV2
Jon McHugh

AFC

Grandson of Mariangela Ardino,
Division of Academic Affairs
Brockport Hometown Heroes Game
Spring 2016

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