

Coquille

JOHN W. MOYER, SR. - U.S. ARMY 20 Jan. 1941 to 4 Aug. 1945

Platoon Sgt., Rifleman. Served in Continental N.Y. Panama Canal, South East Asia (Burma). Enjoyed traveling to places I would have never seen otherwise. Bonzai charge by Japanese, artillery, mortar barrages, stand out in my mind. Also cause lots of nightmares. Loss of 90% of the organization is a heavy load to carry as some were friends of over 3 years. We were all volunteers to Burma for special mission, despite heavy losses we succeeded in our mission. "Merrill's Marauders", the only thing made us run was dysentery.



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LEO KIERI - U.S. NAVY 1941 - 1945

Aviation Machinist Mate. Served at the Invasion of North Africa, Pacific, Southwest Pacific on the Aircraft Carrier U.S.S. Princeton. Our ship was hit by a Japanese bomb and was sunk. I swam away from it after being blown off. A nearby destroyer picked me up. I went to sea on the Great Lakes after that! Stern Wheeler - burned coal. It was fun!



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DONALD K. DUNHAM Oct. 1942 - Nov. 1945

Served in the South Pacific, Efate Island on the U.S.S. Maryland. After enlisting in the Navy he was sent to Farragut, Idaho for his boot camp, then sent to Newport, Rhode Island for fire control school. He then went to San Francisco to be reassigned. The ship was torpedoed once and hit by 3 suicide planes. He was on the Maryland for 2-1/2 yrs. Wilford Neal from Myrtle Point was on the ship at the same time. He was discharged from the Navy in Nov. 1945 in Bremerton, WA.



KENNETH M. OWEN U.S. NAVY July 1941 - Oct. 1945

1st Class Water Tender in charge of forward fire room. Served with the South Pacific Task Force 38 Battle group. Battle ships, destroyers, carriers included. Kamakazi Suicide Japanese plane attacked Albert W. Grant DD649 off Okinawa Island and also other attacks on carriers and battle ships. Battle Force sustained heavy casualties. All together I was in 15 major sea battles and countless island invasions.



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GEORGE PROFANT - U.S. NAVY 3 Jan. 1942 - 17 Dec. 1945

Aviation Mach Mate on the U.S.S. Shangri-la air craft carrier. Served in Pacific Theatre. Japan surrendering, Victory Salute, U.S. & Allies. I was a witness to one of the greatest spectacles ever, was part of it. Miles of ships port starboard, fore and aft, a raft of vessels you could walk to Japan on. 1,000's of planes formed an umbrella, which darkened the sun, the noise deafening. Countless subs



underneath The last magnificent armada. I never was so proud to be an American. A thrilling, exhilarating experience. We were going home from a job well done. God bless America!

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GEORGE E. JENKINS U.S. ARMY AIR FORCE Oct. 1944 - Apr. 1947

Pilot training and communications. Served in the U.S. and Marshall Islands. Recall being a part of the first A bomb test on Bikini Atoll in 1946.



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PHILIP ALBORN U.S. ARMY AIR CORP 1943 - 1945

Flight Training. Served in Bakersfield, California and Arizona. Most vivid recollection is of Pearl Harbor.



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