

Coquille

RICHARD "Dick" DAVIS
U.S. ARMY
Dec. 1942 - Dec. 1945

Squad Leader, S/Sgt. Armored Infantry Co. Served in 3rd Army in France and Germany. Remembers the break out of the Battle of Bulge and the liberation of displaced people in the labor camps.

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HARLEN HOY - U.S. NAVY
1944 - 1946

Aircraft maintenance in the North Island, San Diego. The absolute frustration! I worked at Lockheed building airplanes and could have been deferred but thought I should enlist and defend my country and see some of the world. When they found out what I could do they stuck me on North Island out of San Diego doing the exact same job as Lockheed - at a fraction of the pay for the duration!!.

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HELEN ABER
U.S. WOMENS ARMY CORP.
5 Apr. 1944 - 12 Oct. 1946

Army Nurse. Served all over Texas, El Paso, San Antonio, Waco, Fort Worth, and Selina, Kansas. Recall going down to the runway to welcome the military planes, carrying our prisoners of war and welcoming them home. In Selina I met my very best friend I ever had, my husband of 49 years.

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PHILIP L. DAVIS
ARMY AIR CORPS. - 8TH AIR FORCE
Nov. 1942 - Nov. 1945

Radar Mechanic, ground crew. Served in England. Tried to catch a joy ride on a B-24, missed by a couple of minutes. The plane crashed.



ALBERT N. BACKMAN
U.S. AIR FORCE
June 1942 - Oct. 1945

Aerial Gunner, B-17's, 301st Bomb Group, 419 Squad. Served in Africa, Italy, Austria and Germany. Was in Italy when Mt. Vesuvius erupted, assaulted all night with lava rock. Sixty B-25's destroyed (more than Germans shot down). Flew 28 missions, shot down, reported missing in action. Captured by Germans and spent 13 months in Stalag 17-B as P.O.W. Was on a forced march headed toward France at end of war. Rescued by Pattons Army at Braunhau on the Inns River, Germany.

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JEAN WILSON - U.S. ARMY
Mar. 1945 - June 1946

Army Nurse Corps. Nurse in Army General Hospital, surgery, infection control, general patient care. Basic training at Madigan General Hospital at Fort Lewis. Stationed at Dibble General Hospital at Menlo Park, California. The terrible trauma and injury to such young men and how it affected their lives remains a vivid memory.

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EDGAR "Ed" CAMPBELL
U.S. NAVY RESERVE
22 Mar. 1943 - 26 Nov. 1945

Serviced, Radar Radio, Sonar & Loran Electronic Equip. RT 1/C Radio Tech. 1/C. Served in Ireland, England, France, Italy, N. Africa, S. Pacific, Hawaii, Guam, Tinian, Saipan. Duty on destroyer U.S.S. Tillman DD641. Escorted 2 cruisers, 1 carrying Pres. Franklin Roosevelt to the Yalta Conf. Escorted 200 troop transports and supply ships to Europe bringing prisoners back. In the Pacific we stood by as 600 B-29's took off from Tinian, Guam, Saipan to bomb Japan. We rescued survivors from B-29's when departed from Japan and returned.



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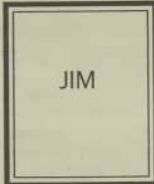
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