

Myrtle Point



SAMUEL DEMENT
U.S. ARMY
Feb. 1943 - June 1946

Field Artillery, Observer, Air Observer. Served in Europe, Germany, Cologne, Salzburg, Patton's Army. Remember being in an airplane when we were shot at. We managed to get below the anti aircraft fire and to base safely.

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BENJAMIN DEMENT
U.S. ARMY

Co.I 1st Regiment, A.G.F. Served in Alaska.



RUSSELL DEMENT
U.S. ARMY
1943 - 1944

Infantry. Served in the South Pacific. Was wounded at Vella Vella - South Pacific, then sent home.

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VERLIN K. HERMANN
U.S. ARMY
1942 - 1946

Went to officer training school. Was general's aide, went to field artillery with the general. Served in Europe, Germany, Austria. Received Bronze Metal, saw Dachau Concentration Camp 2 days after its liberation.



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DRAPER
U.S. NAVY
U. S. ARMY
U.S. ARMY AIR FORCE
1934 - 1962

Seaman, electrician, Infantryman rifleman, head mechanic on airplanes. Served in the Asiatic Fleet, Alaska, Europe. As a young man from Myrtle Point the service offered me a career in life. I retired as a Chief Warrant Officer.

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DEWEY WINKLEMAN
U. S. NAVY
1941 - 1945

Served in the South Pacific.

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EDWARD E. VAN VLACK
U.S. COAST GUARD
1942 - 1945

A Seaman - served Stateside and Alaska. I was darn glad to get out.



THOMAS DRAPER
U. S. ARMY
U.S. ARMY AIR FORCE
1939 - 1960

A Bombadier and mechanic, engineer on B 25, flew 150 combat missions. Served in Alaska, Aleutians, China, India and Burma. My brother and I were in the service together for 10 years. This was unusual at the time because of the death of the Sullivan brothers. I retired as a Master Sergeant.

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ELLIS "Hap" RACKLEFF
U.S. MARINES
1942 - 1946

Sgt. in charge of communications. Served in the South Pacific, Japan, Guadalcanal, Okinawa and Bougainville. Received the Bronze Medal. Remembers the occupation of Japan, the warm welcome received in Japan even though we defeated them.



MILTON WILMOT HOFFMAN
U.S. ARMY
1944 - 1946



VIVIAN COOK
"Pooch" - U.S. ARMY
1943 - 1945

Communications. Served in the South Pacific.

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EDWIN E. WEEKLY
U.S. NAVY

2 Dec. 1941 - 16 July 1963
Ship's Cook on the USS Trenton. Served in the South Pacific and the European.



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