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KENNETH E. ADAMS
 Birthdate: Aug. 31, 1926
 Birthplace: Bismarck, North Dakota
 Highest Rank: Gunner's Mate
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Shirley, wife; Steve Adams, Renne Andrews, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Lives in Lewistown
 Served: Pacific

DENNIS L. ALEXANDER
 Birthdate: June 19, 1953
 Birthplace: Choteau
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Current Hometown: Great Falls
 Family: mother Luella Alexander, wife Cheri, son Jeremiah
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Lewistown, Army Reserve in Lewistown
 Served: Korea, Honduras, Saudi Arabia
 Duties: Cook, Laundry and Petroleum

TERRY Z. ALEXANDER
 Birthdate: April 20, 1951
 Birthplace: Kenmare, N.D.
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Branch of Military: Army
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: mother Luella Alexander, daughters Candy and Dani Alexander and Kasha Coleman
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised here
 Served: Vietnam
 Duties: Mechanic, Gunner
 Military Honors: Green Beret, paratrooper, served 7 years

ZEYRL ALEXANDER
 Birthdate: May 31, 1920
 Date of Death: May 5, 1993
 Highest Rank: PFC
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Luella, spouse; Connie C., Terry, Geary, Dennis, Sandra Y., Debbie, Lonny and Randy, children
 Served: Africa, Italy
 Duties: Rear tank gunner
 Military Honors: Wounded in Italy, 1943

DAVID JOSEPH ANDERSON
 Birthdate: June 9, 1949
 Birthplace: Great Falls
 Highest Rank: PFC
 Current Hometown: Stanford
 Family: Parents Oscar T. Anderson and Genevieve Francisco Anderson; Children Kayce Lynn and Cody David
 Served: South Vietnam
 Connection to Central Montana: Most of life in and around Central Montana
 Duties: Served in AH ShaValleqas S.O. Forward Observer (Infantry)
 Military Honors: Combat Rifle ribbon, Combat Action Ribbon Vietnam, Marksmanship and National Defense Medal

OSCAR THOMAS ANDERSON
 Birthdate: July 8, 1925
 Date of Death: Aug. 28, 2001
 Birthplace: Great Falls
 Highest Rank: Pvt.
 Hometown at time of death: Stanford
 Family: Parents Oscar T. Anderson, Sr. and Anna O'Neil Anderson; Wife Genevieve Francisco Anderson; 3 sons, 6 daughters
 Served: Japan
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Central Montana. Ranched at Stanford
 Duties: Occupation of Japan - Infantry
 Military Honors: Marksmanship Medal, National Defense Medal

RONALD THOMAS ANDERSON
 Birthdate: Nov. 25, 1942
 Birthplace: Great Falls
 Highest Rank: 1st Class Petty Officer E-4
 Current Hometown: Billings
 Family: Parents Oscar T. Anderson and Genevieve Francisco Anderson; wife Eva Anderson; daughters Lori Jean Brant and Jessie McMillan
 Served: South Vietnam
 Connection to Central Montana: Most of life in and around Central Montana
 Duties: Ran boat on Saigon River, carried troops and supplies up to DMZ
 Military Honors: Combat Action, Presidential Unit Citation, two campaign medals in Vietnam, National Defense Medal

CARROLL APPLE
 Birthdate: Oct. 18, 1927
 Date of Death: June 20, 1961
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Family: George O. and Babette Apple
 Served: Italy, 10th Mountain and Korea, SY Battery/5th FABN
 Duties: Motor Sergeant

JAMES A. ARNESON
 Birthdate: Sept. 11, 1933
 Birthplace: Shelby
 Date of Death: Feb. 28, 2007
 Highest Rank: A/IC
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Wife Joy, children Jacque and Jess
 Served: Korea
 Duties: Vehicle and Mtr Engine Mechanic
 Military Honors: Korean Service Medal, UN Service, NDSM, GCM

ROBERT WILLIAM AYERS
 Birthdate: Feb. 23, 1964
 Birthplace: Eugene, Ore.
 Highest Rank: E4
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Kenneth Ayers (deceased), Sandra and Ernie Coppedge
 Connection to Central Montana: Family has been here over 100 years
 Served: USS Nimitz, 2 Med cruises
 Duties: Machinery Repairman
 Military Honors: Bluenose Shellback

EARL C. BACON
 Birthdate: March 2, 1936
 Date of Death: Jan. 2006
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: PFC, U.S. Army
 Family: Ross E. Bacon, Bernice R. Bacon
 Served: Germany 1955-1958

CHAD E. ABBOTT
 Birthdate: Aug. 26, 1982
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Sergeant/E-5
 Branch of Military: Army
 Hometown: Lewistown, MT
 Family: Jasmin (wife); Tristan, Liam, and Wyatt (sons)

Served: Germany, Kuwait and Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom I)
 Duties: Combat Medic, Senior line medic for C Co. 1-6 INF, 2 BCT, 1st Armored Division

Connection to Central Montana: Grew up around Gilt Edge and a 2000 graduate of Grass Range High School
 Military Honors: Combat Medic Badge, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal with oak leaf, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with three campaign stars, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Driver / Mechanic Badge for wheeled and tracked vehicles, Expert Marksmanship Badge with the rifle and pistol, and die Deutsche Schuetzenschnur in Bronze (German Marksmanship Badge in Bronze).

EDWARD W. ABEL
 Birthdate: March 4, 1911
 Date of Death: March 31, 1945
 Highest Rank: Chief Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: William and Molly Abel, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Father owned Central Montana Meat Market and Moore Butcher Shop
 Served: South Pacific, enlisted at age 17, was only able to return home once during enlistment
 Duties: Chief boiler tender on battleship

FRANK C. ABEL
 Birthdate: March 13, 1907
 Date of Death: Oct. 5, 1976
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Aileen, spouse; Wm. F. Abel, son; Robert and Jim Connolly

Connection to Central Montana: Railroad clerk, Milwaukee Railroad
 Served: Q.M. Presidio, San Francisco
 Duties: Supply clerk

WALTER JOHN ABEL
 Birthdate: July 24, 1920
 Date of Death: Aug. 29, 1977
 Highest Rank: Corporal
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: William Abel and Dorothy (Burgmeier) Abel, parents; Dorothea (Hoebelt) Abel, spouse; B.J. Dunnington, and Walter William Abel (deceased), children
 Connection to Central Montana: Attended St. Leo's Grade School, graduated from Fergus High School, worked as News-Argus linetype operator
 Served: North Africa, Italy, Brazil, Australia, toured around the world three times during World War II
 Duties: Marine escort aboard ship and a gunner aboard ship

WILLIAM (BILL) F. ABEL
 Birthdate: Aug. 22, 1949
 Highest Rank: SP5
 Current Hometown: Spokane Valley, Wash.
 Family: Parents Frank C. Abel and Aileen I. Abel; spouse Meg C. Abel; children Evan F. Abel (deceased) and Molly

S. Abel
 Connection to Central Montana: Lewistown native, son of Frank Abel, grandson of William Abel, owner of Central Montana Meat Market and Levntana Creamery.
 Served: First Air Cavalry Division, Vietnam
 Duties: Helicopter Crew Chief/Door Gunner
 Military Honors: National Defense, Vietnam Campaign, Vietnam Service, Army Commendation, Bronze Star, Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters

DANNY F. AHLGREN
 Birthdate: Aug. 9, 1949
 Birthplace: Alexandria, Minn.
 Highest Rank: Meritorious Sergeant
 Current Hometown: Grass Range
 Family: parents - Robert & Dorothea Ahlgren, children - Kristi Voegele, Scott Ahlgren, Keith Ahlgren, Abbey Ahlgren

Connection to Central Montana: Trucking; Rancher

Served: Two tours Vietnam - First Marine Division, Third Marine Division
 Duties: Machine gunner, platoon Commander Charlie Co., Tunnel Rat
 Military Honors, special Commendations: Two Purple Hearts, Vietnam Ribbon

JOHN WILLIAM AHLGREN
 Birthdate: Dec. 31, 1918
 Date of Death: May 17, 1995
 Highest Rank: 2nd and 4th Divisions, U.S. Marines
 Hometown (at time of death): Grass Range
 Family: Betty Ahlgren, Mickey Senechal, Nancy Anderson, Dave, Ron, Skip and John Ahlgren

Connection to Central Montana: Lifelong Grass Range resident

Served: Saipan, Iwo Jima
 Duties: Rifleman, rocket crewman
 Military Honors: Purple Heart, Bronze Star

ROBERT FRANKLIN AHLGREN
 Birthdate: Aug. 23, 1917
 Date of Death: March 19, 1989
 Family: Parents Frank and Edith Ahlgren; wife Dorothea Ahlgren; son Dan Ahlgren
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived and ranched entire life in Grass Range
 Served: England, Africa, Italy and Germany with the 343rd Combat Engineers
 Military Honors: Purple Heart

RON AHLGREN
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Branch of Military: Air Force
 Current Hometown: Grass Range
 Family: Betty and Bill Ahlgren, parents
 Served: Germany
 Duties: Computer Operator

RONALD (RON) W. ALBEE
 Birthdate: April 5, 1948
 Birthplace: Milwaukee, Wis.
 Branch of Military: U.S. Army
 Highest Rank: Spec. 4
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Peggy, wife; Bryan, son; Carrie, daughter-in-law; Lauren, daughter.

Connection to Central Montana: Resident
 Served: Vietnam 9th Infantry Division, Me Kong Delta
 Duties: M-60 Machine Gunner
 Military Honors: Combat Infantrymen's Badge (CIB); Bronze Star with 'V'; Purple Heart, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 'V' and 2 oak leaf clusters, Vietnamese Service Ribbon, Vietnamese Campaign Ribbon, National Defense Medal

CHRISTOPHER J. (C.J.) ALLEN
 Birthdate: Dec. 20, 1976
 Birthplace: Billings
 Highest Rank: Corporal E-4 18th
 Current Hometown: Tahlequah, Okla.
 Family: Parents; Kathy Ahlgren of Lewistown and Paul Allen, Oklahoma

Connection to Central Montana: Graduated from Fergus 1995
 Served: Ft. Bragg, N.C.
 Duties: Cannon Crew Member 13 Bravo, Feb. 1997 to Feb. 2000; National Guard, 2000 to 2003

DEMORISE E. ALLEN JR.
 Birthdate: Feb. 1, 1948
 Birthplace: Billings
 Highest Rank: E-5 Specialist
 Current Hometown: Garneill
 Family: Demorise and Clara Allen, parents; Fran Allen, spouse; Katie and Chet, children; Madison, granddaughter

Connection to Central Montana: Farm and ranch

Served: Fort Lewis, Fort Sill, Fort Benning, Vietnam
 Duties: Artillery

DONALD LESTER ALLEN
 Birthdate: Nov. 17, 1912
 Date of Death: 1997
 Highest Rank: Captain, U.S. Army
 Hometown (at time of death): Denton
 Family: Guy and Emma Allen, parents; Millie Allen, spouse; Harold, Larry, Vern, Charlotte and Marge, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Fergus High School graduate
 Served: Angel Island, north of San Francisco, Guadalcanal in the Pacific

GARY WAYNE ALLEN, JR.
 Birthdate: Aug. 18, 1974
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army
 Current Hometown: Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri
 Family: Gary Allen and Barbara Lea - Winnett; Tamie Allen, wife; Cecilia, Jade, Kaiya, daughters

Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised and graduated in Winnett
 Served: Washington, D.C., at Pentagon, White House, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery, Cordons on library steps at Nixon's funeral, US Color Guard for 1st Monday night football game after 9-11, cleanup at Pentagon after 9-11, deployed to the Horn of Africa in support of Operation Enduring Freedom: Korea in May 2010

Duties: 17 years infantry, 12 years honor guard or old guard, 3 years drill sergeant, presently reclassing into computer communication
 Military Honors: 2 Army Commendation Medals, 6 Army Achievement Medals, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, 5 Good Conduct Medals, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Air Assault Badge, Airborne Parachutists Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge

WARREN (TRESSLER) ALLEN
 Birthdate: March 19, 1922
 Birthplace: Denton
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: parents Warren and Emma Allen, wife Merna

Connection to Central Montana: Retired farmer
 Served: Asiatic Pacific, England, Sept. 1942-Aug. 1945
 Duties: Ground crew chief B17 Flying Fortress
 Honors, Special Commendations: Good Conduct Medal, European Middle East Service Medal, Bronze Star

KELLY JOSEPH ALTENHOFEN
 Birthdate: Aug. 5, 1963
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Staff Sgt. U.S. Air Force, 1982 to 1986; Capt. Army National Guard
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Tom (deceased) and Dotty Altenhofen, daughter Kelsey Altenhofen

Connection to Central Montana: Resident, St. Leo's graduate
 Served: Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.; Currently serving one year active duty as Captain in the Army National Guard at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri,
 Duties: Survival Instructor

LEE H. AMUNDSON
 Birthdate: Nov. 1, 1923
 Birthplace: Rice Lake, Wis.
 Highest Rank: Lt.
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Lorraine B. Amundson, wife; Thomas C. Amundson, son

Connection to Central Montana: Married here, loved the state

Served: WWII-Okinawa, Japan, Hawaii, Korea
 Duties: WWII - Transport Pilot, three years; Korea-sea plane pilot, 2 1/2, Korean mop up

ALBIN LAWRENCE ANDERSON
 Birthdate: May 19, 1905
 Date of Death: April 7, 1982
 Birthplace: Minnesota
 Highest Rank: Private
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents: Louis and Alma Shoquist Anderson; Ellen Anderson Benes, Mildred Anderson Benes and Alice Anderson Zion

Served: Army during WWII in Italy

BRANDON CHARLES ANDERSON
 Birthdate: May 4, 1986
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Sergeant, U.S. Army
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents John and Linda Anderson; sisters Jessica and Abigail

Connection to Central Montana: Graduated from Fergus High School
 Served: Boot camp and AIT Training in Ft. Benning, Ga.; Ft. Lewis; 2 tours in Iraq
 Duties: Infantry
 Honors, Special Commendations: Expert Rifleman

EDWARD L. ANDERSON
 Birthdate: Sept. 24, 1923
 Birthplace: Simms, Mont.
 Date of Death: Jan. 1998
 Highest Rank: Sgt. - Marines
 Family: Parents Edward and Helen Anderson, wife Betty Hruska Anderson, children Donald (Amos) Anderson, Marie Anderson, Kathy Simpson, Elaine Price, Raymond Anderson, Jeanette Anderson (deceased), Joyce Tuss and John Anderson

Connection to Central Montana: Married local girl Betty Hruska
 Served: South Pacific WWII
 Duties: Infantry
 Honors, Special Commendations: Sharpshooter, Distinguished Service Medal

MICHELLE D. ANDERSON
 Birthdate: July 19, 1958
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Captain
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Tom and Denise Powell, husband Ron, children Jennifer and Erik

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised, RN at CMMC
 Served: Operation Iraq Freedom, Landstuhl, Germany
 Duties: Registered Nurse, cared for injured soldiers
 Military Honors: National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device

"America's Veterans have served their country with the belief that democracy and freedom are ideals to be upheld around the world."
 - John Doolittle



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RAYMOND EDWARD ANDERSON



Birthdate: March 15, 1950
Birthplace: Lewistown, MT
Highest Rank: SK2 USN; SSG Montana National Guard
Branch of Military: USNR, Montana National Guard
Current Hometown: Lewistown

Family: Parents Edward and Betty Anderson; spouse Kathleen Anderson; children Carrie Belstad, Nicole Rau Wilson, Amanda Rau, Colleen Rau, Kimberly Anderson

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here

Served: USS Juneau LPD-10, ComNavForV-Saigon, Navy Newport supply depot

Duties: Storekeeper, loading and unloading supply trucks and delivering supplies, Montana National Guard – scouts, worked with supply dept. and unit armorer for How Battery, squad leader for military police

Honors: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal/2 bronze stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, VSMw2/VCM/NCOPDR-1/ACM

EUGENE (BUD) APPLE



Birthdate: Aug. 2, 1920
Birthplace: Carter, Mont.
Date of Death: July 6, 1993
Highest Rank: Private
Served: A Battery, 341st FABN, South Pacific

GEORGE O. APPLE



Birthdate: Sept. 5, 1923
Birthplace: Carter, Mont.
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: George and Babette Apple, Bobetta Newton, Karen Plugman,

Susan Wasser
Served: European Theater, Utah Beach
Duties: Transportation 453rd Special Battalion, AAW 83rd Infantry

Military Honors: 5 Bronze Stars, AM Theater Service Medal, European/African Service Medal, Middle East Service Medal, Distinguished Unit Service Badge, Hdqtrs. 83rd Infantry, Presidential Unit Salutation

BRENDELL JON AWBERY



Birthdate: Oct. 19, 1970
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Petty Officer 3rd Class
Current Hometown: Phoenix, Ariz.
Family: Parents Janice Awbery and the late Johnnie Awbery,

wife Michele, children Nikole, Dillon and Amira

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here, graduated from Fergus High School

Served: Point Mugu, Calif.
Duties: Aviation ordnance experimental weapons research

Military Honors: National Defense Medal, Sharpshooter, Letter of Commendation Gulf War and New Weapons Development

DEBORAH S. AZNAR



Birthdate: April 2, 1957
Birthplace: Washington, D.C.
Highest Rank: E-5
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Husband Richard Aznar
Served: Fort Bragg, N.C.

Duties: Halo Team, Communications, Special Forces Battalion, Green Beret
Military Honors: Expert M-16, Airborne, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Army of Occupation

RICHARD AZNAR



Birthdate: Oct. 20, 1943
Birthplace: New Haven, Conn.
Highest Rank: E-4
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Wife Debby Aznar
Served: Fort Campbell, Ky.

Duties: RTO – Radio Operator
Military Honors: Airborne CBR, 2nd Class Gunner, Expert Bar and Pistol, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

GARNET H. BACON



Birthdate: Dec. 31, 1928
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Corp.
Branch of Military: Army Signal Corp.
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Ross E. Bacon, Bernice R.

Connection to Central Montana: Life long resident

Served: U.S. – Fort Douglas, Fort Lewis, Fort Monmouth, N.J., Camp Stoneman, Gablend Army Base, Fort Sheridan, Ill., Fort Leavenworth

LAWRENCE E. BACON



Birthdate: June 21, 1955
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Sergeant
Branch of Military: Air Force
Current Hometown: Billings
Family: Edward Bacon (father); Lourdes Lumen Bacon (wife)

Connection to Central Montana: Birthplace

Served: Grand Forks AFB, ND
Duties: Heating systems specialist, 321st Civil Engineering Squadron
Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal

LOREN R. BACON



Birthdate: Feb. 5, 1927
Date of Death: Sept. 18, 2011
Birthplace: Toledo, Ohio
Highest Rank: PFC
Branch of Military: Army, Air Force (Radar Div.)
Current Hometown: (at time of death): Huntley, Mont.
Family: Ross E. Bacon, Bernice R. Bacon
Served: South Pacific, New Caledonia; Finch Harbor, Philippines, Japan – 1st with Marines

Duties: US Airforce Radar Operator

BRUCE DANIEL BAHNMILLER



Birthdate: Oct. 17, 1951
Birthplace: Havre
Highest Rank: Petty Officer 2nd Class
Current Hometown: Westminster, Colo.
Family: Herb and Shirley Zwemke; VJ Bahnmiller, Bryce

and Delia
Connection to Central Montana: Parents
Served: Philippines; Hawaii
Duties: Communications technician, maintenance

DOUGLAS SCOTT BAKER

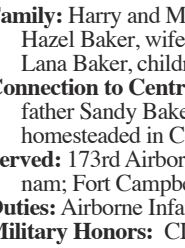


Birthdate: June 17, 1942
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Sergeant E5
Branch of Military: Army Airborne
Current Hometown: Long Beach, Calif.
Family: Harry and Margaret Baker, parents; Hazel Baker, wife; Scotty, Larry and Lana Baker, children

Connection to Central Montana: Grandfather Sandy Baker and Ella Baker homesteaded in Cottonwood in 1880's

Served: 173rd Airborne Okinawa and Vietnam; Fort Campbell, Ky 101st
Duties: Airborne Infantry
Military Honors: CIB Jump Wings

HARRY D. BAKER



Birthdate: March 12, 1896
Date of Death: Dec. 7, 1975
Birthplace: Cottonwood Creek, Montana
Highest Rank: PFC
Branch of Military: Army, C Co. 59th Infantry, 4th Div.

regular
Current Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown

Family: Sandy and Ella Baker, parents; Margaret, wife; Douglas and Sharon, children

Connection to Central Montana: Father homesteaded here

Served: World War I
Duties: Scout and sniper, liaison between his co. and battalion commander, also played in Army show troupe all over Europe

Military Honors: 4 Bronze Stars, 1 Silver Star, French Medal

GEORGE S. BALLOWE, JR.



Birthdate: Sept. 12, 1921
Highest Rank: Sergeant
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents George S. and Francis Ballowe; children Amy Meenk, Lauren Eman, Nancy Wise

Connection to Central Montana: Current resident

Served: U.S. and European Theater
Duties: Company Clerk in U.S. – Platoon Sergeant in Europe, built Bailey bridges over small rivers

Military Honors: European Theater Ribbon with 3 Battle Stars, Expert Rifleman Badge, Good Conduct Ribbon

STEVEN W. BALSTER



Birthdate: Nov. 11, 1944
Birthplace: Anamosa, Iowa
Highest Rank: Sgt E-5
Branch of Military: United States Marine Corps
Current Hometown: Lewistown

Family: Shirley, wife; Heidi, Laura and Dan, children

Connection to Central Montana: Lived here since 1970

Served: Beaufort, SC, Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam
Duties: Operations Chief
Military Honors: Good Conduct, Vietnam Campaign, Vietnam Service Medals

JACK BARNEY



Highest Rank: Petty Officer 3
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: M.C. Barney, father, deceased; Lu Barney, mother; Brenda, spouse; Laura and Julie, children
Served: Hawaii, Mediterranean Sea

Duties: Legal

JOEL D. BARBER



Birthdate: April 5, 1976
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: E-4
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Randall and Andrea Barber
Served: Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, USS Chusin, CG 65

Duties: Quartermaster

ROBERT STANLEY BARBER



Birthdate: April 11, 1946
Birthplace: Cape Girardeau, Mo.
Highest Rank: Spec. V
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Connection to Central Montana: Lewistown resident since 1981, retired

Montana Fish and Game Warden

Family: Nancy
Served: Vietnam, 1970
Duties: River Patrol Boat (PBR's) Amphibian Engineer

Military Honors: Vietnam Campaign Medal, Expert Marksmanship

TED LEWIS BARBER



Birthdate: May 26, 1947
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: E-6 (Torpedoman's Mate)
Branch of Military: Navy
Current Hometown: El Cajon, California
Family: Gearld W. Barber (deceased), Cecelia Mustard, Bobbie Hitchcock, sister

Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Denton

Served: 20 years, 5 months; CubiPoint, Philippines; Sardinia, Italy; Adak, Alaska; Hawaii – Barbers Point Air Station, Pearl Harbor Submarine Base; San Diego, Calif.; Naval Vessels USS John Paul Jones (DDG-32), USS Howard W. Gilmore (AS-16), USS Dixie (AD-14), USS Merrill (DDG-976); involved in combat action in the Persian Gulf (April 22, 1988); involved with mine removal in Hiphong Harbor, Vietnam in 1973

Duties: Worked on torpedoes for ships and submarines, repaired torpedo tubes on ships and submarines, worked with various types of explosives and weapons

Military Honors: Navy and Marine Corp Achievement Medal, 5 Good Conduct Medals, Navy Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, 5 Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbons, Navy-Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation

MEREDITH C. BARNEY



Birthdate: Aug. 10, 1920
Date of Death: Dec. 14, 2000
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Wilber and Clara Barney, parents; Lula Barney, spouse; Jack Barney and Sue Slade, children

Connection to Central Montana: Retired from Lewistown Fire Department, worked at First National Bank

Served: Aleutian Islands, India, Burma

PAUL M. BARRETT



Birthdate: Feb. 17, 1929
Birthplace: Choteau
Highest Rank: Corporal
Current Hometown: Hilger
Family: wife Pat, children Rex, Nolan and Lindsay

Connection to Central Montana: Ranch northwest of Hilger

Served: Texas, Washington State and Korea
Duties: Armored Personnel Carrier
Military Honors: UN Ribbon, Korean Service Medal, Purple Heart

JOSEPH REX BAWDEN



Birthdate: Sept. 22, 1984
Birthplace: Flint, Mich.
Highest Rank: PR2
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Father Patrick Bawden, mother Cathy Field
Connection to Central Montana: Fergus High School graduate

Served: Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.
Duties: Military Police

JOE BAXLEY JR.



Highest Rank: E-4, Navy
Hometown: Corpus Christi, Texas
Family: Alfred and Janie Baxley, John and Nancy Pridgen, parents; Sabre and Chase Baxley, sons
Served: Norfolk, Va.

Duties: Submarine welder

OSCAR F. BECHTEL



Birthdate: July 11, 1924
Date of Death: July 18, 1993
Highest Rank: Major
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Oscar and Myrtle; Frances,

Tracey, Ron, Steve
Connection to Central Montana: Retired from First National Bank

Served: USA and Italy, World War II
Duties: Montana National Guard 163rd Armored Division, 24 years

ELDON E. (BUD) BECK

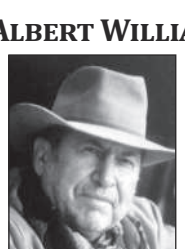


Birthdate: July 27, 1919
Date of Death: June 1, 1999
Highest Rank: Sergeant
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Neta Beck, spouse; Neta Ann Olsen and Ray Beck, children

Connection to Central Montana: Lived here entire life except while in the service

Served: South Pacific
Duties: Infantry
Military Honors: Bronze Battle Stars for Papua, New Guinea Campaigns, Combat Infantry Badge, American Defense Service Medal

ALBERT WILLIAM BENES



Birthdate: March 22, 1921
Date of Death: March 4, 2009
Birthplace: Fergus County
Highest Rank: Navy
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Lambert Albert Benes and Ledmilla Hruska Benes, brother Leo

Family: Parents James F. and Mildred (Anderson) Benes, Alma Benes Hartford, Leah Benes Foran
Served: 1943-1946; WWII

MARTIN J. BARBEE

Birthdate: Oct. 27, 1924
Highest Rank: Private First Class
Current Hometown: Winnett
Connection to Central Montana: Lifetime, ranch-hand
Served: Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe
Duties: Gun Crewman, Lot Artillery
Military Honors: Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, American Theatre Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, WWII Victory Medal

MAHLON DALE BARBER

Birthdate: June 19, 1939
Date of Death: Dec. 10, 2008
Birthplace: Wessington Springs, S.D.
Highest Rank: Petty Officer 2nd Class, U.S. Navy
Hometown (at time of death): Stanford
Family: Mr. and Mrs. Dale Barber, Julia Ellen Barber, Deborah Pratt, Shawn Barber
Connection to Central Montana: Came with the missiles
Served: Pacific Fleet
Duties: Sonar Man

JAMES D. BARNUM

Birthdate: Sept. 25, 1941
Birthplace: Maryland
Highest Rank: E-5
Branch of Military: USAF
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Connection to Central Montana: Resident
Served: Glasgow AFB
Duties: Combat Medic

CHARLES BLAKE BARRETT

Birthdate: Aug. 11, 1928
Date of Death: 1984
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: S/Sgt.
Family: Parents Lawrence and Josie Barrett; wife Romana Cooper Barrett; sons and daughter
Served: Army Air Force, 8th Germany, Iceland, Labrador
Connection to Central Montana: Most of life in and around Central Montana
Duties: Meteorologist
Military Honors: Honorable Discharge

JOHN LAWRENCE BARRETT

Birthdate: April 18, 1925
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: (Temp. 2nd Lt.) Permanent Grade: Sgt.
Current Hometown: Rural, SE Harlowton
Family: Lawrence and Josie Barrett; Spouse Beth Baxter Barrett; children John Barrett, Arlene Jo and Thomas
Served: 8th AF (tdy to Counter Intelligence Corps)
Connection to Central Montana: Born here
Duties: Prescribed
Military Honors: Honorable Discharge

OSCAR WILLIAM (BILLY) BARRETT

Birthdate: May 8, 1927
Birthplace: Forest Grove Ranch
Highest Rank: PFC
Current Hometown: Safford, Ariz.
Family: Parents Lawrence and Josie Barrett; spouse Patty Barrett; sons and daughters
Served: South Vietnam
Connection to Central Montana: Most of life in and around Central Montana
Duties: South Pacific
Military Honors: Honorable Discharge

ANTON F. BARTA, JR.

Birthdate: June 11, 1915
Date of Death: Oct. 21, 2000
Highest Rank: Sergeant, U.S. Army
Hometown at time of death: Danvers
Family: Parents – Anton and Jennie Barta
Connection to Central Montana: Kolin area farmer and Lewistown resident
Served: New Guinea and Southern Philippines, WWII
Duties: Communications Chief, HQ Battery 218 FA BN
Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal with one bronze service star, bronze service arrowhead

CURTIS A. BASS

Branch of Military: Navy
Family: Frank and Virginia Bass, parents; Michelle, wife; Gus, Gena and Gage, children

ROBERT CHARLES BEEDIE

Date of Death: May 29, 1943 (age 24)
Highest Rank: PFC
Hometown (at time of death): Winnett
Family: Louise and Bill Beedie, parents
Connection to Central Montana: Lived in Fergus and Petroleum counties
Served: Island of Attu, Aleutian Islands
Duties: Rifleman
Military Honors: Certificates of Excellence with the B.A.R. 30 Caliber Rifle, Purple Heart, Silver Star for "Gallantry in Action," Presidential Unit Citation for bravery and action in the service. First man from Petroleum County to be inducted and the first to be killed in action.

DAVID P. BEGGINS

Birthdate: Dec. 9, 1948
Highest Rank: E-6 U.S. Air Force
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Spouse Kay Beggins; children David and Ryan
Connection to Central Montana: Lewistown resident
Served: Da Nang Vietnam, U.S. Air Force Academy
Duties: Marksmanship Instructor
Military Honors: Air Force Commendation Medal

RICHARD BELANGER

Birthdate: June 21, 1960
Birthplace: Richmond, Calif.
Highest Rank: ICC-SW
Current Hometown: Bremerton, Wash.
Family: Spouse Debbie Belanger, step-daughter Stacie Rich, son Eric Belanger
Served: Bremerton, Wash., retired after 22 years
Duties: Electronics and Telephone Communication



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EDWARD JAMES BENES
 Birthdate: April 4, 1885
 Date of Death: 1926
 Birthplace: Nebraska
 Highest Rank: Private
 Branch of Military: Army
 Family: Parents Martin Benes Sr. and Carrie Benes; siblings Lambert, Marie, William, James, Martin Jr., Helen and Della
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived and died in Fergus County
 Served: WWI

LEO EDWARD BENES
 Birthdate: June 16, 1919
 Date of Death: March 1992
 Birthplace: Fergus County
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Lambert Albert and Ledmilla Hruska Benes; Albert, Delores Lahr, Ann Donistorpe, Virginia.
 Served: Army in WWII in the Pacific

KENNETH J. BERLINGER
 Birthdate: Oct. 1, 1955
 Highest Rank: L/CPL
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Berlinger; Theresa, mother
 Connection to Central Montana: Works for Don Pennell, resident
 Served: San Diego (first); Camp Le Juneau, N.C. (last)
 Duties: Track Vehicle Repairman, Turret Mechanic

RONALD W. BERRY
 Highest Rank: 1st Sergeant
 Hometown: Tahalingula, Okla.
 Served: Vietnam
 Duties: 101st Airborne 81st S.F.

RYAN BERRY
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Place of Birth: Glendive
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived in Lewistown since 1998
 Served: Haiti, Guantanamo Bay, Iraq
 Duties: Counter Intelligence, Infantry
 Military Honors: Joint Service Achievement Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Combat Infantry Badge

TEDDY L. BIRNIE
 Birthdate: Nov. 12, 1945
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: E-7 Electronic Tech
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Ann Henry
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised, graduated from Fergus in 1964
 Served: May 1964 - June 1984; San Diego, Long Beach, San Francisco, Hawaii, Guam, Saudi Arabia, Washington, D.C., Newport - Rhode Island, Denver
 Duties: Electronic Tech, primarily tested equipment, made repairs and calibrations
 Military Honors: National Defense Service Medal, 5 Good Conduct Awards, Humanitarian Service Medal, Navy E Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal with Silver Star, Vietnam Campaign Medal 2nd Award

EARL CHESTER BISHOP
 Birthdate: July 15, 1910
 Date of Death: Feb. 18, 2003
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Joe and Georgia (Henderson) Bishop, parents; Grace (Hunnewell) Bishop, spouse; Mary June Eppers, Helen Bishop and Betty Williams, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Born in the area, worked and lived here most of his life
 Served: Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe
 Duties: Highway construction machine operator
 Military Honors: Decorations and citations, American Defense, European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal

KENDALL D. BLAIR
 Birthdate: Jan. 28, 1991
 Highest Rank: A1C
 Branch of Military: U.S. Air Force
 Family: Jerroll and Jamie Blair
 Connection to Central Montana: Grandparent, Nell Blair lives in Hobson
 Duties: Drone Systems Operator

JAMES CARL BORGREEN
 Birthdate: Dec. 25, 1949
 Birthplace: Great Falls
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Branch of Military: Air Force - Montana Air National Guard
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Carl and Ellen Borgree; wife Lavonne Borgreen; daughter Molly Beck; son Mike Borgreen
 Connection to Central Montana: Teacher at Fergus High School for 34 years
 Served: Great Falls - Air National Guard, Gore Hill, Vietnam
 Duties: Photo, supply, graphic design, food service supply 1972-1978
 Military Honors: Vietnam Service Ribbon

DONALD C. BOST
 Birthdate: Dec. 3, 1949
 Birthplace: Helena
 Highest Rank: Equipment Operator, Constructionman, U.S. Navy Seabees
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Frank and Violet Bost, wife Unni, children Kristina and Lisa
 Served: Central Highlands/South Vietnam
 Duties: Bridge and airstrip construction



ROBERT EARL BENES
 Birthdate: July 31, 1934
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: A1C
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents William J. and Ellen (Anderson) Benes; sisters Donna Michel, Wilma; and brother Jay Benes
 Served: Army, 1953-55

THOMAS LAMBERT BENES
 Birthdate: July 9, 1934
 Date of Death: April 30, 2006
 Birthplace: Fergus County
 Hometown at time of death: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Lambert Albert Benes and Ledmilla Hruska Benes
 Served: Army as a Radar Operator
 Duties: Vehicle and Mtr Engine Mechanic
 Military Honors: Korean Service Medal, UN Service, NDSM, GCM

WILLIAM JOSEPH BENES
 Birthdate: Jan. 25, 1897
 Date of Death: Dec. 23, 1962
 Birthplace: Nebraska
 Highest Rank: Private
 Branch of Military: Army
 Hometown (at time of death): Hilger
 Family: Parents Carrie and Martin Benes, Sr.; siblings Lambert, Marie, Edward, James, Martin Jr., Helen and Della; wife Ellen Anderson Benes; children Donna, Wilma, Jay and Robert
 Served: WWI

NORMAN A. BENTON
 Birthdate: May 19, 1922
 Date of Death: July 8, 1944
 Highest Rank: PFC
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Rodney and Florence Benton
 Served: Killed on Saipan Island

EDWARD (BARNEY) FRANKLIN BERGER
 Birthdate: July 28, 1923
 Date of Death: Oct. 4, 2004
 Highest Rank: Specialist "A" 1/C, U.S. Navy
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Parents Glen and Minnie Berger; spouse Sandy Berger; children Jamie Berger, Karen Casey; grandchild Paul Casey
 Connection to Central Montana: Former Athletic and Recreation Director at the Civic Center in Lewistown for 30 years
 Served: U.S.S. Marcus Island, South Pacific

LEROY M. (JACK) BERGUM
 Birthdate: Nov. 6, 1931
 Birthplace: Bowman, N.D.
 Highest Rank: PFC, U.S. Army
 Hometown: Winfred, Montana
 Family: Lorayne Bergum (wife) and family.
 Connection to Central Montana: Rancher Served: Korea
 Duties: Cook, baker
 Military Honors: Korean Service Medal

CRAIG LEE BERSUCH
 Birthdate: June 24, 1971
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Petty Officer 1st Class
 Current Hometown: Port Orchard, Wash.
 Family: Tom and Linda Bersuch, Terra Bersuch
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised, graduated from Fergus High School in 1989
 Served: Orlando, Fla., Groton, Conn., Bangor, Wash. on board USS Ohio SSBN 726 (G); USS Frank Cable, Agaña, Guam; USS Pennsylvania; Trident Training Facility, Bangor; Task Force Hurricane, Camp Victory, Iraq
 Duties: Mechanic, Instructor
 Military Honors: 4 Navy Achievement Medals, 2 Meritorious Unit Commendations, 4 Battle "E"s, 5 Good Conduct Medals, 2 National Defense Service Medals, 1 Global War on Terrorism Medal, 2 Sea Service Deployment ribbons, 2 Overseas Service ribbons, Army Achievement medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, 6th Good Conduct Medal

TERESA M. BEST
 Highest Rank: E4
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Ken and Linda Best, parents
 Served: Fort Wainwright, AK
 Connection to Central Montana: 1995 Fergus High School graduate
 Duties: Water purification specialist

RICK J. BILLADEAU
 Birthdate: Dec. 5, 1950
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: AMS2 E5, US Navy
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Kim Billadeau, wife; Don and Marian Billadeau, parents; Jenifer Cummings, John Billadeau, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Stanford, lived in Harlowton for 25 years and retired in Lewistown
 Served: (1969-1973); Based on Naval Air Station, Alameda, Calif., with Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 135; stationed off the coast of Vietnam in the Tonken Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS America, CVA-66
 Duties: Line division leading Petty Officer, plane captain ensuring aircraft readiness performing preflight and postflight inspections on EKA-3B jet aircraft
 Military Honors: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Navy Meritorious Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

GEOFFREY OWEN BILLINGSLEY
 Birthdate: March 21, 1975
 Birthplace: Missoula
 Highest Rank: Lt. Colonel, Air Force
 Current Hometown: Owings, Maryland
 Family: Parents Owen and Margaret Billingsley, wife Merilee Moring
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Lewistown, Graduated FHS 1993
 Served: Whiteman AFB, Andrews AFB
 Duties: Branch Chief, Nuclear Enterprise-National Guard Bureau, B-2 instructor Pilot and Weapons Officer, Missouri Air National Guard
 Military Honors: 131 BW Pilot of the Year, 2012, Meritorious Service Medal, 1 OLC

REESE BINTZ
 Birthdate: May 19, 1982
 Birthplace: Big Creek, Idaho
 Highest Rank: Sergeant, U.S. Army
 Current Hometown: Blackburg, Virginia
 Family: Dan and Janice Bintz, parents
 Served: Al Hawijah, Iraq; Camp Arifjan, Kuwait
 Duties: Paralegal NCO
 Military Honors: 2 Above and Beyond the Call of Duty, 2 Army Commendation Medals

OLIVER K. (KEN) BIRCH
 Birthdate: Oct. 9, 1919
 Date of Death: Aug. 12, 2011
 Birthplace: Moore
 Highest Rank: S/SGT
 Branch of Military: Army Air Force
 Family: Children Lisbeth Birch Page, William Birch, Nancy Birch, Candace Birch-Sterling, Laurie Birch
 Connection to Central Montana: Born in Moore, ranched south of Moore and east of Straw
 Served: WWII, Bassingbourne, England
 Duties: Tail gunner, B17 Bomber
 Military Honors: POW, Purple Heart

GALE E. BIRDWELL
 Birthdate: Sept. 17, 1934
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: parents Chester and Evelyn Birdwell, wife Carol, children Tia, Bret, Cory and Kris
 Served: Texas, Japan, Hawaii, Guam, Maine
 Duties: Jet Mechanic

KRIS A. BIRDWELL
 Birthdate: Dec. 17, 1973
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Captain
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents, Gale and Carol Birdwell, wife Misti, children Caleb, Cooper, Conner and Rebecca
 Served: Fort Campbell, Ky.
 Duties: Jag Corps, United States Assistant Attorney Prosecutor
 Military Honors: Meritorious Service Medal

EARL BISHOP
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Betty Williams, daughter
 Connection to Central Montana: Attended Lewistown schools
 Served: World War II, Air Force, Northern France and Rhineland
 Duties: Highway construction, machine operator

JOSEPH NICHOLS BISHOP
 Birthdate: May 18, 1913
 Date of Death: Sept. 9, 1988
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Hometown (at time of death): Albuquerque, N.M.
 Family: Joseph M. and Georgia M. Bishop, parents; Jacqueline Bishop, spouse; Joseph F., Charlotte and Sharon, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised at Ware
 Served: Kirkland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, N.M.

CLIFFORD LEROY BLAIR
 Birthdate: Dec. 1, 1929
 Date of Death: May 21, 2019
 Birthplace: Havre, Mont.
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Branch of Military: U.S. Air Force
 Hometown: Hobson
 Family: Nell, wife
 Connection to Central Montana: Hobson resident for 40 years
 Served: San Marcos, Texas; Korean War
 Duties: Helicopter Mechanic

JERROLL DAVID BLAIR
 Birthdate: Dec. 31, 1957
 Birthplace: Chester, Mont.
 Highest Rank: Senior Master Sergeant
 Branch of Military: U.S. Air Force
 Current Hometown: Great Falls
 Family: Tami, wife; Jesse and Kendall, sons; Cliff and Nell Blair, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Parents live in Hobson
 Served: Texas, South Dakota, Colorado, Alaska, Montana
 Duties: Presently personnel supervisor for Montana Military Alert Facilities

GARY L. BLAKEMORE
 Birthdate: Sept. 8, 1944
 Birthplace: Longview, Wash.
 Highest Rank: Captain, Army Veterinary Corp
 Current Hometown: Roy
 Family: Spouse Linda (Horacek) Blakemore
 Connection to Central Montana: Practicing veterinarian in Roy for over 30 years
 Served: South Vietnam
 Duties: Medical Care for Scout Dogs and Sentry Dogs
 Military Honors: Bronze Star Medal, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal

DUANE L. BODVIG
 Birthdate: Oct. 14, 1929
 Date of Death: March 31, 2009
 Birthplace: Tappen, N.D.
 Highest Rank: PN3
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Jesse and Bessie, parents; wife Arvadel, children Steve and Mike Bodvig
 Connection to Central Montana: Worked in Lewistown for 36 years
 Served: Calif-ADAK, Alaska, USS Eldorado
 Military Honors: Good Conduct

STEVEN LEE BODVIG
 Birthdate: Feb. 19, 1965
 Birthplace: Bismarck, N.D.
 Highest Rank: Master Sergeant
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Duane and Arvadel, parents; wife Tracy Longford, son Matt
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived in and went to school in Lewistown
 Served: Germany, Korea, Iraq, Afghanistan
 Duties: 82nd Airborne
 Military Honors: Meritorious Service Award, Airborne Wings, Liberation of Kuwait, Army Achievement Award, National Defense, Korea Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Humanitarian Service Award, Samuel L. Sharpe Order of Ordnance Corps Award, Army Commendation Award

ROY PETER (PETE) BOETTGER
 Birthdate: March 2, 1925
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: First Class Petty Officer
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Roy and Hazel Boettger; wife LaVerne; children West, Wade and Monte
 Connection to Central Montana: Always lived here
 Served: South Pacific, Okinawa, Japan
 Duties: Sound and Radar
 Military Honors: Battle ribbons and stars, South Pacific area, Battleship New Jersey

VERN BOKMA
 Birthdate: May 2, 1932
 Birthplace: Conrad, Mont.
 Highest Rank: 1st Lt. USAF
 Hometown: Denton
 Family: Wife, Maureen; children, David, Randy, Terri and Lori
 Connection to Central Montana: Farming since 1959
 Served: U.S. and overseas Air Force bases
 Duties: Pilot in the Strategic Air Command providing in-flight refueling for bombing missions of B-47 and B-52 bombers

THOMAS CHARLES BONAR
 Birthdate: March 3, 1934
 Birthplace: Boone County, Ky.
 Highest Rank: A1C Air Force
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Wife Joyce, children Deborah Worthington, Carolyn Dunaway, Tom Jr., Jim
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident, retired here
 Served: Georgia, Japan, Korea
 Duties: Air Police
 Military Honors: Letter and Medal from President of South Korea

NORVAL C. BONAWITZ
 Birthdate: April 3, 1914
 Date of Death: Oct. 22, 1995
 Highest Rank: Col. USAF
 Hometown (at time of death): Missoula
 Family: Pearl and Cloran Bonawitz, parents; Lois and Blanche, sisters; Dolores, wife; Bonnie and Mike Bourke, niece and nephew
 Connection to Central Montana: Graduated LJHS and FCHS 1933
 Served: 1929-33 - MT National Guard Co. K 163 Inf.; 1939-63 - Army Air Corps then USAF-Panama, India, Burma (China-Flying Tigers P40 Combat pilot), Brazil, SAC Omaha, Neb., England, Loring, Maine-Base Commander, Army War College-Air Force Representative, Carlisle, Penn.
 Military Honors: Silver Star, Air Medal, Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, Am. Def. Service Medal, WWII Victory Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Montana National Guard Commendation Medal
 Duties: Pilot, Base Commander, Air Force Representative

LEWIS GERRARD BOUCHER
 Birthdate: Nov. 16, 1917
 Date of Death: April 19, 1994
 Highest Rank: Chief Petty Officer, U.S. Coast Guard
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Nellie M. Boucher, spouse; L. Kenneth Boucher and Celie Boucher-Porter, children
 Connection to Central Montana: KXLO-KLCM, 25 years
 Served: Ellis Island, New York and Guam, South Pacific
 Duties: Electrician



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JOHN S. BOURKE



Birthdate: Nov. 4, 1927
Date of Death: April 26, 2001
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: PFC
Branch of Military: Army
Family: Fred L. Bourke, Linnie S. Bourke, Donna Bourke, Cindy Bergum, Hal Bourke

Served: Stateside, U.S. – New Orleans, Camp Plauche; Ft. Lewis, Washington

DONALD P. BOYER



Birthdate: Nov. 1, 1911
Date of Death: May 6, 1995
Highest Rank: Platoon Sergeant
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Margaret, spouse; Percy and Minnie Boyer, parents

Connection to Central Montana: Business and farming
Served: Camp Pendleton, Calif., and Japan
Duties: Small arms maintenance

JOHN L. BRACHA



Birthdate: Jan. 28, 1931
Birthplace: Custer, S.D.
Highest Rank: Sgt.
Branch of Military: U.S. Army and Air Force
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Louise, spouse; Viola, Lenora, Brenda, Judy, John, Jr., Steven

Connection to Central Montana: Father homesteaded in Rothimay Flats
Served: Korean War (Army), England (Air Force)
Duties: Infantry, Medic (Army), Medic (Air Force)
Military Honors: Combat Infantry badge, Combat Medical badge and three Bronze Stars

DONALD R. BRADY



Birthdate: July 28, 1923
Birthplace: Worland, Wyoming
Highest Rank: T5, U.S. Army
Current Hometown: Mt. Vernon, Washington
Family: Wife Joyce and three kids

Connection to Central Montana: Hometown, Fergus graduate
Served: Stateside and France one year
Duties: Medical Corpman, Finance Clerk
Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, American Service Medal, WWII Victory Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal

FRANK BRADY SR.



Birthdate: March 10, 1893
Date of Death: Feb. 15, 1989
Highest Rank: Private
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Frank and Anna Brady, parents; Annie Brady, spouse; Lillian Kolar, Anne Bridgeford, Mary Cecile, children

Connection to Central Montana: Farmer/rancher
Served: France, fought in WWI

RUSSELL H. BRANDT



Birthdate: Sept. 20, 1924
Date of Death: 2013
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: E-5
Technical Support, Army
Family: Wife Eileen; children Jeanette, Beverly, Stephen, Erik

Connection to Central Montana: Businessman and rancher in Lewistown
Served: The Cherbourg Peninsula in France; Koblenz, Germany; Ziph, Austria, served WWII 1943-1946
Duties: Radio operator, intercept radio operator
Military Honors: 66th Infantry Division "Black Panthers," Combat Infantry Badge, Good Conduct Medal, European Campaign Medal

CHARLES DAVID BRICKER



Birthdate: July 29, 1943
Date of Death: Aug. 31, 2004
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: SSgt (E-5)
Hometown: Moore
Family: Wife, Mary
Connection to

Central Montana: Raised in Moore, graduated from Moore High School; farmed until his death in 2004
Served: Great Falls, 1963-73
Duties: Administration specialist
Military Honors: Small Arms Marksmanship, Non-commissioned Officers School

PAUL EDWARD BRICKER



Birthdate: Nov. 28, 1914
Date of Death: May 18, 1964
Highest Rank: Master Technical Sgt USMC
Hometown (at time of death): Moore
Family: Johanna, spouse; Kenneth, Donald and Stanley, sons

Connection to Central Montana: Born in Moore, lifelong resident
Served: Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Ana, Calif., Pacific area – Solomon Islands
Duties: Communication chief

ROBERT DEAN BRIDGEFORD



Birthdate: Sept. 7, 1971
Highest Rank: SSG, U.S. Army Reserve
Current Hometown: Glastonbury, Conn.
Family: Parents Frank and Jennifer Brady, father James Bridgeford, spouse Maribeth Bridgeford,

children Mason, Maya, and Marlee
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown, parents still reside here.
Served: Operation Southern Watch, Operation Iraqi Freedom, back to Iraq for third tour in Nov. 2007
Duties: Civil Affairs Team Sergeant
Military Honors: Bronze Star while in the Navy, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal while in the Army Reserve

WILLIAM C. BRIEDENFELD



Birthdate: 1923
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Seaman 1st Class
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Wife, Rose; two children
Connection to Central Montana:

Retired City of Lewistown worker
Served: South Pacific, 4 years, U.S. Navy
Military Honors: Pacific Campaign medal, WWII victory medal

MICHAEL BRONING



Birthdate: Feb. 8, 1970
Birthplace: Darmstadt, Germany
Highest Rank: Specialist E4
Branch of Military: Army
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Eva Winterhalter (Mother); Kelly Gardner (spouse)

Connection to Central Montana: Married hometown girl
Served: Texas, Saudi Arabia Desert Shield and Desert Storm
Duties: 19K, M1 Armor Crewman - (tanker)
Military Honors: ARCOM Commendation Army Achievement, Good Conduct, National Defense Tank Medal, Kuwait Service Medal, Expert Rifle Tanks & Grenades

ROBERT C. BROOKS



Birthdate: Aug. 14, 1918
Date of Death: Feb. 8, 1982
Birthplace: Lewistown
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Robert J. and Nettie Brooks; spouse

Connection to Central Montana: Local businessman and Justice of the Peace
Served: South Pacific, WWII

FAY GROVE BROWN



Birthdate: Feb. 5, 1923
Date of Death: Feb. 15, 1970
Birthplace: Buffalo
Highest Rank: Major
Family: Edwin T. Grove, Hazel Hanchett, parents; Shane D. Brown, Opal Susan Brown, twins

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised at Buffalo
Served: Philippine Army Hospital in Philippines
Duties: Registered Nurse
Military Honors: Army Nurse Corp, Served hospital in Philippines, Army Hospital, Letterman, San Francisco and Army Hospital in El Paso, Texas

JAMES DEREK BROWN



Highest Rank: Chief Petty Officer
Branch of Military: Navy
Current Hometown: San Diego
Family: Married with two daughters
Served: Coronado Amphibious Base
Duties: Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 3

PATRICK H. BROWN



Birthdate: April 23, 1974
Birthplace: Wenatchee, Wash.
Highest Rank: SPC (Specialist) Field Artillery
Current Hometown: Pocatello, Idaho
Family: Mother Sharon Powell, wife Kathy Brown, daughter Cassie Brown

Connection to Central Montana: Graduated from Fergus in 1992
Served: Idaho National Guard
Duties: Went to Iraq on Nov. 15, 2004

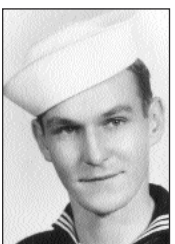
ROBERT A. BROWN



Birthdate: June 20, 1943
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Sergeant, US Marine Corps
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Connection to Central Montana: Live and work in Lewistown

Served: H and HS-3, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (2nd MAW) MCAS El Toro, Calif.
Duties: Flight Ops

WILLIAM WALTER BROWNLEE



Birthdate: Feb. 17, 1924
Date of Death: May 10, 1945
Highest Rank: M.M.3-C USN
Hometown (at time of death): Moccasin
Family: William and Sarah Brownlee, parents; Georgia Wrobletz, sister

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Moccasin
Served: South Pacific
Duties: Flight engineer and gunner
Military Honors: Four Battle Stars

ALPHONSO EVERETTE BUCK



Birthdate: Nov. 30, 1917
Date of Death: April 3, 1985
Birthplace: Grass Range, Montana
Highest Rank: Chief Warrant Officer, Marine Corps
Family: Alphonso E. Buck and Golda B. Buck, parents; Max-

ine Buck, wife; Clinton L. Buck, son
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Central Montana
Served: South Pacific and Korean War
Duties: Quarter Master

CHARLES W. BUCK



Birthdate: Dec. 9, 1923
Birthplace: Grass Range, Montana
Highest Rank: Sergeant, Marine Corps
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Alphonso E. Buck and Golda B. Buck, parents; Mildred (deceased), wife;

Yvonne M. (Buck) Kleinbans, Mona A. (Buck) Harrell, Gordan Buck, Charlene L. (Buck) Deutscher
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Central Montana
Served: WWII, South Pacific
Duties: Infantry & Reconnaissance

JERRY BUHRE



Birthdate: March 14, 1946
Birthplace: Bremerton, WA
Highest Rank: LT. US Navy
Served: Vietnam
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Terry (wife)

Connection to Central Montana: Lewistown resident since 1987, Retired DNRC Wildland Fire Manager
Duties: Communications Officer on LST Anthony Bumpers
Military Honors: Vietnam Service Medal w/1 star, National Defense Medal

JAMIEE LEE BUMPERS



Birthdate: Jan. 2, 1977
Birthplace: Ogden, Utah
Highest Rank: Spc. E4, US Army Reserve
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents David G. and Tamera Pevelka, Children Dauntae, Aunice, Amy; husband Anthony Bumpers

Connection to Central Montana: Resident
Served: Served in Bosnia and Virginia
Duties: Optical Tech and Emergency Medical Tech.
Honors, Special Commendations: National Defense Service Medal, ARCOM Commendation medal, Expeditionary Medal, Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, National Guard Medal

ROY BUNN



Birthdate: Aug. 15, 1947
Birthplace: Louisburg, North Carolina
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
Branch of Military: Air Force
Current Hometown: Lewistown

Family: Parents Marion Vick and Jonny Bunn (deceased); spouse Nancy; daughters Angela Woolett, Jennifer Brown and Liz Bruchez
Connection to Central Montana: Married local girl
Served: 1965-1969; Malmstrom AFB
Duties: 341st Comm. Squad

JONATHON BURCH



Branch of Military: Army National Guard
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Amy Burch, wife; Greg, Chris and Cody, brothers; Cindy and Greg Burch, parents; Dick and Betty Burch (both

deceased), Iris and Frank Vergason, grandparents
Served: Ft. Benning, GA – Basic Training
Duties: Mechanics
Military Honors: Sharp shooter

RICHARD WEBSTER BURCH



Birthdate: Aug. 31, 1923
Date of Death: Oct. 14, 1984
Highest Rank: PFC
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Roy and Edna Burch, parents; Betty Burch, spouse;

Susan, Harley, Gregory, Wesley and Nita, children
Connection to Central Montana: Lifetime rancher
Served: Continental Service
Duties: Auto equipment mechanic
Military Honors: Pistol sharpshooter

CHARLES F. BURNHAM



Birthdate: Feb. 10, 1927
Date of Death: Oct. 29, 2004
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Private
Branch of Military: Army
Current Hometown (at time

of death): Palouse, WA
Family: Parents Earl and Nina Burnham; wife Joyce; children Carl, Joanne, Judith, Jacquelin, Jill and Joy
Connection to Central Montana: Raised here
Duties: Radio operator
Military Honors: WWII Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal Japan

MICHAEL RAY BOURKE

Birthdate: March 1, 1946
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: E-5 RM2 Second Class Petty Officer
Branch of Military: Navy
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Fred M. and Lois B. Bourke, parents; Jeffrey M. Bourke, son
Connection to Central Montana: Lifetime resident
Served: San Diego; Sidi Yahia-Morocco; Norfolk, VA; Key West, Fla.
Duties: Radioman – Teletype Repairman
Military Honors: National Defense Medal

LOYD THOMAS BOWEN

Birthdate: July 1, 1932
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Corporal
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Harry & Jennie Bowen; wife – Pamela Bowen; children Karen, Ronald and Debora
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised
Served: Germany
Duties: Border Patrol

ORIS BARTLETT BOWEN

Birthdate: Sept. 10, 1922
Date of Death: June 5, 1955
Birthplace: Winnett
Highest Rank: PFC
Family: Harry and Jenni Bowen, parents; Evelyn, Iris and Myra, children
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised
Served: Panama Canal Zone
Duties: Anti-aircraft artillery

IVAN LYNN BOWMAN

Birthdate: Feb. 2, 1944
Highest Rank: E-4
Current Hometown: Hilger
Family: Ivan and George Bowman (parents); spouse Janet; Eric, Amanda, and Blake (children)
Connection to Central Montana: Moved here in 1993 to raise elk
Served: Ft. Lewis, Ft. Hood, Texas; and Vietnam
Duties: Bus Driver and Clerk Typist

JANET BOWMAN

Birthdate: May 31, 1958
Highest Rank: E-4
Current Hometown: Winifred
Family: Parents Benjamin and June Gilmore, Spouse Ivan Lynn Bowman, children John McNight and Elizabeth McNight
Connection to Central Montana: Resident
Served: Florida, Puerto Rico, Cuba and Winter Harbor, Maine
Duties: Tug Boat Duty, Port Control

STEVEN A. BRACHA

Birthdate: June 8, 1969
Birthplace: Olympia, Wash.
Highest Rank: E-6, US Navy
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: John and Louise Bracha, parents; Kelly M. Bracha, spouse; Jessica and Emily Bracha
Connection to Central Montana: Grandpa homesteaded Rothimay Flats
Served: Groton, Conn.; San Diego, Calif.; Bangor, Wash.
Duties: Navigated submarines
Military Honors: Sea Service 5 Stars, Sharp Shooter, 2 Good Conduct, Command Merit.

EARL WILFORD BRADY

Birthdate: Feb. 13, 1924
Date of Death: June 6, 2003
Birthplace: Ashley, Mont.
Highest Rank: Painter 2 Class, US Navy
Hometown (at time of death): Winnett
Family: Myrtle and Evert Brady, parents; Virginia Hanson Brady, wife; Doreen Hannam, Jean Otschko, Jim, Evert, Gary & Jerry, children
Connection to Central Montana: Rancher
Served: San Diego, Calif.
Duties: Served from 4-22-44 through June, 1946
Military Honors: Victory Medal

FLOYD BRECKENRIDGE

Current Hometown: Great Falls
Family: Sister Ida Lundin, Forest Grove
Served: Salt Lake City, Utah; Ft. Douglas, Germany
Duties: Guard, POW Camp, 1946-47

GEORGE W. BRENNER

Highest Rank: T/Sgt.
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Donna L. Brenner, spouse
Served: Washington, D.C., Mediterranean Theater, North Africa, Italy
Duties: Cryptographer

BERT FRED BROWN

Birthdate: Aug. 11, 1896
Date of Death: 1968
Birthplace: Morton, Minnesota
Highest Rank: PVT
Branch of Military: Marine Corps
Current Hometown (at time of death): Grass Range
Family: Parents Calvin and Clara Brown; children James, Merrill, Leland, Bruce and Martin
Connection to Central Montana: Family lives here
Served: Galveston, Texas

WARREN D. BROWN

Highest Rank: Chief Petty Officer, Navy
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Douglas and Alberta Brown, parents
Connection to Central Montana: 1948 Fergus High School graduate
Served: 20 years in U.S. Navy, retired
Duties: Served on eight different ships and last years as an instructor at US Fleet Anti Submarine Warfare School

JOHN BULLIONS

Birthdate: June 25, 1944
Highest Rank: SP 5 Army
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Wife, Barb, and children Mark and Adam
Connection to Central Montana: Resident
Served: Pentagon, Vietnam
Duties: Military Intelligence

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- Jeff Miller



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JOHN L. BURNHAM
 Birthdate: Nov. 11, 1918
 Date of Death: June 22, 1942
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Technician Fourth Grade Corporal
 Branch of Military: Air Corps
 Current Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Parents Earl and Nina Burnham
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in the area
 Served: Philippines
 Duties: Cook
 Military Honors: Died as a Prisoner of War in Philippine Islands of diphtheria

RALPH ALBERT BURNHAM
 Birthdate: May 5, 1932
 Date of Death: Dec. 2, 2003
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Seaman Recruit
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Family: Parents Nina and Earl Burnham; wife Janice; children Robin, Kirk, Lori, Tammy, Vicki, John and Cara
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in the area
 Served: USS Chourri ARV-1
 Duties: Stock clerk
 Military Honors: United Nations, Korean Service National Defense Medal

MERL L. BUSENBARK
 Birthdate: July 26, 1941
 Birthplace: Garland, Utah
 Highest Rank: SP4
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Merlin and Ruth; wife Gladys; son Ben
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived here entire lifetime
 Served: Germany
 Duties: Heavy Truck Driver

SAMMY A. BUSENBARK
 Birthdate: Sept. 1, 1945
 Birthplace: Jackson, Wyo.
 Highest Rank: Sergeant E5
 Current Hometown: Billings
 Family: Parents Merlin and Ruth; wife Judy, children Bree and Joshua
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived here
 Served: Germany, Korea, Vietnam
 Duties: Mechanic
 Military Honors: Combat Infantry Badge

BENJAMIN MILES BUSH
 Birthdate: June 23, 1981
 Birthplace: Malta
 Highest Rank: SPC
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Les and Nyla Bush, parents; Alyssia McCoy, fiancée; Tristin, Cole and Kilee Bush, children.
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Lewistown
 Served: Iraq
 Duties: Infantry
 Military Honors: Combat patch, CIB and Iraq campaign medal.

JAMES O. BUSSEY
 Highest Rank: Captain 03; SSG E-6 as enlisted
 Branch: US Army, Army Reserve, Kentucky Army National Guard
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Connection to Central Montana: Fergus County Native
 Served: Ft. Ord, California; Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana; 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Casey, S. Korea; Ft. Devens, Mass.; Ft. Shafer, Hawaii; Ft. Knox, Kentucky; Ft. Hood, Texas; Ft. Riley, Kansas; Ft. Stewart, Georgia; Ft. Benning, Georgia; Ft. Lewis, Washington; Ft. Drum, NY; England; Germany
 Duties: Enewetok Clean-up Program, Army Officers Exchange, Desert Shield/Desert Storm Ramp-up, President Ford's Amnesty Program, U.S. Army National Guard and Reserve Fellowship Program with NATO Nations in Europe
 Military Honors: 5 Branch Designations: Finance, Intelligence, Armor, Maintenance and Cavalry

DAVID CHISMAN BYERLY
 Birthdate: Aug. 24, 1952
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Sergeant, Army
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Donna, wife; Chris, Jon and Cassie, children
 Served: Pan Mun Jom (Korean DMZ) and Presidential Honor Guard (Washington, D.C.)
 Military Honors: ARCOM

FRED IRVIN BYERLY
 Birthdate: Jan. 11, 1879
 Date of Death: April 22, 1971
 Birthplace: Jones County, Iowa
 Highest Rank: Senior Master Engineer, Army
 Family: Laura, wife; Ken and Florence, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived here 1947-1957
 Served: France, World War I
 Duties: An architect by profession, helped oversee construction of one of the largest military hospitals in France, 775 buildings caring for 14,400 patients

KENNETH RHODES BYERLY
 Birthdate: June 19, 1908
 Date of Death: July 4, 1998
 Birthplace: Chicago, Ill.
 Highest Rank: Major, Army Air Corps
 Family: Fred and Laura Byerly, parents; Scottie, wife; Ken, Hanes and Dave Byerly, children
 Served: McChord AFB, Wash.; Reykjavik AFB, Iceland
 Duties: Served as military intelligence officer, responsible for apprehension of German spies in Iceland and recovery of top-secret bomb sights from crashed American planes



DONALD G. BURNHAM
 Birthdate: Nov. 27, 1920
 Date of Death: Nov. 1, 1988
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Branch of Military: Air Corps
 Current Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Parents Earl and Nina Burnham
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised here
 Served: Greenland
 Duties: Electrical mechanic
 Military Honors: American Theater Ribbon, WWII Victory Medal

GARY DEAN BURNHAM
 Birthdate: Aug. 31, 1935
 Date of Death: May 2, 2003
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: PFC-1
 Branch of Military: Marine Corps
 Current Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Parents Susan and Dean Burnham; spouse Louise; child Martin
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised here
 Served: Korea, Hawaii
 Military Honors: National Defense Service Medal

IRVIN J. BURNHAM
 Birthdate: Feb. 26, 1924
 Date of Death: Nov. 23, 1985
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Private First Class
 Branch of Military: Army
 Current Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Parents Earl and Nina Burnham; wife Jean; children Ken, Dave, Irvin, Paul, Pat, Earl, Ed, George and Roge
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised and ranched here

LEONARD E. BURNHAM
 Birthdate: June 30, 1912
 Date of Death: March 10, 1988
 Birthplace: Dayton, WA
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Branch of Military: Army Air Force
 Current Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Parents Earl and Nina Burnham; spouse Evelyn; children Barbara, Arlene and Kathleen
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised here
 Duties: Heavy auto equipment operator
 Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, Theater Service Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge

MARK EARL BURNHAM
 Birthdate: Aug. 18, 1944
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: RM3, E4
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Current Hometown: Lakeside, MT
 Family: Parents Susan and Dean Burnham; spouse Marinell; child Bryson
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised here
 Served: Vietnam
 Duties: Radio operator - US Bennington
 Military Honors: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

WILFRED M. BURNHAM
 Birthdate: July 5, 1922
 Date of Death: Feb. 18, 2006
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Branch of Military: Army Air Force
 Current Hometown (at time of death): Bellville, Ill.
 Family: Parents Nina and Earl Burnham; spouse Delma Burnham; children Mike, Terry, Dan, Karen, Colleen and Peggy
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised here
 Duties: Radar Mech 851
 Military Honors: American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, Victory Medal

THOMAS D. (BUZZ) BURRIS
 Birthdate: Feb. 21, 1932
 Birthplace: Conway, N.D.
 Date of Death: Feb. 25, 1987
 Highest Rank: Corporal, U.S. Army
 Family: Parents Tom and Rose (Vavrovsky) Burris; children Noreen Burris-Clark, Bret Burris, Tracey Dangerfield
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Kolin, ranched in Kolin, business in Hobson
 Served: Fort Ord, Calif., German Occupational Forces.

WAYNE HAROLD BURSHEIM
 Birthdate: Sept. 18, 1941
 Birthplace: Erskine, Minn.
 Highest Rank: PFC
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Conrad and Minnie Bursheim, parents; Corine, wife; Keith, Holly, children; Even, grandson
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident 32 years
 Served: Chicago, Ill. Induction Center
 Duties: Medical-Optical Specialist
 Military Honors: Letter of Commendation, Good Conduct Medal, Honorable Discharge

ROBERT R. BUSENBARK
 Birthdate: April 4, 1949
 Date of Death: April 29, 2018
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Branch of Military: U.S. Army, Army Reserves
 Hometown (at time of death): Hamilton, MT
 Family: Merlin and Ruth (Adams), parents; Patsy Shatzer, wife; Sarah (Jerry), daughter; Dustin, Logan, Bailey and Brooklyn, grandchildren; Merl (Gladys), Sam (Judy), brothers; Linda (Bob), Julie (Larry), sisters
 Connection to Central Montana: Graduated from Fergus High School
 Served: Vietnam, Gulf War

EMMET ANTHONY BUTCHER
 Birthdate: Jan. 20, 1926
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Date of Death: May 16, 2003
 Highest Rank: Corporal AAF
 Hometown (at time of death): Winifred
 Family: Darlene, wife; sons Bob, Jim, Tom Butcher; daughters Kris Arntzen, Carol Gill
 Connection to Central Montana: Life-long resident
 Served: Asia Pacific, Occupation Force Japan
 Duties: Airplane and Engine Mechanic
 Military Honors: Asia-Pacific Service Medal, Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, American Theater Service Medal

HARRY ANTHONY BUTCHER
 Birthdate: Feb. 2, 1890
 Date of Death: March 4, 1956
 Birthplace: Bull Town, W.V.
 Hometown (at time of death): Winifred
 Family: Mary Belle Butcher, wife; Sara Emmet, nephew/step-son Milton
 Connection to Central Montana: Lifetime rancher
 Served: Continental Service

JONATHAN DAVID BYERLY
 Birthdate: Dec. 30, 1984
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Sergeant, US Army
 Current Hometown: Lewistown, MT
 Family: Dave and Donna Byerly, parents; Chris, brother; Cassie, sister
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown
 Served: Iraq and Afghanistan
 Duties: Jumpmaster, squad leader
 Honors: Combat Infantry Badge, EIB, ARCOM with "V" device

JAMES F. BYERS
 Birthdate: April 14, 1931
 Date of Death: Feb. 17, 2016
 Highest Rank: Sergeant First Class, U.S. Army
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Spouse Margaret Byers
 Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised, retired in Lewistown
 Served: Enlisted Jan. 1952; Korean war; Fort Lewis, Fort Benning, Fort Ord, Camp Roberts - U.S.; transferred to active reserves, 1954
 Duties: Radio/Electronic Repair, Chief of Detail

ARNE BYFUGLIN
 Birthdate: October 26, 1942
 Birthplace: Coeur D'Alene, ID
 Highest Rank: ETN2 (E5)
 Branch of Military: U.S. Navy
 Current Hometown: Lewistown, MT
 Family: Parents: Ann and Reider Byfuglin; Children: Eric, Sarah, Deanna Byfuglin
 Connection to Central Montana: Grew up here, graduated from St. Leo's High School
 Served: USS Intrepid CVS-11, Atlantic Fleet
 Duties: Maintained shipboard Electronics-Communications
 Military Honors: Several Excellence Awards

LAWRENCE PETE CARLSTROM
 Birthdate: Oct. 21, 1895
 Date of Death: Dec. 25, 1972
 Birthplace: Hermitage, MO
 Highest Rank: Private 1st Class
 Branch of Military: Army
 Hometown (at time of death): Denton, MT
 Family: Parents, Charles and Matilda; Wife, Bertha; Children, Lorraine, Ethel, Charlotte, Anna, Lawrence, John, Bill, Bert, Jim
 Connection to Central Montana: Farmer/Rancher/Business Owner
 Served: WWI, Siberia, Ambulance Company #4
 Duties: Ambulance Driver

JOHN MELVILLE CARLSON
 Birthdate: July 26, 1945
 Birthplace: Sandstone, Minnesota
 Branch of Military: Army
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Iner and Elisabeth Carlson, parents; Phyllis Carlson, wife; Vince, Jason and Greg Carlson and Johnna Antonich, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Current home and business owner
 Served: Vietnam
 Duties: Administrative Clerk, First Air Cav Division, R&R Liaison
 Military Honors: Bronze Star

KYLE E. CARR
 Birthdate: March 30, 1983
 Birthplace: Hobson
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Current Hometown: Belgrade
 Family: Parents Clint and Valerie Carr
 Connection to Central Montana: Hometown
 Served: South Korea; Iraq; Fort Carson, Colo.
 Duties: Signal Support System Specialist
 Military Honors: Combat Action Badge, 2 ARCOMS

DELBERT R. CARTER
 Birthdate: March 6, 1928
 Date of Death: Nov. 2, 2010
 Birthplace: Darrell, Fergus Co., MT
 Highest Rank: Seaman
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Family: Gayle Doney, daughter
 Connection to Central Montana: Born in Fergus County
 Served: Bremerton Naval Station in 1944-1945
 Military Honors: Honorable Discharge

PHYLLIS LORRAINE (RICE) CARTER
 Birthdate: Sept. 29, 1925
 Date of Death: June 28, 1997
 Birthplace: New Mexico
 Branch of Military: Army Nurse Corp.
 Family: Daughter Gayle Doney
 Connection to Central Montana: Family located here
 Duties: Nurse
 Military Honors: Honorable Discharge

DENNIS LEE CASEY
 Birthdate: July 19, 1942
 Birthplace: St. Paul, Minn.
 Date of Death: June 18, 1967
 Highest Rank: Lance Corporal, US Marine Corps.
 Family: Parents Ron and Elizabeth Casey
 Connection to Central Montana: Graduated Fergus High in 1961.
 Served: Vietnam, KIA
 Duties: Intelligence
 Honors: Posthumously Purple Heart

MICHAEL JOHN CASEY
 Birthdate: May 4, 1951
 Highest Rank: PFC, USMC
 Current Hometown: Ronan
 Family: Parents Ron and Elizabeth Casey; Wife Tina Bell, son Paul Casey
 Connection to Central Montana: Grew up in Lewistown
 Served: Vietnam
 Duties: Rifleman
 Military Honors: Purple Heart

RONALD JAMES CASEY
 Birthdate: Sept. 13, 1918
 Date of Death: Dec. 26, 2002
 Place of Birth: New Rockford, N.D.
 Highest Rank: Corporal, Army
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Wife Elizabeth Casey; Children, Dennis Casey, Jim Casey, Jean Raw, Mike Casey and Mary Kepler
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived and worked in Lewistown from 1956
 Served: Pacific Theater of Operations, WWII
 Duties: Army Air Corps Communications
 Military Honors: Bronze Star

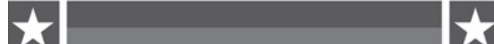
RICHARD L. CATRON
 Highest Rank: Sp4
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Bob and the late Vickie Catron, parents; Terri, spouse; Jason, Chad and Todd, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Attended Fergus High School
 Served: Vietnam, Fort Riley, Kan., and Germany
 Duties: Military advisor, clerical

REX DALE CATRON
 Birthdate: Oct. 2, 1924
 Birthplace: Ekalaka, Montana
 Highest Rank: ASF3, F2, F1, MM3
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Current Hometown: Winifred
 Family: Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Catron, parents; Lucille Catron, wife; Gail Harkness, Rita Kahler, Bruce Catron
 Connection to Central Montana: Construction work
 Served: North Pacific, Kurile Island, Okinawa, Dutch Harbor, Iwo Jima, Philippines
 Duties: Machinist mate, worked on engines and boilers etc.
 Military Honors: Pins and plaques from different battles and Machinist Mate 3

PAUL JOSEPH CEROVSKI
 Birthdate: April 28, 1929
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents George and Victoria Cеровski; spouse Dorothy; sons Mark, Gary, Doran
 Connection to Central Montana: Ranched northwest of Lewistown
 Served: Japan and Korea, Hq Sq Sec 8th Air Base Group LEAF, Third Liaison Squadron, Itazuki Air Force Base in Japan and in Korea
 Duties: Flight Mechanic, Line Chief
 Military Honors: Korean SVC, UN Service Medal, National Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal

MICHAEL CHAMBERLAIN
 Birthdate: June 26, 1946
 Birthplace: Great Falls
 Highest Rank: Cpl. E-4
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: L.A. and Leona Chamberlain, parents; Ramona Chamberlain, wife; Cory Chamberlain, Rhonda Ince, Doran Chamberlain, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived here since 1952
 Served: Ft. Lewis, Wash.
 Duties: Security, Infantry

CLARENCE CHRISTENSEN
 Birthdate: Feb. 1911
 Date of Death: Nov. 1942
 Highest Rank: Petty Officer, First Class
 Hometown (at time of death): Fergus
 Family: Chris and Emma Christensen, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Fergus/Roy country
 Served: U.S. Army and Navy, 1933-42, Atlantic, Pacific and West Coast
 Duties: Electrician's mate
 Military Honors: Expert Rifleman, Purple Heart plus other awards unknown



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JOHN CHRISTENSEN



Birthdate: 1900
Date of Death: 1966
Highest Rank: Chief Warrant Officer, US Navy
Hometown (at time of death): San Diego, Calif.
Family: Paul and Marie Christensen, parents

Connection to Central Montana: Grew up on homestead, Bear Creek and Black Butte
Served: U.S. Navy, 1918-1945, Veteran of World War I and World War II

LAWRENCE CHRISTENSEN



Birthdate: Oct. 1909
Date of Death: April 1996
Highest Rank: Corporal, U.S. Army
Hometown (at time of death): Helena
Family: Chris and Emma Christensen, parents; Jerry, spouse; Maureen

Stohl and Laura Lee Degenhart, daughters
Connection to Central Montana: Grew up on homestead, Bear Creek and Black Butte, worked at Romundstad sheep ranch in Fergus and elsewhere in county
Served: Fitzsimmons Army Hospital, Fort Bliss, Texas; Battle of the Bulge

DONALD L. CLARK



Birthdate: Aug. 28, 1944
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: SSgt.
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Virginia and Frank Swan, parents; Betty, spouse; Carolyn Lacy, daughter

Connection to Central Montana: Attended Fergus County High School
Served: Vietnam
Duties: Military police
Military Honors: Best soldier of the Month

GEORGE R. CLARK



Birthdate: March 2, 1919
Birthplace: Grass Range
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Wife Helen, Children Dee Ann Rhed, David and

Dale Clark
Connection to Central Montana: Lived here
Served: U.S. Army Air Corps, Saipan with 73rd Wing
Duties: Electronics Technician, Aircraft radio repair

DONALD L. CLINE



Birthdate: July 14, 1946
Birthplace: Jefferson City, Tenn.
Rank: SP-5
Current hometown: Lewistown
Family: Jack F. Cline, father; Georgia (Swan) Cline, spouse; Brady L.

Cline and Renee E. Cline, children
Connection to Central Montana: Grew up here, parents still here, moved back to get away from bigger cities
Served: Southeast Asia, Korea, Germany
Duties: Communications specialist, microwave and troposcatter
Military Honors: Good Conduct Ribbon

JACK F. CLINE



Birthdate: Dec. 31, 1917
Date of Death: Jan. 11, 2004
Highest Rank: Corporal
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Jess and Mane Cline (deceased), parents; Agnes Cline (deceased Jan. 2000), spouse; Don, Brady and Renee, children

Connection to Central Montana: Home from 1954 to 1970 and 1972
Served: 390th Bombardment Group, ETO Europe
Duties: Flight line engineer
Military Honors: Two Presidential Citations, six group battle stars

NORMAN COLEMAN



Birthdate: Aug. 26, 1927
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Personnel Man 1st Class
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Wife Vivian, daughters Carol

Signalness and Nancy Wagner
Connection to Central Montana: Managed and owned Sears store in Lewistown for 32 years.
Served: WWII - USS Bering Strait, South Pacific; Korea-NAS Barber's Point, Hawaii
Duties: Keeping ship's logbook, transferring and receiving personnel
Military Honors: Asiatic-South Pacific, Good Conduct, American Theater, WWII Victory Medal, Korean War Medal, Japanese Occupation Medal

CLARENCE JOSEPH COMES



Birthdate: March 19, 1935
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: SP3
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Clarence and Josephine Comes; wife MaryLee, children

Kevan and Dean Comes
Connection to Central Montana: Rancher
Served: Germany
Duties: Jeep driver for company commander and mail clerk
Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal and Honorable Discharge

ELMER ELLSWORTH POTTS CONARD



Birthdate: Oct. 20, 1918
Date of Death: Sept. 16, 2000
Highest Rank: Sergeant
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Theo and Reba, parents; Phyllis, spouse; Keith, Clark, Kevin, children

Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown, graduated from Fergus High School
Served: European, Mideast Theaters, Asiatic-Pacific Theater
Duties: Stenographer
Military Honors: Performed duties with U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey in European and Asiatic-Pacific Theaters

RAYMOND E. CONARD



Birthdate: Aug. 16, 1924
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Corporal
Hometown: Billings
Family: Parents Theo and Reba Conard; wife LaVerna; children Patricia

Pollard, Peggy Davis, Aleta Wiedenman, Joe Conard
Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised and retired here
Served: Army WWII 743rd Tank Battalion European Theater; Army Strategic Bombing Survey, Washington, D.C.
Duties: Company Clerk

ROBERT WILLIAM CONARD



Birthdate: July 7, 1928
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: CPL
Branch of Military: Army
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Theo and Reba Conard, (Mary, deceased), Roberta Unger, Donald R. Conard, Barbara Clark

Connection to Central Montana: Farmed
Served: Okinawa; Philippine Islands; Jan. 21, 1947 - Oct. 31, 1949
Duties: Motor Pool
Military Honors: Expert Rifleman

THEODORE HOGELAND CONARD



Birthdate: March 10, 1921
Date of Death: July 20, 2011
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Warrant Officer
Branch of Military: Army
Family: Theo H. and Reba Conard, Teddy

Conard, Terri D. Nabor
Connection to Central Montana: Raised and went to school here
Served: U.S., Europe, South Pacific

JAMES W. COOMBE



Birthdate: Dec. 11, 1932
Birthplace: Miles City
Highest Rank: HNM3
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Chris Coombe, son

Connection to Central Montana: Retired here
Served: Korean War
Duties: Hospital Corpsman
Military Honors: Korean Service Ribbon, UN Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal

HOWARD A. COOPER



Birthdate: Dec. 28, 1928
Date of Death: 2018
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Spouse Shirley; daughters Teri and Leslie

Connection to Central Montana: Taught Math, Chemistry, and Physics at Fergus High School
Served: European Theater
Duties: Motor Sergeant

HARLEY COON



Birthdate: Jan. 31, 1900
Date of Death: Jan. 4, 1988
Highest Rank: Private
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: William T. and Dora Coon

Connection to Central Montana: Lived and worked in Lewistown
Served: Discharged from Fort D.A., Russell, Wyo.

WILLIAM HAROLD (BILL) COPE



Birthdate: July 21, 1928
Date of Death: May 28, 2003
Birthplace: Denton
Highest Rank: Sergeant
Branch of Military: Army
Family: Samuel F. Cope and Wilma

Cope, Joyce Westgaard (deceased 12-26-01), Sherrie, Scott, Sandy
Connection to Central Montana: Graduated from Fergus High in 1948
Served: Korea

CLAYTON FRED CORTH



Birthdate: Oct. 24, 1930
Date of Death: Dec. 12, 1958
Highest Rank: BMSN
Hometown (at time of death): Roy
Family: Fred and Leona Corth, parents; Marie, spouse; Janet,

daughter
Connection to Central Montana: Resident of Roy
Served: San Diego, Calif., Pacific Fleet, Calif., and USS Juneau

MAX HARRY COSGRIFFE



Birthdate: 1920
Date of Death: April 1976
Highest Rank: Warrant Officer, Army
Hometown (at time of death): Seattle, Wash.
Family: Claude and Mabel Humphrey, parents; Francis Tuss,

spouse; Pat and Joan, children
Connection to Central Montana: Born in Harlowton, lived in Lewistown
Served: Europe
Duties: Office work, legal services
Military Honors: Served in WWII

LEROY COULTER



Birthdate: Dec. 3, 1917
Birthplace: Denton
Date of Death: June 9, 2004
Highest Rank: Corporal - Army Air Corps
Hometown (at time of death): Roy
Family: Mary

(Duffy) and Sam Coulter, parents; Charlotte (Belden), wife; Clarke, son; Mary Gilbertson and Kay Hein, daughters
Connection to Central Montana: Lived here all his life, ranched at Roy, grew up Ft. Maginnes
Served: Aleutians, Alaska
Duties: Motorpool, auto equipment mechanic and driver
Honors: Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, 1 Service Stripe, Good Conduct Medal, 3 Overseas Bars

JAMES M. COX



Birthdate: May 24, 1928
Birthplace: Lewistown
Date of Death: March 26, 1996
Highest Rank: Sgt.
Family: Frank and Ruth Cox
Connection to Central Montana: Born

and raised in Lewistown, worked at St. Joseph Hospital as first male nurse and Lucier Ranch
Served: Germany
Duties: Medic
Military Honors: Germany Occupation Medal, WWII Victory Medal

EDWARD J. COYLE



Birthdate: Sept. 23, 1889
Date of Death: Oct. 24, 1963
Birthplace: Marion, South Dakota
Highest Rank: Corporal
Branch of Military: Army
Family: William

Coyle, son; Shirley Brown, Dorothy Hoerner and Jean Thelen, daughters
Connection to Central Montana: Lived in Lewistown 46 years, Lewistown Postmaster, Fergus County Treasurer and Assessor
Served: First World War

WILLIAM L. COYLE



Birthdate: June 17, 1936
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: SP3 (T)
Branch of Military: Army
Hometown: Great Falls
Family: Edward

and Lena Coyle, parents; Michael, Laura and Michelle, children; Joyce Lindstrand Coyle, spouse
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown
Served: Germany
Duties: Armor Int. Spec.

ALBERT S. CRAIG



Birthdate: June 11, 1924
Date of Death: Dec. 11, 1984
Highest Rank: PFC
Hometown (at time of death): Hardin
Family: Jim and Edith Craig
Connection to

Central Montana: Raised in Lewistown
Served: Europe, World War II
Duties: Truck driver

WILLIAM EDGAR CRIPPS



Birthdate: Oct. 28, 1946
Date of Death: April 23, 2010 in Billings
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: SP5
Branch of Military: U.S. Army

Family: Dinah, wife; Dennis, Jason and Lonnie, sons; grandchildren
Connection to Central Montana: Returned to ranch
Served: 1 year in Vietnam and 1 year in Germany; completed 9 weeks and took Engineer Equipment training and 7 weeks of Engineer Equipment repair
Duties: Maintain equipment and operate them

PAUL B. CROMWELL



Birthdate: March 7, 1947
Birthplace: Lancaster, Penn.
Highest Rank: Chief Warrant Officer
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Edward and Anna

Cromwell; wife Priscilla; sons Eric and Chad
Connection to Central Montana: Resident
Served: Vietnam 1968-1969
Duties: Helicopter pilot

Honors: Army commendation medal, NDSM, Air medals with oak leaf clusters, 14th and 18th Air medals with valor, Army Aviation Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign medal with 160 device

DWAYNE E. CROOK



Birthdate: Sept. 11, 1936
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant E6
Branch of Military: Montana National Guard
Current Hometown:

Lewistown
Family: Parents Efton and Mildred Crook; spouse Mary Jo Crook, children Robin (Matt) Mallow (Stevensville), Joseph (Deb) (Lewistown), John (Barb) (Spokane), Wendy (Rod) Swanson (Tura, MT)

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised, retired, Pacific Steel
Served: Montana - 23 years, retired 1988
Duties: 1st Cook - 9 years, Howl Btry - 11 years, Rifle - 3 years,

JOSEPH D. CROOK



Birthdate: June 22, 1961
Highest Rank: Navy E5 - 4.5 years; Montana National Guard E6 - 20 years
Branch of Military: Navy, Montana National Guard

Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Dwayne and Mary Jo Crook, spouse Deborah Cook
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here, works at OK Tire
Served: Navy - USS Fredrick, Indian Ocean, Iran Crisis 1980, Lebanon Civil War 1983, served in 16 countries while in Navy, served in Montana for National Guard
Duties: Petty officer in charge of engine room, motor-platoon sergeant

MICHAEL VERNEL CAMPBELL

Birthdate: Oct. 18, 1923
Date of Death: Dec. 28, 1996
Highest Rank: 60th Coast Anti-Aircraft Artillery, 26th Cavalry
Hometown: Hays
Family: Betty H. Campbell, spouse; Mike, Margie, Buddy, Sylvia, Sydne, (Poochie)
Connection to Central Montana: Lived and worked near Winifred for rancher; livestock inspector in Lewistown; ranched in Hays
Served: Philippines
Duties: Combat with 26th Cavalry
Military Honors: Survived Bataan death march, Hell ship to Japan, prison camp 3 1/2 years in Japan, Yokohama

EARL JAMES CARLSON

Birthdate: May 28, 1927
Birthplace: Leland, Ill.
Highest Rank: CWO4
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Earl F. and Hilda Carlson, parents; Wilma, wife; Evelyn Girdler, Jack Carlson, Rebecca Lodman, children
Connection to Central Montana: Son-in-law of Jack and Evelyn Steel
Served: Stateside, Germany, Korea
Duties: Radar Tech

JAMES L. CASEY

Birthdate: Jan. 2, 1918
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Master Sergeant
Current Hometown: Portland, Ore.
Family: Mr. and Mrs. James A. Casey
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here
Served: Southwest Pacific
Duties: 1st Sgt. Co.K - 163rd Infantry
Honors, Special Commendations: Combat Infantry Badge

RICHARD E. CASEY

Birthdate: May 11, 1920
Date of Death: July 29, 2013
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Sergeant
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: James L. Casey and Ina E. (Rowland) Casey, parents
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown
Served: Fort Lewis, Wash.; Australia; New Guinea; South Pacific
Duties: Infantry - 163rd Co.K
Honors, Special Commendations: Combat Infantry Badge

CHAD CHARBONNEAU

Current Hometown: Spokane, Wash.
Connection to Central Montana: Son of Amos L. Charbonneau
Served: Germany, Texas
Duties: Currently Recruiting

WM. EDWARD CHERRY

Birthdate: July 11, 1935
Birthplace: Augusta, Mont.
Highest Rank: Lt. USNR
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Florence Cherry, Choteau, Mont.
Connection to Central Montana: Live near Lewistown
Served: Camp Pendleton, Calif.
Duties: Dentistry

CLAYTON ARDELL CHRISTENSON

Birthdate: Nov. 3, 1946
Birthplace: Benson, Minn.
Branch of Military: Marines
Highest Rank: E4 Corporal
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Fern, wife; Wendy and Carlton, children.
Served: California, Far East, Vietnam, North Carolina and Cuba
Duties: Field Radio Operator
Military Honors: Exp. Medal, good conduct medal, South Vietnamese Medal.

RON CLAUSNITZER

Birthdate: Aug. 26, 1967
Highest Rank: E-5 Sergeant, U.S. Army
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Don and Doris Coulon, children Tarrah, Tawni, Tina, Trevor, and Zach
Connection to Central Montana: Resident, owned RTC Glass
Served: Operation Desert Storm, 1991-1992
Duties: 838 MP Battalion, Convoy Escort, Prisoner Processing, Customs and Reconnaissance. Dharan, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait
Military Honors: Army Commendation Medal

WILLIAM A. COOKE

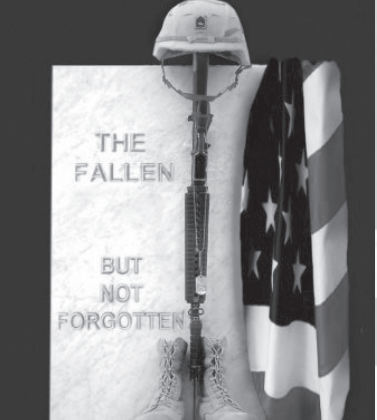
Highest Rank: Cpl.
Hometown: Portaferry, N. Ireland
Family: Parents deceased in Ireland
Served: Korea, 1950-51
Duties: Infantry

MILTON ALBER COOKSON

Birthdate: June 9, 1905
Birthplace: Woonsocket, RI
Highest Rank: Lieutenant commander - Chaplain
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Wife: Emogene Children: Joyce Malcolm, Thomas Cookson, Rosemary Kent and Alno Knerr.
Connection to Central Montana: Past Priest at St. James Episcopal Church
Served: In the Pacific during World War II, Panama, and South Dakota
Duties: Chaplain

HAROLD LEE CONRAD


Birthdate: Oct. 6, 1921
Birthplace: Marysville, Ohio
Highest Rank: First Lieutenant
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Wife Katherine (Phillips) Conrad, daughter Katherine L. Ault
Connection to Central Montana: Lived here
Served: Army Air Corps Aug. 1940 to Dec. 1945, Pacific Theater WWII
Duties: Water guard at Hickam Field, later sent back to pilot training
Military Honors: Member of Pearl Harbor Survivors Assoc. and American Legion Post 16



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LEONARD RALPH CRAIG
 Birthdate: Aug. 2, 1932
 Date of Death: Nov. 2, 1970
 Highest Rank: BMSN, US Navy
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Jim and Edith Craig
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Lewistown
 Served: Korea

TOMAS G. CRAIG
 Birthdate: Jan. 11, 1929
 Date of Death: July 6, 1971
 Highest Rank: PFC
 Hometown (at time of death): Ryegate
 Family: Jim and Edith Craig
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Lewistown
 Served: Germany, World War II

EARL ROBERT CRIPPS
 Birthdate: July 15, 1920
 Date of Death: March 10, 1994
 Highest Rank: Private First Class, 2nd Div. 175th Infantry Division
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: John and Ada Cripps, parents
 Served: Went in on D-Day at Normandy on Omaha Beach, all across until they met the Russians at the Elbe River
 Military Honors: Bronze Star

TIMOTHY E. CROWLEY
 Birthdate: March 25, 1907
 Date of Death: July 11, 1952
 Highest Rank: PFC, U.S. Army, 203 AAA BN CAC
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Timothy and Ida Mae Crowley, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Lifelong cowboy and ranch hand
 Served: Germany

WALTER (SCOTTY) DENNIS CROWLEY
 Birthdate: Sept. 17, 1905
 Date of Death: Aug. 11, 1997
 Highest Rank: Seaman, U.S. Navy
 Hometown (at time of death): Pasadena, Calif.
 Family: Timothy and Ida Mae Crowley, parents; Charlotte Crowley, spouse; and four children
 Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised here
 Served: Overseas, Pacific

CHRISTOPHER A. CRUMRINE
 Birthdate: July 29, 1945
 Highest Rank: Chief Warrant Officer, U.S. Army
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Spouse Mary S., daughter Paula Karmann
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident
 Served: Two tours in Vietnam, three tours in Germany and other states for a total of 21 years, now retired
 Duties: Intelligence Officer, Military Police
 Military Honors: Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, RVN Honor Medal, Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Good Conduct Medal, Army Achievement Medal

STACY ANNE DANZER
 Birthdate: May 2, 1970
 Birthplace: Glasgow, Mont.
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Husband Rolf Danzer; parents V. James and Karen Green
 Connection to Central Montana: Police officer in Lewistown
 Served: U.S. Army in Colo., Texas, Korea, S.C., Germany, Kansas, Kosovo and Bosnia
 Duties: Medical NCO
 Honors, Special Commendations: 3 AAM, 2 AR-COM, GCX3, played softball for US All-Army Team for eight years.

MILTON R. "DICK" DELANEY
 Birthdate: June 5, 1927
 Date of Death: Dec. 12, 1999
 Birthplace: Grass Range, MT
 Current Hometown (at time of death): Grass Range, MT
 Highest Rank: Seaman 1st Class (SIC)
 Branch of Military: U.S. Navy
 Family: Wife Georgia and 1 daughter, 1 son
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised at ranch near Grass Range. Attended High school in Winnett.
 Served: 1945-1946
 Duties: Worked on minesweeper, clearing mines from water around Philippine Islands after WWII ended in August 1945.
 Military Honors: Honorable Discharge

BILL L. DENNING
 Birthdate: April 21, 1928
 Highest Rank: EN-3, U.S. Navy
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Spouse May C. Denning, children Laurie, Don, Margie, and Becky
 Connection to Central Montana: 36-year resident
 Served: Pacific Theater of Operations
 Duties: Naval Air, Gunner Torpedo Bomber, also observation and reconnaissance along the China Coast.
 Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, and Presidential Citation from Harry Truman

HARLAND R. (DICK) DENNISON
 Birthdate: June 4, 1946
 Birthplace: Langdon, N.D.
 Highest Rank: E5-EM2
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Carla Dennison, wife
 Connection to Central Montana: Grew up and schooled 1-12
 Served: USS Roberta Owens DD214, YTM Yokosuka, Japan, USS Constellation CVA; active duty 5 years, 9 months, 5 days
 Duties: Leading Petty Officer catapult gang on aircraft carrier CVA64
 Military Honors: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device (1960), Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea), Navy Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Award (First)

THOMAS H. CUMMINGS
 Birthdate: Sept. 26, 1940
 Birthplace: Malta
 Highest Rank: Lance Corporal
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: wife Margaret
 Connection to Central Montana: Rancher
 Served: Marines

LOUIS EDWARD DAER
 Birthdate: Aug. 6, 1923
 Date of Death: Feb. 19, 1991
 Highest Rank: Gunner's Mate, Second Class
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Julie Daer, spouse; Tom and Steve, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Electrician/refrigeration in Lewistown
 Served: Hawaii, Pearl Harbor
 Duties: Gunner's mate on submarine
 Military Honors: Honorable discharge

EDWARD E. DAGEL JR.
 Birthdate: May 31, 1976
 Birthplace: Bremerton, Wash.
 Highest Rank: SFC/E7
 Branch of Military: Army
 Current Hometown: Hilger
 Family: Edward Dagel Sr. and Carlene G. Dagel, wife; Brenda G. Dagel, wife; Edward K. Dagel (Kael) and Layla Cherie Dagel (Fort Stewart, GA), children
 Connection to Central Montana: Spent much of youth in Hilger/Lewistown areas; parents and grandparents (Jerry and Maralyn Knapp) reside in Hilger
 Served: Ft. Riley, KS; Korea; Germany; Iraq (3 tours); Ft. Stewart, GA
 Duties: Combat Engineer, Generator Mechanic, Computer System Tech, Platoon Sgt and SASMO NCOIC
 Military Honors: Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3), Army Achievement Medal (5), Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Good Conduct Medal (4), National Defense Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal (3), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Non Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (2), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon (5), Driver/Mechanic Badge (2)

EDWARD E. DAGEL SR.
 Birthdate: May 8, 1957
 Birthplace: Great Falls
 Highest Rank: MSG/E8, Army
 Current Hometown: Hilger
 Family: William Dagel and Loretta Huttinger, parents; Carlene G. Dagel, wife; Edward E. Dagel Jr., son; Connie G. Zam - Big Fork, Montana, daughter
 Connection to Central Montana: Live on a ranch in Hilger and work at the Hilger Post Office as OIC
 Served: Operations Provide Comfort, Provide Promise, Deny Flight, Support Hope - Iraq (region of the Balkans); Operation Joint Guard and Operation Joint Endeavor, Bosnia/Herzegovina; Belgium; Germany; Washington; Georgia; Kansas; Arizona; California
 Duties: Network Technician, Network Analyst, Network Manager, First Sergeant, Automation Training Specialist, Platoon Sergeant
 Military Honors: Legion of Merit, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, NATO Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3), Achievement Medal (8), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Battle Expeditionary Campaign, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

WILLIS L. DAILEY
 Birthdate: July 2, 1917
 Date of Death: May 21, 1971
 Highest Rank: T/Sgt, Air Force
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Mary Dailey, spouse; Patti Fanning, Terry Dailey, Sandra Penrose, children; Charles and Pearl Dailey, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here, worked for Montana Highway Department
 Served: Kirkland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, N.M.; Victorville, Calif.; Japan
 Duties: Aircraft mechanic

HOWARD WAYNE DAHL
 Birthdate: Sept. 21, 1942
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Spec. 4
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Spouse Nancy Dahl, parents Art and Hazel Dahl
 Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised and retired here
 Served: Vietnam
 Duties: Infantry
 Military Honors: 2 Purple Hearts

LOYD G. (GLEN) DALTON
 Birthdate: Oct. 27, 1927
 Birthplace: Heath
 Highest Rank: PFC
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Lloyd and Helen Dalton; spouse Ruth Jimmerson; children Jerry Dalton, Lisa Dalton, Lori Conard
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here
 Served: Fort Monmouth, N.J.; Camp Stone-man, Calif.; Fort Mason, Calif.
 Duties: Bus/truck driver

PAUL W. DAUGHERTY
 Birthdate: Oct. 15, 1924
 Date of Death: Nov. 6, 1992
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Tressa Daugherty, Bob Daugherty and John Daugherty
 Connection to Central Montana: Cattle rancher
 Served: Law N.V.
 Duties: Bombardier, gunnery instructor
 Military Honors: Rocker T Battlefield Commendation, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal

ROBERT A. DAVIDSON
 Birthdate: Nov. 14, 1925
 Date of Death: 2015
 Birthplace: Casper, Wyo.
 Highest Rank: Machinist Mate 2nd Class (MM2C)
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Robert J. and Dorothy Davidson; wife Carlita
 Connection to Central Montana: Moved here 1960 to ranch
 Served: Pacific-South and Western, WWII, APA 198 USS McCracken
 Duties: Naval Amphibious Force

MICHAEL WILLIAM DAVIS
 Highest Rank: Private
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: William and Robby Davis, parents
 Served: Germany
 Duties: Assistant gunner on Bradley

JIM DELANEY
 Birthdate: Nov. 16, 1927
 Date of Death: 2012
 Birthplace: Butte
 Highest Rank: Corporal
 Branch of Military: Marine Corps
 Current Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Wife Mary; children Kathy Moore, Patty Paige, Peggy Delaney and Jim E. Delaney
 Connection to Central Montana: Been here my entire life
 Duties: Stayin' alive

ADAM PATRICK DEMARS
 Birthdate: Nov. 1, 1981
 Birthplace: Miles City
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Current Hometown: Aurora, Colo.
 Family: Parents Kim and Nancy DeMars
 Connection to Central Montana: Family lives here
 Served: Fort Lewis, Wash. and Iraq
 Duties: Intel Gathering

DANIEL CHARLES DEMARS
 Birthdate: July 13, 1985
 Birthplace: Malta
 Highest Rank: Sergeant, U.S. Army
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Kim and Nancy DeMars
 Connection to Central Montana: Family lives here
 Served: Alaska; Ft. Bliss, Texas; K-Town Germany; Iraq
 Duties: Military Police

HARRY ALLEN DENGEL
 Birthdate: June 23, 1941
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: E4
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Art and Gurneva Dengel, wife Sherry, children Jon and Justin
 Served: Korea and Aberdeen Proving Grounds
 Duties: Special Services
 Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal

WILLIAM HARRY DENGEL
 Birthdate: Oct. 30, 1923
 Date of Death: Jan. 13, 1978
 Hometown (at time of death): Grass Range
 Family: Harry and Hattie Dengel, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Spent his whole life in Central Montana
 Served: U.S. Navy, World War II, and Korean Conflict
 Duties: Gunner on carrier

WILLIAM JOHN DENGEL
 Birthdate: Dec. 8, 1945
 Highest Rank: EN 2 (SS) U.S. Navy
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Art and Gurneva Dengel; spouse Pat; children Roger, Kris, Kevin, and Chad
 Connection to Central Montana: Native
 Served: Western Pacific
 Duties: Throttleman, forward engine room on submarine

RAYMOND H. DEVINE
 Birthdate: March 18, 1949
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Date of Death: Oct. 8, 2016
 Highest Rank: E-4
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Hometown (at time of death): Kalispell
 Family: Herbert and Alice Devine, parents; Michael Devine, son
 Connection to Central Montana: Grew up in Lewistown area
 Served: Corpus Christi, Texas
 Duties: Plane captain and ground support
 Military Honors: Meritorious Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal

BRANDON RAY DIRKSON
 Birthdate: Feb. 11, 1984
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Chief Petty Officer
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Current Hometown: Stationed on USS Abraham CVN-72, Everett, Washington
 Family: Theresa Dirkson, mother; Aliviah Grace Dirkson, daughter
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised and graduated Stanford/Geyser area
 Served: USS Carl Vinson CVN-70, USS George Washington CVN-72, Yokosuka, Japan
 Duties: Arresting gear and currently leading CPO of the bow catapults
 Military Honors: Navy Commendation Medal, 2 Navy Achievement Medals, Navy Battle "E", Good Conduct Medal with one Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Navy Sea Service Ribbon with one Silver Star and one Bronze Star, Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, Enlisted Air Warfare Specialist pin, Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist pin

FRANK DIXON
 Birthdate: 1900
 Birthplace: Cottonwood Falls, Kans.
 Branch of Military: Army Calvary
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Gladys Dixon, spouse; Muriel Sennet, Anna Mikulak, Ruth Hruska, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived in Lewistown
 Served: Texas; Across Mexican border
 Duties: Drove a mule train

WALTER R. DOLSMAN
 Birthdate: June 13, 1917
 Date of Death: Jan. 26, 1992
 Highest Rank: Corporal
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Nels P. Dolsman and Helge H. Swanson, parents; Loretta Dolsman, spouse; Wonda Dolsman and Connie Wheeler Polson, daughters
 Connection to Central Montana: Born in Grass Range
 Served: Pacific
 Duties: Power plant operator
 Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal

DARRYN LLOYD DOMAN
 Birthdate: Sept. 24, 1975
 Birthplace: Billings
 Highest Rank: E6
 Branch: Air National Guard, Air Force
 Current Hometown: Apple Valley, California
 Family: Donnis Doman and Elisabeth Cimrhakl, parents; Dannelle Komorak, sister; Bill Doman, brother
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised, graduate of Winnett High School
 Served: Iraq, Afghanistan
 Duties: Crew Chief, maintains Predator UAV Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
 Military Honors: Airman of the Quarter

GEORGE ALBERT DONALDSON
 Birthdate: Feb. 27, 1895
 Date of Death: March 30, 1966
 Highest Rank: Private First Class
 Hometown (at time of death): Denton
 Family: Mae (Crouch) Donaldson, spouse, deceased; Marion Dacus, Doris Chamberlain, Duane Donaldson, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Farmer/rancher
 Served: France, World War I
 Duties: Infantry

MARK D. DONEY
 Birthdate: Sept. 1, 1981
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Lance Cpl.
 Current Hometown: Missoula
 Family: Patty (Evans) Doney Hilgen-dorf, Leon Doney
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and went to school here
 Served: Kuwait; San Diego; Fort Leonard Wood
 Duties: Heavy Equipment Operator

MATTHEW L. DONEY
 Birthdate: April 2, 1983
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: E6 Tech Sgt.
 Branch of Military: Air Force
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Brad and Gayle Doney, parents; Katie Doney, wife; Coleigh, daughter
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here
 Served: Kadena Air Base, Okinawa Japan; deployed 3 times with Operation Enduring Freedom and 2 times with Operation Iraqi Freedom
 Duties: Avionics on KC-135 Air Tankers at Fairchild, worked F-16 Block 32 and 52 Aircraft while at the Thunderbirds, currently Specialist Inspection Section NCOIC for 54 F-15 C and D models in Kadena
 Military Honors: Air Force Commendation Medal, Meritorious Unit Award, AF Outstanding Unit Award, AF Organizational Excellence Award, AF Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon, AF Longevity Service, USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, AF Training Ribbon

WAYNE PATRICK DONEY SR.
 Birthdate: March 29, 1938
 Date of Death: April 24, 2002
 Highest Rank: HN
 Hometown (at time of death): Williston, N.D.
 Family: Richard and Florence Doney, parents; Thelma Doney, spouse; Patricia Johnson, daughter; and Patrick Doney, son
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived in Lewistown for 18 years
 Served: Vietnam
 Duties: First aid attendant, medical field
 Military Honors: Honorable discharge

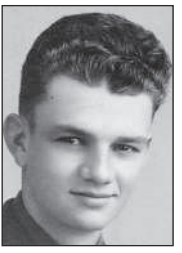
ZACHARIAH DONEY
 Birthdate: May 6, 1986
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: E-2, Airman Apprentice, United States Navy
 Family: Parents Brad and Gayle Doney
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here
 Served: Oceania, Va.; Pensacola, Fla.
 Duties: Aviation electronics - Electronics tech



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RALPH (JACK) DONISTHORPE



Birthdate: Dec. 2, 1924
Birthplace: Lewistown
Date of Death: 2012
Highest Rank: Corporal
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Art and Edith Donisthorpe; wife Clara Hartman; children Art, Kay and Scott
Connection to Central Montana: Lived here entire life, ranching and farming
Served: Texas and Denver
Duties: Weather Air Sections

MICHAEL GENE DONSBACH



Birthdate: Jan. 21, 1950
Date of Death: April 22, 2004
Highest Rank: Interior Communications 2nd Class
Hometown (at time of death): Roy
Family: Al and Betty Donsbach, parents; Bobbe (White) Donsbach, spouse; Kirk, Shawna (Angelo) and Sheila Donsbach, children
Connection to Central Montana: Lived in Roy 2002 to 2004 and in Winifred 25 years prior to that
Served: Vietnam
Duties: USS Hassayamph (AO-145), electrician
Military Honors: National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation

DONALD MARVIN DORMADY



Birthdate: Aug. 17, 1938
Birthplace: Great Falls
Date of Death: 2017
Highest Rank: MM.C
Hometown: Stanford
Family: Parents Pearl and Lyle Dormady; wife June Dormady; children Donald, Leonard, Pearl and Roy
Connection to Central Montana: Married local lady June Sirucek
Served: USS Hancock Naval Air Station, Memphis, Tenn.; USS Ingersoll, USS Galveston, USS Shields, USS Cogswell, USS Bauer, Navy Recruiting Station - Omaha, Neb., Council Bluffs, Iowa, Winner, S.D., USS Truckee and Naval Reserve Facility, Great Falls
Duties: Refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic
Military Honors: SR, FA, FN, MM3, MM2, MM1, MMC

GALE S. DORN



Birthdate: Feb. 4, 1926
Birthplace: Harlowton
Date of Death: 2015
Highest Rank: Corporal, U.S. Army, Paratrooper
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Mary Ann Dorn, spouse; children Diana, Debbie, Karris, Donald, and James
Connection to Central Montana: Lewistown resident
Served: European Theatre; Germany, Netherlands, Belgium
Duties: Paratrooper, jumped into Germany; Artillery Battalion
Military Honors: Combat Ribbon, Good Conduct, Victory Ribbon, European Theater

RANDAL E. DRUBE



Birthdate: May 7, 1962
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: E5
Current Hometown: Gulfport, Miss.
Family: Mother Joyce Drube; wife Cathy; sons Caleb, Mark and Nathan
Connection to Central Montana: Grew up in Fort Benton and Lewistown. Graduated from Fergus High in 1980
Served: Groton, Conn., and Norfolk, Va. Cruised around the world on Emery S. Land Sub Tender in 1988, one of the ships in the 1986 4th of July celebration for the Statue of Liberty. Served on a tugboat in Groton and Carrier John F. Kennedy in Norfolk
Duties: 6 years Navy printer of ship's books.
Military Honors: Sailor of the Month, Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Commendation Medal.

ARTHUR L. DUBBS JR.



Birthdate: May 16, 1925
Date of Death: March 24, 2012
Birthplace: Great Falls
Highest Rank: Yeoman 2nd Class, US Navy
Current Hometown (at time of death): Hobson
Family: Wife Colleen Dubbs; children Deedee (Pearce), Scott, Kelly and Casey Dubbs
Connection to Central Montana: Superintendent of the Central Montana Agricultural Research Center for many years, former mayor of Hobson
Served: Okinawa, Tinian and San Francisco Harbor during World War II with the 13th US Naval Construction Battalion
Duties: Headquarter Company - Personnel Office Clerk
Military Honors: Asiatic Pacific Campaign - Honorable Discharge 1946

GEORGE PATRICK DUNN JR.



Birthdate: Nov. 19, 1920
Date of Death: Nov. 26, 1944
Highest Rank: Corporal
Hometown (at time of death): Gilt Edge
Family: George and Taisy Dunn, parents; Pat Davis, Alice Poetter, sisters; Owen Dunn, brother
Connection to Central Montana: Farming and cattle ranching with father
Served: New Guinea
Duties: Foot soldier

JAMES W. DUNNINGTON



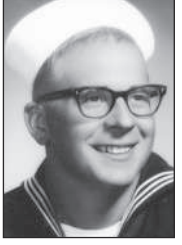
Birthdate: 1943
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Chief Petty Officer
Current Hometown: Bloomington, Ill.
Family: Parents Russell and Helena; spouse Patricia; sons Wesley, Michael and Mathew
Connection to Central Montana: Parents' home
Served: 1963 to 1983 U.S. Navy, Caribbean, Mediterranean, North Atlantic, Persian Gulf
Duties: Surface electronics, Electronics Instructor

RUSSELL L. DUNNINGTON SR.



Birthdate: 1916
Birthplace: Roy
Highest Rank: Sergeant, Air Corps
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Spouse Helena; sons James and Russell
Connection to Central Montana: Home since 1919
Served: 1942 to 1945, 3027th Army Air Force Base Advanced Pilot School, Pecos, Texas
Duties: Classification Specialist

RUSSELL L. DUNNINGTON JR.



Birthdate: 1945
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Petty Officer 3rd Class
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Russell and Helena Dunnington Sr.; spouse B.J. Able; children Mikel and Amanda
Connection to Central Montana: Lewistown, retired police chief
Served: U.S. Navy 1965 to 1969, Philippines, Japan, Tonkin Gulf, Vietnam
Duties: Aviation electronics technician, helicopter crewman, combat support squadron

ROBERT L. DURBIN



Birthdate: Dec. 17, 1926
Birthplace: Conception, Mo.
Highest Rank: Sergeant
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Julius and Odilia Durbin; wife Dorothy
Connection to Central Montana: Moved from Missouri to Montana in March 1947
Served: World War II, European Theatre Occupation
Duties: Company Clerk, Supply Sergeant, Personnel Clerk, Postal Clerk
Military Honors: Good Conduct, Discharged Jan. 3, 1947

GORDON HUDSON EASTMAN



Birthdate: Feb. 29, 1912
Date of Death: March 18, 1993
Highest Rank: Captain
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Earl and Tina Eastman, parents; Sue Kenney, spouse; Lynn, Mark, Kirk, Dana and Jay, children
Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised and died here
Served: Alaska, Europe
Duties: Infantry Unit Command 1542
Military Honors: Pacific Theater Service Medal, European Service Medal, Purple Heart, three Bronze Stars, V Medal

MARK G. EASTMAN



Highest Rank: Specialist
Family: Parents Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Eastman
Connection to Central Montana: Family is still here
Served: Vietnam; F Company, 51st Infantry Division, Airborne, Long Range Patrol
Duties: Recondo
Military Honors: Purple Heart

LAWRENCE D. (LARRY) ECKHARDT



Birthdate: April 30, 1933
Birthplace: Billings
Highest Rank: A/IC, US Air Force
Hometown: Lewistown
Connection to Central Montana: Lived in Lewistown for 30+ years, retired
Served: California
Duties: Air policeman

CHARLES (ARTHUR) EDWARDS



Birthdate: 1889
Date of Death: 1968
Birthplace: North Dakota
Family: Matie Edwards, wife; Robert Edwards and Amy Lou Works, children
Connection to Central Montana: Founder of Golden Montana Company
Served: WWI

CLARENCE A. EDWARDS



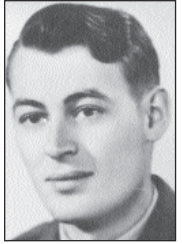
Birthdate: Jan. 29, 1911
Date of Death: May 1965
Highest Rank: Private
Hometown (at time of death): Mesa, Ariz.
Family: Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Edwards, parents; William, brother
Connection to Central Montana: Prior to World War II lived in Denton
Served: U.S. Combat Engineers in Europe

ROBERT ARTHUR EDWARDS



Birthdate: 1921
Date of Death: 2006
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: 1st Lieutenant Air Corp, Army Air Force
Family: Arthur and Matie Edwards, parents; Ethel Ann Edwards, wife; Ken, Dennis and Nickie Lynn, children
Connection to Central Montana: Owner of Golden Montana Company
Served: WWII Flying 8th, Rhineland, Ardennes, Central Europe
Duties: Co Pilot of B17
Military Honors: Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Eame Theater Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, American Theater Victory Medal

WILLIAM B. EDWARDS



Birthdate: Feb. 2, 1918
Date of Death: March 8, 1988
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
Hometown (at time of death): Denton
Family: Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Edwards, parents; Margaret, spouse; Cliff, Colleen and Wayne, children
Connection to Central Montana: Banker at Farmers State Bank in Denton
Served: North African and Italian war theaters
Duties: Served with Air Force service and supply division
Military Honors: Three major European area campaign stars and Good Conduct Award

HOWARD L. EHLERT



Birthdate: May 1, 1925
Date of Death: March 11, 2009
Birthplace: Wahpeton, ND
Highest Rank: TEC 4, US Army, CN Co., 9th Infantry
Family: Stephany Simac, wife; Mark, Jeff, Steve, Wes, Alan, Robert, Tom, Joan, Lisa, Nancy and Marguerite, children
Connection to Central Montana: Long-time Winifred area farmer and rancher
Served: Jan. 1946 - July 1947
Duties: Auto Mechanics
Military Honors: Victory Medal

WALTER A. ELLIOTT



Highest Rank: Lt. USNR
Hometown: Fort Benton, resident of Lewistown since 1954
Family: Phyllis, spouse; and children, Martha, Tom, Douglas, Ken and Mary
Connection to Central Montana: Went to Fort Benton High School
Served: USS Crosby, South Pacific, World War II
Duties: Deck officer and navigator

JAMES ROBERT EMERSON



Birthdate: April 24, 1981
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Corporal
Branch of Military: Marine Corps
Current Hometown: Clancy, MT
Family: Parents Tracie Bacon and Robert Emerson; spouse Riki Emerson; daughter Addison Emerson
Connection to Central Montana: Grandparents Tink and Azalea Bacon
Served: California, Iraq
Duties: Forward observer for 81 mm mortars

ORVILLE EUGENE (GENE) ERLANDSON



Birthdate: Feb. 2, 1938
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Airman First Class
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Orville and Fern Erlandson; wife Marge; sons Steve and Rick
Connection to Central Montana: Business owned: TV Appliance Center
Served: 1958-1963; Japan 1959-1961
Duties: Radio intercept and communications
Honors: Letters of special commendation

DONALD O. ESP



Birthdate: Aug. 4, 1924
Birthplace: Big Timber
Date of Death: 2011
Highest Rank: T4-383rd Infantry Regiment - 96th Division
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Wife Alice, daughter Shelley Weikart, son Kris
Connection to Central Montana: Retired
Served: Pacific-Philippines, Okinawa
Duties: Combat Infantryman - Mortarman
Military Honors: Combat Infantryman Badge, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal

BRENDAN FACHNER



Current Hometown: Bangor, Wash.
Family: LaVonne, wife; Lily, daughter; Ernest and Beverly Fachner, parents
Branch: Navy
Served: Joined in 1987, served 10 years as a missile technician aboard two nuclear submarines, the USS Tecumseh stationed in Charleston, S.C. and the USS Henry M. Jackson which is ported in Bangor, Wash. where Brendan now works for Lockheed Martin

ERNEST MATT FACHNER



Birthdate: April 10, 1924
Date of Death: May 5, 2001
Highest Rank: Private First Class
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Beverly Fachner, spouse; Colin and Brendan, sons; and Lynn Solberg, daughter
Connection to Central Montana: moved here from Wolf Point in 1977
Served: Asiatic-Pacific Service, New Guinea, Philippine Islands
Duties: Combat Infantryman
Military Honors: Marksman M-1, Purple Heart, two Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Service Medal, Victory Medal

DON L. DERKS

Birthdate: Nov. 14, 1934
Birthplace: Maryville, M.O.
Highest Rank: BU, 3
Branch of the Military: U.S.N. Seabees
Hometown: Hobson
Family: Marilyn, spouse; Keith, Russ, Cynthia, and Roger, children.
Connection to Central Montana: Lived here since 1958
Served: Great Lakes, I.L., Rhode Island, San Salvador, Bahamas
Duties: Constructive work
Military Honors: Honorable Discharge

GARY LEE DISTAD

Birthdate: April 12, 1957
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: 5FC-E-7
Branch of Military: 3 years U.S. Army, Army National Guard 36 years
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Esther M. Distad, wife; Nicole and Danielle Distad, daughters; Jason Bray, stepson
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown, retired in Lewistown, mechanic at Bus Barn for 24 years for school district
Served: 3 years Germany, Bosnia, U.S.
Duties: Germany-Artillery Surveyor, Army Guard-10 years as an 155 mm self-propelled howitzer section chief, 14 years as a mechanized Bradley infantry soldier-Platoon Sergeant, 12 years platoon sergeant in combat service support
Military Honors: Meritorious Service Medal, Army Aeh.-6, AGCM, ARCAM, National Def-2, Armed Forces Expeditionary, GWOT-Svc, Hum. Svc. AFRM-W, M-Device + Gold Hourglass, NATO svc, MT NG Distinguished Svc, MT NG Commendation Medal, OSR, Prof-Dev.-3, ASR, MT NG Outstanding Unit, Noble Eagle Ribbon

BRADLEY L. DONEY

Birthdate: Jan. 8
Birthplace: Spokane, Wash.
Highest Rank: Petty Officer 3rd Class
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Clifford Doney; wife Gayle Doney; children Matthew and Zach Doney
Connection to Central Montana: Resident
Served: Okinawa, Torre Station, Naval Security Station, and Adak, Alaska
Duties: Cryptologic Technician
Military Honors: Held top secret clearance, Honorable Discharge

GAYLE ANN (CARTER) DONEY

Birthdate: May 20
Birthplace: Chouteau
Highest Rank: Petty Officer 3rd Class, United States Navy
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Husband Brad Doney; children Matt and Zach Doney; parents Delbert and Lorraine Carter
Connection to Central Montana: Resident
Served: Pensacola, Fla.; Adak, Alaska
Duties: Cryptologic Technician, held top secret clearance
Military Honors: Good Conduct Award and Honorable Discharge

LEON GREGORY DONEY

Birthdate: Oct. 5, 1950
Birthplace: Ft. Belknap
Highest Rank: E4
Current Hometown: Streetsboro, Ohio
Family: Florence and Richard Doney, parents; children Mark D. Doney and Danielle Doney
Connection to Central Montana: Lived here and went to school at St. Leo's
Served: Vietnam
Duties: Artillery
Military Honors: Honor Trainee AIT, M16

ED DUFFNER

Birthdate: Nov. 16, 1931
Birthplace: Cat Creek, Mont.
Highest Rank: E6
Hometown: Sierra Vista, Ariz.
Family: Katherine and A.B. Duffer, parents; Shirley, wife; David, Debra, and Donna, children
Served: Japan; Korea; Pacific Theater
Duties: A/C Mechanic, Alert Crew, Mcc. Inf. NBC & Supply
Military Honors: Far East Acc. Korean, Good Conduct, various

RALPH B. DUFFNER

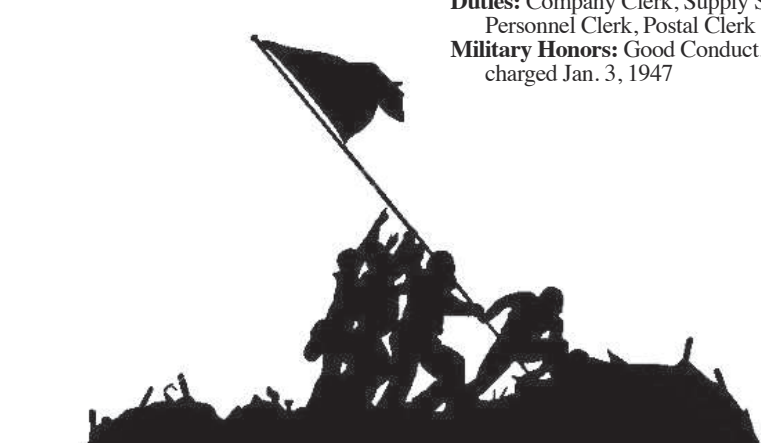
Birthdate: May 6, 1918
Birthplace: Forest Grove, Mont.
Highest Rank: Sergeant
Hometown: Dillon, Mont.
Family: Katherine and A.B. Duffner; Alice, wife; Judy, Les, Janet, Joyce, children
Served: Camp Stoneman, Calif.
Duties: Cook
Military Honors: Cooking awards and all merits allowed for stateside duty, WWII

GEORGE WILLIAM DUNLAP

Birthdate: Sept. 29, 1941
Birthplace: Lewistown
Date of Death: Nov. 8, 2017
Highest Rank: E7, Chief Gunner's Mate
Branch of Military: U.S. Navy
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: May E. (McDonald) and Howard W. Dunlap, parents; Patrick H. Dunlap, son; Patrick A. Farley, Barbara M. Connolly, Debora E. Taurnman, sisters.
Served: Aboard ships: supply and destroyers and ammunition.
Duties: Chief Gunner's mate, Instructor - Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Illinois.
Military Honors: Honorable Discharge, Career Navy

ROBERT JOHN EIKE

Birthdate: Aug. 31, 1923
Date of Death: Feb. 3, 2001
Highest Rank: Tec 5
Hometown (at time of death): Melstone
Family: Florence, spouse; Leta Grebe, Elva Arthur, Bette Newman, John Eike, children
Connection to Central Montana: Born in Grass Range, graduated from high school in Winnett
Served: Central Europe
Duties: Truck driver, light tanks
Military Honors: Marksmanship, served Nov. 27, 1943, to Oct. 31, 1945, 50-year member of American Legion



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CHARLES W. EMSWILER
 Birthdate: June 17, 1922
 Date of Death: March 19, 2008
 Birthplace: Grass Range, MT
 Current Hometown (at time of death): Cheyenne, Wyo.
 Highest Rank: Enlisted man
 Branch of Military: U.S. Navy
 Family: Wife (Joann), 3 children (1 boy and 2 girls)
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown area
 Served: Jan. 1942 to Nov. 20, 1945. Served as a minesweeper (YMS-8) and on a WWII submarine (USS Kracken SS-370)
 Duties: As assigned
 Military Honors: Honorable Discharge

JOSEPH R. "BOB" FABIAN
 Birthdate: Jan. 18, 1929
 Date of Death: Nov. 28, 2017
 Birthplace: Lewistown, MT
 Branch of Military: Army (1951-1953)
 Family: Joseph and Vinette Fabian (parents, deceased); Margaret Storfa Fabian (spouse, deceased); Mark Fabian, Leslie Fabian, Joe Fabian (children)
 Connection to Central Montana: Lifelong resident, business owner

JOHN FERGUSON
 Current Hometown: Lyons, Ind.
 Family: Mother Marge Ferguson; wife Starline (Lundin) Ferguson
 Connection to Central Montana: Ida Lundin, Forest Grove
 Served: Ft. Lewis, Wash.; Ft. Hallibyr, Md.; Vietnam; Zwiebrucken, Germany; Ft. Hood, Texas

ROBERT LEWIS FINK
 Birthdate: Oct. 17, 1931
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Corporal
 Branch of Military: Army
 Current Hometown: Roy
 Family: Annie and Alvatt Fink, parents; Kathie Fink, wife; Toni Keller, Robin Fink and Brian Gar, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Hometown, raised here
 Served: Korea
 Duties: Medical Corp.
 Military Honors: Combat Medical Badge

KENNETH L. FRANZ
 Birthdate: April 8, 1968
 Birthplace: Sidney, MT
 Highest Rank: Petty Officer 2nd Class Hull Technician
 Branch of Military: U.S. Navy
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Annie and Raymond Franz (parents); Lynn Franz (wife); Annie and Hanna Franz (daughters)
 Connection to Central Montana: Lives in Lewistown, owner of All Weather Tech, Inc.
 Served: Persian Gulf, North Arabian Sea
 Duties: Pipe fitting, welding, plumbing, fire fighting, damage control, CBR defense and training.
 Military Honors: Navy Achievement medal November 24, 1988-January 25, 1989

EMIL CARL FREBURG
 Birthdate: Sept. 24, 1915
 Date of Death: Aug. 25, 2000
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Hometown (at time of death): Winter Haven, Fla.
 Family: Marian Freburg, spouse; Scott A. Freburg and Patricia Newman, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown, lived on a ranch out of Grass Range
 Served: North Africa, Italy
 Duties: Railroads in North Africa, moving troops and equipment
 Military Honors: Buried with full military honors by American Legion at Evergreen Cemetery, Walker, Minn.

SEAN P. GALLAGHER
 Birthdate: Aug. 29, 1975
 Birthplace: Hawaii
 Highest Rank: SSgt.
 Current Hometown: Colorado Springs, Colo.
 Family: Parents Mike and Cheryl Gallagher of Hawaii; wife Stormy Gallagher, mother-in-law Macie Lundin
 Served: Lackland AFB, Texas; Aviano, Italy; Cheyenne Mtn., Colorado Springs, Colo.
 Duties: Military Police
 Military Honors: Airman of the Mountain

STORMY GALLAGHER
 Birthdate: June 24, 1980
 Birthplace: Great Falls
 Highest Rank: AMN 1C
 Current Hometown: Colorado Springs, Colo.
 Family: Mother Macie Lundin; husband Sean Gallagher; grandmother Ida Lundin
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Grass Range, GRHS graduate
 Served: Lackland AFB, Texas; Keesler, Mo.; Peterson AFB, Colorado Springs, Colo.
 Duties: Computer Specialist

ROGER N. GAUER
 Birthdate: July 11, 1956
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Private
 Current Hometown: Great Falls
 Family: Parents Connie and the late Myron Gauer
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here, 1974 graduate of Fergus High School
 Served: California, honorable discharge, medical

JOHN CHARLES GERVAIS, JR.
 Birthdate: Jan. 8, 1946
 Birthplace: Great Falls
 Branch of Military: Air Force
 Highest Rank: E6
 Current Hometown: Roy
 Family: Marilyn Gervais, wife; Joshua, Trevor and Brett Gervais, sons.
 Connection to Central Montana: Worked at Moodie Implement
 Served: Webb Air Force Base, Big Springs, Texas
 Duties: Jet engine specialist
 Military Honors: Montana Centennial Flight member, Honorable Discharge in 1968.

TERRY GENE FARRAR
 Highest Rank: PFC
 Hometown: Harlowton
 Family: Ralph and Irene Farrar, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Attended Harlowton High School
 Served: Ft. Campbell, Ky.
 Duties: Infantry

VICTOR CALVIN FARRAR
 Birthdate: Jan. 11, 1925
 Birthplace: Stanford
 Highest Rank: PFC
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Betty and Will Farrar, wife Ruth, children Michael,
 Eugene, Shirley
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Central Montana
 Served: Continental Service
 Duties: Radio-Radar Technician
 Military Honors: Badges, Sharpshooter Medals, Ribbons, World War II Victory Medal

CAROLE FEIST
 Highest Rank: Seaman
 Hometown: Corn-ing, Kan.
 Family: Jim, spouse; Margaret, Susi, Julie and Buck, children
 Duties: Radioman

JIM FEIST
 Highest Rank: Senior Chief Petty Officer
 Hometown: Killdeer, N.D.
 Family: Carole, spouse; Margaret, Susi, Julie and Buck, children
 Served: Philippines, Alaska, Washington, D.C., California and Florida
 Duties: Radioman

HARVEY C. FELLER
 Birthdate: Oct. 17, 1933
 Highest Rank: Airman/1st Class
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Spouse Joan E. Feller, children Rick, Jerry, Terry, Victor, and Sherry Schmitz
 Connection to Central Montana: Fergus High School Teacher, Coach
 Served: Texas, California, Florida, Cuba, Costa Rica
 Duties: Aerial Photographer

ADELBERT D. FERDINAND
 Birthdate: Dec. 3, 1929
 Date of Death: Nov. 4, 1967
 Highest Rank: Major, U.S. Air Force
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Harry and Bessie Ferdinand, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised here, family here
 Served: Cheyenne, Wyo.; San Antonio, Texas; Illinois; North Dakota; Washington; Guam; California; New Mexico
 Duties: Squadron commander, squadron adjutant B52, strategic air command, atomic energy commission

MONTE W. FERGUSON
 Birthdate: Sept. 10, 1926
 Date of Death: June 16, 2003
 Highest Rank: Seaman First Class
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Kathryn, spouse; Cherelee Martin, Craig Ferguson, Susan Woods and Daniel Ferguson (deceased), children
 Connection to Central Montana: Teacher at Fergus High School
 Served: Atlantic Theater, 1944-46
 Duties: Cook

HARRY E. FERRELL
 Birthdate: July 15, 1916
 Date of Death: April 16, 1983
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: PFC - PVT
 Branch of Military: Army, Company 1, 271st Infantry, 69th Division
 Family: Ed and Elma Ferrell, parents; Ann L. Ferrell, wife; Barb, Dave and Joe, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Owned Lewistown Electric
 Served: European Theatre of Operations; Not only did he serve his country, he was a great dad, husband and son.
 Duties: Infantryman - Rifleman
 Military Honors: Bronze Service Stars for Rhineland - Central European Campaigns, European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal

CECIL L. FIELD
 Birthdate: Oct. 15, 1907
 Date of Death: May 8, 1979
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Myrtle Field, parents; Mildred Field, spouse; Carol Ann and David John, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Owned and operated Field's Cleaners
 Where Served: Pacific, World War II
 Duties: Ship's Tailor

DELPHINE LOFTON FINKBEINER
 Birthdate: March 4, 1934
 Birthplace: Prairie City, Ore.
 Highest Rank: HA-2
 Current Hometown: Grass Range
 Family: Parents Bert and Alta Lofton; husband William Finkbeiner; sons Danny, Karl and Glen; daughters Lethia Olson and Edie Wilson
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived in Grass Range since fall of 1955
 Served: Bainbridge, Maryland; Saint Albans, New York
 Duties: Worked in the Navy hospital for dependents

KARL E. FINKBEINER
 Birthdate: Feb. 13, 1958
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Current Hometown: Grass Range
 Family: Parents William and Delphine Finkbeiner; wife Laura; children Justin and Katie
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised, and currently living here
 Served: Two years in Nevada, three years in Bitburg, Germany
 Duties: Aircraft Mechanic and Crew Chief

SERVICE W. FINKBEINER JR.
 Birthdate: June 13, 1921
 Date of Death: March 23, 1993
 Highest Rank: Private First Class
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Service W. Finkbeiner Sr., Lydia E. Finkbeiner
 Connection to Central Montana: Sedonia Schuler, sister
 Served: Rhineland, Central Europe
 Duties: Ammunition bearer
 Military Honors: ASR Score, Overseas Service Bar

WILLIAM E. FINKBEINER
 Birthdate: April 13, 1934
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Corporal
 Hometown: Grass Range
 Family: Parents Winfield and Leona; wife Delphine; sons Danny, Karl and Glen; daughters Lethia Olson and Edie Wilson
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in area
 Served: Fort Ord, Calif.; Aberdeen, Md.; and Fort Hood, Texas
 Duties: School for Track and Vehicle Mechanic, Driver for 40 ton tank transporter and 5-ton wreckers

WINFIELD WILLIAM FINKBEINER
 Birthdate: Jan. 19, 1890
 Date of Death: May 14, 1960
 Highest Rank: Private, Army
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Fredrick and Marie Finkbeiner, parents; Leona Finkbeiner, spouse; Eldon and William Finkbeiner, sons; Rita Agrey and Ellen Watkins, daughters
 Connection to Central Montana: Lifetime resident of Grass Range area
 Served: WWI; Meuse Argonne Offensive - Germany
 Duties: Army of Occupation
 Military Honors: Bronze Victory Button

DONALD (DON) FINN
 Birthdate: Jan. 18, 1920
 Birthplace: Forest Grove
 Date of Death: April 19, 2003
 Hometown at time of death: Austin, Texas
 Highest Rank: Master Sergeant
 Family: Parents John and Alma Finn
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident until joining the service
 Served: Guam

JOHN W. (JOHNNY) FINN
 Birthdate: Dec. 6, 1926
 Birthplace: Forest Grove
 Date of Death: Nov. 5, 2005
 Hometown at time of death: Potomac, Mont.
 Highest Rank: Master Sergeant
 Family: Parents John and Alma Finn
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident until joining the service
 Served: England; Japan
 Duties: Airplane mechanic, paratrooper

JOSEPH (JOE) FINN
 Birthdate: Sept. 3, 1925
 Birthplace: Forest Grove
 Date of Death: March 7, 1963
 Hometown at time of death: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Seaman 2nd class, U.S. Navy
 Family: Parents John and Alma Finn
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident until joining the service
 Served: South Pacific

LYNN FINN
 Birthdate: Oct. 17, 1930
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Master Sergeant
 Current Hometown: Lake Havasu City, Ariz.
 Family: Parents John and Alma Finn
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident until joining the service
 Served: Germany

ROY A. FINN
 Birthdate: Nov. 6, 1933
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Hometown at time of death: Richardson, Texas
 Highest Rank: Master Sergeant
 Family: Parents John and Alma Finn
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident until joining the service
 Served: Korea
 Duties: Supply clerk supervisor

TERRENCE (TERRY) FINN
 Birthdate: Aug. 29, 1921
 Birthplace: Forest Grove
 Date of Death: March 12, 2006
 Hometown at time of death: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Family: Parents John and Alma Finn
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident until joining the service
 Served: South Pacific, Hawaii

WILLIAM ZACHARIAH FINUCANE
 Highest Rank: Airman First Class
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: William Shane and Donna Finucane, parents; Maraija and Kemela, sisters; Tobin, brother
 Connection to Central Montana: FHS graduate
 Serving: Mountain Home AFB, Mountain Home, Idaho
 Duties: Jet mechanic crew chief

ROGER L. FISHER
 Birthdate: May 9, 1950
 Date of Death: Feb. 19, 2004
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant, Marines
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Arthur and Hazel Fisher, parents; Roger, Jr., son; Myla Carrico, special friend; four grandchildren
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised, graduated from Fergus 1968
 Served: 15 years; California, 2 times in Vietnam

RUSSELL FLEHARTY
 Birthdate: Sept. 10, 1923
 Date of Death: June 7, 2005
 Birthplace: Grass Range
 Highest Rank: Machinist Mate L-3, Navy
 Family: Clifford Fleharty and Pearl Tobin, parents; Fay Kasala (divorced); Kathy Fleharty, wife; John Fleharty, Kim Ferrell, Jeph Fleharty, Julie Massaro, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Mgr. Yogo Inn, Eagles, Moose Club, Johnson-Nicholson
 Served: Oct. 1943-Jan. 1946; May 1951-June 1952
 Duties: World War II - USS ABSD-2, PSC USNB - Bremerton, Wash.; Pacific Ocean outside ship and boat machinist, Korean War outside ship and boat machinist
 Military Honors: American Area Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal; World War II Medal; 2 honorable discharges

QUENTIN ROBERT (DUKE) FLEMING
 Birthdate: Dec. 18, 1923
 Date of Death: March 6, 1999
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Family: Parents Robert and Wiebke Fleming; children Ronald and Kirk Fleming
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived and worked in Lewistown for 52 years
 Served: Germany, France, Austria, Belgium, and the Philippines
 Duties: Forward Observer, Ammunition Carrier Driver
 Military Honors: Bronze Star

BRIAN K. FLESCH
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant, USAF
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Lianna Flesch, spouse; Danielle and Kayla, daughters; Barney and Joan Flesch, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Attended St. Leo's High School
 Served: England, Korea, Desert Storm, Mountain Home, Idaho, McChord, Wash., and Malmstrom
 Duties: Security policeman

DOUGLAS V. FOGLE
 Highest Rank: E5
 Current Hometown: Roy and Forest Grove
 Family: Jim and Rosalie English and the late Verge Fogle, parents; Myla del Rosario, spouse; Napoleon, son
 Connection to Central Montana: 1982 Roy High School graduate
 Serving: Pearl Harbor, Guam, Spain, Souda Ray Crete, Greece, Sicily and San Diego
 Duties: Sea Bees

CHARLES HERBERT FORAN
 Birthdate: April 3, 1917
 Date of Death: Feb. 1989
 Highest Rank: E-5
 Hometown (at time of death): Christina
 Family: Spouse Betty Sarbach; Charles J. and Hazel Foran, parents; Ivy Hark, Joe Foran, Rena Negard, Richard Foran, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Native served: Tunisia, North Africa, Italy
 Duties: Master fuel sergeant with Army Air Corps, served Dec. 31, 1941 to April 15, 1945
 Military Honors: Meritorious Service Award, Good Conduct Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge, European-African Campaign

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- Louis D. Brandeis



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WILLIAM H. FOREMAN



Birthdate: Dec. 14, 1926
Date of Death: June 4, 2012
Birthplace: Leonard, MO
Highest Rank: TEC 5
Branch of Military: Motor Battalion General Headquarters Army Forces Pacific

Hometown: Winifred
Family: Rose Simac, wife; Rita and Chris, children
Connection to Central Montana: Winifred area farmer, rancher and truck driver
Served: Philippines and Japan – March 1945-1946
Duties: Truck driver - light
Military Honors: Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal

MARGARET ALICE (WESTERSKOW) FORSTER



Birthdate: Sept. 29, 1923
Date of Death: Sept. 26, 2019
Birthplace: Buffalo, S.D.
Highest Rank: Aviation Machinist's Mate Third Class (T), V-10
Branch of Military: Navy

Family: Nels and Nellie Westerskow (parents); Bob Epling, Jim Epling, Jody Simmons (children)
Connection to Central Montana: Lived in Hilger, MT with daughter Jody since Aug. 1, 2018
Served: U.S. Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Maryland
Duties: Log flight time

DONALD K. FORTENBERY



Birthdate: June 3, 1929
Birthplace: Sebree, Ky.
Highest Rank: 3rd Class Petty Officer, Navy Seebecs
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Wife Luann Fortenbery; children

T. Randall Fortenbery, Craig Fortenbery, Carrie Rau, Beth Fortenbery-Kornick, stepchildren Bethany Brzezinski, Melody Lark
Connection to Central Montana: Lived here from 1977-83 and 1995 to present
Served: Guam M.I.
Duties: Heavy Equipment Operator and Security Patrol
Military Honors: Company Honor Man in Boot Camp

RUSSELL J. FOSTER



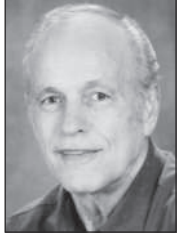
Birthdate: Jan. 31, 1974
Birthplace: Great Falls
Highest Rank: LT Colonel, U.S. Army
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents John R. and Sue C. Foster
Connection to Central Montana: Raised here, 1992 graduate of Fergus High School
Served: Germany, Korea, Iraq (2 15-month tours)
Duties: Currently stationed in Kuwait

SUSAN C. FOSTER



Birthdate: July 27, 1947
Highest Rank: E-4 U.S. Navy
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Spouse, John R. Foster
Connection to Central Montana: Resident for 30 years; retired Veteran Service Officer
Served: Spain and South Carolina
Duties: Naval Intelligence
Military Honors: Vietnam Service Medal

RALPH FRANCIS



Birthdate: Aug. 29, 1944
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: SP/4
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: daughters Kathy Francis and Shelly Pruett, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren
Connection to Central Montana: Relatives from this area
Served: Fort Ord, Calif.; Biloxi, Miss.; Central Highland, Vietnam
Duties: Air Traffic Controller, 1st Cavalry and 1st Aviation Battalion, 125th ATC
Military Honors: Marksman M-14 Rifle, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Certificate of Achievement Award, Letters of Appreciation for Service, Honorable Discharge

ORAL MAXWELL FRANSON



Birthdate: Feb. 24, 1917
Date of Death: Jan. 14, 1998
Birthplace: Oakley, UT
Highest Rank: Motor Machinist Mate First Class
Branch of Military: Navy
Family: Nelda Johnson (deceased) and 5 children (4 boys and 1 girl)

Connection to Central Montana: Lived in Lewistown from 1951-1953 where he worked as a petroleum geologist for Texaco, Inc.
Served: Oct. 27, 1942-Nov. 3, 1945
Duties: one of nine-man crew on PT boat 515, keep the diesel engines functioning properly. Stationed at U.S. Amphibious Bases at Rosneath, Scotland. During 1944 engaged in naval combat in the English Channel, and their vessel was damaged by enemy fire. On D-Day they helped rescue men whose ships had been damaged or sunk.
Military Honors: WWII Victory Medal, U.S. Navy Honorable Service Commemorative Medal, American Campaign Medal and Europe/Africa/Middle East Medal.

CHARLES W. (CHUCK) FRANZEN



Birthdate: Sept. 3, 1931
Birthplace: Dickinson, N.D.
Date of Death: 2019
Branch of Military: Air Force
Highest Rank: Airman 1st Class
Hometown: Lewistown

Family: George and Cora Franzen, parents; Pat, spouse
Connection to Central Montana: Retired here
Served: U.S.
Duties: Communications

JOSEPH P. FRASER, M.D.



Birthdate: Nov. 11, 1923
Date of Death: April 17, 2001
Highest Rank: Captain, U.S. Air Force
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Carol Birdwell Fraser, spouse; Karen Marx, Mike,

Steve and Kevin Fraser, children
Connection to Central Montana: Practiced medicine here for 37 years
Served: Navy, World War II, 1943-48; Korean War, 1950-52
Duties: Acting flight surgeon

GEORGE ROBERT FRIES



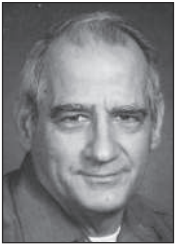
Birthdate: July 30, 1925
Date of Death: July 29, 2006
Birthplace: Straw
Family: Parents George and Grace Fries; spouse Helen; children Mark, Glen, Scot, and Lori
Connection to Central Montana: Service Station Owner/Operator
Served: Navy SeaBees in Philippines and South Pacific

TIMOTHY J. FRY



Birthdate: Aug. 19, 1941
Birthplace: Bucks Country, PA
Highest Rank: E5
Branch of Military: Navy
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Rev. and Mrs. H.M. Fry, Sr., Linda S. Fry, Cody Fry, Nancy Moline, Miriam Petranek
Connection to Central Montana: Lifetime Lewistown resident
Served: Pacific
Duties: Boiler man

WILLIAM DANIEL FRY



Birthdate: Jan. 1, 1943
Birthplace: Philadelphia, Penn.
Branch of Military: Navy
Highest Rank: Seaman
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Herbert and Margaret Fry, parents; Ruth Ann, wife; Bill, Rebecca, Jennifer, Elizabeth, children
Connection to Central Montana: Resident since 1945
Served: Southeast Asia, Cuba
Duties: Electronics Technician

JOHN FULLERTON



Date of Death: June 6, 1998
Highest Rank: Cpl.
Hometown (at time of death): Hamilton
Family: Margaret, wife
Connection to Central Montana: Married to Margaret Lucier Fullerton

DARCI K. (GAMBLE) GAFFNEY



Birthdate: Aug. 20, 1971
Birthplace: Billings
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant (E5)
Branch of Military: Air Force
Current Hometown: Living in Colorado Springs, Co., hometown is

Lewistown
Family: Lynne and James Gamble, parents; Steve Gaffney, husband; Moira and Kaitlyn, children
Connection to Central Montana: Hometown is Lewistown, graduated Fergus High in 1989
Served: Lackland AFB, TX 1989; Brooks AFB, TX 1989; March AFB, CA 1990-1993; Hill AFB, UT 1996-1998; RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom 1998-2001; Vandenberg AFB 2001-2004
Duties: Bioenvironmental Engineering Craftsman, Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of Industrial Hygiene, Environmental Protection, and Hazardous Materials Emergency Response
Military Honors: Air Force Achievement Medals (3); Air Force Good Conduct Medals (3); Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards (4); National Defense Service Medal (2)

STEVE GAFFNEY



Birthdate: April 18, 1972
Birthplace: Ft. Bragg, N.C.
Highest Rank: Master Sergeant (E7)
Branch of Military: Air Force
Current Hometown: Stationed at Schriever AFB, Co.

Family: Edward and Maria Gaffney, parents; Darci Gaffney, wife; Moira and Kaitlyn, children
Connection to Central Montana: Spouse, Darci K. (Gamble) Gaffney is from Lewistown
Served: Lackland AFB, TX; Keesler AFB, MS; Robins AFB, GA; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Robins AFB, GA; Osan AB, Korea; RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom; Vandenberg AFB, CA; NATO AB Geilenkirchen, Germany; Schriever AFB, CO; Kabul, Afghanistan; Schriever AFB, CO
Duties: Cyberspace Systems Administrator; Communications Security Manager; Chief, Support Flight 527th Space Aggressor Squadron
Military Honors: Joint Service Commendation Medal; Air Force Commendation Medal (2); Joint Service Achievement Medal; Air Force Achievement Medal (2); Meritorious Unit Award; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (6); Air Force Good Conduct Medal (6); National Defense Service Medal (2); Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2); Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Korean Defense Service Medal; Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon (Combat); NATO Medal (for Afghanistan)

BRIAN JAMES GAMBLE



Birthdate: Nov. 9, 1975
Birthplace: Glasgow
Branch of Military: Air Force
Highest Rank: Lieutenant Colonel
Current Hometown: Edgewood, NM
Family: Jim and Lynne Gamble, parents; Andrea, wife; Maddox, Dominic and Willow, children
Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Lewistown, 1994 graduate of Fergus High School
Served: Wright-Patterson AFB OH, Malmstrom AFB MT, Maxwell AFB AL, Pentagon Washington DC, Djibouti Africa, Kirtland AFB NM
Duties: Minuteman III Missile Systems Engineer, Control Sciences Engineer, Branch Chief, Deputy Division Chief, F-35 Program Element Monitor, Nuclear Modernization Materiel Leader
Military Honors: 2 Meritorious Service Medals, 2 Commendation Medals, 1 Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Command & Staff College Distinguished Graduate, Air Force Institute of Technology Distinguished Graduate.

FLOYD FORD GARBER



Birthdate: May 3, 1930
Date of Death: Dec. 9, 2000
Birthplace: Cut Bank, Mont.
Highest Rank: CPL
Branch of Military: Army
Current Hometown (at time of death): Hobson
Family: Velma, wife; Barry, Becky, Don, Jarl, Dave, Neva, Larry and Verna, children
Connection to Central Montana: Worked here, friends here
Served: Korean War
Duties: Machine gun operator, truck driver
Military Honors: 5 medals

KELLY NOEL GARDNER



Birthdate: Dec. 24, 1967
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Specialist E4
Branch of Military: Army (10 years)
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Ralph and Janet Gardner (parents); Michael Broning (spouse); Zachariah Feist and Wyatt Roberts (children)

Connection to Central Montana: Raised here—graduated from Fergus High School
Served: Kentucky, Texas, Germany, Kosovo
Duties: 63W Wheel Vehicle Mechanic
Military Honors: Army Achievement Medal, ARCOM Medal, National Defense Medal, Kosovo Medal, Good Conduct

MAUREEN LEA GARDNER-STRONG



Birthdate: Oct. 3, 1964
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Specialist E4
Branch of Military: Army Reserves (6 years)
Current Hometown: Billings

Family: Ralph and Janet Gardner (parents); Tim Strong (spouse); Leslie Strong-Luebbe and Scott Strong (children)
Connection to Central Montana: Raised here—Graduated from Fergus High School
Served: Lewistown 889th, Idaho, California, Montana and Korea
Duties: Army Cook and Field Baker

RALPH DUANE GARDNER



Birthdate: Dec. 29, 1930
Birthplace: Lewistown
Branch of Military: Navy
Highest Rank: 3rd Class Yeoman
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Ralph and Lena Gardner, parents; Janet, wife; Tim, Shannon, Maureen and Kelly, children

Connection to Central Montana: Worked and retired from U.S. West
Served: Hawaii, Whidbey Island
Duties: Yeoman in Hawaii, Whidbey Island Dance Band and Yeoman Fasron 117 and 113 Fleet Air Service Squadron
Military Honors: Good Conduct and Korean Ribbon

SHANNON RENEE GARDNER



Birthdate: Nov. 10, 1961
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Specialist 4
Branch of Military: Army
Current Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio

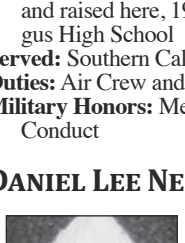
Family: Ralph and Janet Gardner (parents); Michael Molster and Monica Hartford (children)
Connection to Central Montana: Raised here—Graduated from Fergus High School
Served: Germany
Duties: Military Intelligence

DALE M. GAUER



Birthdate: April 1, 1952
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Sergeant, U.S. Marines
Current Hometown: East Helena
Family: Parents Connie and the late Myron Gauer; wife Molly; children Sean, Cassandra, Sara and Steve
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here, 1970 graduate of Fergus High School
Served: Southern California, Hawaii
Duties: Air Crew and Hyd. Mechanic
Military Honors: Merit Mast and Good Conduct

DANIEL LEE NELSON GAUER



Birthdate: April 19, 1947
Date of Death: Nov. 5, 2008
Birthplace: Torrington, Wyo.
Highest Rank: LCP USMC
Current Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Parents Connie and the late Myron Gauer; wife Jeani; daughters Cheryl and Joy
Connection to Central Montana: Lived here, 1966 graduate of Fergus High School
Served: Vietnam, 1966-68, combat
Duties: Fuel and Ordnance Mechanic

KEN GILLETTE

Birthdate: Nov. 29, 1931
Highest Rank: Corporal in the 6 U.S. Army Division
Served: Korean War
Duties: Combat Engineer – bridge builder

JOHN COLLINS GILPATRICK

Hometown: Lewistown, Hilger
Family: George and Betty Gilpatrick, JoAnn, Teri Tuss and Nancy (deceased)
Connection to Central Montana: Attended Fergus High School
Served: Fairbanks, Alaska
Duties: Crash crew, Ladd Field

A. RUSSELL GJERDE

Highest Rank: Sgt. E-4, Air Force
Hometown: Grass Range
Family: Bud and Merelee Gjerde, parents; Betty Ann Manderfeld, spouse; John R., and Rhonda Lynn Gjerde, children
Connection to Central Montana: Attended Grass Range High School
Served: Hahn Airbase, Germany, 1966-69
Duties: Munitions Specialist

JOHN RUSSELL GJERDE

Highest Rank: Sgt. E-5, Army
Hometown: Grass Range
Family: Russ and Betty Gjerde, parents
Connection to Central Montana: Attended Grass Range High School
Served: Fort Huachuca, Ariz., currently on joint military maneuvers in Egypt
Duties: Power Generation Specialist

DAVID L. GOKEY

Highest Rank: E-5, U.S. Navy
Connection to Central Montana: Born and Raised
Served: Gulf of Tonkin, Vietnam
Military Honors: Honorable Discharge

JOSEPH G. GOKEY

Highest Rank: E-9 STCM – Vietnam
Connection to Central Montana: Born and Raised
Served: Vietnam

LUKE GOKEY

Highest Rank: E-5, U.S. Navy
Connection to Central Montana: Born and Raised
Served: Vietnam

SIDNEY T. GREEN

Birthdate: June 10, 1952
Highest Rank: JO 3 U.S. Navy Reserve
Current Hometown: Colville, Wash.
Family: Parents Thomas and Eileen Green
Connection to Central Montana: Grew up in Lewistown
Served: Andrews AFB Naval Reserve Training Facility; Naval Reserve Center in Pasco, Wash.
Duties: Photojournalist

JOHN OPSAHL HAGE

Birthdate: Dec. 5, 1919
Date of Death: Sept. 21, 1998
Highest Rank: PFC, Army
Family: Lovder and Ronnaug Hage, Nina Hage, David Hage and Vickie Hage Johnson, Sherry Hage Johnson (deceased), Gordon Hage and Nancy Hage Mattheis
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised
Served: South Pacific
Duties: Truck Driver and Reconstruction of Communications

MICHAEL DEAN HALL

Birthdate: Feb. 19, 1979
Highest Rank: Spec. E-4
Family: Russell and Phyllis Hall, parents; Terri Hall, wife; Raelynn Hall, sister
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown
Served: Ft. Knox, Ky.; Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; Ft. Hood, Texas; Bosnia
Duties: Track and wheeled vehicle mechanic, support maintenance, readiness preparation
Military Honors: NATO Ribbon, Cosovo Air Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Award, (2) Army Achievement Medals

TERRI JEAN HALL

Birthdate: Oct. 14, 1969
Birthplace: Italy
Highest Rank: Specialist
Current Hometown: Utica, Mont.
Family: John and Jeanne Scott, parents; Russell and Phyllis Hall, in-laws; Michael D. Hall, spouse
Connection to Central Montana: Lives in Utica
Served: Ft. Dix, New Jersey; Ft. Sam Houston, Texas; Ft. McClellan, Alabama; several other bases
Duties: Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Warfare Specialist; Conducted training and disaster preparedness for soldiers
Military Honors: Good Conduct Award, 2 Army Achievement Medals

GENE J. HALVERSON

Birthdate: April 14, 1958
Birthplace: Sauke Centre, Minn.
Highest Rank: Tec. Sergeant
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Vern and Emma Halverson, parents; Rita, wife; Rick Camins, Rueben Camins, Rebekah Halverson, children
Duties: Air Craft Mechanic (Crew Chief)
Military Honors: Humanitarian, Kuwait Liberation, Outstanding Unit (4), Accommodation (3), Achievement (2), National Defense, Good Conduct (5), Longevity

JACKSON G. HANLEY

Birthdate: Oct. 3, 1995
Birthplace: Columbia, S.C.
Highest Rank: 2nd Lieutenant (currently on active duty)
Branch of Military: Army
Current Hometown: Fayetteville, N.C.
Family: Robert and Patricia Hanley (parents)
Connection to Central Montana: Father, born and raised
Duties: Infantryman
Military Honors: Awards- National Defense Service. Education- Basic Training, Officer Candidate School



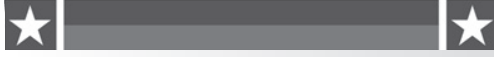
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ROBERT M. HANLEY
 Birthdate: Aug. 13, 1961
 Birthplace: Lewistown, MT
 Highest Rank: Colonel
 Branch of Military: Army
 Current Hometown: Fayetteville, N.C.
 Family: Edward (Red) and Selma Hanley (parents); Jackson, Samuel (children)
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised
 Served: U.S., Italy, Korea, Germany, United Kingdom, Iraq, Afghanistan
 Duties: Field Artilleryman, Staff Officer, Commander
 Military Honors: Awards- Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service, Meritorious Service. Education - Army War College, Command and General Staff College. Qualifications- Ranger, Jumpmaster, Air Assault

LAWRENCE ROGER HARPER
 Birthdate: Feb. 25, 1928
 Birthplace: Roundup
 Highest Rank: PFC
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Harry and Edna Harper; wife Minnie E. Harper; children Richard, Sally, Cheri, Roger
 Connection to Central Montana: Coast to Coast store for seven years; Center for the Aged 25 years
 Served: Atterbury, Indiana; Goepingen, Germany, Oct. 31, 1950, to Oct. 22, 1952
 Duties: Division Signal Supply
 Military Honors: Occupation of Germany

FRANK L. HASSINGER
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Hometown: Reedsville, Pa.
 Family: Linda Hassinger, spouse; Megan and Kurtis Hassinger, children
 Served: World War II, Marines, Infantry Line Duty
 Duties: Korean War Air Force squadron supply

CHARLES (SHORTIE) HAY
 Birthdate: April 11, 1920
 Date of Death: Sept. 8, 1953
 Highest Rank: BM3 U.S. Navy
 Family: Molly and Andrew Hay
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised
 Served: WWII Japan
 Duties: Deep-sea Diver
 Military Honors: In Sheridan, Wyo., VA

CLEARANCE (BUD) HAY
 Highest Rank: U.S. Marines
 Family: Molly and Andrew Hay
 Served: During WWII
 Military Honors: In Sheridan, Wyo., VA

WILLIAM (BILL) HAY
 Birthdate: Nov. 25, 1926
 Date of Death: Aug. 26, 1968
 Highest Rank: S1 U.S. Army WWII
 Family: Molly and Andrew Hay
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised
 Served: WWII, sustained shrapnel wounds
 Military Honors: In Sheridan, Wyo., VA

ALVIN JOHN HECKFORD
 Highest Rank: Ships Cook 1st Class, March 1943 - April 1946
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Esther Heckford, spouse; and Pattie Vennes, Mary Wright and Alvin Heckford Jr., children
 Served: South Pacific
 Duties: Ship's cook
 Connection to Central Montana: Fergus County High School and Cooks and Bakers School at Bremerton, Wash.

MARION E. HELLER
 Birthdate: June 12, 1912
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Fireman 1st Class
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: William R. and Minnie Caroline Heller, parents; Juanita Smith, wife, Marion Duane Heller, Jeanette Klefsted, Gary Lee Heller, Mary Williams, Dennis P. Heller, Marion E. Heller, Jr., Penelope Balzar, Deborah Manuel, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here, had a construction business
 Served: South Pacific, National Guard
 Duties: Control Center

FRANK WALTON HOGELAND
 Birthdate: March 23, 1895
 Date of Death: Sept. 1982
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Abraham and Mary Hogeland, parents; Ola May Hogeland, spouse; Marge, Jim and Nancy, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Fergus County
 Served: World War II, East Coast
 Duties: Medical corpsman

JAMES WALTON HOGELAND
 Birthdate: April 6, 1923
 Date of Death: April 1981
 Highest Rank: First Class Petty Officer
 Hometown (at time of death): Brea, Calif.
 Family: Frank and Ola May Hogeland, parents; Lynn, spouse; Susie, daughter; Bob and Joe, sons
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Fergus County
 Served: Pacific, Washington, D.C., US Navy
 Duties: 23 1/2 years commissary, World War II, Korea, Vietnam

JOHN L. HOLMES
 Birthdate: March 20, 1912
 Date of Death: April 23, 1964
 Highest Rank: T. Sergeant, U.S. Army Air Corps
 Family: Parents Mr. and Mrs. John Holmes (Benchmark), spouse Vivian Holmes of Lewistown
 Connection to Central Montana: Lifelong Benchmark area farmer
 Served: Western Pacific, WWII
 Duties: Ammunition Supply Tech, 567 Air Material Squadron, 358 Air Service Group
 Military Honors: American Theater Service Medal, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal

GLENN EMIL GAUER
 Birthdate: Oct. 25, 1950
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: E-3 L Cpl.
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Connie and the late Myron Gauer, parents; Constance Gauer
 Served: California
 Duties: Aviation Electrician
 Military Honors: Good Conduct, Vietnam Service

MARTIN F. GAUER
 Birthdate: Nov. 7, 1949
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Corporal - Marines, Lt. Col. - Army
 Current Hometown: Toole, Utah
 Family: Parents Connie and the late Myron Gauer; children Jason and Kimberly Gauer
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here and graduated from Fergus High School in 1968
 Served: Okinawa, California
 Duties: Deputy Commander
 Military Honors: 5 Army Commendation Medals, 3 Army Achievement Medals, Retired

MYRON F. GAUER
 Birthdate: Nov. 21, 1923
 Date of Death: Aug. 16, 1998
 Birthplace: Minnesota
 Highest Rank: PFC (Private First Class), US Army
 Family: Connie Gauer, wife; Daniel, Dale, Martin and Glenn, sons
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived and worked in Lewistown
 Served: Europe
 Duties: Automotive Equipment Mechanic
 Military Honors: Captain of Air Corps

BRETT MILO GERVAIS
 Birthdate: May 2, 1988
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: E-4, U.S. Navy
 Current Hometown: Roy
 Family: John and Marilyn Gervais
 Connection to Central Montana: Graduate of Roy High School, 2006
 Served: Currently assigned to submarine USS Alabama
 Duties: Machinist Mate - torpedoes

CLIFFORD T. GERVAIS
 Birthdate: April 29, 1926
 Birthplace: Portland, Oregon
 Highest Rank: Tee 5
 Branch of Military: CAC A Bry, 384th Gun Bn.
 Current Hometown: Hayward, Calif.
 Family: Arthur A. and Agnes E. Gervais (both deceased), parents; Shirley Corbin Gervais (deceased), wife; Linda and Brenda, daughters
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised on ranch 6 miles south of town
 Served: Fort Bliss, Texas
 Duties: Transport truck driver for gun crew and power plant operator
 Military Honors: World War II Victory Medal

JOSHUA CHARLES GERVAIS
 Birthdate: Jan. 5, 1984
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: E-3, US Navy
 Current Hometown: Roy
 Family: John and Marilyn Gervais
 Connection to Central Montana: Graduated from Roy High School in 2002
 Served: Currently aboard the USS John C. Stennis carrier
 Duties: Machinist Mate, mechanic

DURL GIBBS
 Birthdate: Sept. 24, 1925
 Birthplace: American Falls, Idaho
 Highest Rank: T5
 Branch of Military: Army
 Current Hometown: Lewistown/ Buffalo
 Family: Lee Gibbs, Wes Gibbs, ClaraJean Merrill, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Rancher in Buffalo
 Served: Philippines/Okinawa, 1944/1945/1946
 Duties: Infantry
 Military Honors: Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star

ANTHONY D. GIES
 Birthdate: Aug. 3, 1941
 Birthplace: Great Falls
 Branch of Military: Army
 Highest Rank: Major
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Paul and Gloria Gies, parents; Mary Gies, wife; Angela and Sarah, children
 Connection to Central Montana: resident
 Served: Ft. Bragg, NC, Ft. Benning, GA, Okinawa, Vietnam, Germany, Korea
 Duties: Infantry Special Forces
 Military Honors: Bronze Star Medal - one oak leaf cluster, Air Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal one oak leaf cluster, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, President Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Special Forces Parachute Wings, Combat Infantry Badge, Master Parachute Badge, Combat Diver Badge

ANTHONY V. GIES
 Birthdate: Jan. 6, 1915
 Date of Death: Aug. 30, 1994
 Birthplace: Great Falls
 Branch of Military: Army
 Highest Rank: Sgt.
 Family: Florian and Rusha Gies, parents; Karl, Paul, Jack, Toni and John Gies, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident
 Served: Southern Philippines, Luzon, Japan
 Duties: Medic
 Military Honors: Two Bronze Stars for Valor during service in Pacific Theatre as an orderly (now defined as a "medic.") Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, Victory Service Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Medical Badge

JACK M. GIES
 Birthdate: Aug. 24, 1946
 Birthplace: Missoula
 Branch of Military: Marines
 Highest Rank: Lance Corporal
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Tony and Jean Gies, parents; Denise, wife; Vincent and Emily, children
 Connection to Central Montana: 4th generation resident
 Served: Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Okinawa
 Military Honors: Expert Marksman

JOHN A. GIES
 Birthdate: Aug. 5, 1963
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Branch of Military: Army
 Highest Rank: E-5
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Anthony V. and Dolores Gies, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident
 Served: Ft. Stewart, Ga.
 Duties: Track Vehicle Repairman
 Military Honors: Army Achievement Medal 2 oak leaf clusters, Army Service Ribbon, Marksman Badge Rifle, Expert Badge Grenade, Good Conduct Medal, Driver and Mechanic badge

KARL ANTHONY GIES
 Birthdate: Aug. 21, 1937
 Birthplace: Great Falls
 Branch of Military: Marines 1957-1960
 Highest Rank: Corporal E-4
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Tony and Jean Gies, parents; Lynn, wife.
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident
 Served: California, Okinawa
 Duties: Squad leader, assistant platoon sergeant, warehouseman
 Military Honors: Expert Rifleman

PAUL S. GIES
 Birthdate: Dec. 18, 1962
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Branch of Military: Army
 Highest Rank: E-4
 Family: Paul and Barbara Gies, parents; Jonathan Gies and Dakota J. Glidewell Gies
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident
 Served: Ft. Benning, Georgia; Ft. Riley, Kan.; Ft. Irwin, Calif.
 Duties: Infantry, Calvary Scout
 Military Honors: Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army Infantry Ribbon and Rope.

JAMES HARLEY GILL
 Birthdate: March 9, 1932
 Date of Death: June 21, 2007
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Branch of Military: Air Force
 Highest Rank: A1C, Airman First Class
 Hometown: Denton
 Family: Harley and Bessie Gill, parents; Mary Sue Gill, wife; William, Neil Hill and JulieMarie Zormier, stepchildren
 Connection to Central Montana: Farmer and rancher
 Served: Alaska
 Duties: Airplane Mechanic
 Military Honors: National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal

JOHN (JACK) C. GILL
 Birthdate: May 30, 1925
 Birthplace: Denton
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Harley and Bessie Gill; wife Daryl M. Gill; children Terry, Tim, Penny and Larry
 Connection to Central Montana: Lifelong resident
 Served: 11th Airborne, South Pacific and Japan
 Duties: Parachute rigger and repairman
 Military Honors: Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Parachutist's Badge

PATRICK D. GINNATY
 Birthdate: Oct. 24, 1934
 Birthplace: Tara, Minn.
 Highest Rank: Seaman Ship Service sh-3129-42
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents James E. and Janesa Tucek, Rich Ginnaty, Wanda Grennaux, Colleen Boeshans, seven grandchildren
 Served: Korean War USS Peidmont, USS Dixie
 Duties: Barber April 22, 1953 to Jan. 1, 1957
 Military Honors: Korea Honors Medal

CHARLES ANDREW GIRVIN
 Birthdate: July 17, 1943
 Birthplace: Evansville, Ind.
 Highest Rank: E-5 Army
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Lily Girvin, wife; Kristy Roesler and Stacy Stroek, daughters
 Connection to Central Montana: Married in Lewistown, 1962, went to Fergus County High School, Deputy Sheriff for 14 years, worked at Fleet Supply
 Served: Vietnam and Ft. Lewis, Wash.
 Duties: Burial detail, training NCO, Communications
 Military Honors: Soldier of the Month two times, Honorable Discharge

LESLIE ALAN GIRVIN
 Birthdate: Feb. 13, 1956
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: E-4 HT Hull Technician
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Current Hometown: Los Osos, Calif.
 Family: Thomas and Ruth Girvin, parents; Jennifer Shea Girvin, wife; Julia and Sara Girvin, daughters
 Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown
 Served: San Diego, Calif., Vietnam Waters
 Duties: Welding, ship repairs, pump and motor repair
 Military Honors: National Defense Medal, Vietnam Campaign, Vietnam Meritorious 1 Star

MICHAEL ANDREW GIRVIN
 Birthdate: May 24, 1954
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: E3
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Current Hometown: Vista, California
 Family: Thomas R. Girvin, Sr. and Ruth Girvin, parents; Rebecca J. Jaqua and Jason P. Jacqua, daughter and son-in-law
 Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown
 Served: USS Oriskany, USS Ticonderoga, USS Enterprise, USS Fergusson, Westpac, Vietnam
 Military Honors: National Defense Medal, Vietnam Meritorious Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with 3 stars

THOMAS ROBERT GIRVIN SR.
 Birthdate: Jan. 1, 1929
 Birthplace: Indianapolis, Ind.
 Highest Rank: Corporal, US Marine Corps
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: wife Ruth Ann; children Sue, Tom, Mike, Les and Tim
 Connection to Central Montana: Retired Justice of the Peace
 Served: 2nd Marine Air Wing H.C.
 Duties: Cherry Point Hq. Co. Radioman, Communications, Guam Naval Air Station

THOMAS ROBERT GIRVIN JR.
 Birthdate: Feb. 10, 1952
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: E3 ADJ Aviation Boat-swain Mate
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Thomas and Ruth Girvin, parents; Ann Lynette Girvin, daughter
 Connection to Central Montana: Born here
 Served: Feb. 1970 - March 1974; Aircraft carrier USS Oriskany CVA - 34
 Duties: Flight Deck Operator
 Military Honors: Vietnam Service Medal (3 star), Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal

IRA G. GLENN
 Birthdate: Feb. 19, 1929
 Date of Death: Feb. 10, 1990
 Highest Rank: PFC
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Ira S. and Gladys Glenn
 Connection to Central Montana:
 Raised here
 Served: Korea
 Duties: Gunnery

JOHN C. GOERKE
 Birthdate: March 26, 1967
 Birthplace: Troy, Ohio
 Highest Rank: Master Sgt., U.S. Air Force
 Current Hometown: Panama City, Fla.
 Family: Mary Bricker (mother), Moore;
 Connection to Central Montana: Attended Moore Public School and graduated as Salutatorian in 1985
 Served: Germany, Michigan, Colorado, New Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Idaho, Alaska; was stationed at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.; retired Jan. 2011
 Duties: Worked on F-15 Avionics Electrical Warfare Systems. In Alaska, served as F-15 Avionics Production Supervisor. In 2007, took over as AFREP Section Chief, saving Tyndall AFB nearly \$7 million.
 Military Honors: Graduated with honors 99% - 9 month Tech School; became the "expert" and Trained Airman on the Tactical Electronic Warfare System Intermediate Support System; Manager for the 325th Fighter Wing's Air Force Repair Enhancement Program at Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, Fla.

KENNETH WILLIAM GOLOB
 Birthdate: May 30, 1950
 Birthplace: Billings
 Highest Rank: Specialist 4th Class
 Branch of Military: Army
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: The late Mike and Catherine Golob, parents; Darlene (Phillipe) Golob, wife; Mike Golob and Heather Lee Berg, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Civil Engineering Technician for MDT
 Served: LZ English, LZ Uplift, Cam Ranh Bay, South Vietnam
 Duties: Crash rescue, firefighter
 Military Honors: Vietnam Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal

DALLAS WAYNE GOODAN
 Birthdate: April 3, 1925
 Date of Death: Sept. 7, 2001
 Highest Rank: Sergeant, U.S. Army
 Hometown (at time of death): Louisville, Ky.
 Family: Dallas and Lena Goodan, parents; Jean, spouse; Judy, Dallas Jr., William, Jeffery, Gregory, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Fergus High School graduate, 1943
 Served: European Theatre
 Duties: Tank driver

"For what avail the plough or sail, or land or life, if freedom fail?"

- Ralph Waldo Emerson



"Without heroes, we are all plain people, and don't know how far we can go."

- Bernard Malamud

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FREDRICK FLOYD (SY) GOODAN



Birthdate: June 9, 1917
Date of Death: June 12, 1989
Highest Rank: Sergeant, U.S. Marines
Hometown (at time of death): Carmichael, Calif.
Family: Dallas and Lena Goodan, parents; Betty, spouse; Sandy and Austin, children
Connection to Central Montana: Fergus High School graduate, 1936
Served: South Pacific and Alaska

ROBERT GARLAND GOODWYN



Birthdate: Jan. 16, 1947
Birthplace: Kingsville, Texas
Highest Rank: Spec 5
Branch of Military: U.S. Army
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Robert and Ruth Goodwyn, parents; Denise, wife; Bob, Lee, Ella, children
Connection to Central Montana: Lived in Lewistown, small business owner 26 years
Served: Vietnam, Longbien
Duties: Medical Lab Technician

GLENN M. GORE



Birthdate: March 30, 1920
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Tech Sergeant
Hometown: Hobson
Family: Parents Maude and Grant Gore; spouse Patricia Pierce, deceased; daughters Pam, Jan and Sandy
Connection to Central Montana: 1938 graduate of Fergus, taught in Hobson
Served: New Guinea
Duties: Squad Leader, K Co. 163rd Infantry-Rifle Squad
Military Honors: Purple Heart, Good Conduct

LYLE GORE



Birthdate: Aug. 3, 1903
Date of Death: April 30, 1993
Highest Rank: Corporal
Hometown (at time of death): San Jacinto, Calif.
Family: Grant and Maude Gore, parents; Beverly June, daughter
Connection to Central Montana: Grew up on homestead near Valentine
Served: Stateside Oct. 1942 to April 1945
Duties: Cook
Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal

MELVIN CLAIR GORE



Birthdate: 1927
Birthplace: Lewistown
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Maude and Grant Gore; two daughters and one son
Connection to Central Montana: Went to Fergus, owned a shop here
Served: All state-side duty
Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal

ROBERT GORGAS



Birthdate: Feb. 18, 1979
Birthplace: Virginia, Minnesota
Highest Rank: SSG
Current Hometown: Ormond Beach, FL
Connection to Central Montana: Son-in-law of Dan Bintz
Served: Kirkuk, Iraq
Duties: Bio Medical Equipment Technician
Military Honors: Army Commendation Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal M-Device

CYRUS J. GORMAN



Birthdate: Unknown
Date of Death: April 1, 1945
Highest Rank: PFC
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Stella Lucier, Alice Sweeney and May Franklin, cousins
Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown, a silver miner in New Year Gulch
Served: France

AARON M. GOROSKI



Birthdate: Dec. 7, 1985
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: SSgt., USAF
Current Hometown: Bagram AFB Afghanistan
Family: Leonard and Jackie Goroski, parents

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here
Served: Texas, Germany, Turkey, Qatar, North Carolina, Georgia, Afghanistan
Duties: F-16 and A-10 Armorments specialist
Military Honors: National Defense, Long tour overseas, Air Force Achievement medal, Outstanding Unit Award, Global War on Terrorism award, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Air Force Training Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

EDWARD GRAY, JR.



Birthdate: Feb. 19, 1926
Birthplace: Grass Range
Highest Rank: T-5
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Ed and Mattie Gray, wife Betty Cripps Gray, children Gary, Ronnie, Jim and Teresa

Connection to Central Montana: Native
Served: Pacific Theater, New Guinea, Philippine Islands, Japan
Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal

MARGARET ELAINE GRAY



Highest Rank: Y2/C
Family: Robert Gray, spouse; Barbara Levod, Stephen Gray, Nancy Sinner, children
Connection to Central Montana: Lived here since 1946
Served: New York, Cedar Falls, Iowa, Oklahoma

Duties: Secretarial, service records

HARRISON GREEN



Birthdate: Feb. 24, 1889
Date of Death: Nov. 1962
Birthplace: Lyon Co., Minn.
Hometown (at time of death): Missoula
Family: Gladys Green, wife; Thomas, Robert and Elizabeth, children

Connection to Central Montana: Lived in Lewistown
Highest Rank: Corporal
Served: Served in WWI in the major final battle of the war in the Argonne Forest and was in Verdun, France, on Nov. 11 when Armistice was signed.
Duties: Squad leader

ROBERT H. GREEN



Birthdate: May 26, 1926
Date of Death: Feb. 2, 2001
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Seaman 1st Class
Family: Harrison Green and Gladys Lutz, parents; Thomas H. Green, brother; Elizabeth P. Jones, sister

Connection to Central Montana: Former Chief of Police, City Council
Served: Pasco, Wash., NAS
Duties: Firefighter

THOMAS H. GREEN



Birthdate: Aug. 30, 1927
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Chief Petty Officer (Yeoman)
Current Hometown: Pasco, Wash.
Family: Father Harrison Green; mother Gladys (Green) Lutz; wife Ilene R. (Maddux) Green

Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown, Fergus High class of 1945
Duties: Administrative, Recruiting
Military Honors: Navy Good Conduct, Naval Reserve Good Conduct, American Theater World War II, World War II Victory National Defense, Reserve Merit

JOHN R. GREENE



Birthdate: Sept. 28, 1916
Date of Death: Aug. 1, 1944
Highest Rank: 1st Lieutenent
Connection to Central Montana: 1934 Graduate of Fergus High School
Served: England, France

Duties: Platoon Commander
Military Honors: Purple Heart, Distinguished Service Cross

ROBERT JAMES GREENE



Birthdate: Sept. 15, 1919
Highest Rank: Captain, U.S. Army
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: spouse (late) Kay Greene; children Mary Lynn and Joann

Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Lewistown
Duties: Mechanic, operated a train to transport prisoners of war home from camps
Military Honors: Bronze Star, Combat Expert Infantry Badge, European Theatre of Operations

MIKEL DALE GREGORY



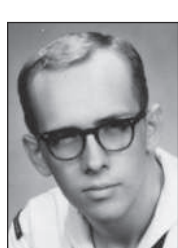
Birthdate: March 30, 1968
Birthplace: Billings
Highest Rank: Major
Branch of Military: Air Force
Current Hometown: Bountiful, Utah
Family: Fay Gregory, mother (Lewistown), Cynthia Gregory, wife; Nicholas Gregory, Stephen Gregory, Connor Gregory and Gideon Gregory, sons; Aimee Gregory, Kayla Gregory, Emma Gregory and Rebekah Gregory, daughters

Connection to Central Montana: Grew up in Lewistown from age 3 to 18; attended Highland Park Elementary, Garfield Elementary, Junior High School and first graduating class from new Fergus County High School (1986)

Served: Monterey CA, Denver CO, Keflavik Iceland, Langley AFB VA, Elmendorf AFB AK, Eglin AFB FL, Fairchild AFB WA, Dover AFB DE, Barksdale AFB LA, Brigham Young University, Provo UT as ROTC Instructor

Duties: Current duty - Assistant Professor of Aerospace Science, Brigham Young University; past duties - Operations officer, Flight Commander, Detachment Commander, Production Supervisor
Military Honors: 2d Bomb Wing Company Grade Officer of the Year 2009; Meritorious Service Medal; Air Force Commendation Medal with 5 oak leaf clusters; Air Force Achievement Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters; 2010 2d Bomb Wing Leo Marquez Award Winner

WILLIAM D. GREGORY



Birthdate: May 30, 1942
Highest Rank: E6, U.S. Navy
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Wilbur and Dorothy Gregory, spouse Marjorie Skelton Gregory, son Mikel Gregory

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised
Served: West Coast and Vietnam
Military Honors: Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Citation

BRADLEY MICHAEL GREMAUX



Birthdate: July 2, 1969
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Master Sergeant
Branch of Military: Air Force
Current Hometown: Great Falls
Family: Frank and Roberta Gremaux, parents; Gena Gremaux, wife; Wyatt and Julia, children

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown
Served: McChord AFB and Montana Air National Guard
Duties: Load Master and logistics

Military Honors: Retired after 20 years, SW Asia Service Medal with Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Readiness Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, 2 Air Force Commendation Medals, Meritorious Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

FRANK GREMAUX



Birthdate: March 1941
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: E-3 Airman 2nd Class
Branch of Military: Air Force
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Roberta, wife; Bruce, Bradley and Randy, sons

Connection to Central Montana: Home town
Served: Havre Air Force Station, Havre, Mont.; Miyakojima, Okinawa
Duties: Switchboard and teletype

LEONARD ARSANE (JIM) GREMAUX



Birthdate: Feb. 7, 1921
Date of Death: Dec. 28, 2001
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Highest Rank: Lieutenant Colonel
Family: Emil C. and Edith Mae

Barney Gremaux, parents.
Connection to Central Montana: Assistant Chief of the Lewistown Police Department
Served: England, escorted fighter planes to Russia; Korea
Duties: Pilot of P51 Fighter Plane, Traffic Controller

Military Honors: Distinguished Flying Cross and Distinguished Service Medal, Flew with National Guard for 17 years

RANDY JAY GREMAUX



Birthdate: March 13, 1972
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: SRA E-4
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Frank and Bert Gremaux; wife Cindy; children Katelyn, Abby, Anna and Chloe

Served: Fairchild AFB, Wash.; Ellsworth AFB, S.D.

Duties: B-52 dedicated crew chief
Honors: Air Force Achievement Medal 1 device; Air Force Longevity Service Award; AF Training Ribbon; National Defense Medal; Small Arms Expert; Marksmanship Ribbon/rifle; AF Outstanding Unit Award; AF Good Conduct Medal 1 device

ARTHUR H. GRINDE



Birthdate: Dec. 25, 1921
Date of Death: Nov. 22, 1977
Birthplace: Christina, Montana
Highest Rank: First Lieutenant
Branch of Military: Army
Family: Halvor and Beatrice "Dolly" Grinde, wife; Rod Grinde - Billings, Larry Grinde - Lewistown, Karen Fuhrman, Healdsburg - Ca., children

Connection to Central Montana: Lifetime resident, farmer and rancher, county commissioner

Served: European Theatre, Normandy, Rhineland, France, Central Europe
Duties: Infantry Unit Commander 69 Division, 9th Infantry Division June 1944 to Dec. 1945

Military Honors: Combat Infantryman Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, World War II Victory Medal, Overseas Service Bars, Meritorious Service Plaque

JOHN D. GRINNELL



Birthdate: July 1, 1938
Birthplace: Olympia, Wash.
Highest Rank: Airman 3rd Class
Branch of Military: Air Force
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Winifred and Ted Grinnell, parents; Irene Grinnell, wife; Janae Wailles, Michael Grinnell, Tim (Debbie) Hahn and Don Hahn, children

Connection to Central Montana: Family Served: California and Kansas
Duties: Clerk

CARLTON W. GROVE



Birthdate: Nov. 9, 1942
Birthplace: Harlowton
Highest Rank: Sp E-5
Branch of Military: Army
Current Hometown: Casper, WY
Family: Donald D. and Ila Grove, parents; Cheryl, wife

Connection to Central Montana: Raised and went to school in Judith Gap
Served: CA, VA, LA, Korea and TX
Duties: Combat Engineer

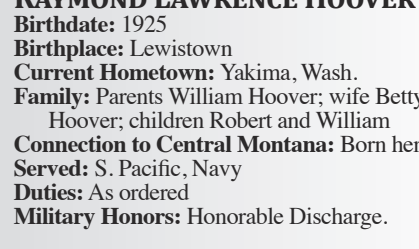
CHARLES D. GROVE



Birthdate: Aug. 7, 1933
Date of Death: Nov. 30, 1988
Birthplace: Harlowton
Highest Rank: Airman 1st Class E-3
Branch of Military: Air Force
Family: Donald D. and Ila Grove, parents; Helen, wife; Greg, son

Connection to Central Montana: Raised and went to school in Judith Gap
Served: Washington State, Texas and Alaska
Duties: Fuel airplanes

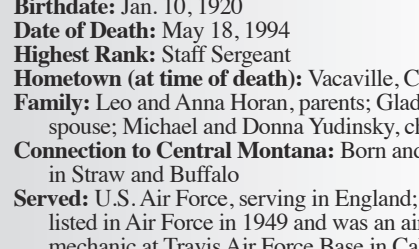
RAYMOND LAWRENCE HOOVER



Birthdate: 1925
Birthplace: Lewistown
Current Hometown: Yakima, Wash.
Family: Parents William Hoover; wife Betty Jeanne Hoover; children Robert and William

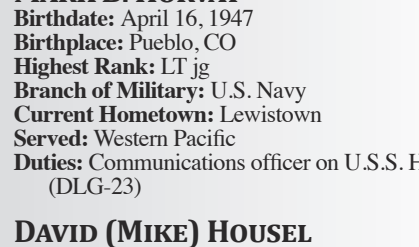
Connection to Central Montana: Born here
Served: S. Pacific, Navy
Duties: As ordered
Military Honors: Honorable Discharge.

RALPH HORACK



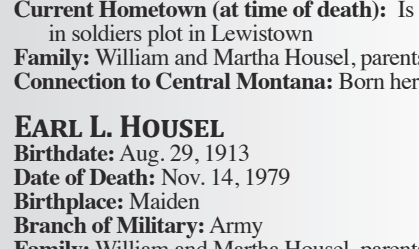
Highest Rank: 2nd Class Electrician
Hometown: Roy
Family: Rose Horack, mother
Served: World War II, Pacific, five years
Duties: Whatever they needed

CHARLES L. HORAN



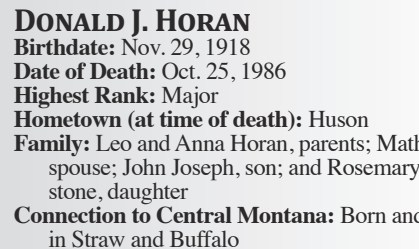
Birthdate: Jan. 10, 1920
Date of Death: May 18, 1984
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
Hometown (at time of death): Vacaville, Calif.
Family: Leo and Anna Horan, parents; Gladys, spouse; Michael and Donna Yudinsky, children
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Straw and Buffalo
Served: U.S. Air Force, serving in England; re-enlisted in Air Force in 1949 and was an airplane mechanic at Travis Air Force Base in California until retirement

MARK B. HORVAT



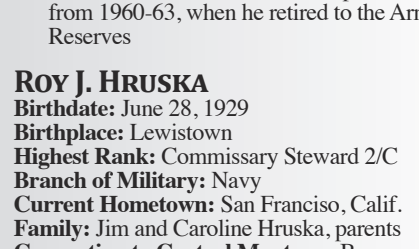
Birthdate: April 16, 1947
Birthplace: Pueblo, CO
Highest Rank: LT jg
Branch of Military: U.S. Navy
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Served: Western Pacific
Duties: Communications officer on U.S.S. Halsey (DLG-23)

DAVID (MIKE) HOUSEL



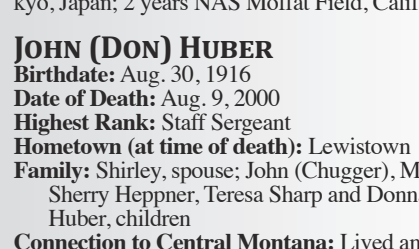
Birthdate: Dec. 26, 1935
Date of Death: March 15, 1993
Birthplace: Maiden
Current Hometown (at time of death): Is buried in soldiers plot in Lewistown
Family: William and Martha HouseL, parents
Connection to Central Montana: Born here

EARL L. HOUSEL



Birthdate: Aug. 29, 1913
Date of Death: Nov. 14, 1979
Birthplace: Maiden
Branch of Military: Army
Family: William and Martha HouseL, parents
Connection to Central Montana: Born at Maiden
Served: WWII

DONALD J. HORAN



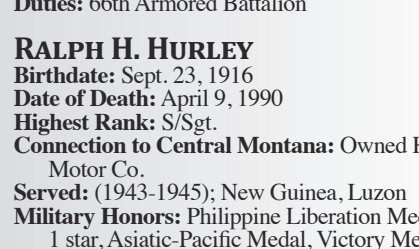
Birthdate: Nov. 29, 1918
Date of Death: Oct. 25, 1986
Highest Rank: Major
Hometown (at time of death): Huson
Family: Leo and Anna Horan, parents; Mathalie, spouse; John Joseph, son; and Rosemary Touchstone, daughter
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Straw and Buffalo
Served: Aleutian Islands; and Guam during Korean War
Duties: Commanded Green Beret Special Forces from 1960-63, when he retired to the Army Reserves

ROY J. HRUSKA



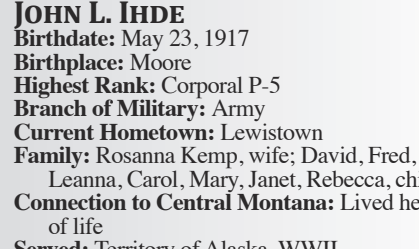
Birthdate: June 28, 1929
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Commissary Steward 2/C
Branch of Military: Navy
Current Hometown: San Francisco, Calif.
Family: Jim and Caroline Hruska, parents
Connection to Central Montana: Born and lived in Lewistown
Served: 2 years COMNAFVE Headquarters, Tokyo, Japan; 2 years NAS Moffat Field, Calif.

JOHN (DON) HUBER



Birthdate: Aug. 30, 1916
Date of Death: Aug. 9, 2000
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Shirley, spouse; John (Chugger), Mike, Sherry Heppner, Teresa Sharp and Donna Huber, children
Connection to Central Montana: Lived and worked here all his life
Served: North Africa and England
Duties: Propeller Specialist for B24 Bombers in the 93rd Bomber Group

GLENN HUFF



Birthdate: July 12, 1912
Birthplace: Moore
Date of Death: March 23, 1945
Highest Rank: 2nd Lt.
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Parents William Huff and Lydia Sharpey; wife Tiny Hazel Huff; daughter Lydia Jean Huff
Connection to Central Montana: Lived here
Served: Germany
Duties: 66th Armored Battalion

RALPH H. HURLEY



Birthdate: Sept. 23, 1916
Date of Death: April 9, 1990
Highest Rank: S/Sgt.
Connection to Central Montana: Owned Hurley Motor Co.
Served: (1943-1945); New Guinea, Luzon
Military Honors: Philippine Liberation Medal with 1 star, Asiatic-Pacific Medal, Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Medal

JOHN L. IHDE



Birthdate: May 23, 1917
Birthplace: Moore
Highest Rank: Corporal P-5
Branch of Military: Army
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Rosanna Kemp, wife; David, Fred, Rick, Leanna, Carol, Mary, Janet, Rebecca, children
Connection to Central Montana: Lived here most of life
Served: Territory of Alaska, WWII
Duties: Coast Artillery (Anti-Aircraft)



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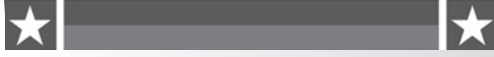
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DOUGLAS GLEN IRISH
 Birthdate: June 8, 1956
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: E4
 Current Hometown: Billings
 Family: Glen and Esther Irish
 Connection to Central Montana: Owns property at Fergus
 Served: Germany (2 years), Survival School at Fairchild AFB
 Duties: Support USAF mission in Europe
 Military Honors: Vietnam Era medal, Good Conduct Medal, Outstanding Unit Award

DORMAN JACKSON JR.
 Birthdate: July 10, 1923
 Date of Death: April 5, 1995
 Highest Rank: Sergeant, U.S. Army Air Corps
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Dorman Jackson and Julia C. Jackson, parents; John A., Bonita L. and David M. Jackson, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Lifetime resident
 Served: South Pacific
 Duties: Communications, electronics and mechanics

CHARLES STACEY JOHNSON
 Birthdate: July 18, 1935
 Birthplace: Lakeland, Florida
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Branch of Military: Air Force
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Pattie, wife
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident since 1974
 Served: Oct. 1953 - Oct. 1957; Korea, Okinawa, Japan, Alaska, Kansas
 Duties: Air Force Intelligence
 Military Honors: National Defense Service Medal, UN Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Honorable Discharge, Outstanding NCO

DELORES DELAINE (HART) JOHNSON
 Birthdate: May 21, 1953
 Birthplace: Townsend
 Branch of Military: Army
 Highest Rank: Pvt.
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident
 Served: Alabama, Ft. McCullen

JAMES E. JOHNSON
 Birthdate: Aug. 10, 1925
 Birthplace: Midwest
 Highest Rank: 2nd Class Motor Machinist
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Mark, Sally, Timothy, Norma, Douglas, Jack and Mary
 Connection to Central Montana: Retired
 Served: South Pacific
 Duties: Taking care of engine oil

ROBERT G. JOHNSON
 Birthdate: Aug. 20, 1928
 Date of Death: June 28, 1992
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Corporal
 Branch of Military: Army
 Current Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Parents Guy K. and Edna; wife Colleen; sons Guy, Steve and Mac
 Connection to Central Montana: Lifelong Lewistown resident, Montana Power Company Line Superintendent
 Served: Ft. Eustis, VA and Nagoya, Japan
 Duties: Auto and radio mechanic on planes
 Military Honors: Army of Occupation Medal (Japan), Korean Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars, Good Conduct Medal

ROGER HARMON JOHNSON
 Birthdate: Jan. 9, 1947
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Sergeant-E5
 Branch of Military: Army-Signal Corps
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Lloyd and Nelda Johnson (deceased), Bridgett Browne Johnson - Julia (deceased), James, Erik, Joel
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised Lewistown-Denton area
 Served: LA, SC, GA, Cantho, Vietnam 20 months, Ft. McArthur, CA
 Duties: Communications Center Specialist, Crypto Clerk (top secret clearance), Company Clerk
 Military Honors: Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct, Vietnam Service, Vietnam Campaign (5 Bronze Stars)

WILLIAM GODFREY (BILL) JONES
 Birthdate: Sept. 19, 1916
 Date of Death: Feb. 18, 1999
 Highest Rank: Lieutenant JG
 Family: Parents HK and Celeste Jones, spouse Betty Pearl (Green) Jones, daughters Laura and Lynette.
 Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown
 Served: Colorado University (Japanese language learning), Guam Island
 Duties: Worked with psychological program on Guam

KRIS ANN KELLY
 Birthdate: April 29, 1960
 Birthplace: Akron, Ohio
 Highest Rank: PFC, Army
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: David Kelly (deceased), Marty Kelly (deceased); Susan Sandrock, significant other; Colleen Gaylene Saenz, Kristi Lee Helen Heron, children; Keagan, Hope Quinn, Christina, grandchildren
 Connection to Central Montana: Lewistown resident
 Served: Bad Krueznach, Germany
 Duties: 31M - Multi channel communications officer
 Military Honors: Commendation for working with a new radio technology; marksman

MICHAEL KENNETH KELLY
 Birthdate: Jan. 11, 1916
 Date of Death: Nov. 26, 1990
 Highest Rank: PFC
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Gum and Vera Kelly, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Fergus County
 Served: U.S. Army Air Corps
 Military Honors: Honorable discharge



DONALD EVERETT GROVE
 Birthdate: June 29, 1927
 Date of Death: Aug. 31, 2002
 Birthplace: Ranch near Judith Gap
 Highest Rank: Specialist Second Class CE
 Branch of Military: U.S. Army
 Hometown: Deceased, buried in Billings, Mont.
 Family: Donald D. Grove and Anna (Zorn) Grove, parents; Betty (Wegner) Grove, spouse; Dan, Tim, Darryl and Adam, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised at Judith Gap
 Served: 1/31/55 to 1/15/58. Co A 88th Engr Bn (Const) Ft. Capson, CO; Co C 249th Engr Bn (Const) in Europe in France & Germany
 Duties: Construction carpenter
 Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, Honorable Discharge

ELMER LEROY GROVE
 Birthdate: April 15, 1937
 Birthplace: Harlowton
 Highest Rank: Sp E-5
 Branch of Military: Army
 Current Hometown: Pahrump, NV
 Family: Donald D. and Ila Grove, D. and Sherry and Jeff, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised and went to school in Judith Gap
 Served: CA, Washington State, NC, Germany and KY
 Duties: Paratrooper

LEONARD DALE GROVE
 Birthdate: Sept. 18, 1934
 Date of Death: Nov. 2, 2008
 Highest Rank: Airman 4th Class
 Branch of Military: Air Force
 Hometown (at time of death): Judith Gap
 Family: Ila and Don D. Grove, parents; Ann, wife; Stacy J., child
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Judith Gap and ranched in the area
 Served: France
 Duties: Military Police

ROBERT EDWIN GROVE
 Birthdate: Feb. 27, 1927
 Date of Death: June 11, 2009
 Birthplace: Harlowton, Montana
 Branch of Military: Army
 National Guard
 Current Hometown: Buffalo, Montana
 Family: Don and Ila Grove, parents; Barbara L., wife; Robert H. Grove, son
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Judith Gap
 Served: Montana area
 Duties: Tank operator and mechanic

WILLIAM T. GWIN
 Birthdate: Feb. 26, 1916
 Date of Death: Nov. 20, 1989
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant, Air Force
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Mr. and Mrs. P.M. Gwin, parents; Kenneth M. and Janice G. Gwin, spouse; Kenneth M. and Janice G. Gwin, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and lived here, worked for Milwaukee Railroad
 Served: New Guinea, Southern Philippines, Luzon
 Duties: Clerk typist, expert, TSMG
 Military Honors: Philippine Liberation Medal, Bronze Star, American Theatre Service Medal, Asiatic Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal

DONALD M. HAHN
 Birthplace: Everett, Wa.
 Date of Death: Aug. 20, 2017
 Highest Rank: Sgt. E-5
 Branch of Military: Marines
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: George and Louise Hahn, parents, Irene Hahn-Grinnell
 Connection to Central Montana: Family
 Served: Vietnam, Okinawa, Camp Lejeune, Mediterranean, North Atlantic Cruise
 Duties: 1371 Combat Engineer
 Military Honors: Battalion awards

KENNETH HERBERT HALSTROM
 Birthdate: Nov. 27, 1923
 Birthplace: Great Falls
 Highest Rank: E-06 Petty Officer First Class, Yeoman 1C
 Current Hometown: Spokane, Wash.
 Family: Herbert J. Halstrom and Ada C. Halstrom, brother
 (Langevin) Halstrom, parents; Eugene V. Halstrom, brother
 Connection to Central Montana: Elementary, Primary School, St. Leo's, 10 years. Fergus High School, two years.
 Served: Farragut NAS Idaho, Gunnery School, San Diego, Calif.; USS Wichita (CA45), South Pacific - Islands operations to Okinawa and Nagasaki POW Recovery. Staff Duty - COMPHIBPAC/COMPHIB GRUI
 Duties: Personnel/Administrative
 Military Honors: Various Area Ops Awards, 30 years active duty

UNO GUSTAF HANNULA
 Birthdate: July 2, 1908
 Birthplace: Sand Coulee
 Highest Rank: Medical Corps, U.S. Navy (Pharmacist's Mate 3rd Class)
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Adolf and Kaisa Hannula; wife Grace Hannula; children Rick Hannula, Mary Burns, Jean Hannula; stepchildren Donnie Boyd and Joanne May
 Connection to Central Montana: Home-steaded Surprise Creek, Stanford.
 Served: Oct. 1943 to Nov. 1945
 Military Honors: Asiatic-South Pacific, WWII Victory Medal, Korean War Medal.

CLIFFORD HARCHENKO
 Birthplace: Larslan, Mont.
 Date of Death: 2007
 Highest Rank: S. Sgt.
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Parents Nick and Helen Harchenko; spouse Barbara Ann; son Paul; daughter Ruth
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident
 Served: U.S. Air Force, 1943-1946
 Duties: Nose gunner and assistant radio operator on B-24; flew bomb missions over Japanese territories

GREG J. HARGADON
 Birthdate: March 12, 1948
 Birthplace: Louisville, Ky.
 Highest Rank: Sergeant, E-5
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Michele, wife; Casey and Josiah Hargadon, sons
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident since 1999
 Served: U.S. Marine Corps - U.S.A., Vietnam
 Duties: Aviation Ordnanceman; HUEY gunship door gunner
 Honors: Meritoriously promoted to Sgt.; Combat Aircrew Wings; Three Air Medals; Combat Action Ribbon; Presidential Unit Citation; Navy Unit Commendation; Good Conduct Medal; Vietnam Service Medal with four stars; Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation; Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation

GLENN WESLEY HALVERSON
 Birthdate: March 1, 1917
 Date of Death: Oct. 6, 1944
 Highest Rank: Private
 Hometown (at time of death): Winifred
 Family: George and Minnie Halverson, parents; Dorothy Willis Halverson, spouse
 Glenn Halverson, Cheryl Tuss, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Graduate of Winifred High School
 Served: England, Germany (killed in action in Germany)
 Duties: Ambulance driver
 Military Honors: Purple Heart, killed in action

RICK HALVERSON
 Birthdate: April 14, 1945
 Birthplace: Great Falls
 Highest Rank: E-5
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Wife Beverly; daughter Shauna; son Jason
 Served: Hawaii; Philippines; Vietnam
 Honors: Commendation for valor

ROBERT M. (BOB) HANLEY
 Birthdate: Aug. 13, 1961
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Colonel, U.S. Army
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Current Hometown: Fort Bragg, NC
 Family: Patricia, wife; children Jack and Sam; parents Selma W. and Edward D. (Red) Hanley (deceased); Kathleen Hanley, Mark Hanley (deceased), Susan Haeger, Jerry Hanley, Barbara Bruski, Mary Beth Roy, Pat Hanley, Laurie Hanley (deceased), Nancy Foeke and Ed Hanley (deceased), siblings
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised
 Served: Yongsan, Korea, Camp Casey Korea, Lark Hill England, Babenhausem Germany, Vicenza Italy, Iraq, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Fort Jackson, South Carolina, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Fort Benning Georgia, US Saudi Arabia, Camp Hovey / Stanley Korea, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Desert Storm Vet, OIF - Operation Iraqi Freedom Vet, Combat parachute insertion
 Duties: Currently at United States Army War College, Carlisle Pennsylvania, Status - resident student currently attending the 1 year Senior Service College, previously U.S. Exchange officer to Royal School of Artillery
 Military Honors: Bronze Star, Joint Meritorious Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, South West Asia Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist with Gold Star Badge, Air Assault Badge, Belgium Parachutist Badge

STERLING RYAN HARTMAN
 Birthdate: April 13, 1985
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Senior Airman FC
 Current Hometown: Seymour Johnson AFB, Goldsboro, N.C.
 Family: Sterling Dale and Michelle M. Hartman, parents; Randy, brother, Ethel Hartman, the late Ernie Hartman and the late Frank and Aileen Rau, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: 2003 graduate of Fergus High School
 Served: Seymour Johnson AFB, Al-u-Died Airbase, Qatar; Kabul, Afghanistan
 Duties: Flight Line Support Crew; OP Enduring Freedom

WILLIAM HARTMAN
 Birthdate: Aug. 19, 1921
 Date of Death: June 13, 1942
 Birthplace: Roy
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Family: Parents John and Olga Hartman, Siblings Libbie, Ernie, Charles Fran, Joe, Clara
 Connection to Central Montana: Worked locally at Fergus Creamery, graduated from Fergus High in 1939
 Served: Southwest Pacific Area, died in Japanese Prison Camp on June 13, 1942
 Duties: Mechanic on Fighter Plane
 Military Honors: Survived the Bataan Death March, only to die in a POW camp

HAROLD G. HASSLER
 Birthdate: Oct. 30, 1926
 Date of Death: April 5, 1972
 Highest Rank: Private T/5
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: William and Elvina Hassler
 Connection to Central Montana: Native
 Served: Japan
 Duties: T/5 cryptographer

FREDERICK D. HATFIELD
 Birthdate: June 14, 1947
 Birthplace: Mansfield, Ohio
 Highest Rank: Corporal, U.S. Marines
 Current Hometown: Roy
 Family: Spouse Jackie Hatfield; parents Lucius and Jeannette Hatfield; daughter Sherry Okonski
 Served: Vietnam
 Duties: Squad leader and motor section in South Vietnam campaigns Stone, LaFayette, Early, Canyon, Union, Elliot
 Military Honors: Medals: Bronze Star, Purple Heart, National Defense, Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Battle Stars, Vietnam Civil Action, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Vietnam Campaign, Presidential Citation Ribbon with 3 Stars, and Combat Action Ribbon

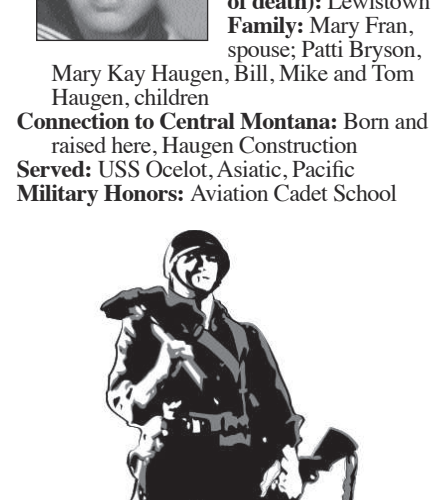
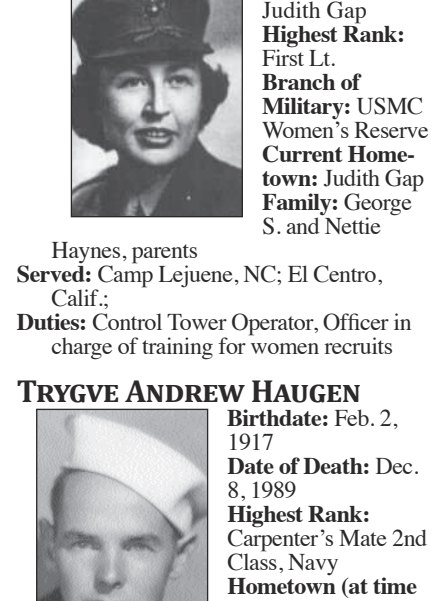
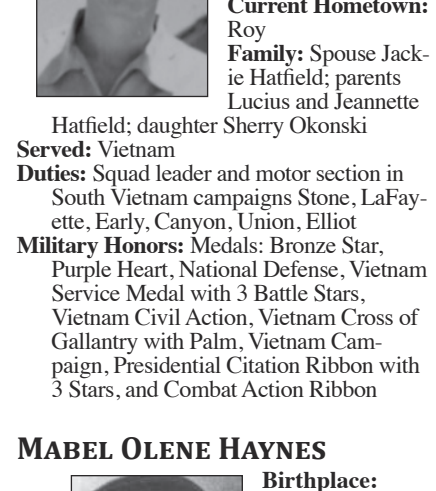
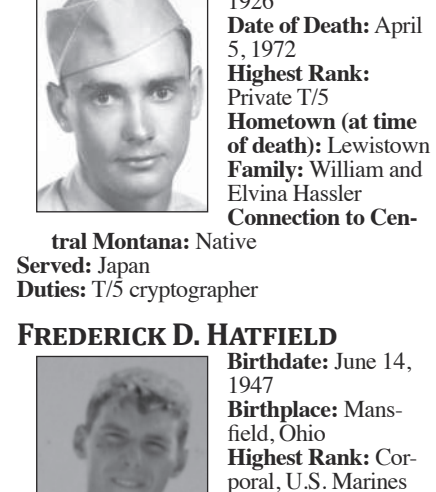
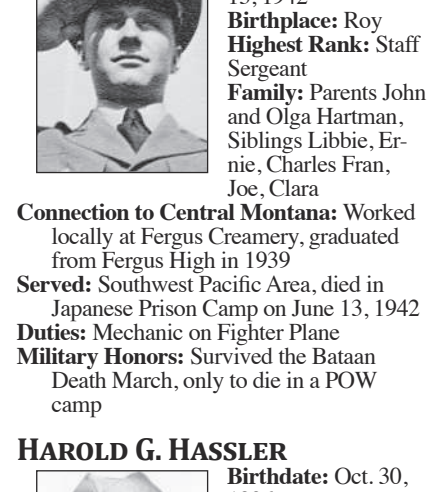
NEIL J. HARRIS
 Birthdate: Sept. 15, 1978
 Birthplace: Duluth, Minn.
 Highest Rank: Lieutenant Colonel, Air Force
 Current Hometown: Burke, Virginia
 Family: Spouse Karisa Harris; children Annika, Laurel and Julia; parents Jim and Kathy Harris of Tucson, AZ (formerly of Lewistown)
 Connection to Central Montana: Grew up in Lewistown, graduated from FHS in 1997 and MSU-Bozeman in 2002
 Served: Hanscom AFB, MA; Naval Postgraduate School, CA; Hurlburt Field, FL; Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA; Maxwell AFB, AL; Spangdahlem, Germany; Pentagon, Washington D.C.; deployments in Qatar, Afghanistan, and Africa.
 Duties: Senior Military Assistant, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Financial Management & Comptroller), Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
 Military Honors: Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal w/ Three Oak Leaf Clusters, AF Commendation Medal, AF Achievement Medal

MABEL OLENE HAYNES
 Birthplace: Judith Gap
 Highest Rank: First Lt.
 Branch of Military: USMC
 Women's Reserve
 Current Hometown: Judith Gap
 Family: George S. and Nettie
 Haynes, parents
 Served: Camp Lejuene, NC; El Centro, Calif.;
 Duties: Control Tower Operator, Officer in charge of training for women recruits

EARL HARTFORD
 Birthdate: Oct. 24, 1920
 Date of Death: Feb. 24, 1989
 Highest Rank: Private
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: George and Susie Hartford, parents; Agnes, spouse;
 Vera, Earleen, Bob and Kally, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Hometown
 Served: Hawaiian Islands, Guam, M.I., Okinawa, Ryuky 4 Islands, Saipan, China
 Duties: Rifle sharpshooters (sniper)

DOUGLAS HARTMAN
 Highest Rank: Major
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Joseph Hartman and Rita Hartman, parents; Colleen Hartman, spouse
 Served: Three tours Europe and one in Korea
 Duties: Intelligence officer, Russian foreign expert

TRYGVE ANDREW HAUGEN
 Birthdate: Feb. 2, 1917
 Date of Death: Dec. 8, 1989
 Highest Rank: Carpenter's Mate 2nd Class, Navy
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Mary Fran, spouse; Patti Bryson, Mike and Tom Haugen, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here, Haugen Construction
 Served: USS Ocelot, Asiatic, Pacific
 Military Honors: Aviation Cadet School



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DARL G. HEADLEE



Birthdate: Sept. 24, 1911
Date of Death: Oct. 12, 2005
Birthplace: Whatcheer, Iowa
Highest Rank: Tech Sgt.
Family: Marvin and Grace, parents; Lois, wife; Michael and

James, sons
Connection to Central Montana: Lived 63 years in Lewistown, 20 years in Denton, 10 years in Missoula
Served: Africa, Italy
Duties: Served April 21, 1942, to Nov. 3, 1945,
Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, European-African Middle Eastern Service Medal, American Theater Medal, 5 Overseas Service bars

DON ALTAS HEADLEE



Birthdate: April 17, 1920
Date of Death: Jan. 17, 1988
Highest Rank: GM2C, Gunners Mate 2nd Class
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Grace and

Marvin Headlee, parents; Gary Distad, stepson
Connection to Central Montana: Long-time carpenter
Served: South Pacific and Aleutian Islands
Duties: Gunners Mate
Military Honors: Navy Good Conduct, Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Occupation Service Medal

WILLIAM HENRY HEATH



Birthdate: June 21, 1933
Birthplace: Solway, Minn.
Highest Rank: Machinist Mate 1st Class, US Navy
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Dave and Kate

Heath; Wife Beatrice; children Daniel, Susan, Julie and Carole
Connection to Central Montana: Resident since 1961
Served: USS Homet CVA 12 1953-57
Duties: Forward Engine Room Main Engines and Auxiliaries
Military Honors: President Unit Citation, Good Conduct, National Defense

ALVIN JOHN HECKFORD SR.



Birthdate: April 2, 1925
Date of Death: Dec. 6, 2001
Highest Rank: Ship's Cook First Class
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Jack and

Adelia Heckford, parents; Esther (Schoep) Heckford, spouse; Patti Vennes, Mary Wright, Alvin J. Heckford Jr., children
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here
Served: USS Kadashan Bay in the South Pacific
Duties: Cook

LOYD T. HEINTZ



Birthdate: Aug. 12, 1923
Date of Death: 2012
Birthplace: Rudyard
Highest Rank: Cpl., Army Air Corps, 4th Air Force
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Carl and Margaret Heintz, parents; Ann. M. Heintz, spouse; Mark and David and Carla Swearingen, children

Connection to Central Montana: Lived here
Served: Colorado, California, Aleutian Islands
Duties: Airplane mechanic, motor mechanic

GWENDOLYN G. SONGER-HERSHMAN



Birthdate: Sept. 27, 1957
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
Current Hometown: Scott AFB, Illinois (Permanent home of record, Lewistown)

Family: Parents Jack and Joanne Songer of Lewistown, Colonel Shane Hershman, spouse; Sierra Hershman, daughter; Kim (sister) and Ken Cox, Linda (sister) and John Anderson, Loretta (sister) and Marty Stofa, Larry Songer (brother), aunt and uncle Margi, Tom and Drew Cummings
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown
Served: Stateside, RAF Mildenhall United Kingdom and Kunson AFB Korea
Duties: Administrative/Information specialist in the Security Forces, Communications And Air Refueling commands
Military Honors: Air Force Commendation Medal, Expert Marksman Medal for .38 Special and M-16 Rifle, Good Conduct Medal

MARK (SHANE) HERSHMAN



Birthdate: Oct. 2, 1958
Birthplace: Palmer-ton, Penn.
Highest Rank: Colonel
Current Hometown: Okawville, Scott AFB, Illinois (Permanent home of record, Lewistown)

Family: Mr. Louis Hershman Allentown, Penn. and the late Kathryn Hershman; Gwendolyn Songer-Hershman, wife; Sierra Hershman, daughter
Connection to Central Montana: Married to Gwen Songer, daughter of Jack and Joanne Songer of Lewistown
Served: Stateside, HQ North NATO Stavanger Norway, United Nations Headquarters Geneva Switzerland, Incirlik AB Turkey, Christchurch New Zealand, McMurdo Station Antarctica, Afghanistan, Kuwait and Iraq
Duties: Deputy Inspector General for Air Mobility Command (AMC), senior command pilot
Military Honors: Distinguished Flying Cross, Clarence MacKay trophy, Legion of Merit Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with OLCs, Air Medal with OLCs, Aerial Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, South West Asia Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Global War on Terror Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Combat Readiness Medal

RUSSELL SPANGLER HODGE



Original Hometown: Benchland
Highest Rank: Chief Warrant Officer
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Served: WWII - Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe
Duties: Combat Infantry; Rifle Sharpshooter, First-class Gunner
Honors: Good conduct medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal

WILLIAM J. HODGES



Birthdate: Oct. 29, 1936
Birthplace: Hartford, CT
Highest Rank: E-7-Equipment Operator Chief
Branch of Military: US Navy (Seabees) 1954-1974
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Sheryl (Sherry), wife
Connection to Central Montana: I just wanted to be here
Served: Pacific Regions, Vietnam, Philippines, Okinawa, California, Hawaii
Honors: National Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Action Medal

JAMES JOHN HODIK



Birthdate: 1916
Date of Death: 1999
Highest Rank: Private First Class
Served: Germany, WWII 1942-1945
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Sheryl (Sherry), wife
Connection to Central Montana: I just wanted to be here
Served: Pacific Regions, Vietnam, Philippines, Okinawa, California, Hawaii
Honors: National Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Action Medal

DOUGLAS C. HOEKSTRA



Birthdate: 1929
Date of Death: June 3, 1953
Birthplace: Denton
Highest Rank: 2nd Lieutenant, Army Infantry
Family: Pete and Alice Hoekstra, parents
Connection to Central Montana: 1947 Denton graduate, 1952 Montana State graduate
Served: Korean War - March to June 1953; Killed in action June 3, 1953, buried Aug. 5, 1953 at Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, Calif.
Duties: Platoon commander 179th Infantry Regiment
Military Honors: Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Korean Service Medal

GEORGE B. HOLLENBACK



Birthdate: Nov. 21, 1920
Date of Death: Jan. 30, 1981
Highest Rank: Aviation Radio Technician 1C (T) V-6
Hometown (at time of death): Buffalo
Family: Mr. and Mrs. B.D. Hollen-

back, parents
Connection to Central Montana: Buffalo area rancher
Served: Pacific
Duties: Radar man
Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal (8 stars), Philippine Liberation Medal (1 star), World War II Victory Medal

JOHN D. HOLLENBACK



Birthdate: July 6, 1924
Date of Death: May 25, 1946
Highest Rank: Seaman First Class
Hometown (at time of death): Buffalo
Family: Mr. and Mrs. B.D. Hollenback, parents

Connection to Central Montana: 1943 graduate of Buffalo High School
Served: Aboard an LST and Guam

J.T. (TOM) HORAN



Birthdate: Oct. 13, 1918
Birthplace: Great Falls
Date of Death: Nov. 20, 2015
Highest Rank: Machinist Mate 2nd Class
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: parents Frank and Nina Horan, wife Dorothy, children Ed, Jo and Kelly

Connection to Central Montana: Retired
Served: South Pacific
Duties: Machinist Mate
Military Honors: World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, Combat Action Medal

RAYMOND G. HORYNA



Birthdate: Aug. 28, 1912
Date of Death: Dec. 9, 1999
Birthplace: Timken, Kansas
Highest Rank: Sergeant
Branch of Military: USAAF
Family: John and Katie Horyna,

parents
Connection to Central Montana: Spent his life at Roy
Served: Burma 1944-1945
Duties: Crew chief of 90th fighter group for 'Burma Banshees' USAAF

DALE A. HOUDEN



Birthdate: Aug. 19, 1957
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Sgt. 1st Class
Branch of Military: Army and Reserves
Served: Alaska, Sadia Arbia, Great Falls
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Pearl & LeRoy Houden

JAMES L. HOUDEN



Birthdate: Sept. 20, 1949
Birthplace: Great Falls
Branch of Military: Navy - stationed in Corpus Christy, TX
Highest Rank: NPO Petty Officer
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Pearl and LeRoy Houden

LEROY E. HOUDEN



Birthdate: Dec. 19, 1926
Date of Death: Aug. 5, 1979
Birthplace: Nashua
Highest Rank: Corporal
Branch: U.S. Marines
Family: Pearl (wife), son's Jim and Dale, daughters, Sandy, Sonya, Patricia and Tina
Served: Japan - World War II

CLIFFORD B. HOUSEL



Birthdate: Aug. 30, 1915
Date of Death: May 3, 1971
Birthplace: Lewistown
Branch of Military: Navy
Family: Mr. and Mrs. F.P. Housel, parents; Jessie Wicks Odegard, children
Connection to Central Montana: Born here
Served: South Pacific
Duties: Served in WWII as motor machinist mate on PT boards
Military Honors: Purple Heart, several decorations

FERMAN P. (JUNIOR) HOUSEL



Birthdate: Aug. 15, 1896
Date of Death: May 10, 1978
Birthplace: Liberty, Mo.
Branch of Military: Army
Family: Mr. and Mrs. F.P. Housel, parents; Florence Phillips
Connection to Central Montana: Lived here, was a county commissioner in 1958
Served: 1918-1919

OSCAR JOSEPH HOWARD



Birthdate: Nov. 30, 1922
Date of Death: Jan. 7, 1999
Highest Rank: P.F.C.
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: John and Mary Howard,

parents; Elizabeth, spouse
Connection to Central Montana: Born and lived in Lewistown
Served: On a ship of U.S. Marine Corps, out of San Diego, Calif., with Platoon 32 during World War II

LEO SEYMOUR HOWELL



Birthdate: Oct. 29, 1947
Date of Death: Jan. 13, 1992
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: SGT-E5
Branch of Military: Army
Family: Leo

Howell and Ruby (Fairbairn) Howell, parents; Sharon Howell, wife; Michael S. Howell, Mark P. Howell, Matthew D. Howell, Tim Francis, Karen Holm (Francis), Ronda Thomas (Francis), children
Connection to Central Montana: Born and attended school in Lewistown, worked around various shops, worked at Cenex in Moore, helped build Lewistown drag race track
Served: Vietnam, Cambodia
Duties: Gunner for 188th Assault Helicopter Company (Black Widows)
Military Honors: Purple Heart, 2 Overseas Service Bars, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Conflict Medal, 2 Air Medals, Good Conduct Medal

JOHN PATRICK HOWELLS



Birthdate: Jan. 12, 1944
Birthplace: Auburn, Wash.
Highest Rank: 3rd Class Petty Officer
Family: Wife Sandy, children John, Jim, Dan and

Susie
Connection to Central Montana: Resident, and grandparents homesteaded at Geraldine
Served: Bremerton, Wash.
Duties: Dental Technician

DANIEL R. HRUBES



Birthdate: Oct. 18, 1982
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Private 1st Class
Branch of Military: Army
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Ron and Irene Hrubes, daughter Izzabella Hrubes
Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised and resides here
Served: Baghdad, Iraq; Kuwait; North Carolina; Heildelberg, Germany
Duties: Mechanic

ALBERT (HAP) HRUSKA



Birthdate: Oct. 14, 1926
Highest Rank: Sergeant, US Army
Current Hometown: Santa Marie, Calif.
Family: Jim and Caroline Hruska, parents; LaVerne, wife
Connection to Central Montana: Born and lived in Lewistown

ANTHONY L. HRUSKA



Birthdate: July 8, 1917
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Sergeant, US Army Infantry
Current Hometown: Garrison, New York
Family: Jim and Caroline Hruska, parents; Eilene, wife; Jim, Jerry, Jack, Roberta and Sandy, children
Connection to Central Montana: Lived and went to school in Lewistown
Served: Camp Wolters, Texas
Duties: Gunnery instructor

ARTHUR F. HRUSKA



Birthdate: Sept. 30, 1928
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Disbursing Clerk Third Class, Navy
Current Hometown: Butte
Family: Charles V. and Dagny (Nelson)

Hruska, parents; Dorothy, spouse; David and Keith, sons.
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Central Montana
Served: Barbers Point NAS and North Island NAS
Duties: Disbursing Office

KEVIN M. KEPLER

Birthdate: Feb. 15, 1961
Birthplace: Ft. Belvoir, Va.
Highest Rank: Colonel (Army)
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Roger and Honey Kepler; Mary Casey Kepler; children Sean, Ryan, Grady and Shea
Connection to Central Montana: Lives and works in Lewistown
Served: Desert Storm, Germany, various locations USA (Montana, New York, Alabama)
Duties: Aviation Branch, career military
Honors, Special Commendations: Senior Army Aviator, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Air Medal.

HERBERT J. KILLHAM

Birthdate: Feb. 29, 1885
Date of Death: 1935
Birthplace: Weldona, Colorado
Highest Rank: Stable Sgt.
Branch of Military: Army
Current Hometown (at time of death): Dovetail, MT
Family: James and Lucy Ann Killham
Connection to Central Montana: Parents homesteaded at Dovetail
Duties: Mounted horseman

MARTIN J. KILLHAM

Birthdate: Sept. 18, 1928
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Sergeant
Branch of Military: Army
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Clement and Myrtle Killham; spouse Harriet; children Russel, Steve, Cindy, Jamie, Marty
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here
Duties: Administrative NCO
Military Honors: WWII Victory Medal

ROBERT J. KILLHAM

Birthdate: July 9, 1897
Date of Death: 1973
Birthplace: Weldona, Colorado
Highest Rank: Private 1st Class, Army
Current Hometown (at time of death): Dovetail, MT
Family: Parents James and Lucy Ann Killham; wife Lulu
Connection to Central Montana: Parents homesteaded at Dovetail

STEVE KNAPP

Birthdate: May 22, 1936
Date of Death: Dec. 24, 2007
Birthplace: Hilger
Branch of Military: Army Reserves
Family: Cyril and Rose Knapp, parents
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here
Served: 1956 - 1962

DALE K. KNOX

Birthdate: March 31, 1935
Birthplace: Lewistown
Branch of Military: Army
Highest Rank: Private First Class
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Cindy, Raymond, Eileen, children
Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised and schooled in Central Montana
Served: Stateside and Germany
Military Honors: Honorably Discharged

DAVID T. KNOX

Birthdate: July 18, 1964
Birthplace: Denver, Colo.
Branch of Military: Tech Sergeant, Marines
Current Hometown: Salcon, Colo.
Family: Grace and Paul M. Knox, Jr., parents
Served: Served stateside and Philippines
Military Honors: Honorably Discharged

DEAN R. KNOX

Birthdate: March 31, 1935
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Corporal, U.S. Army; Montana National Guard
Current Hometown: Gresham, Ore.
Family: Parents Paul M. Sr. and Jennie Knox; Renee and Sean, children
Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised and schooled in Central Montana
Served: Stateside and in Germany
Military Honors: Honorably Discharged

DONALD W. KNOX

Birthdate: March 31, 1935
Birthplace: Lewistown
Branch of Military: Army National Guard
Highest Rank: Specialist 5
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Bonnie, John, Amy, children
Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised and schooled in Central Montana
Served: U.S.
Military Honors: Honorably Discharged

GLEN R. KNOX

Birthdate: June 11, 1931
Birthplace: Denton
Branch of Military: Army
Highest Rank: Corporal
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Mark, Laurie and Steven, children
Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised and schooled in Central Montana
Served: U.S. Germany
Military Honors: Honorably Discharged

JAMES EDWARD KNOX

Birthdate: June 14, 1926
Date of Death: Nov. 27, 2000
Birthplace: Denton
Highest Rank: Seaman 1st Class, Navy-6/44 to 8/46
Hometown at time of death: Lewistown
Family: Parents Paul and Jenny Knox; wife Jeane Higgins Knox; children Jim, Linda Gluth, Terry, Robert
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here, owned farm in Bear Springs
Served: Pacific Front - USS Bosque
Duties: Amphibious crew on landing craft
Military Honors: Honorably Discharged

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PAUL M. KNOX, JR.
 Birthdate: Jan. 14, 1933
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Date of Death: March 10, 1990
 Hometown at time of death: Alamosa, Colo.
 Branch of Military: Air Force
 Highest Rank: Airman First Class
 Family: Parents, Paul M. Sr. and Jennie Knox; Scott, Kenneth, Daniel, David, children.
 Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised and schooled in Central Montana
 Served: Stateside with flights overseas
 Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, Honorably Discharged

LESTER ORVILLE KNUDSON
 Birthdate: Aug. 17, 1911
 Date of Death: March 27, 1977
 Birthplace: Delhi, Minn.
 Highest Rank: US Army, T/4 Sergeant Technician
 Hometown at time of death: Lewistown
 Family: Wife Hulda Knudson
 Connection to Central Montana: General Contractor and builder in Central Montana area from 1952-1977. Twin brother of Lyle Knudson of Danvers
 Served: WWII Veteran, served 1942-1945 in Panama and Okinawa
 Duties: Chief Radio Operator

ROBERT LOUIS KNUTH
 Birthdate: April 18, 1928
 Date of Death: Oct. 20, 1982
 Highest Rank: Seaman First Class
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Louis and Delma (Erickson) Knuth, parents; Margie Knuth, spouse; children, Mona LeVeque, Donna Phillippe, Janet Vos and Randy Knuth
 Connection to Central Montana: Fireman for 22 years, fire chief 1977-79
 Served: In the United States after the war was over, and Panama
 Duties: On ship storekeeper, ordered rations
 Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, honorable discharge

J. JOE KOCH
 Birthdate: Jan. 21, 1925
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Hometown: Missoula
 Family: R.T. and Elizabeth Koch, Spouse Jewell "Patty" Aastrom; children Linda and Bill
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised, pressman Lewistown Daily News 16 years
 Served: South Pacific, Okinawa, Marine Corps
 Duties: Browning Automatic Rifleman

WILLIAM JOSEPH KOCH
 Birthdate: Oct. 29, 1949
 Birthplace: Lewistown, MT
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Branch of Military: U.S. Air Force
 Current Hometown: Lewistown, MT
 Family: Joe and Patty Koch (Parents); Aleth Koch (Spouse); Angela Koch, Brenton Koch (Children)
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown
 Served: Vietnam and U.S.
 Duties: Air Force Engineer

WILLIE KOLAR
 Birthplace: Moore
 Deceased
 Family: Parents Mary and Charles Kolar
 Connection to Central Montana: Grew up here
 Served: Navy, WWII, Pacific

KEITH J. KOLCZAK
 Birthplace: Landusky, MT
 Highest Rank: Private First Class
 Current Hometown: Kalispell, MT
 Served: With CoA 276 Infantry; Served in European African Middle Eastern Theater as Scout; April 1944-July 1946
 Military Honors: European African Middle Eastern Service Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, Germany Victory Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Unit Transfer Medal, Marksmanship Medal (twice), Bars with stars designating major battles in Germany, France, Italy and Rhine River.

STEVE KOTTRE
 Birthdate: Feb 18, 1938
 Birthplace: Glen Ullin, N.D.
 Highest Rank: Corporal U.S. Army
 Connection to Central Montana: MT Mental Health Nursing Care Center
 Served: Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.; Ft. Lewis, Wash.
 Duties: Mechanic, Korean War

DEAN KOVACICH
 Birthdate: June 22, 1938
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Hometown: Grass Range
 Family: Dorothy, wife; Darren, son
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived here all his life
 Served: Fort Sill, Okla.; Lewistown, MT (Reserve Unit)
 Duties: Rifle

DONALD M. KOVACICH
 Birthdate: March 22, 1934
 Birthplace: St. Joseph's, Lewistown
 Highest Rank: SP-4 (E4 T)
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Marie E. Kovacich, mother
 Connection to Central Montana: Rancher
 Served: Europe, 460 TC AMPH TRK Co.
 Duties: Wheel vehicle mechanic, wrecker operator-5 ton
 Military Honors, Special Commendations, etc: Fort Chaffee Arkansas Wheel Vehicle Training certificate

PAUL A. (BUTCH) KROPP
 Birthdate: Dec. 30, 1917
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Master Sergeant, U.S. Army
 Family: Parents Arnold and Bertha Kropp, spouse Dolores Kropp, son David Kropp
 Connection to Central Montana: Current resident
 Served: France and England, WWII
 Duties: Bookkeeping

CHARLES J. HRUSKA
 Birthdate: April 16, 1925
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Branch of Military: Army
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Hometown: Leesburg, Fla.
 Family: Charles V. and Dagny (Nelson) Hruska, parents; Virginia Hruska, spouse
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown
 Served: European Theater
 Duties: 20th Armored Division

DOLORES GILSKEY HRUSKA
 Birthdate: Nov. 13, 1931
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: CPL
 Branch of Military: Marine Corps
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Agnes and John Gilskey; spouse Don Hruska. Children Cathy Day, Vickie Hilliard and Janice Weber
 Connection to Central Montana: Hometown is Lewistown
 Served: Parris Island, SC; Jacksonville, FL; Lake Hurst, NJ
 Duties: Clerk

DONALD GEORGE HRUSKA
 Birthdate: Dec. 31, 1927
 Date of Death: 2001
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Staff Sgt.
 Branch of Military: Army
 Family: Parents George and Mary Hruska; spouse Dolores Hruska; children Cathy Day, Vickie Hilliard and Janice Weber
 Connection to Central Montana: Hometown is Lewistown
 Served: Korean War, occupation of Japan
 Duties: Artillery

EDWARD S. HRUSKA
 Birthdate: Feb. 19, 1920
 Date of Death: Oct. 2, 2001
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: PFC, US Army
 Family: Jim and Caroline Hruska, parents; Edward Jr., son; Cecelia and Nanette, daughters
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and lived in Lewistown
 Served: Sicily, Italy; Germany and France
 Duties: Truck driver, equipment operator

FRANK E. HRUSKA
 Birthdate: Feb. 8, 1932
 Birthplace: St. Joseph Hospital, Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Airman (ALAN)
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Frank R. and Mary A. Hruska; wife Marlene Widman Hruska; daughters Gail Joy and Michelele A Hruska
 Connection to Central Montana: Grew up here, graduated from Fergus High School
 Served: US Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi
 Duties: Air Control Tower operator

JAMES E. HRUSKA
 Birthdate: Nov. 11, 1913
 Date of Death: Jan. 26, 2005
 Birthplace: Sweet Grass, Mont.
 Highest Rank: Chief Petty Officer
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Current Hometown (at time of death): Yadvinsville, NC
 Family: Jim and Caroline Hruska, parents; Kathy Healy, daughter
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived and worked in Fergus County
 Served: Pacific, during WWII was at Pearl Harbor on the USS Veya during the Japanese attacks; Amphibious force advance base unit in the Pacific areas

WILLIAM PAUL HRUSKA
 Birthdate: March 23, 1933
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: QM53 Quartermaster Signalman Third Class
 Branch of Military: U.S. Navy
 Hometown: Salem, Oregon
 Family: Frank B. and Mary Ann Hruska, parents; Nancy Jo Hruska, spouse; Heidi Jo Sadorf
 Connection to Central Montana: Birth place and relatives
 Served: Korea
 Duties: Signalman, helmsman, radio & sonar operator
 Military Honors: South Korean Peace Medal, United Nations/Korean Campaign Ribbon - three stars



JOE F. HRUSKA
 Birthdate: Nov. 23, 1924
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Seaman First Class (FC)
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Hometown: Idaho Springs, Colorado
 Family: Jim and Caroline Hruska, parents; Helen, wife; Joyce Snyder, Diana Spann, Susan Mulen, Theresa Bagwell, Mary Salisbury, J. Caroline Hruska and Kristi Haider, daughters
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown
 Served: South Pacific in the amphibious forces aboard LST 552 (Landing Ship Tank)
 Duties: Seaman Gurney Division
 Military Honors: American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 4 stars, WWII Victory Medal, Navy Occupation Medal with Asian Clasp, Philippines Liberation Medal

LAMBERT J. HRUSKA
 Birthdate: April 4, 1915
 Date of Death: Missing in action in 1943 during invasion of Sicily
 Highest Rank: Captain
 Hometown (at time of death): Billings
 Family: Charles and Emma Hruska, parents; Kathryn B. Border, spouse
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Fergus County
 Served: North Africa, Sicily, Italy, U.S. Army

RICHARD F. HRUSKA
 Birthdate: Dec. 29, 1926
 Birthplace: Lewistown, Montana
 Highest Rank: Sgt.
 Branch of Military: U.S. Army
 Hometown: Great Falls, Montana
 Family: Frank and Mary Hruska, parents; Patricia Hruska, spouse
 Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised and schooled in Lewistown
 Served: Fort Lewis, Washington and Fort Missoula, Montana
 Duties: Electrician in Constr. Batt., Co Clerk Hg. General Duties, Recruiting Sergeant

ROBERT E. HRUSKA
 Birthdate: Sept. 1, 1918
 Date of Death: Nov. 1, 1968
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: PFC
 Branch of Military: Army, 9th Medical Unit
 Hometown (at time of death): McCallister, Oklahoma
 Family: Jim and Caroline Hruska, parents; Nola (McLeod), wife; Caroline and Patty, daughters
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and lived in Lewistown
 Served: Brigham City, Utah
 Duties: 9th General Hospital Service Detachment, general hospital duties

THOMAS J. HRUSKA
 Birthdate: April 30, 1915
 Birthplace: Moore
 Highest Rank: Sergeant Major
 Branch of Military: Army
 Hometown (at time of death): Okemas, MI, buried at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, MI
 Family: Jim and Caroline Hruska, parents; Thomas Jr., son
 Connection to Central Montana: Went to school, worked and lived in Fergus County and Lewistown
 Served: North Africa and Italy with the 78th Fighter Control Squadron in the Strategic Air Command as a B52 mechanic, Korea - 6922nd RSM (USAF Security Service)

WILLIAM ROBERT HUMPHREY
 Birthdate: Oct. 1, 1931
 Date of Death: Sept. 18, 1965
 Highest Rank: Corporal in Air Force
 Hometown (at time of death): Antioch, Calif.
 Family: Claude and Mabel Humphrey, parents; Consualo Aegnalag, spouse
 Connection to Central Montana: born in Lewistown
 Served: Philippine Islands
 Duties: Supply
 Military Honors: Served in Korean War

ERVIN JAMES HUDSON
 Birthdate: March 9, 1927
 Birthplace: Granddad Klaut's farm, North Dakota
 Highest Rank: First Class Seaman
 Hometown: Stockett, MT
 Family: Sister Eunice Hudson, mother Kathryn Hudson, now deceased
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived here
 Served: Marshall Islands, American and Pacific theaters
 Duties: Shipfitter

PAUL ANTHONY HUFF
 Birthdate: Oct. 1, 1941
 Birthplace: Seattle, Wash.
 Highest Rank: E-4, Navy
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Leon and Doris L. Huff
 Connection to Central Montana: Living in Lewistown
 Served: 13th Naval District
 Duties: Lithographer
 Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal

THOMAS JOE HUFF
 Birthdate: June 10, 1943
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Branch of Military: Marine Corps
 Highest Rank: L/Cpl
 Current Hometown: Twin Falls, Idaho
 Family: Thomas W. Huff, Anne Kolar
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived in Lewistown through high school
 Served: Bay of Pigs and Vietnam
 Duties: Rifleman

THOMAS WOODROW HUFF
 Birthdate: June 20, 1922
 Birthplace: Moore
 Branch of Military: Army
 Highest Rank: T/5
 Hometown: Billings
 Family: George W. and Bertha Huff, parents; Velda I. Huff, spouse
 Connection to Central Montana: 22 years and Police Dept. retired chief, Lewistown, 1977.
 Served: Eastern Mandates, Western Pacific, Ryukus
 Duties: 18 months Scout, 10 months Ammo Bearer, 8 months Clerk Typist
 Military Honors: Bronze Service Victory Medal

ROY ELLIOTT HUNTER
 Birthdate: Sept. 3, 1915
 Date of Death: April 7, 1960
 Birthplace: Danvers, MT
 Branch of Military: Army
 Highest Rank: S/Sgt.
 Current Hometown: Danvers/Denton
 Family: George and Elenore Hunter, parents; May Hunter, wife; Linda Hunter and Wanda Lucas
 Connection to Central Montana: Lifelong resident
 Served: Philippines, Luzon, Japan
 Duties: Marksman M-1
 Military Honors: Philippine Liberation, Bronze Star, Asiatic Pacific Theater Service Medal, Victory Medal

VERNON ELWOOD HUTCHISON JR.
 Birthdate: Feb. 13, 1955
 Date of Death: Aug. 26, 2001
 Highest Rank: Air Force AIC
 Hometown (at time of death): Harlowton
 Family: Dena Hutchison, step-mom; Gary and Jeff, Jackie, Virginia and Blaine Hutchison; Sandra Hutchison, spouse; Cheri Childers, daughter; Ashley and Faylee, grandchildren; Robert Dugan, son-in-law.
 Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised, graduated in Harlowton.
 Served: Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
 Duties: Aeromedical spec., medical asst.
 Military Honors: NDSM - AFM 900-3

WILLIAM E. ILLE
 Birthdate: Aug. 28, 1918
 Birthplace: Roy
 Date of Death: Oct. 25, 2000
 Hometown at time of death: Great Falls
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Family: Parents Charles and Ruth Ille; wife Fran Hartman
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Kendall area; worked on local ranches
 Served: WWII, landing in a D7 on Omaha Beach in 1942, on D-Day plus three years
 Duties: Building roads and airports as member of Corps of Engineers

SHAWN MARK IRELAND
 Birthdate: June 11, 1984
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Petty Officer Second Class
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Ian and Tracey Ireland
 Connection to Central Montana: Parents, grandmother, aunts and uncles.
 Served: Whidbey Island, Wash.; Afghanistan
 Duties: Avionic Tech with 134th Electronic Warfare Squadron
 Military Honors: Navy Achievement Medal, Afghanistan Combat Action Medal.

CHRISTOPHER ROBERT JACKSON
 Birthdate: Dec. 15, 1978
 Birthplace: Arizona
 Highest Rank: Senior Airman
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Mark and Donna Jackson, wife Megan Jackson
 Connection to Central Montana: Married to Megan Jackson and son-in-law of Rick and Kathi Glover
 Served: Yakota AFB, Japan; and Qatar
 Duties: Special Services

MEGAN ANN JACKSON
 Birthdate: March 15, 1983
 Birthplace: Arizona
 Highest Rank: Senior Airman
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Rick and Kathi Glover; husband Chris Jackson; brother Coleman Glover
 Connection to Central Montana: Fergus High School graduate
 Served: Yakota AFB
 Duties: Meteorologist

CHARLES DONALD HUFFINE
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Katherine and the late Charles E. Huffine, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: 1953 graduate of Fergus County High School
 Served: Ladd Air Force Base, Fairbanks, Alaska
 Duties: Armored Division

DONALD A. HULL
 Birthdate: Sept. 25, 1923
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Sgt.
 Hometown: Shoreline, Wash.
 Family: Parents Harry and Ann Hull; Inez, wife; Janice and Arthur, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Grew up in Central Montana
 Served: India and Burma, WWII
 Duties: Radio Communications

PAUL M. KNOX, JR.
 Birthdate: Jan. 14, 1933
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Date of Death: March 10, 1990
 Hometown at time of death: Alamosa, Colo.
 Branch of Military: Air Force
 Highest Rank: Airman First Class
 Family: Parents, Paul M. Sr. and Jennie Knox; Scott, Kenneth, Daniel, David, children.
 Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised and schooled in Central Montana
 Served: Stateside with flights overseas
 Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, Honorably Discharged



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WILLIAM PRICE JACKSON



Birthdate: Oct. 14, 1945
Birthplace: Port Townsend, Wash.
Highest Rank: Quartermaster Third Class
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Wife Twyla Dawn (Ocheltree)

Jackson; children Brian, Dawna and David
Connection to Central Montana: Works at Albertson's
Served: US Navy 1966-69, Vietnam 27 months
Duties: Navigation and Mapping Courses
Military Honors: Vietnam Service Medal 4 stars, Naval Commendation, Distinguished Service Medal

ORON L. JACOBS



Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Rachel, spouse
Served: 10 years in Reserves after active duty. Mostly supported 101st Airborne Division

WALTER EDWARD JENKINS JR.



Birthdate: March 24, 1933
Date of Death: Dec. 28, 2003
Highest Rank: ATAN
Hometown (at time of death): Utica
Family: Walter and Laura Jenkins, parents, deceased; Betty Jenkins, spouse; Jackie, Anita, Peggy, children

Connection to Central Montana: Lived in Lewistown from 1936-1950
Served: VC-35 on North Island, San Diego, Calif.
Duties: Repaired electronic gear, combat air crewman
Military Honors: Received three air medals for more than 30 flights over North Korea during peace action

A. JOE JENNI, JR.



Birthdate: Feb. 13, 1933
Date of Death: Oct. 13, 1996
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Specialist 4, Army
Family: Albert and Blanche Jenni, parents; Callie Jenni, wife; Robert Jenni and Christine Jenni, children

Connection to Central Montana: With exception of service, spent entire life here.
Served: Ft. Lewis
Duties: Company Clerk

LAWRENCE FRED JENNI



Birthdate: July 24, 1924
Date of Death: March 13, 2004
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Tech 3 Army
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown

Family: Wife Esther, children Carol (Nelson), Don, Patti Jo (Meshnik)
Connection to Central Montana: Raised here and graduated from Fergus High School. Had a ranch on Spring Creek
Served: Fort Shafter, Hawaii, Pacific Theater
Duties: File Clerk
Military Honors: Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, Victory Medal

LARRY D. JENNINGS



Birthdate: July 3, 1935
Highest Rank: Electrician's Mate First Class
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Children Beth, Julia, Adam, and Jennifer

Connection to Central Montana: Great-grandparents homesteaded in Central Montana
Served: Pacific Fleet - Korea
Duties: Maintaining electrical circuits aboard U.S.S. Lexington

RYAN ALLYN JENNINGS



Birthdate: Feb. 18, 1987
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Specialist
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Chris and Denise Jennings, brother Chase

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Central Montana
Served: Graduated basic training in 2004 from Fort Jackson, SC; graduated infantry training in 2005 in Fort Benning, Ga.; Served in Iraq 2005-2006, retired with Medical Discharge
Duties: Infantry
Military Honors: Purple Heart

GERALD (JERRY) JIMMERSON



Birthdate: March 20, 1923
Birthplace: On ranch at Suffolk
Highest Rank: Seaman 1st Class
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Vada Jimmerson, wife; Geraldine, Gary, Bill, children

Jack and Nancy, children
Connection to Central Montana: Life-long resident
Served: Pacific theater WWII
Duties: Sight setter on 3-inch gun "Swabbie"

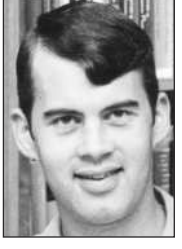
CHESTER L. JOHNSON



Birthdate: Dec. 15, 1926
Date of Death: July 14, 2005
Highest Rank: T/5, 494th Army Ground Force Band
Hometown (at time of death): Moccasin
Family: Art and Agnes, parents; Gay, wife; Mona, Valerie and Lori, daughters

Connection to Central Montana: Farmer
Served: Alaska
Duties: Bandsman, trumpet
Military Honors: WWII Victory Medal

MARTIN L. JOHNSON JR.



Highest Rank: Lt. Col.
Hometown: Salinas, Calif. (born in Lewistown)
Family: Martin and Guelda Johnson, parents; Victoria, spouse; Martin D. and Christopher, sons

Served: Vietnam, U.S. Army
Duties: Battalion commander at time of discharge

MARTIN L. JOHNSON SR.



Highest Rank: PFC
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Guelda, spouse; Martin L. Jr., son
Connection to Central Montana: Attended Lewistown schools and Fergus County High School

NORMAN B. JOHNSON



Birthdate: May 1, 1923
Date of Death: June 6, 2002
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Nels and Tressa Johnson, parents; Katherine Johnson, spouse; Joe Johnson and Carol Clark, children

Connection to Central Montana: Rancher
Served: England, U.S. Air Force
Duties: Ball turret gunner, asst engineer on B-17
Military Honors: European Service Ribbon with two bronze stars, Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal with two oak leaf clusters

RICHARD L. (RICH) JOHNSON



Birthdate: Dec. 29, 1940
Birthplace: Minneapolis, MN
Highest Rank: LT (03)
Branch of Military: Navy
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Phyllis Johnson, wife

Connection to Central Montana: Lewistown resident since 1982, retired
Served: Western Pacific
Duties: Naval Flight Officer
Military Honors: Vietnam Service Medal, Air Medal

ROBERT LLOYD JOHNSON



Birthdate: May 16, 1927
Birthplace: Lidgerwood, Minn.
Date of Death: April 30, 2004
Highest Rank: 1st Lt.
Family: Al and Mildred Johnson, parents; Anita Johnson, wife; Stan, Neal, Alan and Robin, children

Connection to Central Montana: Attorney for 47 years
Served: Korea
Duties: Intelligence

And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me.
 - Lee Greenwood

RUSSELL C. JOHNSON



Birthdate: June 24, 1919
Birthplace: Zimmerman, Minn.
Highest Rank: SSG
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Wife Dorothy; children Gayle, Jeff and Jon

Connection to Central Montana: Retired elementary teacher and principal
Served: Northern France, Normandy, Rhineland, Ardennes, Central Europe
Duties: Radio Mechanic, Ground P47 Aircraft
Military Honors: Distinguished Unit Badge

STANLEY WARREN (BUD) JOHNSON



Birthdate: Nov. 24, 1921
Date of Death: Missing in Action, Nov. 1943
Highest Rank: 2nd Lieutenant, Army Air Force
Family: Parents Alfred and Mildred Johnson; brother Robert L. Johnson, spouse Barbara Wilson Johnson

Connection to Central Montana: Fergus High School graduate
Served: New Guinea, South Pacific
Duties: P38 Pilot under General George C. Kenney
Military Honors: Purple Heart, 2 Silver Stars, Air Medal, Distinguished Service Cross

LOGAN M. JOHNSTON



Branch of Military: Army
Current Hometown: Garneill
Served: Vietnam, 1967-68
Duties: 1st. 502nd B Company, 101 Airborne
Military Honors: Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge; 1st Award, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, Expert Badge; Auto Rifle Bar; Machine Gun Bar, Parachutist Badge

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown

JOSEPH L. JOST JR.



Birthdate: Dec. 28, 1931
Birthplace: Three Forks
Highest Rank: FN Fireman
Hometown: Lewistown
Connection to Central Montana: 50 year resident

Served: Korea
Duties: FN Fireman
Military Honors: Korean Service Ribbon, National Defense Medal, United National Service Medal, China

JAMES W. (JIMMY) KAARO



Birthdate: June 21, 1917
Date of Death: June 30, 1979
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
Hometown (at time of death): Belgrade
Family: Bonnie Kaaro Russell and Debbie Belanger, daughters

Connection to Central Montana: Former lawman, administrator, state home, state labor compliance officer
Served: Fort Snelling, Minn.
Duties: Seventh Cavalry Unit

JOHN E. KAARO



Birthdate: June 16, 1871
Date of Death: July 14, 1942
Highest Rank: Sergeant
Hometown (at time of death): Fergus
Family: Adoptive father of Jimmy Kaaro; Bonnie Kaaro Russell, Debbie Belanger, granddaughters

Connection to Central Montana: Active in Republican Party, wrote columns for Lewistown Democrat News
Served: Spanish American War
Duties: 13 Minnesota Infantry, member of Meyersock Camp No. 15 of U.S. Spanish War Veterans of Lewistown
Military Honors: Took part in the capture of Manila from the Spanish in Aug. 1898

PERRY ED KALAL



Birthdate: Aug. 29, 1926
Date of Death: Oct. 5, 2002
Highest Rank: PFC U.S. Marines
Hometown (at time of death): Roy
Family: Marjie Kalal, spouse; Dan Kalal, Linda Rasmusen, Laurie Kalal, Kathy Shirey, Jackie Kalal, children; and Dick Kalal, brother

Served: Aboard the USS Enterprise during World War II

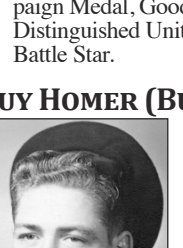
FRANK A. (BUD) KAMP



Birthdate: Oct. 19, 1919
Birthplace: Lewistown
Date of Death: Oct. 24, 2012
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Andy and Stella Kamp; wife Doris (Ramsey) Kamp; children Vicki, Greg, Dana

Connection to Central Montana: Lifetime resident
Served: Company K, 163rd Regiment of the 41st Infantry "Sunset" Division. South Pacific Battle of Papua, New Guinea
Duties: Platoon Sergeant
Military Honors: American Service Defense Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation, Bronze Battle Star

GUY HOMER (BUD) KELLY



Birthdate: Jan. 22, 1925
Date of Death: June 1974
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown/Miles City
Family: Gurn and Vera Kelly, parents
Connection to Central Montana: Grew up in Central Montana and has family in area

Served: Navy Sea Bees

MARVIN L. KELLY



Birthdate: Jan. 12, 1934
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: SSG/E6
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Lester and Alice Kelly, deceased; wife Christine; daughters Patricia Lahr, Rita Goodwin; son Steve Kelly.

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown
Served: France, Washington State, California
Duties: In charge of supplies

PATRICK LEE (PAT) KELLY



Birthdate: Oct. 19, 1919
Date of Death: July 1964
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Ellen Kelly, spouse
Connection to Central Montana: Grew up and worked in Lewistown

Served: Germany, World War II

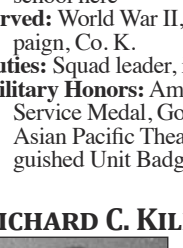
JOE M. KENNETT



Birthdate: Sept. 22, 1922
Date of Death: April 20, 1968
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant, Rifleman
Hometown (at time of death): Whitefish
Family: Noel and Beulah Kennett, parents; Noel W. Kennett, son; and Lynn Kennett Toller, daughter

Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown, graduated from high school here
Served: World War II, South Pacific Campaign, Co. K.
Duties: Squad leader, infantry rifle squad
Military Honors: American Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Asian Pacific Theater Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge

RICHARD C. KILLHAM



Birthdate: Jan. 6, 1940
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Platoon Sgt. E-7
Branch of Military: Army National Guard
Hometown: Lewistown

Family: Parents Clement and Myrtle Killham; wife Sharon; child Tawny
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here
Duties: Armor intelligence specialist
Military Honors: Expert Rifle - M1, Marksman - Pistol, Sharpshooter - Tank Wpns.

SIDNEY LEWIS KILLHAM



Birthdate: Sept. 1, 1892
Date of Death: Dec. 13, 1975
Highest Rank: Private First Class, U.S. Army
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Caroline Lewis Killham, spouse; Sidney Seilstad, George (Bud) Killham, Viola (Olie) Donaldson and Hazel Marie Killham, children

Connection to Central Montana: Homesteader, farmer, rancher
Served: France, World War I

EDWARD D. LANDA

Birthdate: March 1, 1939
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: SSG
Branch of Military: Army
Current Hometown: Temple, TX
Family: Emil and Dorothy Landa (deceased)
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised
Served: Vietnam, Ft. Hood, TX
Duties: Helicopter mechanic and Armed Helicopter Crew Chief in Vietnam

Military Honors: Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Vietnam), Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation, Aircraft Crewmember Badge (2nd Award), Air Medal w/ 10 Oak Leaf Clusters, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Seven overseas bars

LEONARD RALPH (LENNIE) LANGFORD

Birthdate: Jan. 3, 1936
Date of Death: April 22, 1993
Birthplace: Lewistown
Family: Harold and Elizabeth Langford (Plum Creek), parents; Louise Langford, wife; Mike and Loren Langford, Leah Wooten, children; Connie Mathison, Candy McKenna, Cindy Haider, Lew Fleege, Jr., step children

Highest Rank: Sergeant, E-5, Army
Connection to Central Montana: Lived in Central Montana his whole life, with exception of Korea tour, spent youth in Plum Creek and Hanover and later moved to Lewistown; employed by Tindall Construction, Century Construction; owned and operated Spring Creek Ice
Served: 1958-1962; Korea

JUSTIN (CASEY) LANKUTIS

Birthdate: Nov. 12, 1918
Date of Death: July 12, 1997
Birthplace: Forest Grove
Highest Rank: Tec 3, Aviation Engineers
Family: Parents "Stani" and Mary Lankutis, spouse Aldona, children David, Anna, Theresa, and Cecilia
Connection to Central Montana: Raised, graduated from high school
Served: Figi Islands, Philippines (Manila)
Duties: Heavy Equipment Mechanic

GLENN A. LEARN

Birthdate: July 21, 1894
Birthplace: Richmond, Virginia
Highest Rank: Private
Current Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Parents Mr. and Mrs. Jay Learn; spouse Pauline Tunncliff-McDonald; son Harold Max Learn
Connection to Central Montana: Parents farmed in Grass Range, graduated high school in Lewistown in 1919

Served: WWI, France Camp Hospital
Duties: Medical Corp AEF
Military Honors: Unknown what his special medals are; After war he became Head District Engineer for the state of Montana Highway Department in Lewistown; Was head engineer on construction of Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier Park

ROBERT WILLIAM LENZ

Birthdate: Dec. 24, 1930
Birthplace: St. Anthony, Id.
Highest Rank: PFC
Hometown: Moore, Mont.
Family: Otto and Nora Lenz, parents; Dorothy, wife; Dennis Lenz and Cindy Lenz Gomez, children
Connection to Central Montana: Farm
Served: Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, Chicago, Ill.; Fort Lewis, Wash.; Ft. Bliss, Texas
Duties: Gunner in anti-aircraft artillery

KYLE PATRICK LEWIS

Birthdate: Sept. 6, 1990
Birthplace: Billings
Highest Rank: E3
Branch of Military: Army National Guard
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Mike and Chris Lewis, parents; Kyle and Kolin Lewis, brothers
Served: Iraq

MARCUS LYNN LEWIS

Birthdate: July 21, 1950
Birthplace: Billings
Highest Rank: TM2
Branch of Military: Navy
Current Hometown: Grass Range
Family: Parents David Lewis and Arclista Marick; wife Terry Lewis; son Zack Lewis, daughter Sasha Grout
Connection to Central Montana: Area rancher
Served: Submarine duties off east and west coasts
Duties: Torpedoman

MARY ALICE (HANNAH) (GIFFORD) LINDENMUTH

Birthdate: Dec. 15, 1965
Birthplace: Lewistown
Branch of Military: Air Force
Highest Rank: E-4 Sergeant
Current Hometown: Frackville, Penn.
Family: Robert Lindenmuth, spouse; Wayne Hannah and Winnifred (Cripps) (Hannah) Rush, parents; Jesse Gifford, son; Alicia Gifford and Diane Lindenmuth, daughters.
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here

Served: AF Basic Training at Lackland, AFB, San Antonio, Texas; Tech School at Keesler AFB, Biloxi, Miss.; 1945th Communications Group, Rhein-Main AFB, Germany; 1839th Engineering Installation Group, Deesler AFB, Biloxi, Miss. and 220th AFROTC Detachment, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.
Duties: Personnel Spec., Administrative Spec.
Military Honors: AF Achievement Medal, AF Outstanding Unit Award, AF Organizational Excellence Award, AF Good Conduct Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal, AF Overseas Long Tour Ribbon, AF Longevity Service Award Ribbon with one Oak Leaf Cluster, NCO Professional Military Education, Graduate Ribbon with one Oak Leaf Cluster, AF Training Ribbon.

Connection to Central Montana: Homesteader, farmer, rancher
Served: France, World War I

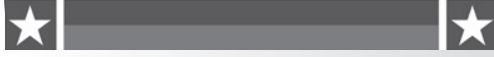
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VIRGIL HENRY LINSE
 Birthdate: June 17, 1924
 Date of Death: Unknown
 Birthplace: Denton
 Highest Rank: Seaman First Class
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Family: John and Laura Linse; Virgilio – resides in the Philippines
 Connection to Central Montana: School at Everson Country School
 Served: Pacific area
 Duties: Ships served on: North Hampton (shot out from under him), Makassat Strait (shot out from under him), American Legion, Rowan, guarded Japanese prisoners on Guada Canal

JOHN W. LUND
 Birthdate: May 8, 1921
 Highest Rank: Bkr 2 Class, US Navy Seabees
 Family: Spouse Alice Dusek, three children
 Served: North Africa and the Philippines
 Duties: Baker
 Military Honors: African European Service Medal, Pacific Asiatic Service Medal and WWII Victory Medal, Good Conduct

RAYMOND LUNDIN
 Birthdate: Dec. 3, 1950
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Current Hometown: Chinook
 Family: Mother Ida Lundin; children Sheila and Dustin Schneider, Shane Lundin
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Forest Grove

EUGENE S. MACK
 Birthdate: Oct. 14, 1915
 Highest Rank: Tech 3
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Rose Marie, spouse; Edward, Anna Marie, Susan Ryan, children; four grandchildren
 Connection to Central Montana: Farmer/rancher
 Served: German front, World War II, Rhineland
 Duties: Mechanic
 Military Honors: American Theater of Operations Service Ribbon, European African, Middle East Service Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Theater Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, AR 600-68 Victory Medal

FRANCIS H. MACK
 Birthdate: Feb. 20, 1919
 Date of Death: June 2, 1973
 Highest Rank: Technical Sergeant
 Hometown (at time of death): Salem, Ore.
 Family: Pat, spouse; Kathleen, daughter; three grandchildren
 Connection to Central Montana: State Farm Insurance agent in Montana and Oregon
 Served: New Guinea, Luzon
 Duties: Supply technician
 Military Honors: American Theater Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal with One Bronze Service Star, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal

WESTON L. MALY
 Birthdate: Oct. 19, 1929
 Date of Death: July 26, 2006
 Birthplace: Merricourt, N.D.
 Branch of Military: Army National Guard
 Highest Rank: Captain
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Janice Maly, (Lewistown), wife; Ray Maly (Olympia, Wash.) Joel Maly (Ellendale N.D.), Shayne Maly (Lewistown), Pam Vickers (Sebring, Fla.), children.
 Connection to Central Montana: The love of Lewistown
 Served: North Dakota
 Duties: Civil Engineer Group

SHAYN L. MALY
 Birthdate: March 22, 1962
 Birthplace: Jamestown, N.D.
 Branch of Military: Air Force
 Highest Rank: SRA
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Weston L. and Janice Maly, parents; Hannah, wife; Marel Maly, daughter; Seth Maly, son.
 Connection to Central Montana: Parents
 Served: Malmstrom AFB, Great Falls, 1988-1998
 Duties: Missile Maintenance

CLYDE A. MARTIN
 Highest Rank: Sergeant 1st Class
 Hometown: Roy
 Family: Harold Martin, father; Amy Martin, mother
 Connection to Central Montana: Went to Roy High School
 Served: Navy 1963-66; Army, 1966-88
 Duties: Licensed practical nurse

DAVID J. MATOVICH
 Birthdate: March 17, 1936
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Aviation 2nd Class
 Branch of Service: Navy
 Hometown: Grass Range
 Family: Maxine (deceased), wife; Lisa, daughter
 Connection to Central Montana: Ranching
 Served: Throughout the far East
 Military Honors: Honorable Discharge

RONALD B. MATTSON
 Birthdate: April 18, 1924
 Birthplace: North Dakota
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Branch of Military: Army, Air Force
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Jeanne Mattson, wife; Carla Renney, Ronna Greenup, Holly Carter, David Mattson, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Superintendent of Schools
 Served: United States, England -8th Air Force
 Duties: 25 missions as a gunner on a B-17, gunnery instructor
 Military Honors: Distinguished Flying Cross (3 Oakleaf Clusters and Air Medal) ETO Ribbon (3 Battle Stars), Purple Heart



THOMAS L. KILLHAM
 Birthdate: Feb. 26, 1949
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Date of Death: Jan. 3, 17
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant, Army Military Police
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Elaine, wife; Leslie (David) Southworth, Joseph W. Killham, Kelly Killham, Jess Killham, children; Madison, Isabella, Carson and Finlay Lewis, grandchildren; Taft and Leone Killham, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: 20 years Lewistown Police Department, 8 years Fergus County Undersheriff, Fergus County sheriff
 Served: Vietnam 1968-1970
 Duties: Military policeman 716 bat, Saigon, Vietnam
 Military Honors: Adjutant American Legion Fergus Post 16 and secretary Veteran's Memorial Parks Association

ARCHIE J. KIMPEL
 Birthdate: July 21, 1912
 Birthplace: Hingham, Mont.
 Date of Death: Dec. 20, 1993
 Highest Rank: Chief Pharmacist Mate, US Navy
 Family: Gerhard C. and Clara E. Kimpel (deceased); Kathy Fleharty, Barbara Maxwell (Seattle), daughters
 Connection to Central Montana: Owned and was pharmacist of Seiden Drug Co.
 Served: Pacific Ocean 1942-1945
 Duties: Mobile hospital

MERRIL SHANE KLAKKEN
 Birthdate: March 8, 1962
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: 0-3, CPT, Army
 Current Hometown: Great Falls
 Family: Merrill and Penny Klakken (Grass Range), parents; PJ Klakken, wife; Scott and Skyler, sons
 Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown, raised on a ranch south of Grass Range
 Served: Ft. Rucker, AL; Korea (twice for 2-1/2 years); Ft. Lewis, WA; Honduras during Desert Storm; Ft. Huachuca, AZ; Yuma Proving Ground, Yuma, AZ; Montana Army National Guard (14-1/2 years)
 Duties: Commissioned Officer for 9 years on active duty and 2 years in Montana National Guard; Warrant officer for 12-1/2 years in Montana National Guard; UH-60A Blackhawk pilot and OV-10 Mohawk pilot on active duty; UH-1H and C-12 pilot in Montana Army National Guard
 Military Honors: Army Achievement Medals (ARCOM); Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)

ABBY JANE OLSON KLIER
 Birthdate: April 7, 1986
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Captain
 Branch of Military: Air Force
 Current Hometown: Sanford, North Carolina
 Family: Parents Curly and Lethia Olson, husband Scott Klier
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in area
 Served: Robbins AFB GA, Pope Army Air NC, 3 deployments to undisclosed location in southwest Asia
 Duties: Air Battle Manager, currently fulfilling an Air Liaison Officer gig at 682 Air Support Oper. Squadron
 Military Honors: 3 Air Medals, Air Force Commendation Medal

ALBERT KNAPP
 Birthdate: May 1932
 Birthplace: Straw
 Branch of Military: Army
 Hometown: Hilger
 Family: Rose and Cyril Knapp, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Lives here
 Served: During Korean War, 1951-1953; In Army Reserves 1953-1982
 Duties: Head of machine gun crew at outpost Charley. Broke record by holding the outpost for 6 weeks.
 Military Honors: Purple Heart, Korean Service Medal and many others

FRANKLIN T. KNAPP
 Birthdate: Nov. 1940
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Branch of Military: Army
 Current Hometown: Billings
 Family: Rose and Cyril Knapp, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised here
 Served: 1959 during Berlin Wall going up in Germany

MARK R. KNOX
 Birthdate: July 1, 1956
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Major
 Current Hometown: Fayetteville, N.C.
 Family: Glen and Barb Knox, parents; Diane Knox, wife; Sarah, Beth and Melissa, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised and schooled through high school
 Served: U.S. Bases, Germany, Bosnia, Afghanistan
 Duties: Special Forces Chaplain. Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force
 Military Honors: Bronze Star, Air Assault Badge, Special Forces Tab (Green Beret)

JOHN D. KNOX
 Birthdate: April 28, 1967
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Highest Rank: Lieutenant
 Current Hometown: Newman Lake, Wash.
 Family: Barbara A. and Donald W. Knox, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised and schooled in Central Montana
 Served: Atlantic Ocean, U.S.S. Bergall
 Duties: Nuclear Engineer, Submarine
 Military Honors: Navy Commendation Medal, Honorably Discharged

JERRY DEAN KNAPP
 Birthdate: Oct. 25, 1961
 Birthplace: Great Falls
 Highest Rank: E4, Navy
 Current Hometown: Edmonds, Wash.
 Family: Jerry and Marilyn Knapp, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Hometown is Hilger
 Served: Pacific Ocean
 Duties: Plane Captain, Aviation Electronics Tech
 Military Honors: Navy Expeditionary Medal, Good Conduct Award, Humanitarian Medal, Multiple Letters of Commendation

STANLEY CYRIL KNAPP
 Birthdate: May 22, 1924
 Birthplace: Glengary
 Date of Death: Feb. 6, 2004
 Highest Rank: Master Sergeant E-7, Army
 Family: Cyril and Rose Knapp, parents; Eula May, wife;
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised, lifelong resident
 Served: North Africa, Europe WWII
 Duties: Medical Corp, Ambulance Driver, Field Medic
 Military Honors: Medical Combat Medal, Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding military service

FREDRICK C. KNERR
 Birthdate: Nov. 3, 1928
 Date of Death: Sept. 23, 2007
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Corporal
 Branch of Military: Air Force
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Ted and Beulah Knerr; wife Mary; brother Ted; sons Ken and Kim
 Connection to Central Montana: Hometown is Lewistown
 Duties: 1701st Air Traffic Squad, dealing with cargo and communications from Washington, D.C. to Texas, as a lineman

GLENN LEWIS KNERR
 Birthdate: Aug. 22, 1925
 Date of Death: Dec. 21, 1944
 Highest Rank: PFC
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown/Brooks
 Family: Eva (Burnham) and Lum Knerr, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Born here, family lived here
 Served: Fort Benning, Ga., 101st Airborne
 Duties: Paratrooper
 Military Honors: Purple Heart, died in Battle of the Bulge

PAUL M. KNOX, SR.
 Birthdate: Oct. 14, 1895
 Date of Death: June 1977
 Birthplace: Strong-burst, Ill.
 Branch of Military: Army
 Highest Rank: Corporal
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Josephine, James (Bud), Dorothy, Glen, Paul Jr., Donald, Dale, Dean, Leroy (Jack), children
 Connection to Central Montana: Farmer-rancher, raised family
 Served: U.S. and Meuse-Argonne in France
 Duties: Courier (The Army didn't have radios then.) During the height of the Argonne Forest Battle, the Company Commander ordered him to deliver messages to Battalion Headquarters. Upon his return, the Company Commander remarked, "I didn't expect to see you again." For this deed, he received a battlefield promotion to the rank of Corporal.
 Military Honors: Battlefield promotion to the rank of Corporal, Honorably Discharged

WILLIAM F. KOCH
 Birthdate: May 17, 1919
 Date of Death: Nov. 6, 1988
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Midge, spouse; R.T. and Elizabeth Koch,
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown
 Served: South Pacific
 Duties: Communications technician

ADOLF KOLAR
 Birthdate: Feb. 11, 1912
 Date of Death: Feb. 28, 1980
 Highest Rank: TEC-4, U.S. Army
 Hometown (at time of death): Moore
 Family: Charles and Mary, parents; Irene Cecrle, spouse;
 Connection to Central Montana: Farmed east of Moore
 Served: England and Belgium, WWII
 Duties: Welder
 Military Honors: American Theater Service Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Medal, Legion of Merit, Good Conduct Medal

EDDIE KOLAR
 Birthplace: Roy
 Family: Parents Mary and Charles Kolar
 Connection to Central Montana: Grew up here
 Served: Army, WWII, Europe
 Duties: Mechanic

ERIC M. KOLAR
 Birthdate: Sept. 12, 1975
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Sergeant E6
 Branch of Military: Army
 Current Hometown: Sumner, WA
 Family: Ernie and Darlene Kolar,
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Lewistown, 1994 graduate of Fergus High School
 Served: Montana, 2 tours in Iraq, Fort Harrison, 4225th US Army Hospital, currently at Fort Lewis, Washington, 1972 Medical Detachment

ERNEST K. KOLAR
 Birthdate: Dec. 4, 1947
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: E5, Navy
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Darlene, wife; Eric and Philip, sons
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here
 Served: Vietnam on USS Constellation
 Duties: Aviation Support Equipment Electrician

SHAWN DANIEL KOMAREK
 Birthdate: July 18, 1979
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant, US Army
 Current Hometown: Stationed at Ft. Wainwright, Alaska
 Family: Parents Edwin and Linda Hyem; wife Danette; children Riley and Ashley
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Roy area, graduated from Roy High School
 Served: 6 months in Kuwait, 3 tours in Iraq
 Duties: Provential Advisor in Iraq; Platoon Sergeant for HHT 5-1 CAV 1 \ 35 of SBCT
 Military Honors: Military 1 Arcom, 2 AAM's, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Ribbon, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Army Service Ribbon, War on Terrorism, Operation Iraqi Freedom and NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Bronze Star, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Expert Rifleman Badge, Combat Action Badge

F. ALAN KONCILYA
 Birthdate: Feb. 15, 1953
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Spec 4, Army
 Current Hometown: Glendive
 Family: Frank and Ann Koncilya, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Lewistown native
 Served: Germany
 Duties: Hawk Missile Crewman

FRANK J. KONCILYA
 Birthdate: Aug. 2, 1924
 Birthplace: Roundup
 Highest Rank: Cpl
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Wife, Ann Koncilya
 Served: European Theater (ETO),
 Duties: Recon, Scout (Cavalry)
 Military Honors: 5 Bronze Battle Stars, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe

JOHN I. KREMER
 Birthdate: May 9, 1921
 Date of Death: July 29, 1989
 Highest Rank: Captain
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Barbara, spouse; Melanie, Colleen, Kathie, James, Robb, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Owner of Gold Bar and Lounge
 Served: Australia, New Guinea
 Duties: Pilot B-24

R.E. (DICK) KRILLENBERGER
 Birthdate: Aug. 26, 1938
 Birthplace: Mishawaka, Ind.
 Highest Rank: E4
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Wife Georgetta (Kurns) Krillenberg, children Robin Moline, Renee Sanofsky, Rochelle Gibson and Rick Krillenberg
 Served: Malmstrom, Great Falls, permanent base
 Duties: Inflight refueling
 Military Honors: Good Conduct

DENNIS MARK KUCERA
 Birthdate: March 16, 1952
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: SSgt E-6
 Current Hometown: Moore
 Family: Floyd and Edith Knerr, parents; Sandy Kucera, wife; Tammy Sloan, daughter; Mark Kucera, Jr., son
 Connection to Central Montana: Lifer
 Served: Korea, Berlin, Ft. Lewis, Fort Ord, Ft. Huachuca
 Duties: Chef – mess sergeant
 Military Honors: Expert Rifle, 3 Good Conduct, National Defense Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Occupation Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

GEORGE (SMOKEY) KUCERA
 Birthdate: March 23, 1917
 Date of Death: Oct. 1990
 Highest Rank: Seaman 3rd Class, U.S. Navy
 Family: Parents Frank and Agnes Kucera; spouse Bertha Kucera
 Roberts; daughters Alice Staley, Marjorie Sims, and Charlotte Halverson
 Served: WWII, U.S.S. Basilan
 Duties: Welder, Shipfitter
 Military Honors: American Area Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Philippines Liberation Medal

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RICHARD RALPH KUCERA



Birthdate: March 28, 1947
Date of Death: Dec. 7, 1967
Highest Rank: Lance Corporal
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Ralph Kucera, father; Edith Knerr, mother; Floyd Knerr, stepfather
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in this area
Served: San Diego, Calif., Vietnam
Duties: Rifleman/mortar patrol
Military Honors: National Defense Service Medal, Expert Badge W/M16, Vietnam Occupation Medal, Purple Heart

WAYNE L. KUCERA



Birthdate: Dec. 12, 1950
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: E-4
Current Hometown: Roundup
Family: Patty Kucera, wife; Floyd and Edith Knerr, parents
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown. Graduated from Winifred in 1969
Served: Alaska, Texas
Duties: M-60 Machine Gunner
Military Honors: Paratrooper

ANDREW (ANDY) KURNS



Birthdate: Jan. 6, 1919
Birthplace: Armells
Date of Death: Aug. 23, 2002
Hometown at time of death: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
Family: Parents Mike and Elizabeth (Kuras) Kurns; wife Edith; daughter Sherry; sons Gary, David, John, Tony, George
Served: India
Duties: Medical supply
Honors: American Defense Medal; American Campaign Medal; Good Conduct Medal; World War II Victory Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal

DAVID A. KURNS



Birthdate: Dec. 12, 1951
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: SP4
Branch of Military: Army
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Mike and Katherine Kurns, parents; Benjamin, Victoria and Samuel, children; Luke, Timothy and Elice, grandchildren
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised, current resident
Served: Ft. Lewis, Wash. - Basic Training, Ft. Belvoir, Va., Vietnam, Ft. Knox, Kentucky
Duties: Power generator equipment operator, military driver, company commander driver, company flag bearer, supply driver
Military Honors: Aug. 1971-April 1972 Army Commendation Medal for being in war zone (Vietnam), plus rank; served 3 years before honorable discharge

ALEX J. LAFOUNTAIN



Birthdate: July 21, 1923
Date of Death: Aug. 21, 1971
Highest Rank: Sergeant
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Isador LaFountain and Louise Plummer, parents; Duane, Wade and Robert, sons; Penny and Candy, daughters
Connection to Central Montana: Born at Roy
Served: North Africa and Normandy
Duties: Combat Ranger 49th at Normandy, Second Ranger, Med. Det. 2nd Rangers
Military Honors: Silver Star, Purple Heart - 3 overseas service bars

ALFRED LAFOUNTAIN



Birthdate: Feb. 25, 1926
Birthplace: Roy
Date of Death: Sept. 18, 1961
Highest Rank: F 1/C
Branch of Military: Navy, USS South Dakota
Family: Isador LaFountain and Louise Plummer, parents; Charles, Richard, Mike, Dan, and Margo, children
Connection to Central Montana: Lived in Roy
Served: South Pacific

CHARLES A. (CHUCK) LAFOUNTAIN



Birthdate: June 18, 1947
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: PFC
Branch of Military: U.S. Marine Corp
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Gloria Ewell, mother; Alfred LaFountain (deceased), father; Kay LaFountain, wife; Wanda Redfield, daughter
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here

RICHARD ISADORE LAFOUNTAIN



Birthdate: July 16, 1950
Birthplace: Lewistown
Branch of Military: Army
Highest Rank: Sergeant
Current Hometown: Port Angeles, Wash.
Family: Gloria Ewell, mother; Alfred LaFountain, parents (deceased)
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised there
Served: Vietnam
Duties: Machine Gun
Military Honors: Army Commendation Medal, Bronze Star, Battalion Soldier of the Month, twice

RICHARD DALE LAFRANBOISE



Birthdate: April 7, 1950
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Sgt.
Branch: U.S.M.C.
1970-1973
Current Hometown: Billings, Mont.
Family: Robert and Marian LaFranboise, parents
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised, Fergus graduate 1968
Served: California, Okinawa, Philippines
Duties: Aircraft Electrician, Huey Crew Chief

ROBERT ROY LAFRANBOISE



Birthdate: Nov. 21, 1914
Date of Death: Aug. 21, 1995
Highest Rank: P.F.C.
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Marian LaFranboise, spouse; Richard and Bonnie Jean LaFranboise, children
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here
Served: European Theater
Duties: Medical Technician, 182 General Hospital
Military Honors: Entered March 1943, discharged March 1946

JARL EDWARD LANDHEIM



Birthdate: July 11, 1932
Date of Death: Feb. 1, 1955
Highest Rank: Airman First Class (A1C) Air Force
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Gunvald and Grace Landheim, parents; Lois Jean Landheim, spouse (all deceased)
Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown, graduate of Fergus
Served: Korea
Duties: Fighter aircraft mechanic
Military Honors: Purple Heart

HAROLD ALLEN LANG



Birthdate: Feb. 9, 1925
Birthplace: Great Falls, Mont.
Highest Rank: Corporal Tec 5
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Robert and Rose Lang; spouse Vereen R. Lang; children Wesley, Rita, Lyda, Connie and Robert
Connection to Central Montana: Retired plumber and rancher
Served: Camp Roberts and Philippine Islands (Manila)
Duties: Infantryman and field artillery
Military Honors: Infantry and Field Artillery Insignias, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with Bronze Star, World War II Victory Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge-Expert M-1 Rifle, Marksman & 2nd Class Gunner Medal, Field Artillery Badge, 3 Overseas Service bars, World War II Honorable Discharge Badge, Oak Leaf Cluster

ROBERT J. LANG



Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Sp., U.S. Army
Current Hometown: Idaho Falls, Idaho
Family: Harold Lang, parent; Lanette Lang, wife; three children
Connection to Central Montana: Grew up in Lewistown and graduated from Fergus High School
Served: Fort Stewart, Ga. and Fort Sam, Tex.
Duties: Combat medic and mental health counselor.
Military Honors: Honorable Discharge, Good Conduct Medal

CRYSTAL JOAN LANGFORD



Birthdate: May 15, 1979
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: SSgt.
Current Hometown: Great Falls
Family: Parents Rob Langford, Donna Hassell
Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown, both parents from Lewistown
Served: Saudi Arabia, Portugal, Hawaii, Hurricane Katrina
Duties: Montana Air National Guard, Central Services

DANIEL SCOTT LANGFORD



Birthdate: Oct. 5, 1958
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: E-2
Branch of Military: Navy
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Richard and Marie Langford, parents; Lana Langford, wife
Connection to Central Montana: Grew up here
Served: USS Prairie, four years
Duties: Electrician

HOWARD LANGFORD



Birthdate: Sept. 4, 1930
Date of Death: Nov. 21, 1996
Highest Rank: PFC, Army
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Debbie Ferguson, Chris Brozzart, Beth Klunder and Tracy Bodvig
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Kolin, lived in Lewistown
Served: Korea

LEE R. LANGFORD



Birthdate: July 6, 1930
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Cpl.
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Ted and Mildred Langford
Connection to Montana: Fergus graduate and local businessman
Served: Fairbanks, Alaska
Duties: Decode messages

RICHARD E. LANGFORD



Birthdate: June 26, 1922
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: PFC, U.S. Marine Corps
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Arthur and Lucille Langford; spouse V. Marie Langford; children Allen, Michael, Susan, Jenny, Dan, John, and Patrick
Connection to Central Montana: Native
Served: San Diego Marine Corps Base; Was burned over 50 percent of his body fighting fire 60 miles out of San Diego near the Mexican border
Duties: Mechanic

ROB LANGFORD



Birthdate: May 12, 1953
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: 2nd Class Petty Officer
Branch of Military: Navy
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Lee R. Langford, Jackie Lang
Connection to Central Montana: Lifetime
Served: San Diego, Philippines, Japan, Vietnam, Indian Ocean, Persian Gulf
Duties: Combat Search and Rescue, Vertical Replenishment Emerg. Medivac, Special Weapons transport
Honors, Special Commendations: 3 deployments, Battle Efficiency - 3 times, Expert Pistol, many commendations and citations for action in flying, helicopter crew chief, many other rewards not yet released from classified missions

LENO L. LANKUTIS



Birthdate: Dec. 10, 1926
Date of Death: Aug. 23, 2008
Birthplace: Lewistown
Branch of Military: Army
Highest Rank: SP5
Hometown at time of death: Lewistown
Family: Stani and Mary Lankutis, parents; Helen Lankutis, sister; Justin (Aldona) Lankutis, brother; Dave (Paula) Lankutis, Terry Lankutis, nephews; Anna Lankutis and Cecelia Lankutis, Neices.
Connection to Central Montana: Born to homestead family and remained a rancher in the area his entire life
Served: Ft. Chaffee, Ariz.
Duties: Survey, Artillery. Was a good shot with the 270 and the 500 mm
Military Honors: Special Commendations.

DENNIS LANPHEAR



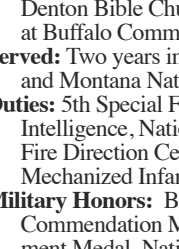
Birthdate: April 1, 1948
Date of Death: Dec. 16, 2003
Highest Rank: Sp4
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Bertha Lanphear, Timothy Fjeldseth, Tammy Chamberlain, Terry Lanphear
Connection to Central Montana: BNSF Railroad
Served: Fort Hood, Texas
Duties: MP

LEE MAURICE LANTZER



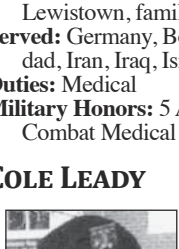
Birthdate: May 17, 1946
Birthplace: Aurora, Nebraska
Highest Rank: First Sergeant
Branch of Military: Army/Army National Guard
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: JoAnn Lantzer, wife; Joni Oderman, Angela Phelps and Kelli Bousquet, daughters
Connection to Central Montana: Former director Lewtana Bible Camp, pastored Denton Bible Church, currently pastor at Buffalo Community Church
Served: Two years in Vietnam, Wyoming and Montana National Guard
Duties: 5th Special Forces - Operations/Intelligence, National Guard - Chief of Fire Direction Center, 1st Sergeant of Mechanized Infantry Company
Military Honors: Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Outstanding Unit Citation, Combat Infantry Badge

BONITA LOUISE LEADY



Birthdate: July 16, 1978
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Corporal
Current Hometown: Laurel
Family: Parents Kenneth L. Doney of Lewistown and Joyce Miller of Laurel
Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown, family lives in area
Served: Germany, Bosnia, Kosovo, Baghdad, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Kuwait
Duties: Medical
Military Honors: 5 AM, 2 ARCOMS, Combat Medical Badge

COLE LEADY



Birthdate: Nov. 30, 1977
Birthplace: Galesburg, Ill.
Highest Rank: Sgt.
Current Hometown: Laurel
Family: Ellen and William Leady, parents; Coleton and Draven, children
Connection to Central Montana: Married local girl (Bonita Doney)
Served: Iraq and Kosovo
Duties: Maintenance

BRANDON JOHN LEAMONT



Highest Rank: Private
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Cecelia L. Leamont, mother
Connection to Central Montana: Fergus High School graduate
Served: Italy
Duties: Infantry/paratrooper



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JOE MONTGOMERY
 Birthdate: Aug. 24, 1876
 Date of Death: Feb. 26, 1984
 Birthplace: Wayne County, Iowa
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Private
 Branch of Military: U.S. Army
Connection to Central Montana: Part owner and operator of a business in Lewistown. Moved to Montana in 1895 in Lewistown and was a resident the rest of his life. He was known as a colonel, but believed he was an enlisted man.
 Served: 3 major wars of U.S., Spanish-American War of 1898, World War I and World War II.
 Duties: As assigned
 Military Honors: Honorable Discharge

JACK KENT MORGENSTERN
 Birthdate: June 17, 1942
 Birthplace: Cheyenne, Wyo.
 Highest Rank: Third Class Petty Officer (E-4) (Seabees)
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Wife Anne; daughters Melanie, Michelle and Jackie
Connection to Central Montana: Resident
 Served: Vietnam (Dong Ha)
 Duties: Construction work for Third Marine Division

GEORGE N. MORSE
 Birthdate: March 11, 1920
 Birthplace: Denton
 Highest Rank: Captain
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Wife Dora; children Carol Atchison, Paul Morse, Julie Dengel
Connection to Central Montana: Rancher
 Served: Italy, France, Germany, Austria
 Duties: Mortar gunman, Platoon Sgt., Platoon leader, keeping wires so they could carry messages
 Military Honors, Special Commendations, etc: Bronze Star

ARCHIE EUGENE MOSS
 Birthdate: Jan. 13, 1936
 Birthplace: Lincoln, Kansas
 Highest Rank: Chief Warrant Officer
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Wife Charlene R. Moss; children Raymond S. Moss, Susan Moss Hayden
Connection to Central Montana: Live in Lewistown
 Served: Korea, South Pacific, Alaska, Germany, Vietnam
 Duties: Infantry; military police and U.S. criminal investigation
 Military Honors: Bronze Star for valor; Army commendation medal, Vietnam Service Medal, w/4 Battle Stars, Meritorious Service Medal and numerous other medals and decorations.

GEORGE D. MUELLER
 Birthdate: Nov. 4, 1921
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: PFC U.S. Army
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Oscar O. and Josephine Mueller
Connection to Central Montana: Lewistown Attorney
 Served: England, France, Germany
 Duties: Quartermaster Corps
 Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, Sharpshooter


ROBERTA O. JACKSON MUNROE
 Birthdate: Aug. 2, 1918
 Date of Death: March 28, 1996
 Highest Rank: Tech Sergeant, U.S. Women's Auxiliary Army Corps
 Hometown (at time of death): Clifton, Texas
 Family: Dorman Jackson and Julia C. Jackson, parents; Christine Bonine and Bud Munroe, children
Connection to Central Montana: Area resident until 1963
 Served: South Pacific
 Duties: Motor pool driver


JACK MUNSKI
 Birthdate: Dec. 15, 1948
 Highest Rank: A03 U.S. Navy
 Current Hometown: Libby
 Family: Parents George Munski and Carolyn Weingart
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised
 Served: Vietnam
 Duties: USS - Ranger


DONALD HENRY MURRAY
 Birthdate: Dec. 8, 1920
 Birthplace: Seattle, Wash.
 Highest Rank: Lt. Col.
 Branch: Army, Air Force
 Hometown: Hobson
 Family: Parents John and Gladys Murray; wife Marie; children Patricia, James, Katherine and Lory
Connection to Central Montana: Grandfather homesteaded in Hobson in 1884
 Served: Central Pacific, Europe, Alaska, Africa
 Duties: Aircraft Pilot, Instructor
 Military Honors: DFC, Air Medal, Air Force Commendation, Army Commendation, Pearl Harbor Survivor


CLAYTON (SNICK) NELSON
 Birthdate: Sept. 16, 1925
 Date of Death: Aug. 17, 1996
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Gunner
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Family: Wife Mary McClellan Nelson; children Kim Nelson, Kristie Nelson Links, Kevin Nelson, Karen Nelson Liptac and Kathy Nelson; parents Eric and Lenora Nelson
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown
 Served: WWII
 Duties: Was on gun supply ship

GARY W. NELSON
 Birthdate: Dec. 10, 1907
 Current Hometown: Upton, Wyo.
 Highest Rank: U.S. Navy SeaBees
 Family: Parents Lewis and Esther Nelson, spouse Aloya, two daughters, one adopted son, three step-children
Connection to Central Montana: Graduated from Grass Range before joining the service
 Served: Midway, Vietnam
 Military Honors: Honor Award, SeaBees

CECELIA L. (HUNTER) LEAMONT

 Birthdate: Oct. 22, 1952
 Birthplace: Burtonwood Air Force Base, England
 Highest Rank: SP5 U.S. Army
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents John M. Hunter
 (USAF Lt. Col., retired) and Mary E. Hunter; spouse Anthony J. Leamont; children Heather A. Pimm, Brandon J. Leamont (U.S. Army) Jonathan M. Leamont
Connection to Central Montana: Current resident
 Served: Ft. McLellan, Ala.; Ft. Knox, Ky.; Ft. Polk, La.
 Duties: Morning Reports, Student Records, Orders, Permanent Party Records-Officers
 Military Honors: Certificate of Achievement, Letter of Appreciation, Letter of Commendation, NCO Leadership Course, Recommendation for Pentagon Duty

LESLIE W. LEAP

 Birthdate: Dec. 6, 1946
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: DC 3, U.S. Navy
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Floyd and Frances Leap; wife Jackie; children Brenda, Bradley and Becky
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised on family farm
 Served: USS Mt. Katmai off Vietnam
 Duties: Welding, firefighting equipment
 Military Honors: Vietnam medal four times

CHARLES WILLIAM LELEK

 Birthdate: Dec. 26, 1917
 Date of Death: Aug. 22, 1997
 Highest Rank: Technician 4th Grade
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Blazej and Mary Lelek, parents; Ethel Bowen Lelek, spouse; Wayne Lelek and Nancy Wichman, children
Connection to Central Montana: Long-time owner of "C Lelek Agency" and Boy Scout volunteer
 Served: Washington, D.C.
 Duties: Tech engineer and instructor
 Military Honors: Honorable medical discharge after receiving head injuries


VICTOR W. LELEK

 Birthdate: Jan. 3, 1921
 Birthplace: Roy
 Highest Rank: Art. 1C
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Wife Teddy; Children Vicki, Linda, Laurie; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren
Connection to Central Montana: Resident
 Served: Marianna Islands
 Duties: Radar and Altimeter Gear

WAYNE ROGER LELEK

 Birthdate: March 7, 1950
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Airman LPH-3, SSG
 Branch of Military: Navy, Army National Guard
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Wife JoNette Lelek; children Nathan and Julie Lelek (Oregon), Noah Lelek (Mississippi), Hilary Wheatstone (Kansas); five grandchildren; parents Ethel and Charlie Lelek
Connection to Central Montana: Native, worked for fire department, State Home and as a bus driver for Lewistown schools
 Served: U.S. Navy 2 years (Oct. 1970 - Oct. 1972), Army National Guard 18 years (Jan. 1974 - Jan. 2001), USS Okinawa during Vietnam, Hong Kong, Philippines, Hawaii
 Duties: LSE, Guardmember, picked up Apollo 15 spacecraft
 Honors, Special Commendations: Good Conduct, Army Achievement, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense, National Guard Service, Vietnam Campaign

KENNETH L. LEWIS

 Birthdate: Jan. 1, 1943
 Birthplace: Alton, Ill.
 Highest Rank: Corporal
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Charles E. and Lorene Lewis, parents; Billie Lewis, spouse; daughters Deb Jensen, Jody
Connection to Central Montana: Owned Superior Auto Repair
 Served: California, Raugoon, Burma, Tokyo, and Japan
 Duties: American Embassy Security Guard

GLEE ROY LIGHT

 Birthdate: Nov. 19, 1949
 Date of Death: May 7, 1968
 Birthplace: Havre
 Highest Rank: LCL
 Family: Mother Emma Light, Lewistown; sisters Ellen Webster, Lewistown, Kay Hawthorne, LaCenter, Ky., Glenna
Connection to Central Montana: Grew up in Lewistown
 Served: Vietnam, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines
 Duties: Machine gunner
 Military Honors: Marksmanship, Purple Heart


LEONARD RAYMOND LIGHTNER


 Birthdate: Oct. 29, 1949
 Birthplace: Long Beach, Calif.
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant E5 U.S. Air Force
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Mother Virginia Lightner of Lewistown, father served as sergeant in U.S. Marines
 Served: Korea, Philippines, USA
 Duties: Electrical Power Production
 Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, Honor Graduate Sheppard Technical Training Center





PHILLIP MICHAEL LEONARD


 Birthdate: Feb. 3, 1982
 Date of Death: Feb. 21, 2006
 Birthplace: Cortland, NY
 Highest Rank: Petty Officer 3rd Class, Navy
 Current Hometown (at time of death): Ridgecrest, CA
 Family: Joan and Madison Miner, Michael Leonard (deceased)
Connection to Central Montana: Family lives here
 Served: On the USS Theodore Roosevelt 2002, USS Enterprise CVN65 2003
 Duties: Aviation mechanic, served in War on Terror after 9/11, Operation Enduring Freedom

CHARLES ROBERT LEWELLEN

 Birthdate: Sept. 15, 1935
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Date of Death: May 22, 2015
 Highest Rank: Spec. 4th Class
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Parents Charles and Grace Lewellen; spouse Janet; children Alan, Jana, Nathan, Julie, Sara, and Jonny
Connection to Central Montana: Lifetime resident, Fergus High School graduate
 Served: Texas, Korea
 Duties: Pharmacist's Assistant, signal battalion, adult basic education

JOHN CURTIS LEWIS

 Birthdate: March 30, 1932
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Airman First Class
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Clarence Lewis and Edith Lewis
 Served: USAF, France
 Duties: Automotive Mechanic


KEITH MICHAEL LEWIS

 Birthdate: March 25, 1987
 Birthplace: Billings
 Highest Rank: E4
 Branch of Military: Army National Guard
 Current Hometown: Bozeman
 Family: Mike and Chris Lewis, parents; Kyle and Kolin Lewis, brothers
 Served: Iraq
 Military Honors: Army Achievement Awards and Top Gun of Platoon

THOMAS E. LONGSHORE

 Birthdate: May 28, 1948
 Birthplace: Conrad
 Highest Rank: Captain
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Wife Karin
Connection to Central Montana: Graduated from Fergus High School, lives and works in Lewistown
 Served: Vietnam and Army National Guard
 Duties: Navy ammo ship (Vietnam), Army Mechanized Infantry (Guard)
 Military Honors: Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Expert Rifle and Pistol Medals

DALE E. LONGFELLOW

 Birthdate: Dec. 21, 1943
 Birthplace: Barberton, Ohio
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Highest Rank: E5
 Current Hometown: Hobson
 Family: Carl and Erma Longfellow
Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Lewistown
 Served: Anti Submarine Warfare, Hawaii
 Duties: Staff Duty
 Military Honors: Nomination to United States Naval Academy

CHARLES EDWARD LUCIER

 Date of Death: Jan. 7, 1999
 Highest Rank: T/5
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Parents Charles and Anna Lucier
Connection to Central Montana: Grew up in Lewistown, owned gas station and motel

DONALD WILLIAM LUCIER

 Date of Death: March 23, 1971
 Highest Rank: PFC
 Hometown (at time of death): Marysville, Wash.
 Family: Parents Charles and Anna Lucier
Connection to Central Montana: Grew up in Lewistown, owned trucking business

WILLARD W. LIMPUS

 Birthdate: Feb. 18, 1931
 Date of Death: Oct. 1, 1995
 Highest Rank: 2nd Class Petty Officer, Sea Bee's, Navy
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Othar and Marie Limpus, parents; Bette Limpus, spouse; Treacy, Flint, Christy, Mary, Scotty and LaVonne, children
Connection to Central Montana: Owned and operated Limpus Auto Repair
 Served: Quadulene, Subic Islands, Philippines
 Duties: Heavy equipment operator for Seabees

RODERICK HAROLD LINSE

 Birthdate: July 18, 1948
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Sgt. Army
 Current Hometown: Portland, Ore.
 Family: Vincent and Evelyn Linse, parents; Greta Linse, Anna Laura Linse Scott, children
Connection to Central Montana: Received his education at Denton, MSU and Montana U at Missoula
 Served: Vietnam
 Duties: Driver for the base commander

WILLIAM JAMES LODMAN

 Birthdate: April 9, 1916
 Birthplace: Moore
 Highest Rank: 1st Lieutenant, U.S. Air Force
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents James and Julia Lodman; spouse Mary
Connection to Central Montana: Native
 Served: England
 Duties: Command Pilot on B-17

BRUCE W. J. LUHRSEN

 Birthdate: March 14, 1950
 Highest Rank: E-7 FTGC USN (retired)
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: spouse Lucy F. Luhrsen; Thomas Robert Luhrsen, William James Luhrsen, Kristy Marie Dav-
 enport
Connection to Central Montana: Current resident, attended high school in Judith Gap
 Served: East Coast, West Coast
 Duties: Fire Control man, (weapons, computer systems)
 Military Honors: Navy Achievement, 2 tours Vietnam, 5 tours Mid-East

CLIFTON A. LUND

 Birthdate: Oct. 14, 1917
 Date of Death: May 13, 1999
 Birthplace: Manvel, N.D.
 Highest Rank: Private First Class, US Army
 Family: Anne Simac, wife; Elsie, Harvey, Karen, Mike, Pat, Kim, BobbiJo and Kevin, children
Connection to Central Montana: Owner of Stendal Transportation
 Served: June 1945-May 1946, Panama Canal Zone
 Duties: Truck driver in 777th Quartermaster Service Battalion

LAURENCE ALEXANDER LUND

 Birthdate: Nov. 14, 1925
 Date of Death: April 30, 2005
 Birthplace: Grand Forks, N.D.
 Highest Rank: Gunner's Mate 3rd Class
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Mary Lou (Mitzie), wife; Sherry Dengel, Vicki Philp, Susan Chastain, Larry K. Lund, children
Connection to Central Montana: Lived in Central Montana since age 4
 Served: WWII and Korea, Pacific Duty
 Duties: Maintenance and repair guns
 Military Honors: Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, WWII Victory, Korean, American Campaign, National Defense, Occupation Service Korean Service

JAMES SCOTT LUTZ

 Birthdate: July 16, 1953
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: E-4
 Branch of Military: Army
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Jim and Ruth Lutz, parents; Matt Lutz, son
 Served: San Antonio, Texas; Heidelberg, Germany
 Duties: Military Police, Honor Guard

DAVID CHARLES LYNCH

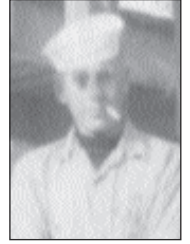
 Highest Rank: Senior Chief
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Adella Feil and the late David L. Lynch, parents; Jennifer Lynch, spouse; and Aaron Lynch, son
Connection to Central Montana: 1986 graduate of Fergus High School
 Served: U.S.S. San Juan Submarine, Groton, Conn.
 Duties: Fire technician


FRANK D. MACHLER

 Birthdate: Oct. 1, 1916
 Birthplace: Grass Range
 Highest Rank: S/ Sgt. Air Force
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Helen C. Machler, wife; Dustin C. Machler, daughter
Connection to Central Montana: Born, schooled, drafted here
 Served: U.S. and Pacific Theater
 Duties: Aircraft Electrician
 Military Honors: Commendation from Gen. "Hap" Arnold, P.T.O. Commendation

WILLIAM J. (BILL) MACHLER

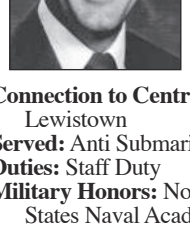
 Birthdate: 1919
 Date of Death: 1997
 Birthplace: Grass Range
 Highest Rank: Chief Warrant Officer, Anti-aircraft Division, U.S. Army 1940-1946
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Parents Dominik (Toby) and Rose (Yeager) Machler; spouse Mary Beth Grinde; children Kathie, Toby and Hal
Connection to Central Montana: Farmed and ranched west of Lewistown from 1946 until his death
 Served: South Pacific


FRANK D. MACHLER

 Birthdate: Oct. 1, 1916
 Birthplace: Grass Range
 Highest Rank: S/ Sgt. Air Force
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Helen C. Machler, wife; Dustin C. Machler, daughter
Connection to Central Montana: Born, schooled, drafted here
 Served: U.S. and Pacific Theater
 Duties: Aircraft Electrician
 Military Honors: Commendation from Gen. "Hap" Arnold, P.T.O. Commendation

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 Birthdate: 1919
 Date of Death: 1997
 Birthplace: Grass Range
 Highest Rank: Chief Warrant Officer, Anti-aircraft Division, U.S. Army 1940-1946
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Parents Dominik (Toby) and Rose (Yeager) Machler; spouse Mary Beth Grinde; children Kathie, Toby and Hal
Connection to Central Montana: Farmed and ranched west of Lewistown from 1946 until his death
 Served: South Pacific

DAVID CHARLES LYNCH


 Highest Rank: Senior Chief
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Adella Feil and the late David L. Lynch, parents; Jennifer Lynch, spouse; and Aaron Lynch, son
Connection to Central Montana: 1986 graduate of Fergus High School
 Served: U.S.S. San Juan Submarine, Groton, Conn.
 Duties: Fire technician

FRANK D. MACHLER

 Birthdate: Oct. 1, 1916
 Birthplace: Grass Range
 Highest Rank: S/ Sgt. Air Force
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Helen C. Machler, wife; Dustin C. Machler, daughter
Connection to Central Montana: Born, schooled, drafted here
 Served: U.S. and Pacific Theater
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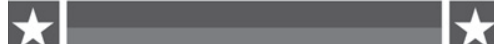
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EDWARD J. MAJERUS

Birthdate: May 2, 1923
Date of Death: Oct. 30, 2016
Birthplace: Havre
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Wife Dorothy

Connection to Central Montana: Farmed and ranched near Ross Fork
Served: China 374th of the 308 Bomber Squadron
Duties: Gunner on B-29

HENRY W. (BILL) MANE

Birthdate: April 9, 1925
Birthplace: Petaluma, Calif.
Highest Rank: PFC
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents August and Anna Mane (deceased)

Connection to Central Montana: The Sport Center
Served: European Theatre – England, France, Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia, General Patton's 3rd Army, Co. G 328th Infantry Regiment 26th Y.D. Infantry Division 328 Re 1943-46
Duties: Infantry, Company Runner, Messenger
Military Honors: Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star, European Service Medal and others

RONALD W. MANE

Birthdate: July 4, 1958
Date of Death: Jan. 28, 1995
Birthplace: Gillette, Wyo.
Highest Rank: Airman, U.S. Navy
Family: Thomas and Lydia Mane, children Stephanie, Linda, and

Daniel
Connection to Central Montana: Resident
Served: Subic Bay, Hong Kong, Japan, Thailand, Philippines
Duties: Flight Deck Duties, served aboard USS Constellation

THOMAS A. MANE

Birthdate: Sept. 25, 1926
Birthplace: Petaluma, Calif.
Highest Rank: Seaman First Class
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Wife Lydia B. Mane

Connection to Central Montana: Resident, American Legion manager
Served: Trained at Farragut, Idaho
Duties: Ammunition aboard ships at Port Chicago, Fire Department fighting fires, Tanker Duty on USS YOL #1 refueling ships with diesel fuel
Military Honors: Victory Medal, served in World War II 1944-46

BILLY JOE MANNING

Birthdate: March 6, 1948
Date of Death: Nov. 17, 2019
Highest Rank: Field Combat Medic Sp5 U.S. Army
Family: Joe and Lena Manning (parents), Bonnie, Linda and Robert (siblings)

Connection to Central Montana: Graduated at Fergus County High School 1966
Served: Vietnam
Military Honors: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Combat Medical Badge, Purple Heart with first Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star w/V Dev, Bronze Star with first Oak Leaf Cluster, Silver Star, Air Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal

LETHA R. (DUBBS) MANNING

Birthdate: March 27, 1980
Birthplace: Bozeman
Highest Rank: Captain, USAF
Current Hometown: Leavenworth, Kansas
Family: Parents Scott and Vickie Dubbs; husband

Zachary D. Manning; children Aidan and Amarah Manning
Connection to Central Montana: Fergus High School graduate, 1998; Home and land owner
Served: Laughlin Air Force Base, TX with the 47th Flying Training Squadron; Travis Air Force Base, CA with the 60th Civil Engineering Squadron
Duties: Civil & Environmental Engineer; IMA to the Environmental Flight Chief
Military Honors: Air Force Commendation Medal

ZACHARY D. MANNING

Birthdate: Aug. 8, 1977
Birthplace: Vancouver, Wash.
Highest Rank: Major, USAF
Current Hometown: Leavenworth, Kansas
Family: Parents Peter and Peggy Manning; wife Letha

R. Dubbs; children Aidan and Amarah Manning
Connection to Central Montana: Home and landowner
Served: Spangdahlem AB, Germany with the 22nd Fighter Squadron; Laughlin Air Force Base, TX with the 84th and 87th Flying Training Squadrons; Luke Air Force Base, AZ with the 61st, 62nd and 425th Fighter Squadrons; Hill Air Force Base and Balad AFB, Iraq with the 4th Fighter Squadron of the 388th Fighter Wing
Duties: F-16 Evaluator, Instructor Pilot and Assistant Director of Operations
Military Honors: Laughlin AFB Instructor Pilot of the Year 2005; Air Force Commendation Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters; Air Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters; Meritorious Service Medal, Luke AFB Field Grade Office of the Year 2012

JAY MARTIN MARQUARDT

Birthdate: Jan. 30, 1967
Birthplace: Polson
Highest Rank: E6 Technical Sergeant
Branch of Military: Air Force, Navy
Current Hometown: Lewiston, Utah
Family: Parents Darlene and Paul Pavlak; wife Sue;

children Tyfanie and Tyler
Connection to Central Montana: Attended school grades 1-12, class of 1985
Served: Japan; Balad, Iraq; Germany; 6 years Navy Sea Bees; 6 years Air Force
Duties: Air trans specialist
Military Honors: Air Force Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Outstanding Award, Three Devices Award, National Defense Service Award, Iraq Campaign Medal, Air Force Expeditionary Award, Service Ribbon with Gold Broadener, AF Longevity Award, AF Reserve Medal with one M Device, Navy Longevity, Sharpshooter Ribbon

MICHAEL WAYNE MARSH

Birthdate: Nov. 30, 1964
Birthplace: Great Falls
Highest Rank: E-9 Master Chief
Branch of Military: Navy
Current Hometown: Fallon, Nevada
Family: Reid and Ellen Marsh, parents;

Susan, wife; Cody and Kade, children
Connection to Central Montana: Raised and schooled in Lewistown
Served: Whidbey Island, San Diego, Calif.; Adak, Alaska; Sasebo, Japan; Fallon, Nev.; numerous deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan
Duties: Maintenance Master Chief
Military Honors: 5 Navy Commendation Medals, 6 Navy Achievement Awards

FRANCIS R. MARTIN

Birthdate: June 8, 1936
Highest Rank: Sgt. First Class
Family: Roland T. Martin, father; Arlene J. Fritzen-Doty, mother; Karon A. Martin, spouse; Chad R. Martin, son

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown, graduated from Fergus 1955
Served: Four years Air Force, 1957-61, Air Demonstration Team in Europe
Duties: 18 years in Army National Guard
Military Honors: In late 1980s and early 1990s Lewistown Army National Guard Unit was number one in the nation as a Howitzer unit. Many commendations were awarded to the Lewistown National Guard Unit

JAY RYAN MARTIN

Birthdate: Dec. 18, 1978
Birthplace: Paterson, NJ
Highest Rank: E7, US Army
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Paul J. and Marla Martin Gies; Tavian and Setty

Martin, children
Connection to Central Montana: Parents and Fergus High graduate
Served: Ft. Bragg, NC, Ft. Lewis, Wash., Ft. Sill, Okla., Mosul Iraq, Germany, presently in Afghanistan
Duties: Training combat forces, Airborne and infantry duties, operates the Stryker, Special Forces and drill instructor
Military Honors: Expert marksmanship

JESS DANIEL MARTIN

Birthdate: May 28, 1982
Birthplace: Bozeman
Highest Rank: Specialist E4 Infantryman, Army
Current Hometown: Lake Stevens, Wash.
Family: Dwight and Joy Martin, parents; Nikole Martin, wife

Connection to Central Montana: Grew up here from age 6 months
Served: Korea and Iraq
Duties: Infantry – search for terrorists in buildings, etc. on the ground, Iraqi Freedom in Mosul, honorably discharged on Dec. 31, 2005

Military Honors: Purple Heart, Commendation 2nd and 4th Award Medals - Good Conduct, National Defense Service, Korea Defense, Non-commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Badges - Combat Infantry, Air Assault

ROLAND TOUZEAU MARTIN

Birthdate: Dec. 5, 1931
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Airman First Class, USAF (1951-53)
Hometown: Melbourne, Fla.
Family: Roland and Arlene (Fritsen) Martin, parents; JoAnn,

wife, five children
Connection to Central Montana: Lewistown brothers Terry, Frank and Kenny; Nostalgia!

Served: Lackland AFB, Lowry AFB, Tyndal AFB, Moody AFB
Duties: Weapons Mechanic, inspect and maintain bomb/missile, gunnery (20mm cannons, etc.), pilot ejection seats, personal weapons (.45 cal. Pistols) at Crew TAF (Crew Training Air Force) Mainly F-94Cs and F-89s
Military Honors: Graduated at top of technical school class; awarded next higher grade in rank without "time in grade"

TERRANCE DEAN (TERRY) MARTIN

Birthdate: March 17, 1933
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Cpl. Branch of Military: Air Force
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Roland Martin, father; Arlene Doty, mother; Doris

Finkbeiner, wife; Linda Evans, Terri Lynn Stone and Merri Nordhus, daughters; Roger and Jeff Martin, sons; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren
Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised, and went to school in Lewistown
Served: Korea, 5th Mule Train
Duties: Maintenance

THOMAS E. MARTIN

Birthdate: June 16, 1923
Birthplace: Lewistown
Branch of Military: U.S. Navy
Hometown: Worden, Mont.
Family: George and Lena Martin; Cherie, Patricia, Mike (de-

ceased), Ruth, children; Betty Cerovski, sister; Frances Neet (deceased)
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here
Served: So. Pacific

JOHN LEO MARUSKA

Birthdate: Feb. 28, 1926
Birthplace: Roy
Date of Death: Dec. 23, 2015
Highest Rank: Corporal, U.S. Army
Hometown (at time of death): Roy
Family: Parents John and Mary Maruska;

spouse Betty Stilson Maruska; son George Maruska
Connection to Central Montana: Lifelong farmer/rancher in Roy
Served: Hawaii
Duties: Mechanic
Military Honors: Asiatic Pacific Service Medal

TIMOTHY J. MASON

Birthdate: July 10, 1921
Date of Death: Dec. 20, 2007
Birthplace: Superior, Wyoming
Highest Rank: PVT
Branch of Military: Army
Family: Mildred Mason, wife; Alice Gandolf, daughter

Connection to Central Montana: Lived here all his life
Served: Central Europe and Germany
Duties: Drove truck, hauled automotive parts, acted as parts man – 87th Division

FREDERICK G. MATHEWS

Birthdate: Aug. 19, 1929
Birthplace: Moore
Highest Rank: Corporal
Hometown: Buffalo
Family: Parents Miller and Beulah Mathews; wife Shirley; children

Greg, Bret and Marlene
Connection to Central Montana: Farmer, rancher, Buffalo area
Served: Korea
Duties: Infantry, machine gun
Military Honors: Combat Infantry badge, Korean Service Medal with two BSS, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal

CLAIR LENNARD MATHIASON

Birthdate: July 29, 1921
Birthplace: Plentywood
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Ole and Lena Mathiason; wife

Mildred Solberg Mathiason, children Thomas, Rodney, Myla, Bruce, Judd and Claire Ann
Connection to Central Montana: Lived here since 1968
Served: European Theater of Operations
Duties: Airborne Infantry (parachutist)
Military Honors: Purple Heart and Bronze Star

M.H. (MAC) MCCOLLUM

Birthdate: Nov. 5, 1922
Date of Death: April 7, 1987
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
Branch of Military: Army
Family: William and Edna Mc-

Collum (Umbler, Kelly), parents; Jim Umbler, brother
Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised and attended schools here
Served: Pacific Campaign
Duties: Joined National Guard in high school, entered Army during WWII, served with Co. K, the 163rd Infantry in the Pacific Campaign and was a 50 caliber machine gun operator

Military Honors: Pacific Campaign Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, Combat Infantryman Badge, Distinguished Unit Badge, American Defense Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Ribbon

DAVID B. MCCONNELL

Birthdate: Dec. 4, 1942
Birthplace: Butte
Highest Rank: Sergeant E-5
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Z.B. and Cecilia McConnell (deceased); wife

Vangie; children Bryan and Chris
Connection to Central Montana: Raised here, graduate of St. Leo's, retired teacher
Served: Fort Lewis, Wash., Fort Gordon, Ga.; QuiNhon, Vietnam; and Vicenza, Italy

Duties: Military police
Military Honors: National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal

ELI NASH MCCORD

Birthdate: March 19, 1980
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Sergeant, Alpha Co. 1st BN 1st Marine Division
Branch of Military: Marine Corps
Current Home-

town: Roundup
Family: Larry and Kris McCord, parents; Kendall, wife; Taylor and Sydney McCord, children; Kaeden Jace, stepson
Connection to Central Montana: Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, went to school in Moore and Lewistown
Served: Middle East during Operation Enduring Freedom
Duties: Infantry

QUINCY PAUL MCCORD

Birthdate: Sept. 12, 1977
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Corporal
Branch of Military: Marine Corps
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Larry and

Kris McCord, parents; Breanna Kalal, (spouse); Caden McCord, Brooklyn, Bailey, Madison Rodgers, Bostynn, and Aspen, children
Connection to Central Montana: Application specialist, went to school in Moore
Served: Miramar; San Diego, Calif.
Duties: Ordinance

LEWIS MARLYN NELSON

Birthdate: Jan. 17, 1924
Date of Death: Jan. 1, 1996
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: CPL, U.S. Army
Family: Spouse Esther L. Nelson, eight children
Connection to Central Montana: Lifetime resident

Served: Korea
Duties: Truck and Bus Driver
Military Honors: World War II Victory Medal, Army Occupation Medal, Japan

LLOYD G. NELSON

Birthdate: May 13, 1929
Date of Death: April 8, 1998
Hometown at time of death: Colorado Springs, Colo.

Birthplace: Lewistown
Branch of Military: Army and National Guard
Highest Rank: 1st Lt.
Family: Pat Devin Nevin, wife; Janet, Michael, Lori, Tim, children; Jim and Mary, parents.
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here, FCHS, 1947

Served: Alaska plus others
Duties: 1st. Sgt. Ski Patrol

WILLIAM DEAN NEWTON
Birthdate: June 14, 1928
Birthplace: Hobson
Branch of Military: Army
Highest Rank: Lt.
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: June Newton, wife; Mike Newton, son

Connection to Central Montana: Retired from Dean Newton, Inc.
Served: Korea
Duties: U.S. Army Transportation Corps.
Military Honors: Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal

TIMOTHY ELMER NORLING
Birthdate: Aug. 28, 1967
Birthplace: Butte, Mont.
Highest Rank: E-6, U.S. Navy SeaBees
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Mary Jo Morgan and Conway Norling; son Quincy

Served: Submarine service for three years; two tours in Iraq
Duties: Supply
Military Honors: Submarine Warfare Pin

RONALD GLADE NYE
Birthdate: Dec. 23, 1981
Birthplace: McConnell AFB K.S.
Highest Rank: E-4
Current Hometown: Camp Pendleton, CA
Family: Vern & Francis Nye, former Lewistown Residents

Connection to Central Montana: Grandson of Charles and Lola MacPhail
Served: Campton, Kuwait and Iraq
Duties: EOD (Explosive Ordnance)
Military Honors: Returned from Iraq with the 1st Marine Exp. Force

JOHN SEVERIN OLSON
Birthdate: Jan. 21, 1913
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant, Army
Family: Ole and Inga Olson, parents (deceased); Jean, spouse (deceased); sons, John (deceased), Donald, David (deceased) and Noel

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Grass Range
Served: North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Normandy (Battle of the Bulge)
Duties: Paratrooper
Military Honors: Two Purple Hearts, two Bronze Stars and Silver Star

OLE MELVIN OLSON
Birthdate: Feb. 24, 1920
Highest Rank: Sergeant, Marines
Family: Ole and Inga Olson, parents (deceased); Ada, spouse; sons, Mike, Leonard, Gary; daughter, Laura

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Grass Range
Served: New Zealand, Pearl Harbor, New Guinea, South Pacific
Duties: Engineer, Infantry
Military Honors: Distinguished Service Cross

OSWALD JACOB OLSON
Birthdate: Dec. 6, 1915
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant, Army
Family: Ole and Inga Olson, parents (deceased)
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Grass Range
Served: France and Germany – Battle of the Bulge
Duties: Anti Tank Division
Military Honors: Purple Heart, Distinguished Service Cross

THOMAS CHARLES ORR
Birthdate: July 25, 1960
Birthplace: Great Falls, MT
Highest Rank: Petti-Officer 2nd Class
Current Hometown: Missoula, MT, lawyer
Family: Richard and Charlotte Orr, parents; Susan, wife.; Sam and Katie, children; Agnew Miedem Fergus, grandmother.

Connection to Central Montana: Parents live here
Served: The Corral Sea
Duties: Radar Operator

SCOTT LITTLEWOOD ORR
Birthdate: May 6, 1967
Birthplace: Lynwood, Wash.
Highest Rank: Spec. 4
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Richard and Charlotte Orr, parents; Agnes Fergus Miedema, grandmother; Cassie and Caden, children

Connection to Central Montana: Parents lived here; worked here
Served: Ft. Hood, Texas; Seoul, Korea; Desert Storm
Duties: Tow Missile Operator
Military Honors: Trucking industry

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- Seneca

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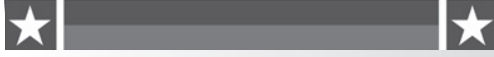
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NATHANIEL JOHN OSTBY
 Birthdate: May 6, 1982
 Birthplace: Billings
 Highest Rank: Petty Officer Third Class
 Current Hometown: Winnett
 Family: Parents Norman and Jane Ostby
 Connection to Central Montana: Grew up on Flatwillow Creek in Petroleum County, student at Winnett
 Served: Ft. Gordon, Augusta, Ga.
 Duties: Naval Intelligence
 Military Honors, special commendations: Honor Graduate at Basic Training, Letter of Commendation from Commanding Officer at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

KENNETH D. OSTLIND
 Birthdate: May 29, 1925
 Birthplace: Kansas
 Highest Rank: PFC
 Family: Lois, wife; Lohmuller and O'Halloran Families of Lewistown
 Branch of Military: Army, 14 ARMO Div. 68 INF BATT.
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident
 Served: Europe
 Duties: Infantry
 Military Honors: European Victory Medal with 2 stars; Bronze Star

HENRY CHARLES (PLUG) OTTEN
 Birthdate: Nov. 30, 1926
 Date of Death: March 1, 1984
 Hometown (at time of death): Big Fork
 Highest Rank: Colonel
 Family: Herman and Florence (McMillan) Otten, parents; Jane Graves Otten, spouse; Katherine, Anita and Elise, daughters
 Connection to Central Montana: Fergus High School graduate
 Served: China, Korean Conflict, Chile, Vietnam, West Germany
 Duties: Officer in charge of Inter-American Geodetic Survey in Chile
 Military Honors: West Point appointment, Silver Star, Bronze Star for Valor, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Army Commendation Medal, Legion of Merit Award, Meritorious Service Medal and the Office of Army Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence

JAMES EARL OTTO
 Birthdate: Feb. 17, 1907
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Technical Sergeant U.S. Air Force
 Family: Michael and Kathleen Otto, Deborah Otto, Ashley Rose and Kylee Yung Otto
 Connection to Central Montana: Hometown
 Served: Texas, South Carolina, Turkey, Italy, Bahrain, Korea
 Duties: Alternate Mission Equipment/War Reserve Material Section Chief
 Military Honors: Outstanding Achievement Medal, Life Saving in Italy, Operation Enduring Freedom in Turkey

MICHAEL F. OTTO
 Birthdate: Feb. 11, 1951
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Sergeant, U.S. Marine Corp
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Earl and Rose Otto, children Joshua and James Otto
 Connection to Central Montana: Hometown
 Served: California
 Duties: Military Policeman, Special Detachment – Deserter Apprehension
 Military Honors: Marine of the Month, U.S.M.C., Meritorious Promotion and Unit Citation

ROBERT W. PAJARI
 Highest Rank: PFC
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Served: Korea
 Duties: Construction

MICHAEL HOWARD PALLETT
 Birthdate: March 30, 1962
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: E4, U.S. Army
 Current Hometown: Great Falls
 Family: Wayne and Alta Pallett, Cheri Ily Pallett, Matthew Wayne Pallett, Krista Mae Pallett
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here
 Served: USA
 Duties: M103 Howitzers

SEAN KENNETH PALLETT
 Birthdate: Aug. 26, 1988
 Birthplace: Roto, Spain
 Highest Rank: E4, U.S. Navy
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Sherri Pallett, Wayne and Alta Pallett
 Connection to Central Montana: Grew up here
 Served: Bahrain, Cuba, Going to Spain
 Duties: Master at Arms – Security

ROBERT A. PASSOW
 Birthdate: Oct. 16, 1938
 Birthplace: Bruno, Minn.
 Highest Rank: PFC
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Barbara, Philip, Neal, Jere, Jean
 Connection to Central Montana: Residence and work
 Served: Ft. Lewis, Wash.
 Duties: Surveyor, S-3 Section Combat Engineers
 Military Honors: Good Conduct

STAN LEE PAVEK
 Birthdate: April 10, 1946
 Birthplace: Aberdeen, S.D.
 Date of Death: Feb. 8, 1974
 Highest Rank: Corporal
 Current Hometown (at time of death): Billings
 Family: Wife Peggy, deceased; children Shane, Shaun and Shannon; parents Don and Shirley Huber
 Connection to Central Montana: Grew up in Lewistown
 Served: Vietnam
 Duties: Supply Clerk
 Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, Honorable Discharge

SPENCER LEE MCCORD
 Birthdate: Dec. 9, 1981
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Branch of Military: Marine Corps, 1st BN, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Larry and Kris McCord, parents; Randi McCord, wife; Damen and Colt McCord, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Mid-Rivers, went to school in Moore and Lewistown
 Served: Middle East during Operation Iraqi Freedom
 Duties: Communications, Radio Operator

LLOYD A. MCGUIRE
 Birthdate: Jan. 14, 1928
 Birthplace: St. Paul, Minn.
 Highest Rank: PFC, U.S. Army
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Spouse, Vera
 Connection to Central Montana: Retired; former owner of CarQuest
 Served: Tokyo, Japan; Haneda Airfield
 Duties: Member of 31st Postal Regulatory Section

WILLIAM (SWEDE) THOMAS MCGUIRE
 Birthdate: 1903
 Highest Rank: Corporal in Air Force
 Hometown (at time of death): California
 Family: John P. McGuire and Martha McGuire, parents; Grace McGuire, spouse; Patsy Lou McGuire, daughter
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident of Lewistown
 Served: South Pacific
 Duties: Mechanic
 Military Honors: Served in World War II

HUGH WILLIAM (BILL) MCINTOSH
 Birthdate: April 30, 1923
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Hometown: Denton
 Family: wife Babe, children John, MaryLynn, Pat and Pam
 Connection to Central Montana: Lifelong resident
 Served: E.T.O.
 Duties: Army Sig. Corps

VERLIE GEORGE (MAC) MCINTOSH
 Birthdate: April 2, 1940
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Date of Death: April 20, 2002
 Hometown (at time of death): Zortman
 Highest Rank: E-6, Navy
 Family: Spouse Donna; children Brian McIntosh, Patty Monger, Gracia Wipf and Kim Hassler
 Served: USS Saratoga
 Duties: Fire control tech.; FT 2 Instructor

JAMES WILLIAM MCKINNEY JR.
 Highest Rank: Boilerman Third Class (BT3), Navy
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Bellevue, mother; Brandi Dunn and Dustin McKinney, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Highland Park and Fergus High School graduate
 Served: Vietnam
 Duties: Boilerman

LESTER ANGUS MCMILLAN
 Birthdate: Aug. 1, 1930
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Corporal
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Donald and Betty McMillan, wife Laura Ann McMillan
 Connection to Central Montana: Rancher
 Served: California, New Orleans, Greenland
 Duties: Instructor, Equipment Operator

ROBERT N. MCNEIL
 Birthdate: Feb. 21, 1943
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: E4
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Robert N. McNeil and Florence L. (Turner) Kilgore; wife Ruth A. (Geary) McNeil
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in area, home always in Fergus County, have owned businesses, including Kitch's Cheese Mart
 Served: California, Colorado, Kansas, Vietnam
 Duties: Radio Operator
 Military Honors: Overseas Service Bar, Vietnam Service Medal, Marksman (Rifle M-14)

GLYNN M. (JIM) MCVEDA
 Birthdate: Dec. 26, 1921
 Birthplace: Powell, Wyo.
 Date of Death: Aug. 31, 2011
 Highest Rank: Tech 5, Army
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: William and Luella (Rice) McVeda, parents; Joy (Lansberry) McVeda, wife; Linda Thayer, daughter; Steve and Dave McVeda, sons
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised and worked in Central Montana area, electrician
 Served: Southern France, Northern Italy, Central Europe, North Africa
 Duties: U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps; munitions – drove motorcycles and trucks moving ammunition to front lines in North Africa, Italy, France and Germany
 Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, European-Africa-Middle Eastern Theatre Service Medal, Issued 5 Overseas Service Bars

WILLIAM L. MCVEDA
 Birthdate: Feb. 14, 1926
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Personnel Man Second Class Petty Officer
 Hometown: Upland, Calif.
 Family: Parents William and Luella McVeda, wife Janet (Jones) McVeda, children Brad McVeda and Jammie Hood
 Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown, graduated UofM
 Served: South Pacific aboard USS Lenawee
 Duties: 40MM AA Gun, Sea and Anchor detail, Helmsman, Executive Officer's Yeoman
 Military Honors: American Theatre, Asiatic Pacific (2 stars), Philippine Liberation, present at flag raising Iwo Jima, present at Japan's surrender Tokyo Bay, Sept. 1945, World War II Victory Medal

JASON MARK MELTON
 Highest Rank: Airman 1st Class
 Hometown: Grass Range
 Family: Royal and Josie Melton of Grass Range, and Connie Melton of Lewistown
 Served: Lakenheath AFB, England
 Duties: Munitions specialist

ARTHUR J. MESERVE
 Birthdate: Oct. 7, 1913
 Date of Death: Feb. 14, 1987
 Highest Rank: Sergeant, U.S. Marine Corps
 Hometown (at time of death): Big Timber
 Family: Henry and Jenny Meserve, parents; Alta (Brownie) Meserve, spouse; Kathy Hill, daughter
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here
 Served: New Zealand, Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Guam and Iwo Jima
 Duties: Maintenance, repair of 80mm guns in England, France, Belgium
 Military Honors: Bronze Stars for defense of England, Omaha Beach, Battle of Holland, Invasion of France, Battle of Rhineland and Battle of Bulge

IDA MAE GORE MESSMAN
 Birthdate: Oct. 28, 1922
 Date of Death: June 2, 2002
 Highest Rank: Corporal
 Hometown (at time of death): Great Falls
 Family: Maude and Grant Gore, parents; four daughters, one son
 Served: Women's Air Corps, Aug. 28, 1943 to Nov. 15, 1945

LEE L. METCALFE
 Birthdate: May 7, 1943
 Date of Death: Aug. 18, 2000
 Highest Rank: PFC
 Hometown (at time of death): Moccasin
 Family: Thelma M. Metcalfe, spouse; Terry L. Metcalfe and Michael H. Metcalfe, sons
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident for 65 years, farmed and ranched in Judith Basin County
 Served: Korean War, 25th Infantry Division
 Military Honors: Two Purple Hearts, Korean Service Medal for the Communist China Forces Intervention and the First UN Counter Offensive Campaigns. Honorably discharged Sept. 1951.

DONALD JAMES MILLER
 Birthdate: Dec. 25, 1947
 Date of Death: May 16, 2001
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Esther Catherine (Turner) and William Boyd Miller, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown
 Served: Vietnam, two terms
 Duties: Infantry
 Military Honors: Two Purple Hearts, two Bronze Stars, three Silver Stars and many others

JERIMIAH RAY MILLER
 Birthdate: Sept. 15, 1986
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Seaman, U.S. Navy
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Karl Thomas and Jackie Kalal of Lewistown and Stephanie Miller of Great Falls, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised
 Served: Currently serving in Montana, Bahrain
 Duties: Information Systems Technician
 Military Honors: Boot camp honor recruit graduate

KENNETH DALE MILLER
 Birthdate: Feb. 10, 1950
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Date of Death: April 26, 2019
 Highest Rank: PV1
 Current Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Parents Esther C. (Turner) Miller and William Boyd Miller; children, Tracy, Christopher, Scott and Troy
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here
 Served: Germany and USA
 Duties: Co. B 2 BN 52 Inf. USAREUR
 Honors, Special Commendations: National Defense Service Medal, Sharpshooter M-14

RALPH (KIM) MILLER
 Birthdate: April 29, 1937
 Birthplace: Bozeman, MT
 Highest Rank: LT-Col., U.S. Air Force
 Hometown: Mills River, NC
 Family: Parents-Wilfred & Mildred Miller of Moore, MT
 (deceased) Sister- Susan Townsend of Tulsa, OK
 Connection to Central Montana: Attended and graduated from Moore Schools/ High School class of 1955
 Served: 22+ years in Air Force
 Duties: Flew 3 different aircraft in Vietnam, including transports for wounded
 Honors, Special Commendations: Air medal with 1 device, Vietnam service medal with 9 devices, graduate of Air War College, medically discharged in 1981 from poisonous snake bite.

WILLIAM BOYD MILLER
 Birthdate: June 21, 1919
 Date of Death: March 6, 1980
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: George W. Miller and Anna L. (Wilcox) Miller, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown
 Duties: Infantry, World War II
 Military Honors: Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Defense Service Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Ribbon

BASIL L. MITCHELL
 Birthdate: June 1928
 Date of Death: Jan. 1975
 Highest Rank: FT1, U.S. Navy
 Hometown (at time of death): Helena
 Family: Alfred and Opal Mitchell, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Danvers
 Served: Korean Conflict – USS Hawkins
 DDR 873/USS Casin Young DD
 Duties: Fire control on ships main battery
 Military Honors: Combat Action Medal for Korea

CLARENCE A. MITCHELL
 Birthdate: Oct. 26, 1936
 Birthplace: Danvers, Mont.
 Highest Rank: 2nd Class Petty Officer
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Hometown: Rapid City, SD
 Family: Alfred and Opah Mitchell, parents; Gary, Connie, Steve, Barbara, Larry
 Connection to Central Montana: Parents homesteaded at Square Butte in 1908 and moved to Danvers around 1938; Retired from Milwaukee Railroad in 1948
 Served: South Pacific
 Duties: Landed troops and supplies on beach head from Luzon to Tokyo, Japan
 Military Honors: Landed troops on Luzon, Marshalls, Okinawa, Ie Shima, Japan battles

DUDLEY (DW) WOODROW MITCHELL
 Birthdate: March 1915
 Date of Death: May 1986
 Highest Rank: Corporal, USMC
 Hometown (at time of death): Helena
 Family: Alfred and Opal Mitchell, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Danvers
 Served: World War II – Numea, New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Guam and Okinawa
 Duties: Rifleman, mechanic, truck driver

EUGENE E. (GENE) MITCHELL
 Birthdate: Oct. 1925
 Date of Death: Oct. 1998
 Highest Rank: Sgt., USMC
 Hometown (at time of death): Glendale, Ariz.
 Family: Alfred and Opal Mitchell, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Danvers
 Served: Korea, and World War II – Iwo Jima
 Duties: Rifleman

FRED B. MITCHELL
 Birthdate: Nov. 1930
 Date of Death: July 2003
 Highest Rank: EM1, U.S. Navy
 Hometown (at time of death): Lillian, Ala.
 Family: Alfred and Opal Mitchell, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Danvers
 Served: Korean Conflict – USS Hawkins
 DDR 873; Vietnam – USS Hassayampa AOR 145
 Duties: Electricians Mate
 Military Honors: Combat Action Medal for Korea and Vietnam

KENNETH E. MITCHELL
 Birthdate: April 1919
 Date of Death: Feb. 1997
 Highest Rank: S/ Sgt., U.S. Army
 Hometown (at time of death): Belgrade
 Family: Alfred and Opal Mitchell, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Danvers
 Served: World War II – Aleutian Islands, Attu, Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Manus Island, Leyte and Okinawa
 Duties: Plt SGT, 7th Infantry Division 38 Battalion, Co. K
 Military Honors: Bronze Star, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster

PAUL C. MITCHELL
 Birthdate: Feb. 28, 1932
 Highest Rank: Chief, U.S. Navy
 Family: Parents Opal and Alfred Mitchell
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Danvers
 Served: Korean Conflict, U.S.S. Hawkins
 DDR873; Vietnam, U.S.S. Canberra CAG 2
 Duties: Administrative
 Military Honors: Combat Action Medal for Korea and Vietnam

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RONALD F. MITCHELL SR.



Birthdate: July 11, 1934
Birthplace: Seattle
Highest Rank: Sgt. 1st Class E7 SFC
Branch of Military: Army
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Georgia Mitchell, Ron Mitchell Jr., Dawn Mitchell, Kathy L. Tarbox
Connection to Central Montana: Resident Served: 1949-1958
Duties: Military Police Corp 41st Division
Military Honors: 3 Honorable Discharges, Veterans of Underage Military Service #2643

AROD ELBERT MOBERLEY JR.



Birthdate: Oct. 20, 1934
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Corporal E4
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Arod and Alice Moberley, wife Jacqueline;
 children Mark, Gordon and Donna
Connection to Central Montana: Native Served: Augsburg, Germany
Duties: Field Wireman and Powerman
Military Honors: National Defense Service Medal, Army of Occupation Medal

FRANK ELMER MOBERLEY



Birthdate: Aug. 4, 1929
Date of Death: April 29, 1992
Highest Rank: PFC
Hometown (at time of death): Libby
Family: Arod and Alice Moberley, parents
Connection to Central Montana: Born and grew up here
Served: Southern Philippines, Luzon
Duties: Welder/Engineer
Military Honors: Philippine Liberation Medal with two bronze Service Stars, Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal

THOMAS C. MOE



Birthdate: March 24, 1923
Birthplace: Minneapolis, Minn.
Highest Rank: Lt. U.S. Naval Reserve
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Thomas and Florence Moe; Tom C. Jr., David J. and Jeanne M; wife Ellen R. Moe
Connection to Central Montana: Lived 50 years in rural area
Served: East Coast U.S., Philippines
Duties: Naval Aviator, pilot, Submarine Patrol, Search & Rescue

TODD MICHAEL MOLINE



Birthdate: May 10, 1973
Birthplace: North Platte, Neb.
Highest Rank: E4
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Jerry and Sharon Moline
Connection to Central Montana: Moved to Lewistown in 1979, graduated from Fergus High School in 1991
Served: Served in Iraq with Montana Army National Guard
Duties: Light Vehicle Mechanic – Petroleum Transport Guard

ROBERT (BOB) GARY MOODY



Birthdate: May 22, 1951
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Master Chief, Navy; retired after 30 years
Current Hometown: Pensacola, Fla.
Family: Parents, Weldon and Margie Moody, Lewistown
Connection to Central Montana: Native Served: China Lake, Bermuda; San Diego, Calif.; Memphis, Tenn.; Pensacola, Fla.; and aboard the U.S.S. Ranger.
Duties: ACCM – Air controller and instructor
Military Honors: Meritorious Service medal and numerous Navy commendations and achievement medals

DEAN F. MORGAN



Birthdate: June 1, 1913
Birthplace: Palisade, Colo.
Highest Rank: Corporal
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Wife Ann; son Bob
Connection to Central Montana: Resident Served: Okinawa, Hawaii
Duties: Airplane Mechanic
Military Honors: Sharpshooter Carbine, A.T. Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal

ELMER L. MORGAN



Birthdate: Jan. 1, 1923
Date of Death: April 15, 1945
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant, US Army
Family: Press and Olive Morgan, parents

Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised and schooled in Lewistown
Served: Italy, buried in Florence, Italy
Duties: Ski Patrol, 10 Mountain Division
Military Honors: Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Killed in Action

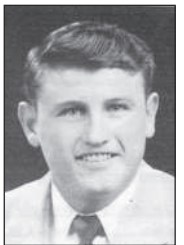
JAMES C. MORGAN



Birthdate: Feb. 27, 1932
Birthplace: Lewistown
Branch of Military: Navy
Highest Rank: Yeoman Third Class
Hometown: Medford, Ore.
Family: Press and Olive Morgan, parents; Betty (Feyk) Morgan, spouse; Gregory Morgan, son

Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised and schooled in Lewistown
Served: San Diego
Duties: Sub. Gruone Pac. Res. Flt.
Military Honors: National Defense

LEONARD JOSEPH (PETE) MORGAN



Birthdate: March 19, 1928
Birthplace: Lewistown
Branch of Military: Navy
Highest Rank: Journalist 3rd Class
Hometown: Glendale, Ariz.
Family: Press and Olive Morgan

Connection to Central Montana: Graduated FCHS 1946
Served: Guam
Duties: Editor, newspaper

JOHN DAVID MORRIS



Birthdate: June 4, 1980
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant E-5 MANG
Current Hometown: Bozeman
Family: Parents David and Jill Morris of Moore; wife Jessica;

Connection to Central Montana: Graduate of Moore
Served: Montana Air National Guard, Great Falls; Keesler AFB, Biloxi, Miss.
Duties: Electronic Warfare Journeyman

THOMAS JEROME MORRIS



Birthdate: Jan. 7, 1983
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Senior Airman
Current Hometown: Tucson, Ariz.
Family: Parents David and Jill Morris of Moore

Connection to Central Montana: Graduate of Moore High School
Served: Shepherd AFB, Texas; Davis Monthon AFB, Ariz.; Ramstein AFB, Frankfurt, Germany
Duties: Jet Propulsion Specialist

DAVID ANGUS MORRISON



Birthdate: Oct. 26, 1916
Date of Death: Feb. 3, 2000
Birthplace: Great Falls
Highest Rank: Chief Petty Officer, U.S. Navy SeaBees
Family: Parents Dan and Annie Morrison; spouse Elizabeth

Connection to Central Montana: Owned 'Dan Morrison and Sons' with father Dan and brothers
Served: New Caledonia Island, South Pacific
Duties: Built floating docks for ships
Military Honors: Driving force for creation of Veteran's Memorial Park in Farmington, N.M., and founded SeaBee Island for Veterans, both in Farmington, N.M., and Scottsdale, Ariz.



DONALD LEONARD MORRISON



Birthdate: May 30, 1920
Birthplace: Brady, Mont.
Date of Death: Feb. 22, 2001
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown

Family: Daniel and Annie Morrison, parents, Bonnie A. Tresch Morrison, wife; Randy Morrison, Lynne M. Contway, Douglas Morrison
Connection to Central Montana: Dan Morrison and Sons, B&B Motel
Served: August 23, 1944 - Jan. 21, 1946; Southern Philippines, Luzon
Duties: Welder/Eng.
Military Honors: Philippine Liberation Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal

DARREN LEE MORROW



Birthdate: 1981
Highest Rank: Tech Sergeant
Branch of Military: Air Force
Current Hometown: Hobson
Family: Randy and Rhonda Morrow, parents, Taylor, wife; Kaylee and Lola, daughters

Connection to Central Montana: 2000 Hobson graduate
Served: Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Alaska; Maryland; Rammstein, Germany
Duties: Security forces, shooting instructor

WILLIAM T. MURPHY



Birthdate: Jan. 10, 1920
Date of Death: July 1983
Family: Florence E. Murphy, deceased; Billie Lewis daughter, Lewistown; Deb Jensen, granddaughter; Jody Lambert, granddaughter

Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Connection to Central Montana: Retired as shop foreman for State Highway Department
Served: South Pacific, Navy
Duties: Fireman on USS South Dakota

DENNIS MICHAEL MURRAY



Birthdate: Sept. 23, 1947
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: HM 2/C
Current Hometown: McCammon, Idaho
Family: Parents Betty and Joe Murray; wife Kathy

Connection to Central Montana: Born here, fifth generation
Served: Guam
Duties: Hospital Corpsman, (Mud man) broken bones

JOSEPH ANDREW MURRAY



Birthdate: Nov. 2, 1896
Birthplace: Philbrook, MT
Date of Death: June 26, 1957
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Wife Rebekah Murray; sons Bob, Joe, Ted and Tom

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Hobson at the Meadow Brook Stock Farm
Served: Saunton Military Academy, 1916-1917, joined Marine Corps and returned home in 1919

JOSEPH W. MURRAY



Birthdate: Oct. 4, 1923
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Ship's Cook 1/C
Hometown: Hobson
Family: Parents Joe and Rebekah Murray; wife Betty Anderson Murray; children Betty and Scott Murray

Connection to Central Montana: Both grandfathers homesteaded here in 1882
Served: NAS Astoria, Ore. – South Pacific from Australia to Japan.
Duties: Cooking meals for 500 to 2,000 men
Military honors: American Area Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal 1 star, Philippine Liberation 1 star, World War II Victory Medal

NOBLE T. MURRAY



Birthdate: May 1918
Date of Death: Dec. 2003
Highest Rank: Sergeant, U.S. Army
Family: Sister J. Trammell-Wallace
Connection to Central Montana: Native
Served: New Guinea

Duties: Combat
Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal

ROBERT H. MURRAY



Birthdate: Dec. 12, 1921
Date of Death: Jan. 26, 1998
Highest Rank: First Lieutenant
Hometown (at time of death): Eagle, Idaho
Family: Joe and Rebekah Murray, parents; Mary, spouse; six children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren

Connection to Central Montana: Family lived here since 1882, 1940 graduate of Fergus High School
Served: Europe
Duties: B-17 Pilot
Military Honors: Delivered 29 loads of unordered armed supplies to Hitler

TED F. MURRAY



Birthdate: Feb. 27, 1933
Birthplace: Lewistown
Date of Death: Oct. 18, 2021
Highest Rank: EN2 (E4)
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Joseph and Ella R. Murray; wife Beverly A.; daughters Wendy R. (Mike) Jensen and Vicky R. (David) Galt

Connection to Central Montana: Third generation. Both grandparents homesteaded in 1880s
Served: Korea
Duties: Diesel Mechanic Engineer

THOMAS A. MURRAY



Birthdate: Dec. 13, 1926
Date of Death: April 27, 2002
Highest Rank: Seaman 1st Class
Hometown (at time of death): Penn Valley, Calif.
Family: Joe and Rebekah Murray, parents

Connection to Central Montana: Family lived here since 1882
Served: South Pacific, Guam
Duties: Baker

CHASE HOWARD MUSICK



Birthdate: July 2, 1986
Highest Rank: E4
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents, Steve Musick and Bethany Lark; Grandparents LeRoy and Elaine Musick, Fred Lark and Luan Fortenberry

Connection to Central Montana: Native Served: Cape May, N.J.; Petaluma, Calif.; Tok, Alaska United States Coast Guard 2006-2010 Petty Officer 2nd class United States Army 2012-Present Chaplain (Captain) 1-12 Infantry Battalion Fort Carson Colorado

Duties: Electronics technician; operate and maintain long-range aids to navigation equipment (LORAN).
Military Honors: Sharpshooter, Meritorious Team Commendation medal, National Defense medal.

LEROY HOWARD MUSICK



Birthdate: Aug. 20, 1929
Birthplace: Sheridan, Mo.
Highest Rank: Corporal, 82nd Airborne, 505th Ranger Co. Paratrooper
Hometown: Lewistown

Family: Harry and Viola Musick, parents; Elaine Ayers Musick, wife; Steven Howard, son; Yvonne Guiliford, Kathleen Haag, daughters
Connection to Central Montana: Farmed and ranched in Salt Creek area for 43 years
Served: Fort Chaffee, Ark.; Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Alamogordo, N.M.

Duties: Paratrooper Cadreman, Instructor for parachuting, Special Guard Duty
Military Honors: Successfully completed Jump, Ranger, Intelligence and Close Combat schools; Infiltration course; recommended for Officer Candidate School.

SID NAPIER



Birthdate: Sept. 27, 1947
Birthplace: Louisville, Ky.
Highest Rank: Sergeant
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Wife Sharon; daughters Theresa, Christy;

and sons Shane, Jim
Connection to Central Montana: Lived here since 1975
Served: Ellsworth AFB, Rapid City, S.D.
Duties: Military Policeman
Military Honors: Expert Marksman, Vietnam Era Vet

DONALD E. PEGG

Birthdate: Sept. 13, 1931
Date of Death: June 13, 1999
Birthplace: Elizabeth, N.J.
Highest Rank: First Lieutenant
Family: Wife Kay Pegg; sons Gary and Glen; daughters Kari Ihly and Kori Sramek
Connection to Central Montana: Lived in area for 40 years
Served: Ft. Belvoir, Va, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.
Duties: Demolitions instructor

ANTHONY L. PENAK

Birthdate: Sept. 10, 1933
Birthplace: Taylor, Texas
Highest Rank: T/SGT (Technical Sergeant)
Connection to Central Montana: Resident Served: French Morocco, Okinawa, Philippines, Pakistan, Thailand, Vietnam, Brazil
Duties: Aircraft Photo System Technician

CHARLES EDWARD PENTECOST

Birthdate: Jan. 23, 1927
Date of Death: Aug. 20, 1995
Highest Rank: Pharmacist 2C, U.S. Navy
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Claude and Ida Pentecost, parents; Elaine, Claudette, Michael, Barbara, Carol, Bob and Teresa
Connection to Central Montana: Lewistown Fire Department (31 years), fire chief
Served: San Diego, Calif.
Duties: Pharmacist Mate

JOHN L. (JACK) PENTECOST

Birthdate: Jan. 1, 1915
Date of Death: July 10, 1967
Highest Rank: Shore Patrol
Hometown (at time of death): Butte
Family: Claude and Ida Pentecost, parents; Viola Goddard Pentecost, spouse; Karen, Bobby, Mary Jule, Karl and Kurt, children
Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown, graduated in 1934
Served: Farragut, Idaho
Duties: Shore Patrol

TIMOTHY OWEN PENTECOST

Birthdate: May 25, 1923
Date of Death: Oct. 14, 1974
Highest Rank: Pharmacist Mate 2C, U.S. Navy (two terms)
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Claude and Ida Pentecost, parents
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here, graduated from St. Leo's
Served: Mariana Islands
Duties: Pharmacist

LAWRENCE ELWYN PERRIGO JR.

Birthdate: Oct. 1, 1938
Birthplace: Pioneer, Mich.
Highest Rank: SP-4
Branch of Military: Army
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Lawrence Elwyn Perrigo, Sr. and Freda C. Perrigo, parents; Joan F. Perrigo, wife; Larry Dell Perrigo, son
Connection to Central Montana: Live here
Served: Arizona, Shemya Island, Alaska
Duties: Mechanic, heavy equipment operator

GERARD PETERS

Birthdate: Sept. 1, 1928
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Airman First Class
Hometown: Lavina
Family: Parents Joe and Anna Peters
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised
Duties: 29-50th Air Police Squadron

JOE PETERS

Birthdate: Nov. 30, 1920
Birthplace: Springfield, Miss.
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Joe and Anna Peters, daughter Joanna Raos
Connection to Central Montana: Farmed and ranched at Kendall
Served: Panama
Duties: Military Police

JOSEPH C. PETERS

Birthdate: Dec. 19, 1896
Date of Death: June 6, 1974
Birthplace: Springfield, Missouri
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Highest Rank: PFC, U.S. Army
Family: Children Carolyn, Joe, Boy, Gerard, Garry; Anna Peters, wife
Connection to Central Montana: Came from Missouri to ranch
Served: France, WWI

GEORGE W. PETERSON

Birthdate: Nov. 20, 1918
Date of Death: March 15, 2011
Birthplace: Hermitage, MO.
Highest Rank: 2nd Lieutenant
Branch of Military: Army Air Corps
Hometown (at time of death): Denton
Family: Parents, Ed and Agnes Peterson; Spouse, Lorraine Peterson; Children, Dorenda Zubizarreta, Lawrence Peterson
Connection to Central Montana: Long time Denton resident, EMT, worked at Farmers State Bank
Served: Northwest Field, Guam WWII
Duties: B-29 Pilot

JOHN TIMOTHY PETERSON

Birthdate: May 12, 1947
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Sergeant, U.S. Army
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents James R. Peterson and Joan Peterson
Connection to Central Montana: Resident, born and raised
Served: Korea
Duties: Combat Medic

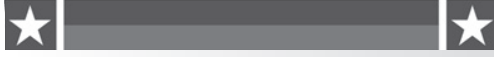
GEORGE LEE PHILLIPS

Birthdate: July 21, 1936
Birthplace: Malta
Highest Rank: PFC U.S. Army
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Lynn and Martha Phillips, Shirley Phillips, Scott, Steve, and Jay Phillips
Connection to Central Montana: Current resident
Served: Germany

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WILLIAM THOMAS PHILP
 Birthdate: July 16, 1969
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: E-3
 Current Hometown: Malta
 Family: Tom and Vicki Philp, parents; Lorna, wife; Kimberly, daughter
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Winifred
 Served: USS Schenectady, San Diego
 Duties: Damage Control Maintenance
 Military Honors: Junior Sailor of the quarter, Humanitarian Service Medal

FREDRICK L. PICCO
 Birthdate: Feb. 18, 1947
 Birthplace: Brooklyn, N.Y.
 Highest Rank: Colonel - USAR
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Wife Maureen; three children
 Connection to Central Montana: Industrial Arts Instructor FHS and business owner
 Served: Desert Storm, 35 1/2 years total service
 Duties: Armor and Quartermaster and SEPLO for Mont.
 Military Honors, Special Commendations, etc: Numerous

DEAN (BILL) W. POOLE
 Birthdate: July 1, 1921
 Date of Death: Nov. 22, 2001
 Highest Rank: Lieutenant
 Hometown (at time of death): Shelton, Wash.
 Family: Jo, spouse; Michael, son; Kathleen, daughter
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised and educated in Lewistown
 Served: Co. K, National Guard of Montana in New Guinea, Biak, etc.
 Military Honors: Bronze Star for Bravery

ROBERT F. POOLE
 Birthdate: Jan. 11, 1903
 Date of Death: Feb. 4, 1993
 Highest Rank: Sgt. U.S. Marine Corps
 Hometown (at time of death): Great Falls
 Family: Dean and Laura Poole, parents; Suzy Poole, spouse; Dan, Debra and Barbara, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown
 Served: South Pacific
 Duties: Navigator on B24 Aircraft

PATRICIA G. J. PRICE
 Birthdate: May 31, 1971
 Birthplace: Circle, Texas
 Highest Rank: SRA
 Current Hometown: Roundup
 Family: Parents Robert and Sharon Johnson, spouse Leonard Price, children Grace, Faith, Hope, and Daniel
 Served: Wiesbaden, Germany
 Duties: Weather

LEONARD E. PRICE
 Birthdate: Feb. 13, 1963
 Birthplace: San Francisco, Calif.
 Highest Rank: E-6
 Family: Father Robert Price, spouse Patricia Price, children Grace, Faith, Hope, and Daniel
 Connection to Central Montana: Associate Pastor at Mercy Baptist Church, Central Montana Health District
 Served: Weisbaden Medical Center, Germany; Italy; Kadena AFB Okinawa; Malmstrom AFB
 Duties: IDMT

ARTHUR J. (JACK) RAHN JR.
 Birthdate: July 6, 1922
 Date of Death: Aug. 15, 2000
 Highest Rank: PFC, Army, 1942-46
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Served: U.S. Army 405th Air Service Group

ARTHUR J. RAHN, SR.
 Birthdate: Dec. 1, 1886
 Date of Death: Sept. 28, 1972
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Branch of Service: Army
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Served: France WWI Co. C 362nd Infantry

CLYDE RAMRELL
 Birthdate: Jan. 30, 1956
 Birthplace: Salt Lake City, Utah
 Highest Rank: U.S. Army
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Connection to Central Montana: MT Mental Health Nursing Care Center
 Served: Granada Invasion, wounded
 Military Honors: Purple Heart

FRANCIS J. RAU
 Birthdate: Sept. 24, 1925
 Date of Death: Nov. 16, 1999
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Francis and Rose Rau, parents; Aileen, spouse; Pat, MaryAnn, Greg, Marty, Tom, Louise, Dan, Liz, Ellen, Mike, Steve and Michelle, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Family lives here
 Served: France and Germany
 Duties: Railway operating battalion

MICHAEL DENNIS RAW
 Birthdate: Feb. 27, 1970
 Birthplace: Cheyenne, Wyo.
 Highest Rank: Sgt., U.S. Army Reserve
 Current Hometown: Clyde Park
 Family: Parents Jim and Jean Raw, spouse Stacey, children Meaghan and Morgan
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Lewistown, graduated from Fergus High School
 Served: Desert Storm and Montana
 Duties: Transportation and Supply

BILL REDD, JR.
 Birthdate: Aug. 21, 1947
 Birthplace: Missoula
 Highest Rank: Sgt. E5
 Current Hometown: Helena
 Family: Bill and Eleanor Redd, Kathy and Todd
 Connection to Central Montana: Family homesteaded in Flatwillow
 Served: Vietnam (Quan Tri)
 Duties: Engineering, water purification
 Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal

THERESA NAPIER
 Birthdate: March 15, 1985
 Birthplace: Anchorage, AK
 Highest Rank: E-4
 Branch of Military: MT National Guard
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Sid and Sharon Napier (parents); Cranny Napier (child)
 Connection to Central Montana: Grew up here
 Served: Helena, MT, 1-189th GSAB
 Duties: Aviation Refueler, Chinooks, Blackhawks, 58s and Ground Fueller
 Military Honors: Distinguished Service Medal 2012, Pt Award in Basic Training 2009, Pt Award in AIT 2009

ADAM R. NEAL
 Birthdate: Sept. 1, 1981
 Birthplace: Indianapolis, Ind.
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Highest Rank: E-2, HT
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Spouse Alexandra Hangsterfer, Parents Eugene and Alice Neal; brothers Aaron and Jacob
 Connection to Central Montana: Moved to Lewistown in 1994
 Served: USS Blue Ridge, Yokosuka, Japan, U.S.S. Pelileu, San Diego, CA, Navy Reserves
 Duties: Hull Tech - welder, fireman
 Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal

DUANE F. NEEMAN
 Birthdate: Dec. 17, 1935
 Birthplace: Douglas, Neb.
 Highest Rank: E-6 T/Sgt.
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Wife Barbara A. Neeman; children Patsy Neeman and Mary Ann Birdsall
 Connection to Central Montana: Served at Lewistown Radar Site
 Served: Greenland, Labrador, Canada, Montana, Philippines, Thailand, Korea, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming
 Duties: Communication Specialist, Cryptography
 Military Honors: Air Force Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters

FRANCES MARTIN NEET
 Birthdate: Aug. 11, 1925
 Date of Death: June of 1979
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Branch of Military: U.S. Army Nurses Corp.
 Family: George and Lena Martin; John, Sharon, Mary Kay, children; Betty Cerovski, sister; Tom Martin brother
 Served: Wadsworth Veterans Hospital Leavenworth, Kan.

ARNOLD NORMAN NELSON
 Birthdate: Oct. 19, 1913
 Date of Death: Feb. 2, 1992
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Peter and Ella Nelson, parents; Mary C. Brillhart, spouse; Sara Lynn, Peter and Ken, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised, schooled in Lewistown
 Served: South Pacific, Battles of Papua, New Guinea
 Duties: Mess Sergeant
 Military Honors: American Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge

MITCH A. NESSAN
 Birthdate: Jan. 26, 1967
 Birthplace: Harlowton
 Highest Rank: Spc. 4, U.S. Army
 Current Hometown: Spokane, Wash.
 Family: Donna and Gary Nessian; Nikki, wife; Sydney and Erica, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Lewistown, graduated from St. Leo's
 Served: Ft. Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

STEVEN G. NESSAN
 Birthdate: Oct. 27, 1965
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: SPC 4
 Branch: Army
 Current Hometown: St. Lewis, Missouri
 Family: Gary and Donna Nessian
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown, graduated from St. Leo's
 Served: Fort Wainwright, Alaska; Yuma, Arizona
 Duties: Light wheel maintenance

GEORGE RAYMOND NETTE
 Birthdate: May 17, 1931
 Birthplace: Many, Louisiana
 Highest Rank: Airman First Class
 Branch of Military: Air Force
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents James Paul and Mary Josephine Nette; wife Eloise Doris (Hines) Nette; children Marcia J. Smith, Paulette L. Greyn, James P. Nette, Sandra L. Westhoff, Cynthia J. Karhi, Denise M. Jennings and Lisa K. Charbonneau
 Connection to Central Montana: Worked at Buttrety Foods for over 30 years
 Served: Texas, Washington, Montana
 Duties: Supply

DAYLA ANN NEWTON
 Birthdate: Sept. 28, 1979
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: 3rd Class Petty Officer E-4
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Don and Bobetta Newton
 Served: North Island Naval Air Base, Coronado, Calif.
 Duties: Plane Captain
 Military honors: Good Conduct Award, Carrier Hand Signalman, Letter of Commendation as Plane Captain

JAMES EDWIN NIDAY SR.
 Birthdate: Nov. 28, 1931
 Date of Death: July 28, 1989
 Highest Rank: A2C, U.S. Air Force
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Patsy Niday, spouse; James Niday Jr., Kathy Gaines,
 Ronald Niday, Karen Kleinsasser, Trish Niday and George Niday
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived in Lewistown
 Served: France, Alaska, England, Germany and Korea

DENNIS NOEL
 Date of Death: June 15, 2014
 Highest Rank: Mate E6
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Connection to Central Montana: From Lewistown, Fergus Grad
 Served: Europe, Bahrain
 Duties: Navy Machinist

ROBERT A. (RIP) NOBLE
 Birthdate: Dec. 31, 1924
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Corporal
 Branch of Military: USMC, First Marine Division, First Tank Battalion
 Connection to Central Montana: Owner Pace Painting
 Served: West Pacific
 Duties: Boatswain mate, ship maintenance

HOLLY ANN OLSEN
 Birthdate: Aug. 24, 1983
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Specialist
 Hometown: Lewistown and Killeen, Texas
 Family: Parents Neta Ann Beck Olsen and Arnold Olsen; sister Amber M. Olsen; grandmothers Neta Beck and Evelyn Olsen
 Connection to Central Montana: Fifth generation in Lewistown
 Served: Tikrit, Iraq, and Fort Hood, Texas
 Duties: Gunner on convoy, tank mechanic, chemical equipment repair
 Military Honors: Army Lapel Button, Army Achievement Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

RONALD DALE OLSON
 Birthdate: March 17, 1952
 Birthplace: Dayton, Ohio
 Date of Death: April 28, 2005
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Family: Parents Elsie and the late Don Olson; daughters Marsha, Becky, Angela, and grandchildren
 Connection to Central Montana: 1971 Denton High School graduate
 Served: 1971-1991 - Korea; West Germany; Fort Campbell, Ky.; Fort Ord, Calif.; Fort Sill, Okla.
 Duties: Security Specialist, Hospital

JESSE JOE OLSON
 Birthdate: May 13, 1980
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Sergeant First Class, Army
 Current Hometown: Ft. Hood, TX
 Family: Parents Olson; sisters Abby and Emily Olson; wife Rachelle Olson
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in area
 Served: Ft. Hood, Ft. Bragg, Ft. Drum, Panzer Kaserne (Germany), Ft. Carson, Iraq, Afghanistan, Africa
 Duties: Infantry, Special Forces (Green Beret), Communications Sergeant, Special Forces Intel Sergeant
 Military Honors: Ranger Air Assault, Jump School, HALO, CIB, JCOM, 7 ARCOMS, 1 AAM, 4 Good Conduct Medals

MARK A. OSWEILER
 Birthdate: Feb. 9, 1915
 Highest Rank: PFC 80th Infantry Div. General Patton's Third Army
 Hometown: Auburn, Calif.
 Family: Parents Peter J. and Helena Osweiler; Anna Mae, wife; children Kathy Estes, Mark L. Osweiler, Judy Buttery, Linda Jones, Mike Osweiler
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown, educated at St. Leo's and Fergus High (class of 1932)
 Served: Liberation of France (ETO)
 Duties: Digging fox holes and taking small towns until wounded and captured by Germans. Spent 170 days as a POW at Stalag 17-B Austria
 Military Honors: Purple Heart, POW Medal, Bronze Star and French Commendation Citation

DARYL R. OTTO
 Birthdate: May 29, 1951
 Date of Death: Dec. 23, 2004
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Branch of Military: Air Force
 Family: Wally and Helen Otto
 Connection to Central Montana: Grew up and went to school here
 Served: 2 years in Washington State, 12 years in Germany
 Duties: Computer Tech

WALLACE RAYMOND OTTO
 Birthdate: Nov. 8, 1926
 Date of Death: May 4, 1986
 Birthplace: Flaxville, Mont.
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Family: Helen Bloom Otto, wife; Sherry (Eric) Silberhorn, Daryl R. Otto (deceased), children
 Connection to Central Montana: Hines Motor, Bloom Oil Central Mont. P.C.A.
 Served: Saipan

ERNEST ARTHUR PALLETT
 Birthdate: June 18, 1922
 Date of Death: June 1973
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Rufus and Zaida Pallett, parents; Mary, spouse
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised and worked in Fergus County
 Served: U.S. Navy, South Pacific
 Duties: Military Air Transport, Guam

SHERRI LYNN PALLETT
 Birthdate: Nov. 2, 1964
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: AD2 (AW)
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Wayne and Alta Pallett, parents; Daniel and Sean, children; Michael and Ernie, brothers
 Connection to Central Montana: Attended Fergus High School
 Served: U.S. Navy, USS Carl Vinson, Japan, Spain, Crete, Antarctica
 Duties: Specialist F-18 Hornet GE Jet Compulsion

CARL WILSON PARK
 Birthdate: July 5, 1917
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Date of Death: April 22, 2006
 Highest Rank: First Lieutenant
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Wife Elsie L. Park; children Lynda Moseman, Carlyne Fitzgerald, Carl R. and Bill M. Park
 Connection to Central Montana: Worked at Highway Department
 Served: South Pacific, served with 163rd Co. K 41 Sunset Division

FRANCIS E. PARKER
 Birthdate: June 30, 1930
 Birthplace: Commanche, Mont.
 Highest Rank: PFC
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker (deceased); wife Cecilia Parker; children Judy Parker, Christine Woods and Randall Parker
 Served: 1950-51, Korean War
 Duties: Radio Operator

EDWARD JAMES PARRY
 Birthdate: Oct. 18, 1944
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Date of Death: Jan. 22, 1992
 Highest Rank: Chief Warrant Officer
 Family: Ellen and Pat Kelly, parents; Bob Parry, Reva Routh and Teresa King, siblings; Travis, Houston and LeeAnn Parry, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Lifelong resident, graduated from FCHS
 Served: On board a Destroyer - Greece, Turkey, Italy, France and Sicily
 Duties: Seaman - machine engine room

ROBERT W. PATTERSON
 Birthdate: June 28, 1925
 Birthplace: Great Falls
 Highest Rank: Sergeant, Army Air Corps
 Hometown: Denton
 Family: spouse, Betty Rowland Patterson; children, Rick (deceased), Dave, Gail, Dale, and Mike
 Connection to Central Montana: Graduated Geraldine HS 1943; Mayor of Denton for 20 years
 Served: Philippines - Nichols Field - Flor Blanca
 Duties: Served from 1944-1947; Aircraft Mechanic and crew on planes

MARTY PAULSON
 Birthdate: Sept. 1945
 Highest Rank: E-4
 Branch of Military: U.S. Navy
 Current hometown: Lewistown
 Family: spouse, Linda
 Served: Vietnam, 1963-1966
 Duties: Gunnery Fire Control Technician
 Military Honors: Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal

PAUL E. PAVLAK
 Birthdate: Nov. 20, 1935
 Birthplace: Wilkes Barre, PA
 Highest Rank: MSG/E8
 Branch of Military: Army
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Helen and Peter Pavlak; spouse Darlene
 Served: Occupied Japan, Korea, Germany, England, Alaska
 Duties: First Sergeant
 Military Honors: Korean Defense, National Defense, Small Arms Marksman, AF Overseas Long Tour, Army Commendations, AF Good Conduct, AF Overseas Short Tour, Army Achievement, Overseas Training, Army Service, AF Military Education Graduate, Outstanding Unit Award, Armed Forces Reserve Achievement, Meritorious Service, AF Longevity

WALTER PECK
 Birthdate: April 24, 1916
 Date of Death: Jan. 7, 1984
 Birthplace: Moore
 Highest Rank: Corporal
 Branch of Military: U.S. Army
 Hometown at time of death: Lewistown
 Family: Wife (deceased), 3 children (1 boy and 2 girls)
 Connection to Central Montana: Owned and operated ranch near Gameill, moved to Lewistown, served as bishop of the Lewistown Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
 Served: In tank corps under General Patton in 4th Armored Division, Tank was hit by shell fire at Avranches, France July 31, 1944. Walter lost his legs but escaped with one other man. Was in hospitals in England and U.S. and was fitted with artificial legs.
 Duties: Gunner and relief driver in tank
 Military Honors: Purple Heart, Two Bronze Stars for service to country, Honorable Discharge, DAV Veteran of the Year

WILLIAM THOMAS PHILP
 Birthdate: July 16, 1969
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: E-3
 Current Hometown: Malta
 Family: Tom and Vicki Philp, parents; Lorna, wife; Kimberly, daughter
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Winifred
 Served: USS Schenectady, San Diego
 Duties: Damage Control Maintenance
 Military Honors: Junior Sailor of the quarter, Humanitarian Service Medal

FREDRICK L. PICCO
 Birthdate: Feb. 18, 1947
 Birthplace: Brooklyn, N.Y.
 Highest Rank: Colonel - USAR
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Wife Maureen; three children
 Connection to Central Montana: Industrial Arts Instructor FHS and business owner
 Served: Desert Storm, 35 1/2 years total service
 Duties: Armor and Quartermaster and SEPLO for Mont.
 Military Honors, Special Commendations, etc: Numerous

DEAN (BILL) W. POOLE
 Birthdate: July 1, 1921
 Date of Death: Nov. 22, 2001
 Highest Rank: Lieutenant
 Hometown (at time of death): Shelton, Wash.
 Family: Jo, spouse; Michael, son; Kathleen, daughter
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised and educated in Lewistown
 Served: Co. K, National Guard of Montana in New Guinea, Biak, etc.
 Military Honors: Bronze Star for Bravery

ROBERT F. POOLE
 Birthdate: Jan. 11, 1903
 Date of Death: Feb. 4, 1993
 Highest Rank: Sgt. U.S. Marine Corps
 Hometown (at time of death): Great Falls
 Family: Dean and Laura Poole, parents; Suzy Poole, spouse; Dan, Debra and Barbara, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown
 Served: South Pacific
 Duties: Navigator on B24 Aircraft

PATRICIA G. J. PRICE
 Birthdate: May 31, 1971
 Birthplace: Circle, Texas
 Highest Rank: SRA
 Current Hometown: Roundup
 Family: Parents Robert and Sharon Johnson, spouse Leonard Price, children Grace, Faith, Hope, and Daniel
 Served: Wiesbaden, Germany
 Duties: Weather

LEONARD E. PRICE
 Birthdate: Feb. 13, 1963
 Birthplace: San Francisco, Calif.
 Highest Rank: E-6
 Family: Father Robert Price, spouse Patricia Price, children Grace, Faith, Hope, and Daniel
 Connection to Central Montana: Associate Pastor at Mercy Baptist Church, Central Montana Health District
 Served: Weisbaden Medical Center, Germany; Italy; Kadena AFB Okinawa; Malmstrom AFB
 Duties: IDMT

ARTHUR J. (JACK) RAHN JR.
 Birthdate: July 6, 1922
 Date of Death: Aug. 15, 2000
 Highest Rank: PFC, Army, 1942-46
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Served: U.S. Army 405th Air Service Group

ARTHUR J. RAHN, SR.
 Birthdate: Dec. 1, 1886
 Date of Death: Sept. 28, 1972
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Branch of Service: Army
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Served: France WWI Co. C 362nd Infantry

CLYDE RAMRELL
 Birthdate: Jan. 30, 1956
 Birthplace: Salt Lake City, Utah
 Highest Rank: U.S. Army
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Connection to Central Montana: MT Mental Health Nursing Care Center
 Served: Granada Invasion, wounded
 Military Honors: Purple Heart

FRANCIS J. RAU
 Birthdate: Sept. 24, 1925
 Date of Death: Nov. 16, 1999
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Francis and Rose Rau, parents; Aileen, spouse; Pat, MaryAnn, Greg, Marty, Tom, Louise, Dan, Liz, Ellen, Mike, Steve and Michelle, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Family lives here
 Served: France and Germany
 Duties: Railway operating battalion

MICHAEL DENNIS RAW
 Birthdate: Feb. 27, 1970
 Birthplace: Cheyenne, Wyo.
 Highest Rank: Sgt., U.S. Army Reserve
 Current Hometown: Clyde Park
 Family: Parents Jim and Jean Raw, spouse Stacey, children Meaghan and Morgan
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Lewistown, graduated from Fergus High School
 Served: Desert Storm and Montana
 Duties: Transportation and Supply

BILL REDD, JR.
 Birthdate: Aug. 21, 1947
 Birthplace: Missoula
 Highest Rank: Sgt. E5
 Current Hometown: Helena
 Family: Bill and Eleanor Redd, Kathy and Todd
 Connection to Central Montana: Family homesteaded in Flatwillow
 Served: Vietnam (Quan Tri)
 Duties: Engineering, water purification
 Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal

THERESA NAPIER
 Birthdate: March 15, 1985
 Birthplace: Anchorage, AK
 Highest Rank: E-4
 Branch of Military: MT National Guard
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Sid and Sharon Napier (parents); Cranny Napier (child)
 Connection to Central Montana: Grew up here
 Served: Helena, MT, 1-189th GSAB
 Duties: Aviation Refueler, Chinooks, Blackhawks, 58s and Ground Fueller
 Military Honors: Distinguished Service Medal 2012, Pt Award in Basic Training 2009, Pt Award in AIT 2009

ADAM R. NEAL
 Birthdate: Sept. 1, 1981
 Birthplace: Indianapolis, Ind.
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Highest Rank: E-2, HT
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Spouse Alexandra Hangsterfer, Parents Eugene and Alice Neal; brothers Aaron and Jacob
 Connection to Central Montana: Moved to Lewistown in 1994
 Served: USS Blue Ridge, Yokosuka, Japan, U.S.S. Pelileu, San Diego, CA, Navy Reserves
 Duties: Hull Tech - welder, fireman
 Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal

DUANE F. NEEMAN
 Birthdate: Dec. 17, 1935
 Birthplace: Douglas, Neb.
 Highest Rank: E-6 T/Sgt.
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Wife Barbara A. Neeman; children Patsy Neeman and Mary Ann Birdsall
 Connection to Central Montana: Served at Lewistown Radar Site
 Served: Greenland, Labrador, Canada, Montana, Philippines, Thailand, Korea, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming
 Duties: Communication Specialist, Cryptography
 Military Honors: Air Force Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters

FRANCES MARTIN NEET
 Birthdate: Aug. 11, 1925
 Date of Death: June of 1979
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Branch of Military: U.S. Army Nurses Corp.
 Family: George and Lena Martin; John, Sharon, Mary Kay, children; Betty Cerovski, sister; Tom Martin brother
 Served: Wadsworth Veterans Hospital Leavenworth, Kan.

ARNOLD NORMAN NELSON
 Birthdate: Oct. 19, 1913
 Date of Death: Feb. 2, 1992
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Peter and Ella Nelson, parents; Mary C. Brillhart, spouse; Sara Lynn, Peter and Ken, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised, schooled in Lewistown
 Served: South Pacific, Battles of Papua, New Guinea
 Duties: Mess Sergeant
 Military Honors: American Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge

MITCH A. NESSAN
 Birthdate: Jan. 26, 1967
 Birthplace: Harlowton
 Highest Rank: Spc. 4, U.S. Army
 Current Hometown: Spokane, Wash.
 Family: Donna and Gary Nessian; Nikki, wife; Sydney and Erica, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Lewistown, graduated from St. Leo's
 Served: Ft. Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

STEVEN G. NESSAN
 Birthdate: Oct. 27, 1965
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: SPC 4
 Branch: Army
 Current Hometown: St. Lewis, Missouri
 Family: Gary and Donna Nessian
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown, graduated from St. Leo's
 Served: Fort Wainwright, Alaska; Yuma, Arizona
 Duties: Light wheel maintenance

GEORGE RAYMOND NETTE
 Birthdate: May 17, 1931
 Birthplace: Many, Louisiana
 Highest Rank: Airman First Class
 Branch of Military: Air Force
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents James Paul and Mary Josephine Nette; wife Eloise Doris (Hines) Nette; children Marcia J. Smith, Paulette L. Greyn, James P. Nette, Sandra L. Westhoff, Cynthia J. Karhi, Denise M. Jennings and Lisa K. Charbonneau
 Connection to Central Montana: Worked at Buttrety Foods for over 30 years
 Served: Texas, Washington, Montana
 Duties: Supply

DAYLA ANN NEWTON
 Birthdate: Sept. 28, 1979
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: 3rd Class Petty Officer E-4
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Don and Bobetta Newton
 Served: North Island Naval Air Base, Coronado, Calif.
 Duties: Plane Captain
 Military honors: Good Conduct Award, Carrier Hand Signalman, Letter of Commendation as Plane Captain

JAMES EDWIN NIDAY SR.
 Birthdate: Nov. 28, 1931
 Date of Death: July 28, 1989
 Highest Rank: A2C, U.S. Air Force
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Patsy Niday, spouse; James Niday Jr., Kathy Gaines,
 Ronald Niday, Karen Kleinsasser, Trish Niday and George Niday
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived in Lewistown
 Served: France, Alaska, England, Germany and Korea

DENNIS NOEL
 Date of Death: June 15, 2014
 Highest Rank: Mate E6
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Connection to Central Montana: From Lewistown, Fergus Grad
 Served: Europe, Bahrain
 Duties: Navy Machinist

ROBERT A. (RIP) NOBLE
 Birthdate: Dec. 31, 1924
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Corporal
 Branch of Military: USMC, First Marine Division, First Tank Battalion
 Connection to Central Montana: Owner Pace Painting
 Served: West Pacific
 Duties: Boatswain mate, ship maintenance

HOLLY ANN OLSEN
 Birthdate: Aug. 24, 1983
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Specialist
 Hometown: Lewistown and Killeen, Texas
 Family: Parents Neta Ann Beck Olsen and Arnold Olsen; sister Amber M. Olsen; grandmothers Neta Beck and Evelyn Olsen
 Connection to Central Montana: Fifth generation in Lewistown
 Served: Tikrit, Iraq, and Fort Hood, Texas
 Duties: Gunner on convoy, tank mechanic, chemical equipment repair
 Military Honors: Army Lapel Button, Army Achievement Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

RONALD DALE OLSON
 Birthdate: March 17, 1952
 Birthplace: Dayton, Ohio
 Date of Death: April 28, 2005
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Family: Parents Elsie and the late Don Olson; daughters Marsha, Becky, Angela, and grandchildren
 Connection to Central Montana: 1971 Denton High School graduate
 Served: 1971-1991 - Korea; West Germany; Fort Campbell, Ky.; Fort Ord, Calif.; Fort Sill, Okla.
 Duties: Security Specialist, Hospital

JESSE JOE OLSON
 Birthdate: May 13, 1980
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Sergeant First Class, Army
 Current Hometown: Ft. Hood, TX
 Family: Parents Olson; sisters Abby and Emily Olson; wife Rachelle Olson
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in area
 Served: Ft. Hood, Ft. Bragg, Ft. Drum, Panzer Kaserne (Germany), Ft. Carson, Iraq, Afghanistan, Africa
 Duties: Infantry, Special Forces (Green Beret), Communications Sergeant, Special Forces Intel Sergeant
 Military Honors: Ranger Air Assault, Jump School, HALO, CIB, JCOM, 7 ARCOMS, 1 AAM, 4 Good Conduct Medals

MARK A. OSWEILER
 Birthdate: Feb. 9, 1915
 Highest Rank: PFC 80th Infantry Div. General Patton's Third Army
 Hometown: Auburn, Calif.
 Family: Parents Peter J. and Helena Osweiler; Anna Mae, wife; children Kathy Estes, Mark L. Osweiler, Judy Buttery, Linda Jones, Mike Osweiler
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown, educated at St. Leo's and Fergus High (class of 1932)
 Served: Liberation of France (ETO)
 Duties: Digging fox holes and taking small towns until wounded and captured by Germans. Spent 170 days as a POW at Stalag 17-B Austria
 Military Honors: Purple Heart, POW Medal, Bronze Star and French Commendation Citation

DARYL R. OTTO
 Birthdate: May 29, 1951
 Date of Death: Dec. 2

CARL A. PEKKALA



Birthdate: Aug. 2, 1923
 Date of Death: April 23, 2017
 Birthplace: Michigan
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Hometown (at time of death): Grass Range

Family: Wife Mary Peckala and nine children
 Connection to Central Montana: Retired rancher
 Served: North Africa
 Duties: Assistant Flight Engineer, gunner on B-17 bomber
 Military Honors: 50-mission air medal, Purple Heart Medal, European, African, Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.

DIANA MCNAIR PENNELL



Birthdate: Sept. 15, 1926
 Date of Death: Feb. 27, 2008
 Birthplace: Great Falls
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Highest Rank: Lieutenant (Junior Grade)

Family: C.S. and Mary McNair, parents; Donn Pennell, spouse; five children, 15 grandchildren
 Connection to Central Montana: Since 1970
 Served: San. Diego, Calif.
 Duties: Communications Officer, OIC Leadership Officer

DONN F. PENNELL



Birthdate: July 5, 1926
 Birthplace: California
 Branch of Military: USNR
 Highest Rank: Commander
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Frank and Ruth Pennell

Connection to Central Montana: Since 1970
 Served: Pacific San Diego, San Francisco
 Duties: Engineer, Line Officer

DON A. PENTECOST



Birthdate: Oct. 15, 1953
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: MasterSGT
 Current Hometown: Helena
 Family: Son of late Tom and Tillie Pentecost; wife Dolly; children Rob, Adam,

Amy and Maggie, all of Helena.
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown, fourth generation
 Served: Billings, Plentywood, Glasgow, Helena, Iraq
 Duties: National Guard Readiness NCO – Crew Chief on Blackhawk, Door Gunner
 Military Honors: Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal 2nd Award, Army Achievement Medal 2nd Award, Army Good Conduct Medal 5th Award, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal 2nd, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism, Aircraft Crewman Badge, Humanitarian Service Award

THOMAS ARTHUR PENTECOST



Birthdate: June 2, 1919
 Date of Death: June 14, 1996
 Highest Rank: Cpl., U.S. Army
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Claude and Ida Pentecost, Joann, Don and Dorothy

parents; Matilda (Tillie), Tim, Chuck, Connection to Central Montana: Spent most of his life here

TIMOTHY L. PENTECOST



Birthdate: Aug. 21, 1947
 Birthplace: Oliny, Ill.
 Highest Rank: Sergeant Major E-9
 Branch of Military: Army
 Current Hometown: Newport News, Va.
 Family: Tom and Tillie Pentecost, parents; Leslie Ann (Rahn) Pentecost, wife; children Sari Kay and Seth Robert

Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Lewistown
 Served: Fort Monroe, Va., Vietnam, Europe, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Korea, Montana, Hawaii, Texas, Louisiana, Virginia, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom
 Duties: Began as infantry man in 1966, Infantry Sergeant Major, Senior Enlisted Advisor, Instructor, Retention Sergeant Major, Recruiter
 Military Honors: Three Purple Hearts, Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Action Badge, MOS in all three combat arms, Bronze Star, numerous other awards

AUDREY MARIE MILKS PERRINE



Birthdate: Sept. 12, 1936
 Date of Death: April 21, 2002
 Highest Rank: SR
 Hometown (at time of death): Beverly Hills, Calif.
 Family: Dolores Perrine, mother
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived

in Denton
 Served: Rhode Island; Long Beach, Calif.
 Duties: File clerk
 Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal and First Award

DAVID W. PERRINE



Current Hometown: Denton
 Family: Parents, Dolores S. M. Perrine and the late Michael Perrine
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident
 Served: Lemoore Naval Air Station, 1972-76; USS Kitty Hawk to Tonkin Gulf 1973-74; USS Oriskany to Tonkin Gulf 1975-76; Beeville, Texas, Naval Air Station 1976-78.

MICHAEL WAYNE PERRINE



Birthdate: Dec. 5, 1923
 Date of Death: Nov. 2, 1971
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Hometown: Denton
 Family: Dolores Perrine, spouse; David Perrine, Greg Perrine and Susan Neils,

children
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Stanford, farmed in Denton
 Served: South Pacific, Guadalcanal
 Duties: Gunner in SBD5
 Military Honors: Purple Heart

PHILLIP H. PERRY



Birthdate: July 12, 1923
 Birthplace: Malta
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Spouse Carol
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident; retired BLM
 Served: Rhineland – Central European Theatre
 Duties: Quartermaster/Entertainment Spec. 442. Served March 1943 – Aug. 1946

GARRY G. PETERS



Birthdate: Nov. 5, 1935
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: MSGT, USAF
 Family: Parents Joe and Anna Peters
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised

Hometown: Lewistown
 Served: Enlisted on Oct. 13, 1953, flew over 165 combat missions in southeast Asia during Vietnam conflict, flew more than 225 reconnaissance missions around “communist block countries” during the Cold War, all missions directed by Secretary of Defense or Joint Chiefs of Staff; Thailand, Vietnam, Laos
 Duties: Flew all missions on RC135 Strategic Reconnaissance Aircraft as an inflight maintenance technician
 Military Honors: Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 7 Oak Leaf Clusters, German Occupation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Armed Forces Exp. Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters, Senior Aircrew Wings, SAC Master Technical Award

ROY L. PETERS



Birthdate: Jan. 22, 1925
 Birthplace: Springfield, Mo.
 Highest Rank: Motor Machinist 2nd Class
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Hometown: Roy
 Family: Joe and Anna Peters; children Terry, Monica, Dianne, Roger, Tyler, Chris and Kelly
 Connection to Central Montana: Came to Montana in April of 1925, raised near old Kendall town, then rancher east of Roy
 Served: Enlisted fall 1943; WWII; Navy Amphibious LSM 96 to Philippines fall of 1944, and Okinawa March 26, 1945
 Duties: After landing troops, hauled ammo to warships, fought fire on several ships hit by Kamikaze planes
 Military Honors: Several Capt.’s commendations, one from Admr. Nimitz; several unit citations

GORDON DUDLEY PETERSEN, JR.



Birthdate: Sept. 29, 1951
 Birthplace: Red Lodge, MT
 Highest Rank: Spec 4 U.S. Army
 Current Hometown: Lewistown, Mt
 Family: Parents: Gordon Petersen, Sr. (deceased March 9, 1990) and Mary Lou Girvin-Petersen, Wagner of Lewistown; Children: Steven Petersen and Jennifer Coyle
 Connection to Central Montana: Began school at Becket, MT, in a one-room school house. Lived at Grass Range for 5 years.

Served: Fort Lewis, WA, Corlu, Turkey-Germany
 Duties: Radio-Teletype Operator-Communications
 Military Honors: Special Communications, etc., National Defense Service Medal, Marksman Qualifications Badge (Rifle M-14)

JOHN DOUGLAS PETERSEN



Birthdate: Oct. 6, 1952
 Date of Death: March 1, 2003
 Highest Rank: SP4, U.S. Army
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Herman and Betty, parents; Melissa, spouse; Nick and Carrie, children
 Connection to Central Montana: UPS driver for 26 years
 Served: Germany
 Duties: Mechanic

CHARLES F. PETRANEK



Birthdate: Oct. 6, 1917
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Carpenter’s Mate First Class, Pacific; Carpenter’s Mate Second Class, North Africa
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Charles and Margaret Petranek; wife Catherine F. Petranek
 Connection to Central Montana: Rancher, dirt contractor
 Served: North Africa, Philippines
 Duties: Carpenter work, refuel LSTS North Africa
 Military Honors: Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, America Area Campaign Medal, European African ME Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation

DONALD E. PFAU



Birthdate: April 27, 1927
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: T/5
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Spouse Susie Pfau
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident
 Served: WWII
 Honors: Army Occupation Medal; Victory Medal

DAVID WAYNE PHIFER



Birthdate: May 6, 1953
 Birthplace: Havre
 Highest Rank: E-4 Buck Sgt., U.S.A.F.
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Spouse Sharon; children Shane and Janelle Phifer
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Lewistown
 Served: Spain; Turkey; Malmstrom AFB, Great Falls
 Duties: Crew Chief on F-4 Phantoms and B-57 aircraft
 Honors: Honorable Discharge

JANELLE KAY PHIFER



Birthdate: April 5, 1983
 Birthplace: Culbertson
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Current Hometown: Suisun City, Calif.
 Family: Parents Dave and Sharon Phifer
 Connection to Central Montana: Attended Fergus High School
 Served: Travis AFB, Calif.; Sigonella NAS, Kuwait
 Duties: Electrical and Environmental Systems Mechanic on C-5 aircraft
 Honors: Air Force Achievement Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

RAYMOND RICHARD PHILLIPE



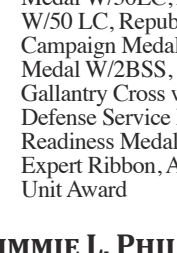
Birthdate: June 4, 1925
 Date of Death: Dec. 31, 1996
 Highest Rank: Radioman Third Class, U.S. Navy
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Vera
 Phillipe, spouse; Gary Phillipe, Linda Mitchell and Darlene Golob, children
 Connection to Central Montana: County supervisor for the Farmer’s Home Administration
 Served: Asiatic Pacific, World War II, 1943-46
 Duties: Radioman in the U.S. Navy attached to Admiral Turner Joy’s Staff

JACK H. PHILLIPS



Birthdate: Aug. 29, 1942
 Birthplace: Byington, Tenn.
 Highest Rank: Master Sergeant
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Spouse Alma Roane Phillips; children Tami Jasinski, David (deceased) and Daniel (deceased)
 Connection to Central Montana: Stationed here 1962-1965, retired here in 1982
 Military Honors: AF Commendation Medal W/30LC, AF Good Conduct W/50 LC, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal W/2BSS, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/ Palm, National Defense Service Medal, Combat Readiness Medal W/2 OC, Small Arms Expert Ribbon, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

JIMMIE L. PHILLIPS



Birthdate: Aug. 12, 1933
 Date of Death: July 21, 2009
 Birthplace: Bison, Kansas
 Highest Rank: PFC
 Branch of Military: Army
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Esther, spouse; Terry, Bill and Jimmie, sons; Micki, daughter
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived here his whole life
 Served: Japan
 Duties: Battery Clerk

LARRY LEWIS PHILLIPS



Birthdate: Dec. 25, 1964
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: E4
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Karen Phillips (wife); Austin Phillips (son); Jenaye Phillips (daughter); Larry and Lois Phillips (parents); Bud Carpenter (stepdad)
 Served: CVN-65 Aircraft Carrier Enterprise sailed around the world.
 Duties: Night Shift supervisor printshop

ROBERT K. PHILLIPS, SAMUEL K. PHILLIPS



Birthdate: Jan. 8, 1927
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Spouses Shonnie Phillips, Fae Phillips; children Kim, Todd, Mike; Jim, Wes and Julie
 Connection to Central Montana: Ranching
 Served: Pacific WWII

WILLIAM (BILL) HACKERT PHILLIPS



Birthdate: Oct. 20, 1946
 Birthplace: Oakland, Calif.
 Highest Rank: E7 Platoon SGT
 Branch of Military: Army
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Ann Phillips, wife
 Connection to Central Montana: Current resident, Great-grandparents homesteaded in Montana
 Served: Vietnam and stateside
 Duties: Paratrooper C Co. 1/502; 101st Airborne Division – M-60 Machine Gunner, Company RTO, Sniper, Senior Drill Sergeant Montana Military Academy
 Military Honors: Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Air Medals, Soldier of the Year Award, Jump Wings, Expert Rifle Badge, etc.

OSCAR H. REDD

Birthdate: May 4, 1888
 Birthplace: Colege Mound, Missouri
 Highest Rank: Motor Machinist Mate 1st Class
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Family: Caduncas, Nancy Ann, Mabel, Harry, Bill, Mabel, Helen, Rex, Mary Jo
 Connection to Central Montana: Petroleum Co.
 Served: WWI, Atlantic
 Duties: Fireman (steamship)

J.V. (JACK) REEDER

Birthdate: Aug. 9, 1892
 Date of Death: June 4, 1964
 Birthplace: Winterset
 Highest Rank: Sergeant Major, U.S. Army
 Family: Spouse Rosella Reeder; daughter Joy Wicks; grandchildren Jon and Jim Wicks and Jan Waltenbaugh
 Connection to Central Montana: Former resident
 Served: Camp Cody, N.M.; France and Germany
 Duties: First Class Machine Gunner and Instructor, in the Army of Occupation in Germany

NANCY LEE (HANNAH) (PROULX) RIEGEL

Birthdate: Jan. 21, 1961
 Date of Death: July 4, 1985
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Branch of Military: Army
 Highest Rank: E5
 Family: Wayne Hannah and Winnifred (Cripps) (Hannah) Rush, parents; Bruce Allen Proulx, Jr., son; Anna Marie Riegel, daughter
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised there
 Served: Trained at Ft. Bragg; served at Ft. Dix; was in Guard and Reserve in North Dakota, Montana and California
 Duties: Clerical and whatever came up

DONALD REGLI

Birthdate: March 7, 1930
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: A1C United States Air Force
 Hometown: Bozeman, Mont.
 Family: Columbus and Irene Regli, parents; Reba Regli, spouse; Walt, Coleen, Mike, children
 Served: Marianna, Fla., Lubbock, Texas, Rapid City, S.D.
 Duties: Air Frame Repairman

MICHAEL PELLEGRINO RINALDI

Birthdate: May 24, 1977
 Birthplace: Torrington, Conn.
 Branch of Military: U.S. Coast Guard
 Highest Rank: E-4
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Linda and Michael Rinaldi, parents; Joseph Rinaldi, son
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident
 Served: District 8, Mobile, Ala.
 Duties: Law Enforcement, Aides to Navigation

DELBERT L. ROBERTSON

Birthdate: July 22, 1930
 Birthplace: Eagle Point, OR
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Sergeant- E6
 Family: Lewis and Gladys Robertson, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident - 30 years
 Served: U.S. Germany, France, Vietnam
 Duties: Supply Sgt. Army Eng. (1948-1966)

RICHARD S. RONISH

Birthdate: Nov. 13, 1925
 Date of Death: July 2006
 Hometown (at time of death): Denton
 Birthplace: Coffee Creek
 Branch of Military: Infantry
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Family: Kathy, Janice, Candy, Nancy and Ross, children.
 Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised and worked
 Served: U.S.
 Duties: Instructed recruits in drill, arms, etc., part of the Cadre

DONALD E. RONISH

Birthdate: Oct. 13, 1921
 Birthplace: Denton
 Branch of Military: Army Air Corp
 Highest Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents and spouse deceased; Rick, Ron, Daryl, Deb, Don, Rob and Dean, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Retired attorney
 Served: Southern and western United States
 Duties: Single Engine Fighter Pilot, P-51 Instructor at end of service
 Military Honors: CTD, Honor Committee, P-51 Instructor

RONALD W. ROWTON

Birthdate: 1950
 Birthplace: Jordan, MT
 Highest Rank: E-5 Sgt.
 Branch of Military: Marine Corps
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Warren and Marion Rowton; spouse Valerie L. Rowton; children Nichole D. Rowton and Warren H. Rowton
 Connection to Central Montana: Have lived and gone through school here since 1959
 Served: USS America; Iwakuni, Japan; Vietnam; Thailand
 Duties: Electronics tech on F4J fighter jet, controller for electronics shop
 Military Honors: 2 Good Conduct Medals, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Star, Expert Rifleman

RICHARD RUSSELL

Birthdate: March 24, 1947
 Birthplace: Cannon Ball, N.D.
 Highest Rank: Private, U.S. Army
 Connection to Central Montana: MT Mental Health Nursing Care Center
 Served: Vietnam Tour, and Ft. Lewis, Wash.
 Duties: First Squadron, Third Armed Cavalry, Infantry

RICHARD ERWIN SCEE

Birthdate: Feb. 1, 1929
 Date of Death: Oct. 29, 2002
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Evelyn, Dawn, Linda, Lee and Edward
 Served: Korea
 Duties: Infantry and Motorpool

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- Michel de Montaigne

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JACK LAWRENCE (JOHN) SCHAEFFER
 Birthdate: July 2, 1918
 Birthplace: Fergus County
 Date of Death: Unknown
 Highest Rank: Attended college at U of M, entered Army as an officer
 Hometown (at time of death): Texas
 Family: Parents Homer and Marie Benes Schaeffer; sister Dorothy Fry; brother Thomas

WALTER L. SCHEID
 Birthdate: June 14, 1913
 Date of Death: Dec. 8, 1996
 Highest Rank: T4
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Edith Philips, spouse; three daughters, one son and one granddaughter
 Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown, always lived here
 Served: Iceland, Battle of Bulge
 Duties: Electrician
 Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal

DUSTIN SCHNEIDER
 Current Hometown: Sioux Falls, S.D.
 Family: wife Sheila Ruth (Lundin) Schneider
 Connection to Central Montana: Married to granddaughter of Ida Lundin
 Served: Currently in Baghdad, Iraq
 Duties: Tank Operator

WILLIAM PAUL SCHUTZ
 Birthdate: April 26, 1946
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: E-5
 Branch of Military: Army
 Current Hometown: Billings and Snowy Mountains in Montana
 Family: Parents (deceased) Barney and Jaynette Schutz; wife Cheryl Schutz; stepson Lincoln Billedeaux
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised, still a second home
 Served: Feb. 1966 - Nov. 1969; Germany, Louisiana and Thailand
 Duties: Military Police

DONALD W. (BUTCH) SEIDEL
 Birthdate: March 7, 1947
 Date of Death: July 23, 1968, in Vietnam
 Highest Rank: SP5
 Family: Sister Patty Seidel
 Connection to Central Montana: Parents farmed in Ross Fork area; Graduated in Moore High School class of 1965; Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Lewistown
 Served: Vietnam

ROBERT E. SENNETT
 Birthdate: Sept. 19, 1928
 Date of Death: Oct. 10, 2006
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Navy E-5
 Hometown (at time of death): Helena
 Family: Children Sherry, Mickey, Mike and Kevin
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown
 Served: Pacific as radioman on Naval plane

VIRGINIA OLSEN SHARPE
 Birthdate: Jan. 30, 1921
 Birthplace: Chicago, Ill.
 Highest Rank: Lt. USNR
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Daughter Dr. Leslie Olsen Bray
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived here 55 years, chiropractor
 Served: Boston, Mass., Nashville, Tenn.
 Duties: Supply and Disbursing Officer

TOGER SANDVE SIKVELAND
 Highest Rank: P.F.C., Marines
 Hometown: Winnett
 Family: Toger Ray Sikveland and Mickial Stein Sikveland
 Connection to Central Montana: Went to Winnett High School
 Served: World War II, Hawaii, Guam, Japan

EARL G. SILBERNAGEL
 Birthdate: March 1, 1927
 Birthplace: Denton
 Highest Rank: Corporal, U.S. Army
 Family: Mrs. Earl (June) Silbernagel, children Donn, Tom, Kay, Judy, Darcy, and Lindee
 Connection to Central Montana: Former Lineman for MT Power Company
 Served: Korea
 Duties: Repair and Construction of Electrical Lines
 Military Honors: Helped wire the building where the peace treaty was signed in Panmunjom, Korea

GERALD SIMAC
 Birthdate: April 10, 1942
 Date of Death: Nov. 24, 1985
 Highest Rank: E-4
 Hometown (at time of death): Morgan, Utah
 Family: Kuzma and Johanna Simac
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Winifred
 Served: Fort Wainwright, Fairbanks, Alaska
 Duties: USAR Control Group

RON SIMS
 Birthdate: July 8, 1950
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Spec. 4th Class
 Branch of Military: Army
 Current Hometown: Billings
 Family: Parents Claude and Doll Sims; wife Janette; children Bob and Tori, Emily and Zachary
 Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown and raised in Winifred
 Served: Ft. Ord; Vietnam
 Duties: Infantry, helicopters
 Military Honors: 2 Bronze Stars, 2 Army Commendation Medals, Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, Air Medal, 2 Unit Citations, Designation of Operations

FRANK SKOCHPOL
 Birthdate: April 14, 1889
 Date of Death: April 30, 1955
 Family: Rosa Skochpol, spouse; two daughters Dorris Melton, Marjean Martin
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised and farmed in Denton
 Served: WWI
 Duties: Horseshoer, Battery D, 103 FA

JAMES PATRICK PHILP



Birth date: Oct. 28, 1946
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: SW E-5
 Current Hometown: Lake Havasu City, AZ
 Family: Parents Francis and Helen
 Philp, spouse Billie Lou Philp (Ballance)
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Kolin, Montana; graduated from Moccasin High School 1965
 Served: US Naval Sea Bee's, Coronado CA, Da Nang Vietnam 1967-1968, Red Beach Vietnam May-Sept 1969
 Duties: Steel Worker/Welder built and repaired buildings, bridges and runways.
 Military Honors: National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/Device and Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon

ESTHER (WESTVELT) PIERCE



Birthdate: May 22, 1917
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Captain, WW II
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Husband Tom Pierce; children Terry Lewis, Kathy Ahlgren, Nancy Ahlgren, Nancy
 Franklin, Patrick Pierce and Laurie Pierce
 Connection to Central Montana: Nurse, 18 years at Center for the Aged
 Served: 76th General Hospital, Leige, Belgium
 Duties: 76th was the first tent hospital and an experiment by the government - very close to Battle of the Bulge
 Military honors, special commendations, etc.: Entire unit received a special commendation

JUSTIN PIERCE



Birthdate: March 7, 1984
 Birthplace: Bozeman
 Highest Rank: Specialist Combat Engineer
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Mother Marilyn Pierce
 Connection to Central Montana: Moved from Bozeman in 1994 to Lewistown
 Served: Iraq OIF
 Duties: Exploit Weapons Cache
 Military Honors: Armed Forces Expeditionary, Armed Forces Expedition Ribbon, Arcom, National Defense Medal, Army Service Ribbon

THOMAS ALLARD PIERCE



Birthdate: May 28, 1922
 Date of Death: Dec. 27, 1978
 Highest Rank: Sergeant, U.S. Army
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Harry and Hazel (Allard) and Esther (Westvelt) Pierce, spouse; Terry Lewis, Kathy Ahlgren, Nancy Franklin, Pat Pierce and Laurie Pierce, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Worked maintenance for city, state
 Served: Southeast Asia, Australia, New Guinea
 Duties: Battle Sanananda, Infantry Co.K 163rd, 41st Division
 Military Honors: Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Good Conduct Metal

TERRY L. PIMM



Highest Rank: SKSN
 Hometown: Angleton, Texas
 Family: Heather Pimm, spouse; Cecelia Leamont, mother-in-law; Robert Pimm and Dovie Pimm, parents
 Served/Serving: NMCRC - Billings, NAB - Coronado, Calif.
 Duties: Storekeeper with Beach Master Unit 1
 Schools/College degrees: Angleton High School, Houston Community College

HENRY JAMES PITT



Birthdate: March 30, 1917
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Branch of Military: Army Anti-aircraft Balloon Battalion 399
 Highest Rank: Private
 Hometown: Micco, Fla.
 Family: Harry I. Pitt and Kathern (Hotson) Pitt, parents; Florence G. Pitt, wife
 Connection to Central Montana: Ranched for 50 years at Casino Creek
 Served: Canada
 Duties: Guard and technician of Barrage Balloon protected the Soo Locks (Balloon Crewman)
 Military Honors: Expert Rifleman, Headquarters Fort Brady Michigan

CORY POSER



Highest Rank: Petty Officer 2nd Class, US Navy
 Hometown: Denton
 Family: Gary and Carmen Poser, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Fergus High School graduate
 Served: Central Asia; Oak Harbor, Whidbey Island, Wash.
 Duties: Special Forces

SHANE P. POWELL



Birthdate: May 5, 1964
 Date of Death: Sept. 21, 2009
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Major, U.S. Army
 Hometown (at time of death): Pocatello, Idaho
 Family: Mother Sharon Powell; wife Kelly Powell
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Lewistown, graduated from Fergus
 Served: Gulf War, Kuwait, Iraq
 Duties: Field Artillery Training Officer
 Military honors, special commendations, etc.: Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Global War on Terror Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait)

THOMAS CLARKE POWELL



Birthdate: Aug. 24, 1925
 Birthplace: Washington, Pa.
 Date of Death: April 1, 2011
 Highest Rank: US Navy, S/IC, 1943-46; US Air Force, Cpl., 1947-50
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Wife Denise, children Cheri Hagen, Tom Powell and Michelle Anderson
 Connection to Central Montana: Lewistown police officer for 20 years
 Served: Navy - European Theater; Air Force - Alaska
 Duties: Navy - Gunner's Mate; Air Force - Air Transport Technician
 Military Honors: European Theater Ribbons, Aleutian Islands Ribbon

CHARLES (RAD) PRATT



Birthdate: March 28, 1923
 Date of Death: April 21, 1996
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Dick and O'letha Pratt, parents; Helen Thomas, spouse; Arleen, Larry and Carolyn, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Worked at post office in Lewistown
 Served: South Pacific - Hospital Ship, "The Hope"
 Duties: Radioman

CHARLES RAYMOND QUIGLEY



Birthdate: May 11, 1908
 Date of Death: Aug. 4, 1966
 Highest Rank: Lt. Col.
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Raymond and Charlotte Quigley, parents; Agnes Fergus, spouse; Fergus S., Charlotte Orr and James A., children
 Connection to Central Montana: Ranched with father in Ringling
 Served: Amarillo, Texas; Denver; Guam; Commander of CCC Camps, Santa Monica, Long Beach
 Duties: Administration, personnel, accounting
 Military Honors: Was injured while on duty in early 1940s but continued to serve in administration (accounting and personnel) positions until final retirement in 1950

PETER F. QUIRING



Birthdate: May 9, 1920
 Birthplace: Frazer, Mont.
 Highest Rank: Cpl. 8th Air Force, U.S. Army
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Mary Ann, wife; Pam daughter
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident since 1959
 Served: England, France, Germany
 Duties: U.S. Air Force photographer
 Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, WWII Victory Medal, ETO Medal.

C.W. (TOBY) RADER



Birthdate: Oct. 30, 1913
 Birthplace: Elnora, Ind.
 Highest Rank: Electrician's Mate 2nd Class
 Hometown: Spokane, Wash.
 Family: Parents Oscar and Leona
 Watson Rader; married Eileen Swanz; and children Chuck Rader, Margaret Brown and Kris Stennett
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived and worked in Central Montana for Fergus Electric Co-op from 1946, serving as manager from 1950 to 1978
 Served: Guadalcanal, South Pacific
 Duties: Naval Fleet communications lines, generators
 Military Honors: Foreign Service Award

WILLIAM D. RASH



Birthdate: June 21, 1934
 Birthplace: Manhattan, Mont.
 Highest Rank: Seaman
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Wife Betty Rash; son Bill Rash of Lewistown, daughter Terri Biggs of Bozeman, son Lonnie Rash of Spokane, Wash.
 Connection to Central Montana: Currently a resident
 Served: Korea, Japan, Hawaii, Okinawa, China, Wake Island
 Duties: Communications

HELEN C. RAU



Birthdate: Jan. 31, 1915
 Birthplace: Kolin
 Highest Rank: 1st Lieutenant
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Frank and Rose Rau
 Connection to Central Montana: Trained at St. Joseph Hospital, born here and returned
 Served: World War II, Europe
 Duties: Nurse

JEAN CASEY RAW



Birthdate: Oct. 13, 1946
 Birthplace: New Rockford, N.D.
 Highest Rank: Major, A.N., U.S.A.R.
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Ron and Elizabeth Casey; spouse Jim; children Shannon, Michael and Tamara
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident, worked in Lewistown Hospice/Home Health, Cancer Coalition Coordinator
 Served: Wuerzburg, Germany; Landstuhl, Germany; Fort Carson, Colo.; Montana
 Duties: Medical - Surgical Nurse

REX M. REDD



Birthdate: Aug 13, 1931
 Date of Death: Sept. 25, 2013
 Birthplace: Winnett
 Highest Rank: Corporal
 Hometown (at time of death): Billings
 Family: O.H. and Mabel Redd, Jeanne Marie, wife; Susan,
 Ron, Rex W.
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Petroleum Co.
 Served: Okinawa
 Duties: Truck Driver

RODNEY WALLACE REEDY



Birthdate: June 5, 1917
 Birthplace: Tacoma, Wash.
 Highest Rank: First Lieutenant
 Hometown: Hobson
 Family: wife Mair, son Lewis
 Connection to Central Montana: Hunted for 20 years before moving from California
 Served: North Africa, Italy, France
 Duties: Hospital

STEVEN M. REESOR



Birthdate: Oct. 13, 1947
 Birthplace: Missoula
 Highest Rank: SSG E-6
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents F.D. and Janice Reesor; Charrel Reesor (dec.), Jessica Dunc (Reesor), Lance Reesor
 Served: Vietnam
 Duties: RTO
 Honors: Bronze Star



ALLEN D. REIMAN



Birthdate: Dec. 23, 1950
 Birthplace: French-camp, Calif.
 Highest Rank: SGT E-5
 Branch of Military: Army
 Current Hometown: Judith Gap
 Family: Bob, Chad and Roger, sons
 Connection to Central Montana: Retired here
 Served: United States, Japan, Okinawa, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam
 Duties: Crew chief and right hand door gunner on Huey helicopter
 Military Honors: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, RVN Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal 2nd award, Army Commendation Medal 1st OLC

JOSEPH W. RELICH



Birthdate: May 1, 1887 in Czech.
 Date of Death: July 23, 1966
 Highest Rank: PFC
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Mary, spouse; Evelyn Olsen, Helen and Rosemary, daughters; Victor and Milford, sons
 Connection to Central Montana: Hometown
 Served: France, World War I

VICTOR RELICH



Birthdate: July 20, 1926
 Date of Death: Sept. 7, 1950
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Joseph and Mary Relich, parents; Evelyn Olsen, Helen and Rosemary Relich, sisters; Milford, brother
 Connection to Central Montana: Hometown
 Served: Iwo Jima, World War II
 Duties: Combat

JAMES L. (PETE) RICE



Birthdate: Dec. 14, 1923
 Date of Death: July 8, 1996
 Highest Rank: E7
 Hometown (at time of death): Denton
 Family: James E. and Mable M. Rice, parents; Phyllis, spouse; Hal, Ray and Rick Rice, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Farmed/ranched south of Denton
 Served: South Pacific
 Military Honors: Letter of Commendation from Secretary of the Navy, James Forrestal

ALBERT E. RICH



Birthdate: April 29, 1913
 Date of Death: Feb. 12, 1994
 Birthplace: Winifred
 Highest Rank: Corporal, U.S. Army
 Hometown (at time of death): Stanford
 Family: Glenn and Golda Rich, parents; Eva, spouse; four children
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Winifred
 Served: WWII - China

JACK W. RICH



Birthdate: Jan 28, 1923
 Birthplace: Winifred
 Date of Death: March 3, 2004
 Highest Rank: Tech 4, Army
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Glenn and Golda Rich, parents; Hazel, spouse; seven children
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident
 Served: WWII; Africa, Italy, Southern France
 Duties: Driver 52DVKW Battalion 805 Tank Destroyer
 Military Honors: Bronze Star, four invasions: Africa, Sicily, Italy and Southern France

PAUL W. RICH



Birthdate: Nov. 10, 1919
 Birthplace: Winifred
 Date of Death: Jan. 20, 1983
 Highest Rank: PFC
 Hometown (at time of death): Terry
 Family: Glenn and Golda Rich, parents; Barbara, spouse; children Martin and Kenneth Rich
 Connection to Central Montana: Was inducted into Army from here
 Served: South Pacific, New Guinea, Hawaii and Philippines
 Duties: Driver 52DVKW Battalion 805 Tank Destroyer
 Military Honors: Was assigned to the 38th Division when serving in the South Pacific from 1942 to 1945



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RANDY RICH



Birthdate: March 1, 1955
Date of Death: Dec. 19, 2005
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: GMGSA, U.S. Navy
Family: Parents Robert and Bonnie Rich, daughter Stacie Rich

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised
Served: Naval Station, Norfolk, Virginia; Spain
Duties: Mechanic
Military Honors: Honorable Discharge

VERN O. RICH



Birthdate: May 20, 1925
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Tech 5 or Corporal
Hometown: Roundup
Family: Glenn and Golda Rich, parents; wife passed away

July 18, 2001
Connection to Central Montana: Fergus High School graduate
Served: Philippines and Japan
Duties: Cook, U.S. Army WWII

GLENN B. RICHARDS



Birthdate: Oct. 31, 1946
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: S P 5
Branch of Military: U.S. Army
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Jess and Myrtle Richards, spouse; Tara and Benjamin, children

Connection to Central Montana: Lifetime resident
Served: Germany and Ft. Lewis, Washington
Duties: Company Clerk

HOWARD J. RICHARDS



Birthdate: 1922
Date of Death: 1995
Highest Rank: Seaman 2nd Class
Hometown: Hanover
Family: Howard and Ann Richards, parents; Jaunita Fox Richards, spouse; Jerri Lynn and Vicki Ann, children

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Hanover
Served: Heavy Cruiser Division in the Pacific Ocean, USS Chester

JESSE B. RICHARDS



Birthdate: Dec. 9, 1921
Date of Death: Jan. 23, 2008
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: PFC
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Branch of Military: Army

Family: Howard and Ann Richards, parents; Myrtle, wife; Mike, Glenn, Rod, Neva and Jeanette, children
Connection to Central Montana: Lifetime resident of Hanover
Served: European Theatre WWII
Duties: Cook
Military Honors: Combat Infantry Badge, American Theatre Service Medal, African Middle Eastern Theatre Service Medal, 44 Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal

KENNETH RICKERT



Birthdate: Aug. 22, 1924
Birthplace: Big Sandy
Branch of Military: Navy
Hometown: Lewistown
Connection to Central Montana: Resident

Served: England and Germany
Duties: Fleet Air Wing, Anti-Submarine Patrol

MATTHEW JEROME RICKL



Birthdate: Feb. 11, 1947
Birthplace: Glendive
Highest Rank: E5
Branch of Military: Army
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Frank and Ellen Rickl (deceased), parents
Served: Two years

in Vietnam
Duties: Wheel and track mechanic
Military Honors: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal

JOHN A. RICKNER



Birthdate: Oct. 14, 1921
Birthplace: Lewistown
Date of Death: Jan. 4, 2006
Highest Rank: Motor Machinist mate, First Class V-6, USNR
Family: Wife, Mary; brother, Chester; sisters, Marian Salo and Roberta Kennedy

Connection to Central Montana: Native
Served: U.S. Navy from 7/6/1942 to 10/22/1945, Mediterranean, North African arenas; England and the Philippines.

TRAVIS CHARLES RIDGEWAY



Birthdate: Jan. 3, 1966
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: SSGT
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Charles and Marie Ridgeway, parents; Angela

Ridgeway, wife
Connection to Central Montana: Born and lives here
Served: Camp Pendleton, CA, Okinawa, Japan, I-1 Staff Billings, Mont. MCAS El Toro Calif., 29 Palms Calif.
Duties: Motor transport maint/chief, alcohol and drug counselor, I MEF transportation coordinator
Military Honors: NAM, GCM, DSM, KDSM, GWOT, MUC, SDDR

ORIN S. (JIM) RIFE



Birthdate: July 7, 1927
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Sgt./T4
Branch of Military: Army
Hometown: Roy
Family: Earl and Winnie Rife, parents; Janet (Swanson) Rife, wife; Jamie, John, Judy Steel and Janine Didier, children

Connection to Central Montana: Rancher
Served: Japan
Duties: Power shovel operator, H&S 43rd Engineer Construction Battalion
Military Honors: WWII Victory Medal, Army Occupation Medal Japan, Rifle Expert

PHILIP SCOTT RINALDI



Birthdate: Sept. 10, 1985
Birthplace: Torrington, Conn.
Branch of Military: Coast Guard
Highest Rank: Chief
Current Hometown: Los Gatos, CA
Family: Linda and Michael Rinaldi, parents; Tara, wife; Jace and Avery, children.

Connection to Central Montana: Hometown growing up, attended Lewistown schools, graduated from Fergus High School 2004.
Served: Sitka, Alaska; Tillamook, Ore.; Corona Del Mar, CA; Salute Ste Marie, MI; Alameda, CA; Boston, MA; Bahrain, Alameda, CA.
Duties: Rescue Motor Lifeboat, Boarding Officer, Chief Engineer

LARS J. (LOUIE) RINDAL



Birthdate: July 25, 1895
Date of Death: July 29, 1967
Birthplace: Rindal, Norway
Highest Rank: Private First Class
Branch of Military: Army
Hometown (at time of death): Roy

Family: Grace, wife; Melvin, Don, Glen, LeRoy, Lucille Eckhardt, Joyce Murphy and Phyllis Logsdon, children
Connection to Central Montana: Rancher in Roy
Served: France
Duties: Battles, engagements, skirmishes, expeditions in France – World War I
Military Honors: AEF Medal (France)

JOSHUA JOE ROANE



Birthdate: July 16, 1985
Birthplace: Lewistown
Branch of Military: Army 2003-2006
Highest Rank: E4
Current Hometown: Bozeman
Family: Lori Vogl, mother, Terry Roane, father; John Gies, stepfather; Bobbie Gies, stepmother

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised
Served: Fort Sill, Okla., Bamberg, Germany, Iraq
Duties: Fire Support, 1st Infantry
Military Honors: Arcom, Combat Service Patch, President's Unit Citation, Overseas Medal

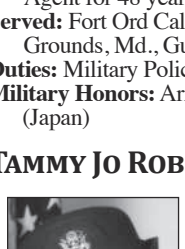
GLENN A. ROBERTS



Birthdate: May 8, 1933
Birthplace: Helena
Date of Death: Feb. 13, 2013
Highest Rank: E-4 CPL
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Forrest Duke E. and Irene Roberts (deceased); Spouse Wanda L. Roberts; Brother Elmer J. Roberts (deceased); Sisters Lenore M. Baker (deceased), Roselyn Cote (Jim); daughters Tracy M. Wildung, Tammy Jo Roberts (deceased); sons Kenneth W. Roberts, Brian A. Roberts.

Connection to Central Montana: Lived here since 1962, Farmers Insurance Agent for 48 years
Served: Fort Ord Calif., Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., Guam, Kobe, Japan
Duties: Military Police
Military Honors: Army Occupation Medal (Japan)

TAMMY JO ROBERTS



Birthdate: Nov. 7, 1957
Date of Death: June 27, 1982
Birthplace: Billings
Branch of Military: Army
Highest Rank: PFC
Family: Glenn A. Roberts, father; Sandra Daugherty, mother; Brian

Roberts, brother; Tracy M. Roberts, half sister; Kenneth W. Roberts, half-brother.
Connection to Central Montana: Father, Glenn A. Roberts, deceased
Served: 2 years in Germany with 505th Sig. Co. Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.
Duties: Remote Communications

RICHARD DEAN (DICK) ROEHL



Birthdate: June 12, 1923
Date of Death: Dec. 31, 1982
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: PFC
Branch of Military: Army-Air Force
Family: Barb Roehl, wife; Patty Roehl, daughter

Connection to Central Montana: Farmed and ranched in Central Montana entire life
Served: South Pacific
Duties: Replacement troop – ground pounder
Military Honors: Expert Marksman

JUSTIN M. ROLFSNESS



Birthdate: Aug. 26, 1983
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Master Sergeant/E8
Current Hometown: Raeford, NC
Family: Stephanie Bross Rolfness, wife; Rafe Rolfness, son; parents Dustin Machler, mother; Jim Rolfness, father; Frank and Helen Machler, grandparents; and Nels and Wampie Rolfness, grandparents.

Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown. Still has family here
Served: 21st M.P. Co. Airborne, Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Victory, Iraq (2 tours in Iraq), more than 5 years deployed to the Middle East and Southwest Asia, 16 years in Army.
Duties: Military Police Airborne, 1st Special Forces Command, Fort Bragg, NC.
Honors: Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (x2), Master Parachutist Badge, Combat Action Badge.

JOSHUA SLADE H. ROUNS



Birthdate: March 12, 1983
Birthplace: Helena
Highest Rank: Sergeant, E-5
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Harland and Bobbie Rouns; daughter Hailey Miller

Connection to Central Montana: Attended school in Lewistown and Grass Range, considers Lewistown his hometown
Served: Iraq, KY, TX, and LA
Duties: Diesel Mechanic, Global War on Terrorism

RALPH EDWARD ROWLAND



Highest Rank: 1st Lieutenant
Hometown: Geraldine
Family: Jeanne Rowland, spouse; Jeje Johnstone, Dolores Sramek, Dan Rowland, Ron Rowland, Melody Skinner and Fred

Rowland, children
Served: Germany, World War II
Duties: Tank commander in 4th Armored Division, Company A, 37th Tank Battalion
Military Honors: received a Battlefield Commission and the Purple Heart

GEORGE R. RUCKMAN



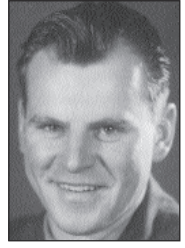
Birthdate: Feb. 12, 1924
Date of Death: June 21, 2005
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Fireman 1st Class
Branch of Military: Navy
Family: George

L. and Daisy M. Ruckman, parents (deceased); Alice Ruckman, wife (divorced); Mildred Ruckman, wife (widowed); Nicki Martin and Gayle Arntzen, daughters
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown

Served: May 15, 1943 - Feb. 15, 1946; RS Noumea, New Caledonia; USS Whitney-Navsta, Astoria, Oregon; RS San Francisco, Calif.; RS and PSC USNB Bremerton, Wash.

Duties: Fireman 1st Class
Military Honors: World War II Victory Medal, Am Area Campaign Medal, Asiatic and Pacific Area Campaign Medal (2 stars), Philippine Liberation Medal (1 star)

ROBERT HENRY RUNG



Birthdate: Nov. 5, 1924
Date of Death: Feb. 3, 1966
Highest Rank: Sgt
Hometown: Judith Gap
Family: Adam and Opal Rung, parents; Opal Rung, spouse; Leslie Fay and

Robert Earl, children
Connection to Central Montana: Rancher/farmer
Served: Okinawa Co. F 165th Infantry Div
Duties: Japan-transferred air field engineers. Built three air bases west of Tokyo.

Military Honors: Outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy in Okinawa

VERA GORE RUSH



Birthdate: Aug. 3, 1910
Date of Death: March 7, 2003
Highest Rank: Captain, Army Nurse Corps
Hometown (at time of death): Columbia Falls
Family: Grant and Maude Gore, parents; Bill Rush, spouse

Served: 1940-46
Military Honors: American Theatre Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal

JEFF WILLIAM RUST



Birthdate: Oct. 19, 1973
Birthplace: San Diego
Highest Rank: CPO E7
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Jene and Colleen Rust; wife Becky,

children Ben and Holly
Connection to Central Montana: Raised here; graduate of FHS 1991
Served: Currently in Submarine Service, USS Augusta
Duties: Reactor Control Leading Chief Petty Officer
Military Honors: Four Navy Achievement medals, Battle Efficiency Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation.

JENE ALLEN RUST, SR.



Birthdate: April 27, 1941
Birthplace: Mineral Wells, Texas
Highest Rank: CPO
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Wife Colleen; sons, Jene, Jr. and Jeff

Connection to Central Montana: Lived here for over 25 years
Served: Many ships, Japan, Guam, Vietnam
Duties: Supply
Military Honors: Navy Achievement with V, Good Conduct

FRANK W. RUZICKA JR.



Birthdate: Feb. 17, 1916
Date of Death: Nov. 21, 1998
Highest Rank: Tech 3
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Frank W. Sr. and Estelle

Ruzicka, parents; Jean, spouse; Mike and Dave, sons
Connection to Central Montana: Owner of Ruzicka Insurance Agency
Served: Company C, 114th Infantry, 44th Division – served in Europe for two years of the four years he was in the service
Military Honors: Combat Infantryman Award, Bronze Star, two Battle Stars, American Theatre Medal, Victory Medal-European, African and Middle Eastern Medal and Good Conduct Medal

DEBRA A. SMITH

Highest Rank: Spc. 4
Hometown: Wasilla, Alaska
Family: Luella Alexander, mother; Mike, spouse; Kim, Jamie, Jennifer and Aaron, children
Connection to Central Montana: Went to Fergus High School
Served: Lewistown Reserves
Duties: Medical

GARY CLAY SMITH

Birthdate: Oct. 5, 1946
Birthplace: Lewistown
Current Hometown: Roy, MT
Family: Pearl J. and Clay Smith (parents), Jolene C. Smith (spouse), Gary R. Smith, Earl Smith, Tony Smith, Carrie Perry (children)
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Roy, Businesses owned: GS Oil, Inc., Winnett Tire, Little Montana Truckstop
Served: Germany
Duties: Tanks and Tank Repair
Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, Sharp Shooter (rifle), National Defense Service Medal

JEAN PASSOW SMITH

Birthdate: Sept. 4, 1971
Birthplace: Conrad, MT
Highest Rank: Specialist E4
Current Hometown: Denver, CO
Connection to Central Montana: Fergus graduate 1989

Served: Germany
Duties: SAWK Missile Crew Member
Military Honors: Good Conduct, Overseas Ribbon

LYLE FRANK SMITH

Birthdate: Sept. 20, 1926
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: PVT
Branch of Military: Army, Air Force
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Madonna Smith, wife; Jeri Witt, Julie Horsting, Jane Jaglowski and Greg Smith, children
Connection to Central Montana: Lifetime resident
Served: USA
Duties: Obey orders

CHARLES JOSEPH SOLF

Birthdate: July 31, 1931
Date of Death: Aug. 12, 2020
Birthplace: Moore, MT
Highest Rank: EM3
Branch of Military: U.S. Navy
Family: Joseph and Anna Solf (parents), Nancy Solf (wife), Lise Crawford, Karma Brown, Charetta LeMarie (daughters), Corey Crawford, Kailonna Solf (grandchildren)
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Winnett, MT
Served: USS Whetstone (LSD 27)
Duties: Electricians Mate, National Defense Service
Military Honors: Korean Service Medal United Nations

WILLIAM HARRY STEPHENS

Date of Death: May 22, 1945
Highest Rank: Private First Class
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Frank and Mary Stephens, parents; Frank and Conrad, brothers
Served: Philippines
Duties: Gunner on tank
Military Honors: Purple Heart

GILBERT STALLKNECHT

Birthdate: Sept. 21, 1935
Birthplace: Minnesota
Highest Rank: SGT U.S. Marine Corps
Hometown: Lewistown
Connection to Central Montana: Resident
Served: U.S.
Duties: Electronic Tech

JEFFREY EARL STEWART

Birthdate: Feb. 12, 1969
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Sgt. 1st Class
Current Hometown: Rugby, N. D.
Family: Parents Stan and Sandy Stewart, Lewistown
Connection to Central Montana: Born here and graduated from high school here
Served: OIF2
Duties: Trail Blazer
Military Honors, Special Commendations, etc: Bronze Star, Army Achievement Medal, Operation Iraq Freedom II.

TODD ALAN STEWART

Birthdate: March 29, 1970
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Master Sergeant
Current Hometown: Bozeman
Family: Cathy and Bill Stewart, parents; wife Rayna; son Matthew
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here, graduated from FCHS
Served: Iraq

RAYMOND W. STONEMAN

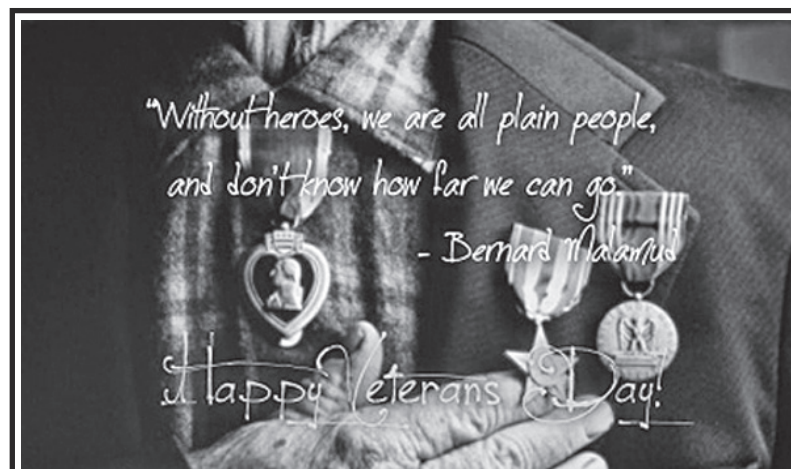
Birthdate: March 8, 1924
Date of Death: March 11, 1995
Hometown (at time of death): Denton
Highest Rank: Private First Class
Family: Raymond J. Stoneman and Mildred Anderson Stoneman, parents; Freda Surber, sister
Connection to Central Montana: Christina community farmer
Served: World War II
Duties: Drove Jeep for officers

RICHARD (DICK) TODD

Birthdate: June 14, 1938
Date of Death: May 29, 2019
Birthplace: Lewistown
Branch of Military: Army National Guard
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Charlotte (Cathy) Carlstrom Todd (wife), Christine J. Todd (daughter), Willis L. and Vivian R. Todd (parents), Robert (Bob) Todd and Sandy Todd (brother and sister-in-law)
Connection to Central Montana: Lived in Lewistown most of his life
Served: Montana
Duties: Cook

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- Cynthia Ozick

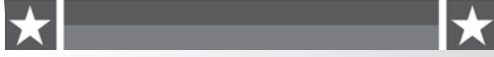


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RAYMOND S. THOMPSON
 Birthdate: Feb. 23, 1956
 Birthplace: Watseka, Ill.
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant E-6
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Ray and Karen Thompson, parents; Kathleen, wife; Ray, James, Nick and Emily, children
 Served: 5 years overseas, 3 1/2 in U.S.
 Duties: Military Policeman/Investigator/Supervisor

DANIEL C. TOOMEY
 Birthdate: April 4, 1923
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: PHM 1/C
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Hometown: Superior, Mont.
 Family: Tom and Anna Toomey
 Connection to Central Montana: Born there
 Served: Europe and Pacific WWII, Omaha Beach
 Duties: Medical

DOUGLAS M. TOOMEY
 Birthdate: June 15, 1947
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Specialist E-5, 587th Signal Co.
 Branch of Military: Army
 Family: Thomas and Frances Toomey, parents; wife and three children
 Current Hometown: Billings
 Served: Tay Ninh, Saigon, Republic of Vietnam, 1965 to 1968

PAUL A. TOOMEY
 Birthdate: Nov. 22, 1927
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Branch of Military: Army Air Corp
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Hometown: Bloomington, Minn.
 Family: Thomas F. and Anna Toomey
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown
 Served: England, Italy, Germany
 Duties: Radio Operator/Crypto, Oper

HAROLD W. TRAPP
 Birthdate: Nov. 3, 1932
 Date of Death: Sept. 1, 2007
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: U.S. Navy
 Family: Children Linda Bender, Janice Long, Brad Trapp and Doug Trapp
 Connection to Central Montana: Lifetime resident
 Served: South Pacific

TOM TUCEK
 Birthdate: June 18, 1949
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: E-5 (HT2), Navy
 Current Hometown: Lewistown, Danvers
 Family: Parents Ruth and late Jim Tucek, daughter Rhonda Long, son Neal and his wife Cheryl
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised
 Served: Nov. 1969 to Nov. 1973
 Duties: Firefighter, Damage Control, Welder, Plumber

ANTHONY VALACH
 Birthdate: July 13, 1932
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Sergeant, U.S. Marine Corps
 Hometown: Tucson, Ariz.
 Family: Parents John and Anna Valach
 Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown
 Served: California
 Duties: Unit Supply Clerk
 Military Honors: Honorable Discharge

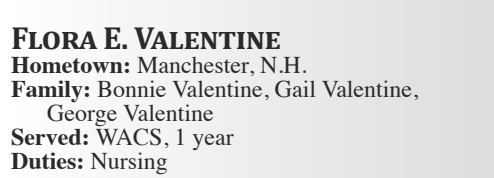
CHARLES E. VALACH
 Birthdate: May 14, 1927
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Fireman First Class, F1/C, U.S. Navy
 Hometown: Missoula
 Family: Parents John and Anna Valach
 Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown
 Served: U.S.
 Duties: Landing Craft Duties
 Military Honors: Honorable Discharge

ERNEST JOSEPH VALACH
 Birthdate: Nov. 24, 1930
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: CPL, U.S. Army
 Hometown: Salem, Ore.
 Family: Parents John and Anna Valach
 Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown
 Served: Germany
 Duties: Radio Repairman
 Military Honors: Honorable Discharge

JAMES S. VALACH
 Birthdate: April 10, 1920
 Date of Death: May 1955
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Tech Sergeant
 Family: Parents John and Anna Valach
 Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown
 Served: Fort Lewis, Australia, New Guinea
 Duties: Platoon Sergeant

JOHN VALACH, JR.
 Birthdate: Jan. 12, 1922
 Date of Death: March 15, 2007
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: T-5 U.S. Army
 Hometown (at time of death): Dillon
 Family: Parents John and Anna Valach
 Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown
 Served: China
 Duties: China - Film Exchange - Motor Pool - Special License
 Military Honors: Honorable Discharge

FLORA E. VALENTINE
 Hometown: Manchester, N.H.
 Family: Bonnie Valentine, Gail Valentine, George Valentine
 Served: WACS, 1 year
 Duties: Nursing



DEL N. SALLEE
 Birthdate: March 15, 1976
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Specialist w/US Army, 4th Infantry, 704th Maintenance Supply Battalion
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Brian and Lynette Sallee, parents and raised here
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here
 Served: Fort Carson, Colo.; Kuwait; Fort Hood, Texas; second tour of duty in Iraq
 Duties: Mechanic
 Military Honors: Army Achievement Medal

DAVE L. SATHER
 Birthdate: Oct. 20, 1918
 Date of Death: July 21, 1998
 Highest Rank: Warrant Officer
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Gladys, spouse; Dave Jr., Ken, Ruth, Lois and Joyce Kolar, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Co-owner and manager of KXLO and Justice of Peace for 26 years
 Served: WW II, North Africa, Italy
 Duties: Company Clerk

GLADYS BARRON SATHER
 Birthdate: April 30, 1919
 Date of Death: Feb. 28, 1990
 Highest Rank: Captain, U.S. Army
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Dave Sather Sr., spouse; Dave Jr., Ken, Ruth, Lois, and Joyce Kolar, children
 Connection to Central Montana: RN at state home
 Served: WW II, North Africa, Italy
 Duties: Registered Nurse

MARK W. SCALLY
 Birthdate: June 10, 1950
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: E-5
 Branch of Military: U.S. Navy
 Current Hometown: Lander, WY
 Family: Parents John and Betty Scally (both deceased) Wife, Betsy; Children, Michael and Crystal
 Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised, and graduated High School
 Served: Kodiak, Alaska and Vietnam
 Duties: Radio communications
 Honors, Special Commendations: National Defense Service, Vietnam Service, Unit Commendation

THOMAS EDWARD SCHAEFFER
 Birthdate: Sept. 14, 1922
 Date of Death: March 7, 2007
 Birthplace: Fergus County
 Highest Rank: Master Sergeant First Class
 Hometown (at time of death): Stamford, Connecticut
 Family: Parents John and Marie Benes Schaeffer; Grace, wife; Kim and Thomas, children; Dorothy Fry, sister; Jack, brother
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Lewistown, Fergus High graduate
 Served: Aleutian Islands, K Company, WWII and Korean War, Prisoner of War in N. Korea
 Military Honors: Purple Heart and First Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal, APTO Medal

RUDOLPH F. (RUDY) SCHAFF
 Birthdate: March 20, 1917
 Date of Death: June 17, 2002
 Highest Rank: Private First Class
 Hometown (at time of death): Grass Range
 Family: Max and Anna Schaff, parents; Sarah (Sally), Beverly, Rosalind and Nancy, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised on homestead south of Grass Range
 Served: Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, Central Europe
 Duties: gun repair, heavy machine repair, machinist, guard duty
 Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal

JOHN A. SCIUCHETTI
 Birthdate: Nov. 13, 1942
 Birthplace: Spokane, Wash.
 Highest Rank: E-5
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents John and Netti Sciuchetti; wife Sharon; children Shari and Daniel
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident
 Served: On the U.S.S. Willis A. Lee DL-4 Destroyer Leader
 Duties: Kitchen and laundry equipment; heating/air conditioning systems; diesel engines; air compressors; pumps, valves and controls



FERDINAND FRANK (FRED) SCHELL
 Birthdate: March 24, 1925
 Highest Rank: SM 2/C in U.S. Navy
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Spouse, Lorraine; children, Linda, Carl, Gregory, Nikki
 Connection to Central Montana: CPA in Lewistown since 1953
 Served: Central and South Pacific from age 17 to 21
 Duties: Combat team AP 31

GERALD C. "JERRY" SCHLICHENMAYER
 Birthdate: Jan. 3, 1925
 Birthplace: Washburn, N.D.
 Highest Rank: CWO-4
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Wife Kathy; children Jerilynn Haugen, Bruce, Brian
 Served: England, WWII US Army Air Corps; Army Reserve, Lewistown, 30 years
 Duties: WWII: Ball Turret Gunner on B-17; Administration Officer, Army Reserve
 Military Honors: Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal

GEORGE J. SCHLOSSER
 Birthdate: April 27, 1914
 Date of Death: June 21, 1981
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Ida Schlosser, spouse; George Jr., Carolyn, Richard, David, John, Robert and Christine, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Work and business (grocery)
 Served: Tokyo, Japan
 Duties: Renovation of Imperial Hotel, Yumora Insurance Building, etc.
 Military Honors: Army Engineer Corps Commendation Ribbon by Major General Hugh J. Casey, C.E. Chief Engineer

HERBERT N. SCHULER
 Birthdate: July 14, 1917
 Date of Death: July 20, 1944
 Highest Rank: Private First Class
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Sedonia, Myrnn Carsten, Ron Schuler, Loretta Widdkind
 Connection to Central Montana: Family
 Served: Alaska, ETO
 Duties: Rifle NCO 745
 Military Honors: A.F.T. Service Medal, E.A.M. E.T. Service Medal, AD Service Medal with Bronze Star, six overseas service bars

JOSHUA FRANCIS SCHWARTZ
 Highest Rank: AM3 (Aviation Mechanic 3rd Class Petty Officer)
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Ed and Diana Schwartz, parents; Stacy and Jenny, siblings
 Connection to Central Montana: Fergus High School graduate
 Serving: USS Pelului - LHA5 Arabian Sea
 Duties: Helicopter structural mechanic (air frames)

STACY LYNN SCHWARTZ
 Highest Rank: Airman Basic
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Ed and Diana Schwartz, parents; Jenny and Joshua, siblings
 Connection to Central Montana: Attended Fergus High School
 Serving: Keesler AFB, Biloxi, Miss.
 Duties: Personnel/administration tech school

JOHN A. SCIUCHETTI
 Birthdate: Nov. 13, 1942
 Birthplace: Spokane, Wash.
 Highest Rank: E-5
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents John and Netti Sciuchetti; wife Sharon; children Shari and Daniel
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident
 Served: On the U.S.S. Willis A. Lee DL-4 Destroyer Leader
 Duties: Kitchen and laundry equipment; heating/air conditioning systems; diesel engines; air compressors; pumps, valves and controls

JOSEPH CLARENCE SCIUCHETTI
 Birthdate: Dec. 23, 1940
 Birthplace: Lewistown, St. Joseph's Hospital
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Highest Rank: E4, 3rd Class Petty Officer
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: John and Antoinette Sciuchetti, parents; Coralie, wife; Penny Sciuchetti, daughter
 Served: USS Willis Ali, stationed out of Newport, Rhode Island, traveled around the world
 Duties: Worked with steam propulsion; worked in the engine room.

GEORGE W. SCOVEL
 Birthdate: Sept. 19, 1884
 Date of Death: May 17, 1971
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Elsie Beck Scovel, spouse; Eldon Beck and Lois Wagner, step-children
 Connection to Central Montana: Home
 Served: Europe, World War I

MARVEL E. SEILSTAD
 Birthdate: April 9, 1919
 Birthplace: Denton
 Highest Rank: Signalman 1st Class
 Hometown: Denton
 Family: Peter and Maria Seilstad, parents; Katherine, wife; Scott, Susan and Kay, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised
 Served: Pacific Theater
 Duties: May 1942 to Nov. 1945
 Military honors: Pacific Area Navy

PALMER MELTON SEILSTAD
 Birthdate: Oct. 13, 1914
 Date of Death: Jan. 22, 1979
 Highest Rank: Staff Sgt.
 Hometown (at time of death): Winifred
 Family: Sidney Killham Seilstad, spouse; Paul L. Seilstad and Carl C. Seilstad, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Central Montana rancher
 Served: Germany, World War II
 Duties: Tank destroyer Bn.

CLINT SENNETT
 Birthdate: April 22, 1927
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Chief Storekeeper E-7
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Children Frank, Jim and Karen O'Brien; wife Muriel
 Connection to Central Montana: Lifelong resident
 Served: Pacific Area
 Duties: Bow Gunner, Bombardier Panel, PBM, Bombers
 Honors, Special Commendations: Navy Aerodale

JAMES F. SENNETT
 Birthdate: July 11, 1925
 Date of Death: Sept. 2003
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Sgt.
 Family: Daughter Linda Scally; wife Mary Lou Sennett
 Served: European Theater
 Duties: Infantry Invasion at Normandy

HENRY WILLIAM SEREDAY
 Birthdate: Oct. 13, 1920
 Date of Death: March 4, 1992
 Highest Rank: CM3c(T), Carpenter's Mate Third Class
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: John and Suzie Sereday, parents; Opal Kingsland Sereday, spouse; David Sereday, Bev Halverson, Sandy Eastman, Daryl Sereday, Doug Sereday, Susan Hinkley, Dennis Sereday, Nick Sereday, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Lifelong resident
 Served: Philippines
 Military Honors: World War II Victory Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation

DAVID HARVEY SEVERNS
 Birthdate: March 29, 1936
 Date of Death: April 19, 1998
 Highest Rank: SSgt. E6
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Pattie Severns, Thomas Jones, Heather, Chris, Willie, Wayne, Ted and John Jones
 Connection to Central Montana: Worked at Gypsum plant, Fergus County Sheriff Department correction officer and Super 8 desk clerk
 Served: Vietnam
 Duties: Aviation crash crew man and a/c engine mechanic and fire inspector
 Military Honors: Cross of Gallantry with palm, first class rifle shooter and pistol sharpshooter, Air Medal 8th award Good Conduct Medal

JOSEPH FREDERICK SHARP
 Birthdate: Aug. 4, 1924
 Date of Death: July 31, 1990
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: AMM3C
 Branch of Military: Navy
 Family: Joy, wife; Tom and Denise, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised, worked 37 years at Fergus Electric
 Served: April 12, 1944 - June 5, 1946, Iwo Jima, South Pacific
 Duties: Aviation Machinists Mate Third Class
 Military Honors: Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal - 1 Star, World War II Victory Medal

WILLIAM C. SHAVER
 Birthdate: March 22, 1922
 Date of Death: Dec. 26, 2000
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant, 163rd Infantry Co. K 41st Division
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Dr. J.M. Shaver-Carro, Dolores, spouse; Gary K., Susan M., James M., Daniel C., Sandra K., and William M., children
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown
 Served: Asiatic-Pacific, Papua New Guinea
 Duties: Squad leader, served six years, two months, eight days
 Military Honors: Combat Infantry Badge, American Defense Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal

VANCE SHEPPARD
 Birthdate: Nov. 23, 1924
 Date of Death: Nov. 25, 2016
 Birthplace: Chinook
 Highest Rank: Sgt.
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Wife Joyce, son James, daughter Barbara
 Connection to Central Montana: Retired Burlington Northern employee
 Served: England, France, Belgium, Germany, Austria
 Duties: 746 ROB, WWII

JOHN S. SHEA
 Highest Rank: Private, U.S. Army
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Steve and Vinita Shea, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Fergus High School graduate
 Served: Electronics training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas
 Duties: Communication installation and maintenance

ERIC SILBERHORN
 Birthdate: Oct. 12, 1952
 Birthplace: Park Falls, Wis.
 Highest Rank: Specialist 4, Army
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Sherry Otto Silberhorn, wife; George and Gladys Silberhorn, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident, business owner
 Served: Republic of Vietnam
 Duties: Track vehicle mechanic

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GEORGE HENRY SILBERHORN



Birthdate: Aug. 31, 1924
Birthplace: Chicago, Ill.
Highest Rank: Tec 4 Sergeant 1943-45
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Ernest and Suzanne Silberhorn; wife Gladys Silberhorn; children Richard, Suzanne, Eric, Martin, Kathy, Christopher
Connection to Central Montana: 1968-78 Lewistown News-Argus printer, 1978 The Print Shop, sons and daughters reside in Montana
Served: World War II 517th Parachute Infantry Combat Team Europe
Duties: Infantryman
Military Honors: Parachute Badge, World War II Victory Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with devices and Army Glider Patch

JAMES RYAN SIMONS



Birthdate: May 22, 1947
Date of Death: May 24, 1986
Highest Rank: Major
Hometown (at time of death): Grass Range
Family: Agnes and Rulon Abbott
Connection to Central Montana: Attended school in Lewistown, graduated from Fergus High in 1965
Served: Germany, Vietnam and aboard aircraft carriers
Duties: Fighter Pilot, Solo Flight for USAF Thunderbirds; Astronaut Candidate
Military Honors: Air Force Outstanding Unit award, Combat Readiness Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Medal, Expert Marksmanship Medal, employed by NASA Johnson Space Center, astronaut candidate in April 1986

EVERETT LYLE SMITH



Birthdate: March 9, 1924
Date of Death: Oct. 30, 2007
Birthplace: Moore
Branch of Military: Marine Corp.
Highest Rank: Cpl.
Hometown (at time of death): Homeland, Calif.
Family: Harry and Mildred Smith, parents; Ardie, wife; Kits, son; Lorrie Curtis, and Mona (Jacey), daughters.
Connection to Central Montana: Owned Lewistown Auto Supply with partner Lloyd McGuire.
Served: Asiatic Pacific area, Guam, Bougainville from April 1943 to Jan. 1945.
Duties: Expert rifleman; stormed the beaches
Military Honors: Medical Discharge, July 1945 after six months in hospital at Faragut, Idaho.

DUANE A. SONNENBERG



Birthdate: March 14, 1923
Date of Death: Aug. 14, 2001
Highest Rank: Tech Sergeant E-5
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Leone, spouse; Tim Sonnenberg, Terry Sonnenberg, Tom Sonnenberg, Susy Hansen, Candy Chromey, Scott Sonnenberg and Barry Sonnenberg, children
Connection to Central Montana: Came to work for Jim Turner, Green Valley Angus Ranch
Served: Japan
Duties: Mechanic, chauffeur
Military Honors: Rocker T Battlefield Commendation, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal
CLAYTON J. SORENSEN
Highest Rank: E5 Staff Sergeant
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Tim and Marge Sorensen, parents; Lorena, spouse; Clayton Jr., son; and Rosa de Messina, mother-in-law
Connection to Central Montana: Attended Fergus High School
Served: Beale Air Force Base, Marysville, Calif.
Duties: General vehicle mechanic

RAY EDWARD VALENTINE

Birthdate: Oct. 3, 1942
Birthplace: Great Falls
Branch of Military: Navy
Current Hometown: Hobson
Family: Roy and Mary May Valentine, parents; Mary Gayle Valentine, wife; Bryson and Ross, sons; 4 step-children, 3 grandchildren, 14 step-grandchildren
Connection to Central Montana: Farmed and ranched at Moccasin
Served: Mediterranean Gulf
Duties: Log Room Yeoman aboard Navy tanker

MAURICE EDWARD VANCE JR.

Highest Rank: Corporal, USMC
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Dona Vance, spouse; Maurice and Bea Vance, parents (deceased); Dawn, Dustin and Marji, children
Served: Quantico, Va., and Okinawa, Japan
Duties: Combat photographer

FRANK J. VANEK

Birthdate: March 29, 1946
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Airman 3 Class
Current Hometown: Moore
Family: Wencil and Marie Vanek, Majorie, Lisa, Joe and Mat Vanek
Connection to Central Montana: Raised at Brooks and Warm Springs
Served: Nellie Airforce Base, Nev.
Duties: Aircraft Mechanic

JERRY JAMES VAN HAUR

Birthdate: April 11, 1888
Date of Death: Dec. 1976
Birthplace: Omaha, Neb.
Highest Rank: Fireman First Class, U.S. Navy
Family: May, wife; Irvin VanHaur and Sherry Amzten Hilt, children
Connection to Central Montana: Lived and ranched near Hilger, homesteader
Served: On the USS New Mexico during WWI
Duties: Made 6 trips across the Atlantic doing convoy duty

KIRBY A. VAN HORN

Birthdate: June 6, 1948
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Captain, U.S. Air Force
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Alan C. Van Horn and SaraLee N. Visscher, son David A. Van Horn
Connection to Central Montana: Birthplace
Served: Spain, U.S., Thailand, Vietnam, Laos
Duties: Pilot, FTD SQ Commander
Military Honors: AF Commendation Medal, 2 Air Medals

EINAR JOHN VIKSE

Birthdate: July 31, 1963
Birthplace: Anaconda
Highest Rank: E-4
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Einar and Sherie Vikse; sisters Star, Iha, Mariah; brother Joe
Connection to Central Montana: Brother Joe Conrad was adopted into Ray Conrad family, and Einar lived in Lewistown
Served: Germany
Duties: Infantryman, Armored Weapon crew, Marksman, Sharpshooter
Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, Overseas Service

HARRY A. VLASTELIC

Birthdate: March 31, 1956
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Army - E-5 (1986-1994); Army National Guard (1995-present)
Current Hometown: Kingston, ID
Family: Matt and Florence Vlastelic (deceased), parents; Chris, wife; Crystal, daughter
Connection to Central Montana: Raised at Grass Range
Served: Ft. Drum, New York; Germany; Korea; Somalia
Duties: Mechanic

JOHN M. VLASTELIC

Birthdate: May 8, 1950
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Navy - ET-1 (1968-1978); Army Reserve (1984-1990)
Current Hometown: Grass Range
Family: Matt and Florence Vlastelic (deceased), parents; brothers and sisters in area
Connection to Central Montana: Raised at Grass Range
Served: San Diego, Calif.; Phillipines; Japan; LaMoore, Calif.; Vietnam
Duties: Electronics Tech

MATT J. VLASTELIC

Birthdate: Aug. 24, 1911
Date of Death: March 19, 1994
Highest Rank: Corporal
Hometown (at time of death): Grass Range
Family: Florence (deceased), spouse; Barbara Embrey, Dorothy Kovacich, Frances Warzaha, Florence Griffith, Dori Miller, Rose Roe (deceased), children
Connection to Central Montana: Lived his life in Forest Grove and Grass Range
Served: Tennessee, Kentucky, New York and California
Duties: Tank operator

MICHAEL A. VLASTELIC

Birthdate: Aug. 5, 1951
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Aviation Machinists Mate 2nd Class
Branch of Military: Navy
Current Hometown: Grass Range
Family: Deborah J. Vlastelic, wife; JoDee and Trey Hess, Jamie and Trent Hess, children; Scott, Randy and Mark Ferdinand, stepsons; Conrad, Deanna, Lily, Ty and Whisper, grandchildren
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here
Served: San Diego, Calif.; NAITC Memphis; Whidbey Island, Washington
Duties: USS Ranger CVA61 aircraft engine mechanic

MARTIN SILBERHORN



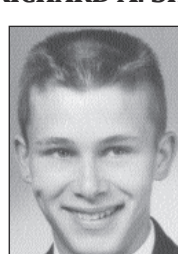
Birthdate: Nov. 8, 1953
Birthplace: Park Falls, Wis.
Highest Rank: E-7 Sergeant First Class
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents George and Gladys Silberhorn; wife Shauna Silberhorn; children Shawn and Jonathan
Connection to Central Montana: Resident from 1968-80, returned 2004
Served: Ft. Lewis, Wash.; Germany, Ft. Gordon, Ga.; Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.; Ft. Carson, Colo.
Duties: 16E Hawk Missile, 315 Satellite Signal
Military Honors: 3 Meritorious Service Medals, 3 Army Commendation Medals, 2 Joint Service Achievement Medals, 4 Army Achievement Medals, Army Superior Unit Award, 7 Army Good Conduct Medals, Army Reserve Commendation Medal, 2 National Defense Service Medals, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, 2 Overseas Service Ribbons, Army Service Ribbon, Army Presidential Unit Citation, Basic Marksman Qualification Badge

HAROLD B. SKAGGS



Birthdate: July 16, 1920
Date of Death: Sept. 14, 1985
Highest Rank: Master Sergeant
Hometown (at time of death): Cupertino, Calif.
Family: Ben and Olive (Archer) Skaggs, parents; Agnes (Schaff), spouse; four daughters and one son, Richard (killed in Vietnam 1968)
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Moccasin, graduated from Stanford High School in 1938
Served: Asiatic/Pacific planes
Duties: Maintenance and repair of U.S. planes
Military Honors: Bronze Star

RICHARD A. SKAGGS



Birthdate: March 30, 1947
Date of Death: June 18, 1968
Highest Rank: Cpl., Marine Corps
Hometown (at time of death): San Jose, Calif.
Family: Harold and Agnes Skaggs, parents
Connection to Central Montana: Only son of Harold Skaggs of Moccasin
Served: South Vietnam
Military Honors: Purple Heart with Gold Star, Cross of Gallantry, Military Merit Medal, Bronze Star, National Defense Medal and Republic of Vietnam Service Award

HAROLD ARTHUR SMITH



Birthdate: March 18, 1914
Date of Death: Feb. 7, 1950
Highest Rank: Private
Hometown (at time of death): Winifred
Family: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, parents; daughter Shirley Smith-Burnham, (Ken), granddaughters Renee, Rhonda, Rachel; nine great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.
Connection to Central Montana: Farmer
Served: Fort Lewis, Wash.
Duties: Early medical discharge

JOSEPH CLEVELAND SMITH



Birthdate: Dec. 18, 1918
Date of Death: Dec. 12, 1986
Highest Rank: Corporal, US Army
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Mary and Cleveland Smith, parents; Claudine Smith, spouse
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Grass Range area
Served: England
Duties: MP

STEPHEN S. SMITH



Birthdate: Oct. 17, 1915
Date of Death: Oct. 8, 2010
Birthplace: Denton
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
Branch of Military: Army
Hometown (at time of death): Denton
Family: Parents Percival and Rose Smith; spouse Margaret Smith
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised, farmed in Denton area
Served: European Theater
Duties: Gas generation unit
Military Honors: American Theater of Operations Service Ribbon, European, African, Middle Eastern Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, AR 600-68 Victory Medal

WOODROW E. SMITH



Birthdate: Nov. 11, 1918
Date of Death: Oct. 8, 1973
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Lieutenant
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: George and Iva Smith, parents; Loren and Camille, children; Jane Burnett Smith, wife
Connection to Central Montana: Raised at Gilt Edge
Served: WWII, U.S. Navy, Atlantic, Pacific
Duties: Pilot

JOHN WILLIAM SOKOL



Birthdate: Feb. 2, 1927
Date of Death: March 26, 2001
Highest Rank: T-5
Hometown (at time of death): Florence, Colo.
Family: Louis and Barbara Sokol, parents; Audrey, spouse; Warren and Mark, children
Served: Tokyo, Japan; MacArthur's GHQ
Duties: Clerk, typist in Dai Ichi building

JACK L. SONGER



Birthdate: April 13, 1932
Date of Death: Dec. 12, 2013
Birthplace: Garfield County
Highest Rank: Navy Airman
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Alvin W. and Thelma Songer, parents; Joanne Wyman, wife; Gwen Hershman, Kim Cox, Larry Songer, Linda Anderson and Loretta Songer, children.
Served: Far East, Korean War
Duties: Flight engineer on a C Patrol Bomber

SHAWN MARTIN SILBERHORN



Birthdate: Sept. 26, 1974
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Specialist E4
Current Hometown: Munchen, Germany
Family: Parents Martin and Shauna Silberhorn; wife Juliane Silberhorn; brother Jonathan
Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown and family still resides in Lewistown
Served: Ft. Hood Texas, Bamberg and Schweinfurt, Germany
Duties: Military Police K-9 Corps
Military Honors: Army Commendation Medal (2) and Army Achievement Medal

JOSEPH J. SIMAC



Birthdate: Aug. 7, 1919
Date of Death: Dec. 27, 1974
Highest Rank: Tec 5, U.S. Army
Hometown (at time of death): Winifred
Family: Kuzma and Johanna Simac
Connection to Central Montana: Lifelong Winifred resident
Served: 1942-45, North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Germany
Duties: Construction machine operator, Co. D 343rd Engineer Battalion
Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart

JAMES J. SIMACEK



Birthdate: July 16, 1916
Date of Death: March 11, 1955
Highest Rank: Tec 5, U.S. Army, 1942-46
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Frank and Anna Simacek, parents; Vivian Holmes, spouse
Connection to Central Montana: Kolin and Lewistown resident
Served: U.S., Europe, Phillipines
Duties: Truck driver, HQ Battery 205th AAA Gp.
Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal

GEORGE A. SKARDA



Birthdate: Oct. 6, 1916
Birthplace: Denton
Date of Death: Sept. 12, 1984
Highest Rank: Lt. Senior Grade in Navy Air Corps
Family: Parents Vencil (V.W.) and Josephine Skarda, parents; June Skarda, wife; Merry Ashley and Holly Campbell
Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised and graduated from Fergus High School, farmed and died in Central Montana.
Served: South America and South Pacific
Duties: Pilot and Flight Instructor

JOHN JAMES SKARDA



Birthdate: March 31, 1946
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: SP-5
Current Hometown: Hobson
Family: Margaret Gagin
Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown
Served: 3rd Squadron, 5th Armored Cavalry, Vietnam, 1967
Duties: Medic
Military Honors: Combat Medics Badge

DONALD W. SMITH

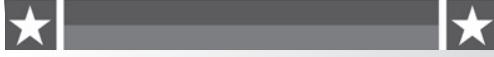


Birthdate: Sept. 28, 1927
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Corporal
Branch of Military: Company A, 82nd Chemical Mortar Battalion, US Army
Hometown: Winifred
Family: Dicie Simac, wife; Debbie, Donita, Daryl and Dale, children
Connection to Central Montana: Lifelong Winifred area resident
Served: Japan 1946-1947
Duties: Squad leader
Military Honors: World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal - Japan



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GLENN E. VOGL
 Birthdate: July 13, 1938
 Date of Death: May 3, 2007
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: SP4 E4 U.S. Army and Army Reserve
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents George and Clara Vogl, spouse Louise Vogl
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised, graduated from Fergus High School
 Served: Fort Lewis, Wash.
 Duties: Motor Pool

JAMES J. VOGL
 Birthdate: May 26, 1936
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Army
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents George and Clara Vogl, spouse Jeanie Vogl
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised, graduated from Fergus High School
 Served: Korea
 Duties: Motor Pool Sergeant

MARION MAC WAMBACH
 Birthdate: March 5, 1925
 Birthplace: Schottsbury, Indiana
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Hometown: Denton
 Family: Al and Mary Wambach, parents; Wife Mary Todd Wambach; children Linda, Alan, Wanda, Steve, Sandra and Joe
 Connection to Central Montana: Retired here among family and friends
 Served: Battle of the Bulge, Germany, European Theater,
 Duties: Charge of half track, 6-man crew and four 50-caliber machine guns, Military Police
 Military Honors, Special Commendations, etc: ETO ribbon with three battle stars, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe; Drafted May 1943, discharged March 1946.

DANIEL DUANE WATKINS
 Birthdate: May 6, 1947
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Branch of Military: Army
 Highest Rank: E-5
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Arthur and Margie Watkins, parents; Ellen Watkins, spouse; David Ward, Jim Ward, Janet Kitchin, step-children
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here
 Served: Vietnam
 Duties: Vehicle Mech. and combat
 Military Honors: National Defense Service Medal, Purple Heart, Vietnam Service Medal and Campaign Medal.

ROBERT O. WATSON
 Birthdate: May 12, 1923
 Birthplace: Hobson
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Hometown: Hobson
 Family: Spouse Dorothy, daughter Rebecca, son Tom
 Connection to Central Montana: Life-long rancher
 Served: European Theater – 69th Infantry Division
 Duties: Rifleman – Squad Leader
 Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, two Battle Stars, French Ministry of Defense Citation, Combat Infantryman's Badge

CLARENCE J. WEINHEIMER
 Birthdate: Jan. 23, 1944
 Date of Death: April 15, 2012
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: 1 SGT
 Branch of Military: US Army National Guard
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Franz & Emma Weinheimer (parents); Penni Weinheimer (spouse); Mike Weinheimer and Karen Weinheimer (children)
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown, longtime farmer, sheriff reserve deputy, and active Moore and Lewistown community member
 Served: Montana
 Duties: Served as Senior NCO of company D 1-163rd
 Military Honors: Army Achievement Medal (4), NCO Professional Development Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, MT National Guard Distinguished Recognition Ribbon, MT National Guard Campaign Ribbon

TOM WELLMAN
 Birthdate: Sept. 16, 1939
 Birthplace: Detroit, Mich.
 Highest Rank: Airman First Class, U.S. Air Force
 Connection to Central Montana: MT Mental Health Nursing Care Center
 Served: McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey
 Duties: Aircraft Engine Mechanic

MILO E. WESTBURG
 Birthdate: July 7, 1946
 Birthplace: Lewistown, MT
 Highest Rank: E-5 Air Controlman 2nd Class
 Branch of Military: U.S. Navy
 Current Hometown: Lewistown, MT
 Family: Bonnie Johnson (Mother); Ernest L. Westburg (Father); Sheila Dennison (Wife); Nettie C. Bell (Daughter); Angel Bell (Daughter)
 Served: Naval Air Station Marimar, San Diego, CA
 Duties: Air traffic tower control, Airways supervisor
 Military Honors: National Defense Service Medal

FRANCIS "FRANK" WESTHOFF, JR.
 Birthdate: Aug. 20, 1949
 Birthplace: Spokane, Wash.
 Highest Rank: Machinist Mate 2nd Class
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Ody and Margaret, parents; Suzanne, wife; Michelle, Jeremy, Jennifer, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Grew up in Lewistown, graduated St. Leos in 1967
 Served: Long Beach, Calif., Two tours in Vietnam
 Duties: Ran and maintained forward engine room on Destroyer Arnold J. Isabell DD869
 Military Honors: Vietnam Service and Combat

FRANK L. (BARNEY) STEPHENS
 Birthdate: Aug. 22, 1923
 Date of Death: Jan. 23, 2001
 Birthplace: Fergus
 Highest Rank: Private First Class
 Family: Son Doug (Jerie) Stephens
 Connection to Central Montana: Birthplace
 Served: WWII-Pacific Theater: Roi-Namur, Saipan, Tinian, Iwo Jima
 Duties: Marine Corps, Service/Supply aircraft



DIANA S. STEVENS
 Highest Rank: Major
 Branch of Military: U.S. Army Reserve
 Current Hometown: Moore
 Served: Jan. 1, 1974 - Jan 1, 1985; Vietnam era



IRENE R. STONE
 Highest Rank: IT1 E6
 Hometown: Roy
 Family: Jim and Rosalie English and the late Verge Fogle, parents; Chelsea Marie, daughter
 Connection to Central Montana: 1979 Roy High School graduate
 Served: Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, New Orleans, Spain, London, UK, San Diego
 Duties: Information Systems Technician, P.C. Support



DAVID (SKIP) STORFA
 Birthdate: Oct. 25, 1944
 Birthplace: Billings
 Highest Rank: E-4
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Wife Rosemarie, children Dave Storfa, Ren-nae Miller and Bobbi Gies
 Connection to Central Montana: Owned Storfa's Service
 Served: Corpus Christi, Texas
 Duties: Repaired Flight Trainers



ALAN R. STORY
 Birthdate: Oct. 6, 1946
 Birthplace: Billings
 Highest Rank: Spec. 5
 Current Hometown: Fruita, Colo.
 Family: Parents Loren and Bernice Story
 Connection to Central Montana: Cat Creek and Melstone
 Served: Ft. Sill, Okla.; Vietnam
 Duties: Radio Repair, Americal Division



JERRY STORY
 Birthdate: Aug. 23, 1944
 Birthplace: Bowling Green, Ky.
 Highest Rank: Staff Sgt.
 Current Hometown: Montrose, Colo.
 Family: Parents Loren and Bernice Story
 Connection to Central Montana: Went to school in Melstone
 Served: U.S. Air Force, Guam, NORAD, Colorado Springs, Colo.



LOREN FAY STORY
 Birthdate: June 28, 1921
 Birthplace: Winnett
 Highest Rank: PFC 3 years, 75th Division
 Hometown: Fruita, Colo.
 Family: Parents Fred and Ruby Story; wife Bernice Bauer; children Larry, Jerry and Alan
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident over 40 years
 Served: Belgium-Ardennes Forest, Battle of Bulge, Battle of Rhur Valley
 Duties: Combat Engineer



LLOYD MARION STOUT
 Birthdate: Dec. 5, 1917
 Birthplace: Stanford
 Highest Rank: T-3
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Parents and spouse deceased; Warren Stout, Harriet Killham, Roberta Lane (deceased), children
 Connection to Central Montana: Hobson and twin sister Leta Zirschky of Lewistown
 Served: Asiatic-Pacific Theater
 Duties: Supply clerk HQ Co. Base 'R' ord. Section.
 Military Honors: South Philippines Liberation, Luzon, 4 Service ribbons, 2 medals, pistol and rifle.



COLLINS J. STRONG
 Birthdate: Feb. 16, 1927
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: STC AOM U.S. Navy
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Spouse Vera Strong, children Ron Strong and Joan Estes
 Connection to Central Montana: Lifetime resident
 Served: South Pacific
 Duties: Loaded bombs and ammunition into aircraft
 Military Honors: Presidential Unit Citation



DALE R. STROUF
 Birthdate: Feb. 8, 1954
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Specialist E5
 Branch of Military: Army
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Dick and Leona Strouf of Moccasin; spouse Donna Strouf of Lewistown
 Connection to Central Montana: Family farms in Judith Basin County
 Served: Frederick, Maryland – 45 miles north of Washington, D.C.
 Duties: Satellite communications repairman on a secret prototype system; achieved assistant shift supervisor
 Military Honors: Yes, but none of big importance



DONALD W. STROUF
 Birthdate: Sept. 20, 1922
 Date of Death: Feb. 1, 1985
 Highest Rank: Tec 5, Army
 Hometown (at time of death): Great Falls
 Family: Helen Knox, mother; Marge Strouf, spouse; Debbie and Dawn, twin daughters
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Denton
 Served: Europe
 Duties: Infantry Regiment
 Military Honors: Bronze Star Medal and Citation



LYLE L. STROUF
 Birthdate: June 12, 1920
 Date of Death: April 10, 1998
 Highest Rank: Master Sergeant, Air Force
 Hometown (at time of death): Tombstone, Ariz.
 Family: Helen Knox, mother; Maxine, spouse; Stephen Strouf, son
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Denton
 Served: Aleutian Islands, Alaska, Vietnam and England
 Duties: Air Traffic Controller



RICHARD ELTON STRUNK
 Birthdate: June 27, 1937
 Date of Death: July 17, 1998
 Highest Rank: SFC
 Hometown (at time of death): Harrisburg, Ore.
 Family: Elton M. and Virginia (deceased) Ester Strunk, parents;
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Central Montana, 1955 graduate of Fergus High School
 Served: Vietnam, Turkey, Thailand, Germany, U.S.A.
 Duties: Military police, instructor in communications



MICHAEL STUEHM
 Birthdate: June 30, 1947
 Birthplace: Campaign - Urbana, Ill.
 Branch of Military: Co. B 1/506 101st Airborne
 Highest Rank: SP4
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Harriet, wife; Megan and Nicole, daughters
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived here over 30 years
 Served: I Corps Vietnam
 Duties: Infantry Rifleman
 Military Honors: Purple Heart, Bronze Star with V, 3 Air Medals, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service, Vietnam Campaign



BUTCH STURTZ
 Birthdate: June 12, 1945
 Birthplace: Miles City
 Highest Rank: BM2
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents William and Mae Sturtz
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised and schooled in Lewistown
 Served: USS Seminole
 Duties: Mobile river assault boat, Vietnam
 Military Honors: Served July 1965 to June 1968, Award of Navy Achievement Medal, Combat V



JAMES VICTOR STURTZ
 Birthdate: Feb. 4, 1947
 Birthplace: Jordan
 Highest Rank: BM3
 Current Hometown: Salt Lake City, Utah
 Family: Parents William and Mae Sturtz, son Duston Sturtz
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised and schooled in Lewistown
 Served: USS Seminole
 Duties: US Navy, BM3, served from July 1965 to June 1967



WILLIAM VICTOR STURTZ
 Birthdate: July 5, 1922
 Date of Death: Dec. 24, 2000
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: John and Molly Sturtz, parents; Mae Sturtz, spouse
 Connection to Central Montana: lived and worked in Lewistown since 1951
 Served: 3704th AAF Base Unit
 Duties: Aerial gunner instructor
 Military Honors: Served Oct. 1942 to Oct. 1945



DONALD HENRY SURBER
 Birthdate: Feb. 18, 1922
 Date of Death: 1942
 Highest Rank: Private First Class
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Hary and Ruth Surber, parents; Thelma Jones, Ken Surber, Margaret Warneke and Betty Morgan, siblings
 Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised and graduated here
 Served: Philippines
 Military Honors: Died in 1942 in a prison camp



OSCAR V. SWAN
 Birthdate: Dec. 6, 1922
 Date of Death: Aug. 29, 2000
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant E-6, U.S. Army
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Oscar W. and Carrie Swan, parents; Patricia R. Swan, Georgia (Don) Cline, Denise Swan, Greg (Rose) Swan, Judy (Chuck) May
 Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown, graduated at Fergus High School, owned construction business, now operated by son Greg
 Served: England, North France, Rhineland, Battle of Bulge, Normandy
 Duties: Specialized in construction equipment mechanics
 Military Honors: European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal



WALTER JAMES SWAN
 Birthdate: March 15, 1917
 Date of Death: March 29, 2000
 Highest Rank: P.F.C.
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Robert and Adeline Swan, parents; Shirley L. Swan, spouse; Rita Pemberton, daughter
 Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown and served as lawman in Denton, Geraldine, Fort Benton, Big Sandy and Box Elder
 Served: Trained to go to Japan, but sent to Europe after Battle of Bulge instead
 Duties: Communication with HGT. Co. 3rd Bn. 7th Infantry
 Military Honors: Purple Heart for wounds received while stringing lines across the Rhine River



BRYAN SWANSON
 Birthdate: Nov. 14, 1986
 Birthplace: Billings
 Highest Rank: PFC
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Leroy and Dorothy Swanson; grandparents Lillian Swanson and Tillie Pentecost;
 Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Lewistown
 Served: In Jacksonville, N.C.



DANIEL JOSEPH SWANSON
 Birthdate: July 21, 1983
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Leroy and Dorothy Swanson; grandparents Lillian Swanson and Tillie Pentecost; brother Bryan; sister Mandy Hullman
 Connection to Central Montana: born and raised in Lewistown
 Served: Two tours overseas, Korea, Tel-Afar, Iraq
 Duties: Team Leader Stryker Battalion Combat Team
 Military honors, special commendations, etc.: Purple Heart, CIB and many more



EDWARD SWANSON
 Birthdate: Aug. 12, 1918
 Date of Death: April 12, 1942
 Highest Rank: Sgt.
 Birthplace: Homestead near Cheadle
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: William and Katherine Swanson, parents
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised 12 miles east of Lewistown near Cheadle
 Served: Island of Corregidor in the mouth of Manila Bay
 Duties: Commanded anti-aircraft battery
 Military Honors: Purple Heart, Fergus County's First War fatality in WWII



CLARENCE J. SWEENEY
 Birthdate: Jan. 27, 1927
 Date of Death: July 17, 1994
 Highest Rank: Corporal
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Harry and Violet Sweeney, parents; Patricia (Miller) Sweeney, spouse; Scott, Mike and Nancy, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised on Sweeney homestead near Hilger
 Served: Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala.
 Duties: Engineer in the planning office of the Guided Missile Development Group



ROBERT JOHN SWEETING
 Birthdate: April 23, 1923
 Birthplace: Wolf Point
 Date of Death: Nov. 12, 1980
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant Air Corps Montana
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Spouse Betty Lou Sweeting, children Betty Williams, John Sweeting, Jeanette Welken
 Connection to Central Montana: Ranched 14 miles south of Lewistown
 Served: New Hebrides, South Pacific
 Duties: Aircraft Welder
 Military Honors: Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Medal



TANNER JAMES SWIFT
 Birthdate: Sept. 24, 1985
 Birthplace: Billings
 Branch of Military: Army National Guard
 Highest Rank: Chief Warrant Officer 2
 Current Hometown: Bend, Oregon
 Family: Judy Swift, mother; Kelsey Swift, wife; children Clifford and Theodore Swift
 Connection to Central Montana: 2004 graduate of Fergus High School
 Served: Iraq - 1 year; Helena; Salem, OR
 Duties: Blackhawk helicopter pilot – Jan./Feb. 2013 will be back east at school for helicopter flight instructors, currently works for Portland helicopter company flying a Chinook helicopter, 30 days on, 30 days off in Afghanistan
 Military Honors: National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, award for rescue operation



HARRY L. SYVERSON
 Birthdate: Feb. 26, 1915
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Herman and Wanda Syverson, spouse Blanche, Patrice Reynolds, Carol Trawich, and Beverly Huffman
 Connection to Central Montana: Resident Served: California and Idaho
 Duties: Military Police
 Military Honors: Honorable Discharge, WWII, Korean War



CHARLES RAY (BUZZ) TAYLOR
 Birthdate: Oct. 22, 1923
 Birthplace: Bartlett, Neb.
 Highest Rank: RM2c
 Served: San Diego, Calif.; Coronado, Colo.; Bremerton, Wash.
 Military Honors: Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal w/1 star, Philippine Liberation Medal, American Area Campaign Medal and World War II Victory Medal



HERE RESTS IN HONORED GLORY A COMRADE IN ARMS



DILLON CLAY TAYLOR



Birthdate: Oct. 29, 1979
Birthplace: Waterbury, Conn.
Highest Rank: Captain, Marines
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Richard and Christine Taylor
Connection to

Central Montana: Grew up here since 1 1/2, Fergus High School graduate.
Served: Iraq, two Tours Operation Iraqi Freedom; Camp Lejeune, N.C.
Duties: Scout for an LAV in Light Armored Recon, US Marines
Military Honors: Battlefield promotion to Sergeant for Valor 2003, Outstanding leader at the Basic School for Marine Corps officers, June 2005.

JONATHAN BRETT TAYLOR



Birthdate: Oct. 26, 1974
Birthplace: Waterbury, Conn.
Highest Rank: Major, Air Force
Current Hometown: Goldsboro, N.C.
Family: Richard and Christine Taylor
Connection to

Central Montana: Grew up in Lewistown and graduated from Fergus High School
Served: South Korea; Operation Northern Watch; Operation Iraqi Freedom,
Duties: Flies the F-15 E Strike Eagle
Military Honors: Outstanding student at UPT, Outstanding graduate aeronautical engineering, US Air Force Academy

KENNETH M. TAYLOR



Birthdate: Jan. 2, 1948
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Specialist 5th Class
Current Hometown: Crestwood, Ky.
Family: parents Emily Taylor and the late

Robert W. Taylor of Kolin, wife Leslie, children Bobby and Nicole, brothers Donald and Robert, two grandchildren
Connection to Central Montana: Born here
Served: Virginia, Vietnam, Germany
Duties: Electrician
Military Honors: World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, Combat Action Medal

ROBERT W. TAYLOR



Birthdate: Jan. 16, 1916
Date of Death: Sept. 23, 1989
Highest Rank: Sergeant
Hometown (at time of death): Kolin
Family: William and Catherine Taylor, parents; Emily M.

Taylor, spouse; Robert J., Donald L., Kenneth M. and Joyce Ann, children
Connection to Central Montana: Farmer
Served: Wyoming, South Carolina and Fort McCoy (Wisconsin)
Duties: Mechanic

MONS TEIGEN



Birthdate: Jan. 30, 1922
Date of Death: Oct. 24, 2009
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Private
Branch of Military: U.S. Marine Corps
Hometown at time of Death: Helena,

MT
Family: Wife (deceased), 3 children (2 boys and 1 girl)
Connection to Central Montana: Attended Montana State in Bozeman, graduated with a masters and worked for Montana Grass Conservation Commission out of Lewistown and Miles City until about 1970, then worked in Helena for the Montana Lands and Investments
Served: South Pacific Islands, Guadalcanal and Bougainville
Duties: Communication Officer
Military Honors: Honorable Discharge

GEORGE RAYMOND TEWS



Birthdate: March 8, 1928
Birthplace: Moore
Highest Rank: Acting Staff Sgt.
Hometown: Moore
Family: Rosemarie, Ricky and Micky Tews
Connection to

Central Montana: Lifetime resident (business owner and operator)
Served: March Air Force Base, Riverside, Calif.; McChord Air Force Base, Tacoma, Wash.
Duties: Detached from unit to base, motor pool, driver, school instructor, all units
Military Honors, Special Commendations, etc: Airman of the month.

JOHN DONALD THAYER



Birthdate: Feb. 3, 1922
Date of Death: Oct. 26, 2005
Birthplace: Neoga, Illinois
Highest Rank: Signalman First Class
Branch of Military: US Navy
Family: Lorraine G. Thayer, wife; John

G. Thayer, son; Ruth T. Wicks, daughter; Lance J. Thayer and Jack T. Wicks, grandsons
Connection to Central Montana: Central Montana rancher
Served: Russell Islands in the South Pacific
Duties: Performed visual communications with incoming aircraft and ships during WWII. Served with USMC Major "Pappy" Boyington and the famed Black Sheep Squadron

JOHN GEARY THAYER



Birthdate: Oct. 10, 1950
Birthplace: Billings
Highest Rank: Chief Petty Officer
Branch of Military: Navy
Current Hometown: Forest Grove, MT
Family: Don and Lorraine Thayer

(deceased), parents; Linda, wife; Ruth T. Wicks, sister; Lance, son
Connection to Central Montana: 1968 Graduate of FCHS
Served: Far East, Southeast Asia, Mediterranean, and Persian Gulf
Duties: Naval communications on board gunboats and frigates during Vietnam conflict and Desert Storm
Military Honors: Awarded Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal (2), Joint Meritorious Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation (3), National Defense Service Medal (2), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Good Conduct Medal (5), Overseas Service Ribbon (7), Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (5) and Sharpshooter Pistol Ribbon

JASON MICHAEL THOM



Highest Rank: GFMFR
Hometown: Moore
Family: Mike Thom and Gayle Thom, parents
Connection to Central Montana: Attended Hobson High School
Served: Everett,

Wash.
Duties: Engineer on USS Fife

RAYMOND GEORGE THOM



Highest Rank: E5 Sergeant
Hometown: Moore
Family: Betty Dexter and Duane Thom, parents; Joshua Thom, son
Connection to Central Montana: Attended Moore High School
Served: Ft. Stewart, Ga., Honduras, Germany and Desert Storm
Duties: Heavy equipment mechanic

CHARLES C. THOMAS



Birthdate: March 14, 1895
Date of Death: April 25, 1962
Highest Rank: Private
Hometown (at time of death): Moore
Family: Elisha and Sarah Thomas, parents; Minnie,

spouse; Florence Termaat, Ruth Tucek and Helen Pratt, children
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised near Moore
Served: World War I
Duties: Was trained at Fort Lewis, Wash., when the armistice was signed

KENNETH (BUS) THOMPSON



Birthdate: Feb. 8, 1919
Date of Death: Oct. 6, 1991
Highest Rank: Sergeant
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Earl and Zeta Thompson, parents; Alice Thompson, spouse; Marjorie Damschen, Nancy Wilcox and Teresa McQuillen, children
Connection to Central Montana: Ranched in Winifred area until moving to Lewistown for retirement
Served: 91st Battalion, First Armored Division, World War II, North Africa, Italy, European Theater, Battle of the Bulge
Duties: Tank Commander, in service from March 17, 1941 to June 27, 1945
Military Honors: European-African-Middle East Theater Service Medal, American Defense Service Medal

OTTO JAMES THOMPSON



Birthdate: Oct. 29, 1923
Birthplace: Judith Gap
Date of Death: Feb. 1, 2001
Highest Rank: Coast Guard, Seaman 1st Class
Hometown (at time of death): Lewis-

town
Family: Wife Charlotte, children James, Dorothy, Cherie and Bonnie
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here
Served: Port Orchard, Wash., South Pacific Patrol - on beach and on ship, USS Leonard
Duties: In service from March 17, 1941 to June 27, 1945
Military Honors: Just gratitude from future generations for our continuing freedoms

ROBERT THOMAS THOMPSON



Birthdate: Aug. 16, 1934
Date of Death: May 31, 2007
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: PFC E3, Army
Family: Harold and Vivian Thompson, parents; Nell Thompson, wife;

Jeffrey Scott Wynne, Tom, Phil, Randy Thompson, children
Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown and lived in Hobson
Served: Fort Lewis, Wash.; Fairbanks, Alaska
Duties: Field Communications Crewman 310
Military Honors: Honorable Discharge

FRANCIS M. TINDALL



Birthdate: May 5, 1923
Birthplace: Dayton, Wash.
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant of 3189th Engineer Battalion
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Forrest and Edith Tindall;

children Linda Ulrich, Tim Tindall, Leslie Taylor and Vic Tindall
Connection to Central Montana: Resident most of his life
Served: During WWII was stationed at Fort Belvoir, Va., and Fort Lewis, Wash.
Duties: Foreman, oxygen and acetylene plant
Honors: Sharpshooter Rifle Marksman Carbine; American Theater of Operations Service Ribbon; Good Conduct Medal 600-68; Victory Medal

DONALD R. TODD



Birthdate: Aug. 14, 1925
Birthplace: Stanford
Highest Rank: Sergeant
Current Hometown: Denton
Family: Parents Frank and Lucille Todd; wife Dolores; children Rick, Ron

and Terry Todd
Served: Saipan and Guam
Duties: Radar Specialist
Honors: Asiatic-Pacific Service Victory Medal; American Theater Service Medal

JOHN F. TOGNETTI



Birthdate: Nov. 17, 1919
Birthplace: Petaluma, Calif.
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant, U.S. Air Force
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents, August and Eugenia

Tognetti; Hilda Tognetti, spouse
Connection to Central Montana: Lifelong resident and business owner
Served: Africa and U.S.A.
Duties: Control tower operator
Military Honors: Ribbons and honorable discharge

MICHAEL JOHN TOLLER



Date of Birth: Aug. 12, 1948
Date of Death: Feb. 15, 2019
Birthplace: San Francisco, Calif.
Highest Rank: Petty Officer Third Class
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Spouse Lynn Toller; children Shelly and Joe
Served: Pacific Fleet - Com Cruis Pak 3, Pacific Ocean, Vietnam

JOSEPH EUGENE (GENE) TOOMEY



Birthdate: July 13, 1920
Date of Death: Aug. 25, 1989
Birthplace: Denver, Colorado
Branch of Military: Army, Quarter Master Corps
Served: WWII; 1942-1945

Duties: Worked in California for 35 years for a firm that designed and built parts to fit military specifications

THOMAS FRANCIS TOOMEY, JR.



Birthdate: July 4, 1917
Date of Death: July 17, 1988
Birthplace: Winnett
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant, Company B, 820th Engineer Battalion
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Thomas

F. Toomey, father; Anna Wichman, mother; Frances R. Toomey, wife
Connection to Central Montana: Owned Toomey's Shoe Repair and Saddlery
Served: Called in 1941, came home in 1945. Spent two years in England, France, Belgium and Germany
Duties: Tom and his comrades arrived in Normandy Beach on the 4th wave of the invasion of Europe. From there they marched across France building airstrips and other projects, fighting their way into the heart of the Rhineland.

KYLE STEVEN TRAFTON



Birthdate: Aug. 19, 1981
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: OS3 (SW) E-4
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Mother Kam Orley, father Steve Trafton, step-

mom Michelle Trafton, wife Shay
Connection to Central Montana: Hometown - graduated
Served: Persian Gulf
Duties: Operations Specialist on the USS Tarawa (LHA-1)
Military Honors: War on Terrorism Service, Naval Commendation, Letter of Commendation for stopping a major fuel oil leak

MARK EVAN TRAFTON



Birthdate: Aug. 18, 1950
Birthplace: Miles City
Date of Death: Feb. 13, 2004
Highest Rank: S1
Family: Son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Trafton
Served: San Fran-

cisco, Calif.
Duties: Clerk

GEORGE WILLIAM TRASK



Birthdate: Dec. 15, 1931
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Cpl., 8th Army, 304th Signal Bn.
Hometown: Utica
Family: Dorothy E. Trask
Connection to Cen-

tral Montana: Lifetime resident
Served: Korea, 19 months
Duties: Infantry rifleman; teletype operator; courier
Military Honors: Korean service medal with two bronze stars; Meritorious Unit commendation; United Nations Service Medal; National Service Medal/ Korean War Service Medal

RICHARD LYMAN TRASK



Birthdate: Nov. 21, 1931
Birthplace: Terry
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Wife Kathy Trask, son Dirk Trask, daughters Rhonda Gallagher,

Cherie Quigley, Dena Musick
Connection to Central Montana: Worked for Moodie Implement
Served: Korea
Duties: Squad Leader

JOHN DAVID TREMAIN



Birthdate: Nov. 30, 1945
Birthplace: Sparta, WI
Highest Rank: SP 5
Branch of Military: Army - 5th Special Forces Group - Airborne, Detachment B-52
Current Home-

town: Lewistown
Family: Wife Christine A. Tremain
Connection to Central Montana: Moved here in 1978
Served: Vietnam June 1969-June 1970
Duties: Admin specialist
Military Honors: NDSM, VSM, VCM, CIB, 2 O/S Bars, 2 Bronze Stars

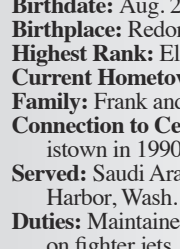
JOHN COMES TRESCH



Birthdate: July 6, 1923
Date of Death: 1992
Highest Rank: PFC
Family: Julius and Verna Comes Tresch, parents; Faye Dunlap, spouse; Maryann Rader, Louie

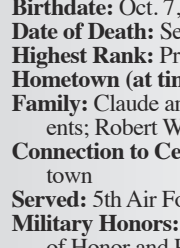
McKay, Rose Tresch, John Tresch and Rita Tresch, children
Connection to Central Montana: Farmed and ranched on Beaver Creek and Christina
Served: Texas, United States
Duties: Military police

JERAMY WESTHOFF



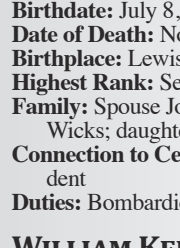
Birthdate: Aug. 21, 1974
Birthplace: Redondo Beach, Calif.
Highest Rank: Electronics Technician
Current Hometown: Butte
Family: Frank and Suzanne Westhoff, parents
Connection to Central Montana: Moved to Lewistown in 1990, graduated FHS in 1992
Served: Saudi Arabia; Italy; Japan; Germany; Oak Harbor, Wash.
Duties: Maintained and repaired computer systems on fighter jets
Military Honors: NATO Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal

JOHN FREDRICK WHITE



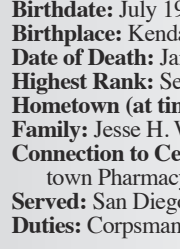
Birthdate: Oct. 7, 1919
Date of Death: Sept. 7, 1944
Highest Rank: Private First Class
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Claude and Anna (Siemens) White, parents; Robert W. White, brother
Connection to Central Montana: Born in Lewistown
Served: 5th Air Force, Mindiano, Philippines
Military Honors: Bataan Death March - Citation of Honor and Purple Heart

JOE C. WICKS



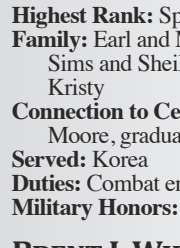
Birthdate: July 8, 1924
Date of Death: Nov. 4, 2006
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Second Lieutenant, U.S. Air Force
Family: Spouse Joy Wicks; sons Jon and Jim Wicks; daughter Jan Waltenbaugh
Connection to Central Montana: Lifetime resident
Duties: Bombardier and Navigator

WILLIAM KENDALL WICKS



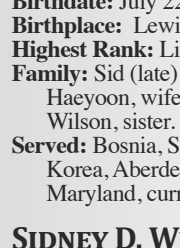
Birthdate: July 19, 1908
Birthplace: Kendall
Date of Death: Jan. 1, 1971
Highest Rank: Seaman 1st Class
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Jesse H. Wicks, Catherine O'Keefe Wicks
Connection to Central Montana: Manager Lewistown Pharmacy, 1951 to 1971
Served: San Diego
Duties: Corpsman

KEITH WILEY



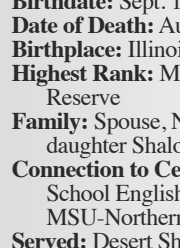
Date of Death: Aug. 26, 2006
Highest Rank: Spec. 5th Class
Family: Earl and Margaret Wiley, sisters Janette Sims and Sheila Sims; daughters K.D. and Kristy
Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Moore, graduated from Grass Range
Served: Korea
Duties: Combat engineer
Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal

BRENT J. WILSON



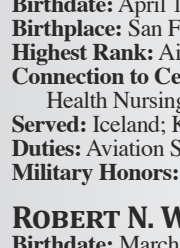
Birthdate: July 22, 1972
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
Family: Sid (late) and Nancy Wilson, parents; Haeyoon, wife; Addison, daughter; Sharon Wilson, sister.
Served: Bosnia, S. Korea, Iraq, Seoul, South Korea, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Baltimore, Maryland, currently serving in Kuwait

SIDNEY D. WILSON



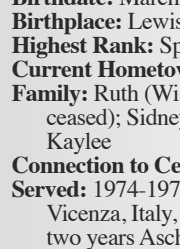
Birthdate: Sept. 11, 1944
Date of Death: Aug. 7, 2001
Birthplace: Illinois
Highest Rank: Master Sergeant, U.S. Army Reserve
Family: Spouse, Nancy Wilson; son Brent Wilson; daughter Sharon Wilson.
Connection to Central Montana: Fergus High School English Teacher (32 years), Instructor for MSU-Northern Lewistown Branch.
Served: Desert Shield/Desert Storm

JAMES WINSTEAD



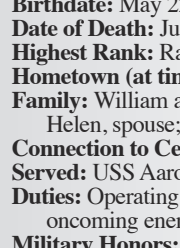
Birthdate: April 17, 1942
Birthplace: San Francisco, Calif.
Highest Rank: Airman, U.S. Navy
Connection to Central Montana: MT Mental Health Nursing Care Center
Served: Iceland; Kingsville, Texas
Duties: Aviation Structural Mechanic
Military Honors: Safety Award

ROBERT N. WISE



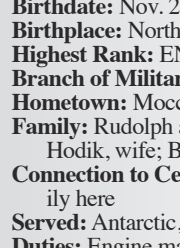
Birthdate: March 18, 1955
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Specialist 4
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Ruth (Wise) Wells, Gerald Wise (deceased); Sidney, Heather, Joshua, Jenna and Kaylee
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised
Served: 1974-1977 (Vietnam era veteran) One year Vicenza, Italy, as NATO Forces Security Guard; two years Aschaffenburg, West German, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry.
Duties: Mechanized Infantry, M60 Machine Gunner, 50 caliber machine gunner, member of high ranked Augmentation Reserve Force, Armored Personnel Carrier driver.

EDWARD WITTENBERG



Birthdate: May 22, 1923
Date of Death: July 15, 1997
Highest Rank: Radarman 3-C
Hometown (at time of death): Oshkosh, Wis.
Family: William and Emelia Wittenberg, parents; Helen, spouse; Robert and Betty Jean, children
Connection to Central Montana: Born in Denton
Served: USS Aaron Ward DM 34 Pacific Ocean
Duties: Operating radar equipment, alerting of any oncoming enemy
Military Honors: American Defense Award, Good Conduct Award, Pacific Ocean Theater Medal, World War II

GERALD RUDOLPH WOHLK



Birthdate: Nov. 22, 1939
Birthplace: North Dakota
Highest Rank: EN3
Branch of Military: Navy
Hometown: Moccasin
Family: Rudolph and Olga Wohlk, parents; Linda Hodik, wife; Brian and Brandy, children
Connection to Central Montana: Raised my family here
Served: Antarctic, Arctic Ocean
Duties: Engine man

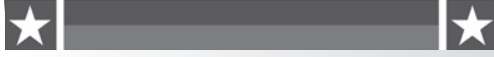
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CLARENCE O. WOOLLEY
 Birthdate: June 6, 1929
 Date of Death: Aug. 2, 1985
 Hometown (at time of death): Pocatello, Idaho
 Family: Mac O. and Ellen (Gregg) Woolley, parents; Bonnie J. McClellan, spouse; Mark, John, Esther and David (step-son), children
 Connection to Central Montana: Education from 1939
 Served: South Pacific, China, Japan

MAX JACOB WOOLLEY
 Birthdate: Dec. 19, 1916
 Highest Rank: Captain
 Family: Mac O. and Ellen (Gregg) Woolley, parents; Blanche (Brown) Woolley, spouse; Max Jay Woolley, son
 Connection to Central Montana: Home from 1939 on
 Served: E.T.O.
 Duties: P-38 pilot, 384th Fighter Squadron, 364th Fighter Group, 8th Air Force
 Military Honors: Purple Heart, Caterpillar Pin, Winged Boot Emblem, Distinguished Flying Crs

ROBERT WHEELER WOOLLEY
 Birthdate: Nov. 7, 1921
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Family: Mac O. and Ellen (Gregg) Woolley, parents; Mildred McDonough, spouse; Darlene Woolley Stene, daughter
 Connection to Central Montana: Home from 1938 until graduating from high school in 1939
 Served: Hawaii, South Pacific, Guadalcanal Campaign, New Georgia, New Caladonia and Luzon, Philippines Campaigns
 Duties: Infantry
 Military Honors: Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Medal, South Pacific Combat Medal

JOHN WORMELL
 Birthdate: Feb. 26, 1945
 Highest Rank: Captain
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Rosina Rotown Wormell
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived here since 1995
 Served: Three tours in Vietnam
 Duties: Helicopter Pilot
 Military Honors: Air Medal - Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart

GUY D. WRIGHT
 Birthdate: Nov. 19, 1915
 Date of Death: July 1981
 Birthplace: Kolin, Mont.
 Branch of Military: Army
 Highest Rank: Private First Class
 Family: Homer and Elsie Wright, parents (deceased); Mrs. Terry Loomis, Mr. Neil Wright
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Central Montana
 Served: Fort Ord, Calif.; Camp Maxie, Texas.
 Duties: Was involved in the invasion of Italy coming through Rome and on North to Bologna, where while digging foxholes, was over-run by German soldiers and captured. Then transported in box cars on the railroad over Brenner Pass. Spent approximately six months in a prison camp until the war was over, with very little food to eat.
 Military Honors: Combat Infantry Medal

ALBERT WILLIAM YOUNG
 Birthdate: May 7, 1928
 Birthplace: Great Falls
 Highest Rank: Army Air Corp
 Connection to Central Montana: MT Mental Health Nursing Care Center
 Served: Guam
 Duties: Air Traffic Controller
 Military Honors: Honorable Discharge

BILL OWEN YOUNGBAUER
 Birthdate: Dec. 5, 1952
 Birthplace: Miles City
 Highest Rank: E-4
 Branch of Military: Air Force
 Current Hometown: Stanford
 Connection to Central Montana: Lived here entire life
 Served: Idaho, Utah, Thailand
 Duties: Jet mechanic

SANDRA K. YOUNGBAUER
 Birthdate: Sept. 19, 1954
 Birthplace: Choteau
 Highest Rank: SSGT. 1st Class
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Mother Luella Alexander; spouse Bill Youngbauer, children Kelli and Kyle
 Connection to Central Montana: Retired postal worker; county commissioner
 Served: Korea, Honduras, Saudi Arabia
 Duties: Cook, laundry
 Military Honors: 22 years of service in Army Reserve

ERIC J. ZARN
 Birthdate: Dec. 24, 1997
 Highest Rank: E-7 Petty Officer 2nd Class E.O.
 Birthplace: Cutbank, MT
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Connie, Devlin and Alaura. Jim Zarn, Carolyn and Dalton Smitherman
 Connection to Central Montana: Family/Friends and Hometown
 Served: Gulfport, Mississippi and Bremerton Washington, School in Great Lakes, IL, Fort Leonard, Missouri, Port Hueneme, CA, deployed to Guam, Create Greece, Thailand, Singapore, Spain, Sicily, Italy, Okinawa Japan, Indoesia, Philippines
 Duties: Heavy Equipment Operator, Transportation Operator, Licensing Examiner, Yard Boss, Supervisor, Tire shop supervisor, Running fuel trucks, Rock Quarry Operations, Roofing, building recreation facilities, schools, parking lots, ect.
 Military Honors: Expert M16 rifle, Expert pistol, Battle E, Good Conduct, NATO metal, Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist (SCWS), Armed Forces



JULIUS RICHARD TRESCH
 Birthdate: April 24, 1924
 Date of Death: July 7, 2009
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: REO AF
 Branch of Military: Air Force
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Julius and Verna Tresch, parents; Joan, wife; Julius M., Donald J., Theodore J. Saralynn M. and Cheryl, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised on a ranch at Beaver Creek
 Served: Korea
 Duties: Sr. Construction Equipment Operator
 Military Honors: Korean Service Medal FEAFF GO, National Defense Service Medal, UN Service Medal, 2 Bronze Service Stars to KSMG GO 114, Most Significant Duty Assignment - 824th Inst. Squadron

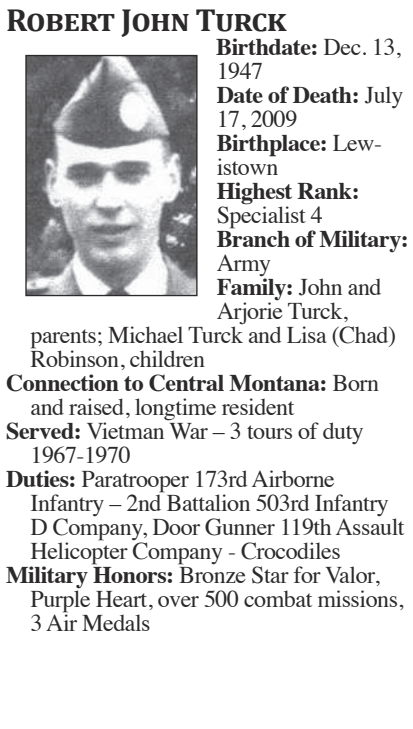
RAMON G. (OZZIE) TRESCH
 Birthdate: May 12, 1932
 Date of Death: Oct. 21, 1995
 Highest Rank: A/2C
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Julius (Booblie) and Verna, parents; Pat Eades, spouse; Diana, Cathy, Tony, Lori, Jeanne and Roger, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Rancher
 Served: Korea
 Duties: Mechanic
 Military Honors: Korean Service Medal, UN Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal

JAMES A. TUCEK
 Birthdate: Oct. 20, 1921
 Date of Death: Aug. 15, 1993
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Hometown: Danvers
 Family: Bohumil and Mary Tucek, parents; Ruth Tucek, parents; Ronald, Thomas, Steven, Paul and Cecilia, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Danvers
 Served: Belgium, Germany, World War II
 Duties: Gunnery, maintenance

MATTEA I. TUCEK
 Family: Charlie and Janel Tucek (parents); Layton Tucek (brother); Tony (Navy SeeBee and Vietnam Vet 1966 - 1969) and Betty Kuhry and Steve and Donna Tucek (grandparents)
 Connection to Central Montana: 2019 graduate of Grass Range school
 Served: Currently at JBSA Lackland AFB in San Antonio training in the 343 TRS Security Forces Academy after graduating from basic training in August of 2019

ARTHUR R. TUCKER
 Birthdate: Aug. 7, 1925
 Birthplace: Big Sandy, Mont.
 Highest Rank: CM 2nd Class, U.S. Navy
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Eileen, wife; Skip, son
 Connection to Central Montana: Taught school 28 years from 1954-1980; worked at fair grounds as ground crew foreman, 1980-1987 as fair manager
 Served: ETO - Africa, Italy, France, Hawaii, Guam
 Duties: In Europe was in a pontoon outfit in invasion of Southern France; built docks over the southern French Fleet in Toulour Harbor; other construction
 Military Honors: Good conduct medal, Pres. Unit citation, European Theater of Operations (1 star), Asiatic Pacific Theater of Operations

ROBERT JOHN TUCKER
 Birthdate: Dec. 13, 1947
 Date of Death: July 17, 2009
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Specialist 4
 Branch of Military: Army
 Family: John and Arjorie Tuck, parents; Michael Tuck and Lisa (Chad) Robinson, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised, longtime resident
 Served: Vietnam War - 3 tours of duty 1967-1970
 Duties: Paratrooper 173rd Airborne Infantry - 2nd Battalion 503rd Infantry D Company, Door Gunner 119th Assault Helicopter Company - Crocodiles
 Military Honors: Bronze Star for Valor, Purple Heart, over 500 combat missions, 3 Air Medals



JAMES HARRY TURNER
 Birthdate: Sept. 14, 1928
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Branch of Military: Army
 Highest Rank: PFC
 Hometown: Hobson
 Family: Joyce, wife
 Connection to Central Montana: Farm and Ranch at Hobson
 Served: Presidio, Calif., Feb. 1, 1951 to Jan. 31, 1953
 Duties: MP

BRYAN JON TUSS
 Birthdate: 1967
 Birthplace: Lewistown, MT
 Branch of Military: US Navy (1986-1990)
 Highest Rank: E5 (SW/AW)
 Current Hometown: Lewistown, MT
 Family: Tony Tuss (deceased), Sharyn
 Hombberger, parents; Alex Potter and Daquiri Wright; children
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and lives in Lewistown, MT
 Served: USS MIDWAY (CV-41) Yokosuka, Japan ; USS RANGER (CV-61) San Diego, CA
 Duties: Interior Communication Technician
 Military Honors: Honorable Discharge, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist, Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist

CYRIL ARLEIGH TUSS
 Birthdate: Dec. 9, 1936
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Date of Death: May 2, 2010
 Highest Rank: Airman First Class, Air Force, 6 years
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: parents Cyril and Alberta Tuss (deceased), wife Diane (deceased), children Tonya Tuss and Candice Kusterle
 Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised and reside here
 Served: Whiteman AFB, Mo., Sondrestrom AFB, Greenland
 Duties: Aircraft and Engine Mechanic
 Military Honors: Honorable Discharge, Good Conduct Medal

FRANK E. TUSS
 Birthdate: Sept. 24, 1925
 Birthplace: Winifred
 Highest Rank: PFC
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Mr. and Mrs. John Tuss Sr., wife Barbara Beedie Tuss; children Bill, Jerry, Nancy, and Bob
 Served: Rhineland and Central Europe
 Duties: Machine Gunner
 Military Honors: Victory Medal, European African Middle Easter Theater Ribbon with 2 bronze battle stars, 3 overseas bars, Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), Good Conduct Medal

FRANK WALTER TUSS
 Birthdate: July 16, 1922
 Date of Death: Aug. 19, 1986
 Highest Rank: S/ Sgt.
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Peter and Katerina Tuss, parents; Evelyn (Chub) Tuss, spouse; three daughters
 Served: Normandy, N. France, C. Europe
 Duties: Anti-aircraft crewman
 Military Honors: European-African Middle Eastern Theatre Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal

PETER JOSEPH TUSS
 Birthdate: June 8, 1925
 Date of Death: Nov. 31, 2001
 Highest Rank: Storekeeper Second Class
 Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
 Family: Pete and Katherine Tuss, parents; Etta Tuss, spouse; three daughters
 Connection to Central Montana: Lifetime resident
 Served: South Pacific
 Duties: Seaman, World War II
 Military Honors: Navy Commendation for Okinawa, three stars on Asiatic Ribbon



KENNETH WILLIAM TWIFORD
 Birthdate: March 2, 1922
 Date of Death: April 16, 1995
 Highest Rank: Seaman 1st Class
 Hometown: Utica
 Family: William and Marty Twiford, parents; Barbara, spouse; Kathy Hodge, Bill, Roy, Jane Hassler, Robert, Tom and Joe, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Long-time area ranch hand, logger
 Served: South Pacific, WW II, on USS Indiana
 Duties: Fireman

LARRY JOHN UNGEFUG
 Birthdate: Sept. 21, 1948
 Birthplace: Billings
 Highest Rank: Sgt. U.S. Air Force
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Spouse Vickie, children Tucker, Abby, and Tyler
 Connection to Central Montana: Retired Postmaster, Lewistown
 Served: Vietnam
 Duties: Courier

JAMES WILLIAM URS
 Birthdate: Jan. 4, 1920
 Date of Death: Feb. 28, 1963
 Birthplace: Coffee Creek
 Highest Rank: Technician Fourth Grade U.S. Army Battery C 412 Armored Field Artillery Battalion
 Hometown (at time of his death): Coffee Creek
 Family: Parents Mathew Urs and Blanche Strouf, Wife Evelyn, two children
 Connection to Central Montana: Self-employed farmer
 Served: Central Europe, Germany
 Duties: Gunnery Instructor, Artillery Mechanic, Date of entry March 21, 1942, date of separation Oct. 16, 1945
 Military Honors: Honorable Discharge, Good Conduct Medal, European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.

MILTON GEORGE URS
 Birthdate: April 22, 1922
 Date of Death: Jan. 30, 2000
 Birthplace: Denton
 Highest Rank: Machinist Mate 1st Class, U.S. Navy
 Hometown (at time of death): Coffee Creek
 Family: Parents Matthew and Blanche Strouf, wife Evelyn
 Connection to Central Montana: Coffee Creek janitor, carpenter, rural mail carrier, farm help
 Served: South Pacific Theater, five invasions, NRS Salt Lake City, Utah, NTS San Diego, Calif, USS Dorsey, Navy 603, USS Dorsey, RS Seattle, Wash., NRS Helena, Mont., NBNB, Bremerton, Wash., USNH Bremerton, Wash and USNH Corona, Calif.
 Duties: Machinist in engine room on the USS Dorsey Minesweeper, date of entry April 22, 1942, Honorable Discharge Nov. 29, 1946
 Military Honors: WWII Victory Medal, American Area, Asiatic Pacific with 5 stars, Philippine Liberation with one star, good conduct medal

FRANK VALACH
 Birthdate: June 15, 1918
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: John and Anna Valach, Pearl J., spouse; Frank J., Robert, William, sons
 Connection to Central Montana: Born here, spent a lifetime constructing buildings.
 Served: 6th Air Force, Anti-sub Patrol
 Duties: Flying Radar, Radio operator. Flew in LB 30's and B-24's
 Military Honors: Several ribbons, Silver Wings, 5 hashmarks for overseas duty

DUSTIN JAMES VANCE
 Birthdate: Feb. 10, 1980
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Sergeant
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Parents Maury and Dona Vance, wife Merilee
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here
 Served: Cherry Point, N.C.; Okinawa
 Duties: Combat Engineer
 Military honors, special commendations, etc.: Three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, Humanitarian Medal, Joint Task Force, National Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal

LAWRENCE J. VANEK
 Birthdate: Sept. 9, 1945
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: E4, USAR Montana
 National Guard
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Stanley and Deloris Vanek, parents; children, Sheila Nyquist and Jim Vanek
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised; Post 1703 VFW Commander
 Served: Desert Storm, Saudi Arabia
 Duties: Combat Support Unit 889th
 Military Honors: National Defense ribbon; Army service ribbon; Kuwait Freedom Medal; Saudi Arabia medal

ROBERT JAMES VANEK
 Birthdate: June 19, 1928
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Date of Death: March 23, 1997
 Hometown at time of death: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: CPL E-4
 Family: Parents Rudolph and Anna Vanek; spouse Janice Ristow Vanek; children Tim and Tom Vanek and Vera Anne Vanek Benson
 Served: U.S. Army in Lenggrries, Germany, during Korean War
 Duties: Company Administrative Clerk
 Honors: National Defense Service Medal; Good Conduct Medal; Honorable Discharge

WILLIAM J. VANEK
 Birthdate: March 10, 1986
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Highest Rank: Chief Warrant Officer Three (CWO3)
 Branch of Military: Army
 Current Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: David Vanek and Barb Holland (parents); Hugh Vanek (son)
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised, family ranch, Gigantic Warm Spring manager, current residence
 Served: Helena, MT, Kuwait, Iraq
 Duties: UH-60 Blackhawk Maintenance Test Pilot/ Air Mission Commander, UH-72 Lakota Pilot in Command
 Military Honors: Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Senior Aviator Badge, Combat Action Badge

IRVIN DESILVIA VAN HAUR
 Birthdate: March 3, 1921
 Birthplace: Lewistown
 Date of Death: June 2010
 Highest Rank: Electronic Technician Mate 3rd Class, Navy
 Hometown: Lewistown
 Family: Jerry and May Van Haur, parents; Amy VanHaur, wife (deceased); Children Jerry VanHaur, Jim VanHaur, Marilyn Deichmann
 Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised and lived in Hilger (farmed and ranch)
 Served: WWII; Across the entire Pacific Theatre, Hawaii to Japan to China, on an ocean-going tugboat (USS ATR-62)
 Duties: Radio Operations Specialist, retrieved damaged ships to safe anchorage

FRANK A. VAVROVSKY
 Birthdate: March 31, 1919
 Date of Death: Jan. 7, 1997
 Highest Rank: Private First Class, U.S. Army
 Hometown: Kolin
 Family: Anton and Anna Vavrovsky, parents; Helen Vavrovsky, spouse
 Connection to Central Montana: Lifelong resident of Kolin area
 Served: North Africa and Italy, WW II
 Duties: Rifleman, Company I 349th Infantry Regiment
 Military Honors: Combat Infantry Badge, 3 Bronze Service Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Bronze star medal, World War II victory medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater of Operations with 3 bronze battle stars

ELTON M. VESTAL
 Birthdate: April 8, 1922
 Date of Death: May 30, 1968
 Birthplace: Big Sandy, Montana
 Highest Rank: TEC 5
 Branch of Military: Battery B, 82nd Field Artillery Battalion, US Army, WWII
 Family: Margaret Simac, wife; Ron, Richard, Roger and Lorraine, children
 Connection to Central Montana: Long-time resident
 Served: Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, Philippines
 Duties: Truck driver - heavy
 Military Honors: Bronze Service Arrowhead, Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal with one Bronze Service Star



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CHARLES ALBERT VOLF



Birthdate: Jan. 22, 1923
Date of Death: April 27, 1996
Highest Rank: MOMM First Class
Hometown (at time of death): Judith Gap
Family: Lena and Charley Volf,

parents; Jo, spouse; Patti Kowalczyk, Chuck Volf, Jeffrey Volf and Lisa Sinton, children
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Judith Gap, and ranched in the area from 1949 to his death.
Served: USS Pakana ATF 108 with the 7th Fleet
Duties: Deep sea diver, participated in invasions of Guam and Iwo Jima and was one of the first crew members in at Nagasaki

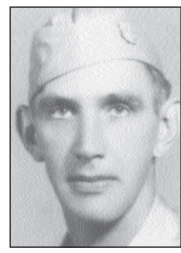
WENDALL J. WADE



Birthdate: July 31, 1940
Birthplace: Aztec, N.M.
Highest Rank: Corporal Sp4, US Army
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Cyrus L. Wade and Celesta R. Wade, child

Served: Germany
Duties: Combat Engineer
Military Honors: Honorable Discharge

NORMAN JOHN WAGNER



Birthdate: May 1, 1913
Date of Death: May 1, 1999
Highest Rank: Sergeant
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Lois Beck, spouse; Donna Wagner Hillard, Peggy

Wagner Miller, John Wagner, children
Connection to Central Montana: Lifelong resident
Served: North Africa, Italy, France, Austria, Germany
Duties: Corps of Engineers – bridges and roads
Military Honors: Purple Heart, Bronze Star

CHARLES RENE WAITE



Birthdate: Sept. 21, 1930
Birthplace: Utica
Highest Rank: Radioman 3rd Class, Navy
Current Hometown: Harrisburg, Ore.
Family: Charles and Eileen Waite (both

deceased)
Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Utica, Hobson High graduate
Served: Japan, Korea, China
Duties: Radioman – USS Sarsi, minesweeper blown up off shore of North Korea
Military Honors: Purple Heart

ROBERT E. WAITE



Birthdate: Feb. 6, 1944
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Master Sergeant, Army
Current Hometown: Moore
Family: Francie, wife; Justin and Rene, children

Connection to Central Montana: Grew up in Utica, graduated Hobson High
Served: Desert Storm
Duties: Water Operations Sergeant
Military Honors: Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal

WALTER FRANCIS WAITE



Birthdate: April 16, 1926
Birthplace: Stanford
Highest Rank: Corporal
Branch of Military: Marines – 4th Division
Family: Charles and Eileen Waite (both deceased)
Connection to

Central Montana: Raised in Utica, Hobson High graduate
Served: South Pacific, North China
Duties: Sharpshooter, flame thrower
Military Honors: Selected out of 900 marines to provide security for Japanese war crimes trials held in Guam in 1946

NAN DEE WALESZONIA



Birthdate: Feb. 7, 1934
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: RM-3
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Vic and Nan Koetitz
Connection to Central Montana: Grew up in Grass Range

Served: U.S. 11th Naval Dist., San Diego, Calif.
Duties: Radio operator, send and receive message by Morse Code to Naval bases and ships

BILLY RAY WALLACE



Birthdate: June 13, 1942
Birthplace: Kalispell, Montana
Highest Rank: 3rd Class Petty Officer
Branch of Military: Navy (Seabee's)
Current Hometown: Las Vegas, Nevada

Family: Conwell McClellan and Georgia Montana (Adams) Wallace, parents
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Central Montana
Served: Western Pacific and South East Asia, Granada, Cuban Crisis
Duties: Store Keeper (USS Bayfield), Construction Equipment Operator (Seabee's), Boatswain (USS Duval County, LST)
Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, Granada Service Medal, Cuban Crisis Service Medal

CLAYTON ROY WALLACE



Birthdate: Sept. 9, 1940
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Private First Class
Branch of Military: Army July 1959 – July 1965
Current Hometown: Zortman, Montana

Family: Conwell McClellan and Georgia Montana (Adams) Wallace, parents
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised
Served: Ft. Harrison, New York, New Britain, Connecticut
Duties: Acquisition Radar Repair, Team member of First Army Rifle Team
Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, Expert Rifleman

DALE CONWELL WALLACE



Birthdate: June 8, 1939
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Chief Warrant Officer 4 (CW4)
Branch of Military: Army – 33 years of service – Nov. 1956 – Oct. 1989

Hometown: Roy
Family: Conwell McClellan and Georgia Montana (Adams) Wallace, parents
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised
Served: South Korea, Vietnam (3 tours); Thailand, Germany (2 tours); Yakima Training Center, WA; Ft. Ord, CA; Ft. Benning, GA; Ft. Bragg, NC; Ft. Wolters, TX; Ft. Rucker, AL
Duties: Artillery Man, Radio Operator, Parachutist, Special Forces Soldier, Helicopter Pilot (UH-1 Huey), Supply Technician, Property Book Officer, Logistician
Military Honors: Combat Infantry Badge, US Army Parachutist Badge, Vietnam Parachutist Badge, Thailand Parachutist Badge, US Army Aviators Badge, Bronze Star with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster(2), Air Medal(5), Army Commendation Medal(3), Army Achievement Medal(4), Army Good Conduct Medal(3), National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal(6 campaigns), Vietnam Cross of Gallantry Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Bars(23), Army Service Bars(33), Presidential Award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation, Expert Rifle Badge, Expert Pistol Badge, Sharp Shooter Rifle Badge, Special Forces Tab

JACK ARLAN WALLACE



Birthdate: June 21, 1935
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Chief Radioman (E-7), Navy
Hometown: Hauser, Idaho
Family: Conwell McClellan and Georgia Montana (Adams) Wallace, parents; Judy, spouse

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised
Served: Korea, Japan, Vietnam – Western Pacific; July 1952 - July 1972
Duties: Naval Communications
Military Honors: Combat Action – Navy Communication, Naval Unit Commendation (4)

JESSE CARLOS WALLACE



Birthdate: Aug. 9, 1932
Birthplace: Christina, Montana
Highest Rank: Sergeant (E-5), Army
Hometown: Billings
Family: Conwell McClellan and Georgia Montana (Adams) Wallace, parents

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised
Served: Ft. Lewis, Washington; Ft. Bliss, Texas; Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; Ft. Sheridan, Illinois
Duties: Mess Sergeant
Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, Expert Rifleman Badge

RUSSELL WALLACE



Hometown: Hobson
Served: Wallace was assigned to the USS YMS 299 and spent four years in the Pacific during World War II. He crossed the equator Dec. 11, 1943. He was 17 years old.

His minesweeper, which was a wooden craft, was employed to sweep submerged mines in and around a number of islands that were invaded by the U.S. troops during the amphibious invasion during attacks. He was at sea near Borneo by the time the war ended.

THOMAS EUGENE WALLING



Birthdate: May 11, 1939
Date of Death: Dec. 19, 2005
Birthplace: Noonan, N.D.
Highest Rank: SP5, U.S. Army
Hometown: Winifred
Family: parents (deceased) Eddie and Grace Walling, wife Gladys Walling, daughter Barbara Andrews (Brad)

Connection to Central Montana: Lived near Winifred since age 7
Served: Fort Belvoir, Va.; Fort Rucker, Ala.; and Germany
Duties: Helicopter Mechanic

JOSEPH T. WANGEN



Birthdate: June 19, 1920
Birthplace: Brockway
Highest Rank: PFC
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: parents Theodore and Mary Wangen
Connection to

Central Montana: Worked for Musick Implement in Denton
Served: Hawaii and South Pacific
Duties: Army Artillery Corps

DOUGLAS T. WARD



Birthdate: April 20, 1921
Birthplace: Summerset, Colo.
Date of Death: Jan. 18, 2002
Highest Rank: 1st Lt.
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Gayle Ward, wife; Pam Butcher, daughter; Douglas E. and Jess Ward, sons

Connection to Central Montana: Owned The Pantry, 26 years
Served: India and China; Legendary "Hump pilot." Flew 43 missions over Himalayas along Burma Road. Survived three plane crashes
Duties: Hump Pilot, Flight instructor, Marfa AFB, Texas
Military Honors: Awarded 3 Bronze Stars, Medal of Honor from Chiang Kai-shek, People's Republic of China

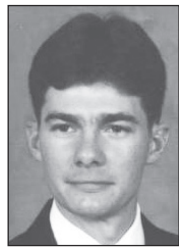
LAWRENCE J. WARD



Highest Rank: Master Sergeant, U.S. Air Force
Family: Parents Ken and Barb Ward of Lewistown; spouse Valerie Humphry; sons Joshua, Zachary, and Joey
Current Hometown: Woodbridge, Va.

Connection to Central Montana: 1985 graduate of FHS
Served: Afghanistan

GARY E. WARFIELD



Birthdate: Nov. 4, 1953
Birthplace: Baltimore, Md.
Highest Rank: Captain
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Kara Warfield, daughter; Betty Warfield, mother

Connection to Central Montana: Resident
Served: U.S.A., Germany
Duties: Company Commander, Platoon Leader, Communications
Military Honors: Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal

CARL SPANGLER WARK



Birthdate: May 24, 1922
Date of Death: Feb. 26, 1980
Highest Rank: Master Sergeant, U.S. Army Signal Corps
Hometown (at time of death): Stevensville

Family: Boyd and Esther Wark, parents
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Moccasin
Served: Panama Canal zone and other South America assignments
Duties: Communications specialist
Military Honors: Unknown, clandestine operations

DON ROBERT WARK



Birthdate: April 5, 1927
Date of Death: March 2, 1995
Highest Rank: S2 CV6
Hometown (at time of death): Stevensville
Family: Boyd and Esther Wark, parents

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Moccasin
Served: Great Lakes, Chicago, Guam
Duties: Fireman

GENE W. WARK



Birthdate: Sept. 27, 1923
Date of Death: Oct. 30, 1970
Highest Rank: Cpl., USMC, 4th Marine Division
Hometown (at time of death): Stevensville
Family: Boyd and Esther Wark, parents

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Moccasin
Served: Pacific Theater/battles – Saipan, Iwo Jima, Marshall Islands, Tarawa Islands
Duties: Rifleman, Corpsman, 4th Marine Division
Military Honors: Purple Heart, twice decorated for exceptional performance of duty

JOHN WARK



Birthdate: Nov. 14, 1919
Date of Death: April 5, 1969
Highest Rank: Cpl., USMC
Hometown (at time of death): Greengrove, Mont.
Family: Boyd and Esther Wark, parents; Opal Jensen Wark, spouse; Sandra, daughter

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Moccasin
Served: Pacific Theater – Guadalcanal, Midway, Bougainville, Iwo Jima battles
Duties: Machine gunner with Carlson's Raiders, USMC
Military Honors: Numerous battle citations and medals

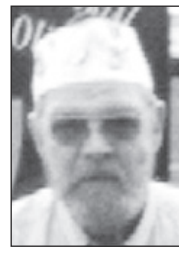
CLAYTON H. WARNER



Birthdate: July 31, 1914
Birthplace: Harvard, Neb.
Highest Rank: Tech Sergeant 4 1/2 years of duty
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Leona, wife; daughters Kyle Warner and Nancy

Connection to Central Montana: Lived here since 1945
Served: Army
Duties: IBM supervisor (Machine, Recorder Unit)
Military Honors: One military honor

DANIEL DUANE WATKINS



Highest Rank: Sgt. 5
Hometown: Geraldine
Family: Margie A. Watkins, mother; Ellen M. Watkins, spouse; and Dave Ward, Jim Ward and Janet Kitchin, children

Served: Vietnam
Duties: Search and destroy

ROBERT O. WATSON



Birthdate: May 12, 1923
Rank: S/Sgt.
Hometown: Hobson
Family: Thomas, son; Rebecca, daughter
Hometown: Hobson
Served: Europe,

1943-46
Duties: Rifleman, Squad Leader, Cook, 272nd Infantry Regiment, 69th Division
Military Honors: Combat Infantryman's Badge, European Theater Service Medal - two battlestars, French Ministere of Defense Liberation Citation

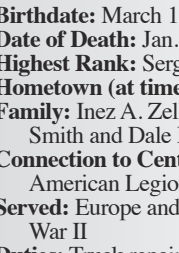
THOMAS H. WATSON



Birthdate: Aug. 27, 1894
Date of Death: Dec. 12, 1979
Highest Rank: Lance Corporal
Hometown (at time of death): Hobson
Family: Robert O. Watson, son; and Betty Keschull, daughter

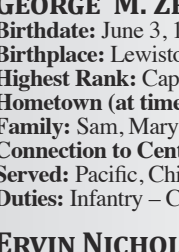
Connection to Central Montana: Long-time rancher, purebred Hereford breeder
Served: WW I, Germany and France
Duties: Motorcycle dispatch carrier
Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, European Theater Medal and Victory Medal

LOUIS WILLIAM ZELLER



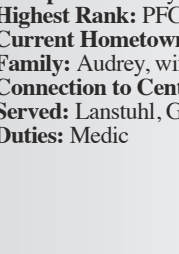
Birthdate: March 13, 1917
Date of Death: Jan. 3, 1995
Highest Rank: Sergeant
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Inez A. Zeller, spouse; Suzann (Zeller) Smith and Dale L. Zeller, children
Connection to Central Montana: Managed American Legion
Served: Europe and North Africa during World War II
Duties: Truck repair

GEORGE M. ZELICK



Birthdate: June 3, 1920
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Captain, U.S. Marine Corps
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Sam, Mary, and Dorothy Zelick
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised
Served: Pacific, China, Korea
Duties: Infantry – Company Commander

ERVIN NICHOLAS ZIMMERMAN



Birthdate: April 17, 1929
Birthplace: Albany, Minn.
Highest Rank: PFC
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Audrey, wife
Connection to Central Montana: Retired
Served: Lanstuhl, Germany
Duties: Medic

“My heroes are those who risk their lives every day to protect our world and make it a better place--police, firefighters, and members of our armed forces.”
 - Sidney Sheldon



“Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause.”

— Abraham Lincoln



RONALD A. WATTERS



Birthdate: April 3, 1915
Date of Death: May 2001
Birthplace: Denton
Highest Rank: Second Lieutenant
Family: Spouse Phyllis Watters; parents Monroe and Laurel Watters

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Denton
Served: European Theater
Duties: Navigator, B17

MICHAEL E. WEBSTER



Birthdate: May 1, 1948
Birthplace: Spokane, Wash.
Rank: First Sergeant
Current hometown: Roy
Family: Parents Ralph Brown, stepdad; wife Terry; daughter and son-in-law Shannon

and Rod Sisk
Connection to Central Montana: Graduate of Roy 1967
Served: Vietnam, 1969-1972, Germany, Alaska, Washington, Colorado, Louisiana, Michigan, Korea.
Duties: First Sergeant

Military Honors: 2 Meritorious Service Medals, Combat Action Ribbon, 2 National Defense Service Medals, 3 Overseas Service bars, 6 Vietnam Service Medals, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, 3 Army Commendation Medals, Army Service Ribbon, 3 Army Achievement medals, 3 NCO Professional Development Ribbons, 3 Overseas Service Ribbons, 7 Army Good Conduct Medals, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross.

STANLEY RAE WELBORN



Highest Rank: Army
Hometown: Worden
Family: Bill and Captola Welborn, parents; Claudia Welborn, Romna Guidry and Cohen Guidry, children; Cody and Robert Crofutt, grandsons

Served: Stationed in Germany during Korean War

IRENE SINGER-LAGEOSE-WELCH



Birthdate: Sept. 30, 1936
Birthplace: Bismarck, N.D.
Highest Rank: E-4 (TD-3) Training Devices
Branch of Military: Navy 1954-1957
Hometown: Hobson
Family: Sam LaGeose, son; Linda McAllister, daughter; Francis "Butch" Welch, spouse

Connection to Central Montana: American Legion Post 76, Hobson
Served: Jacksonville, Fla., Memphis, Tenn., Corpus Christi, Texas
Duties: Instructor - taught student pilots to fly patrol boats - PBM's

GERALD (JERRY) WESLEY WALRAVEN



Birthdate: May 9, 1923
Date of Death: Dec. 3, 1984
Birthplace: North Bend, Neb.
Branch of Military: USNR
Highest Rank: Coxswain
Family: John and Eva Walraven, parents; Donna LaFountain Walraven, wife; Sherry Walraven, Barbara Walraven Chamberlain, Pete Walraven, Gerald (Butch) Walraven, Robin Walraven Fulbright, Jackie Walraven, Cindy Chamberlain, Lynn Altona Nobs, Vicky Altona, Susan Altona.

Served: USS Boise from 1942 to 1945
Military Honors: Honorable Discharge, Good Conduct Medal, Philippine Liberation received 2 stars, Asiatic Pacific received 3 stars, European African M-E received 2 stars.

ALBERT LESTER WESTBURG



Birthdate: March 10, 1950
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Corporal
Branch of Military: U.S. Marines
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Bonnie Johnson, mother; Betty Westburg, wife; Dana Westburg, Nick Westburg, children

Connection to Central Montana: Resident
Served: Vietnam
Military Honors: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, Meritorious Mast, Combat Action Ribbon

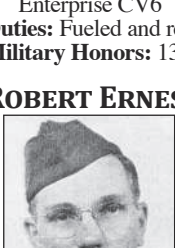
FRANCIS O. (ODY) WESTHOFF



Birthdate: July 23, 1920
Date of Death: Oct. 16, 2002
Highest Rank: Aviation Machinist's Mate Second Class
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Margaret, spouse; Francis Jr., children

Connection to Central Montana: Resident since 1960
Served: U.S. Navy, South Pacific during World War II on aircraft carrier USS Enterprise CV6
Duties: Fueled and repaired aircraft
Military Honors: 13 Battle Stars

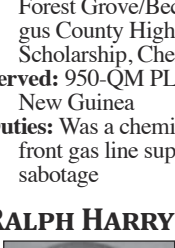
ROBERT ERNEST WESTVELT



Birthdate: March 15, 1912
Date of Death: July 9, 2004
Birthplace: Forest Grove
Highest Rank: Lt. WWII
Hometown (at time of death): Hamilton
Family: Aug. and Minnie (Jackson) Westvelt, parents; Eva, wife

Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Forest Grove/Beckit, graduated from Fergus County High School, received Edison Scholarship, Chemistry
Served: 950-QM PL Petroleum Lab Unit, New Guinea
Duties: Was a chemist, his unit monitored the front gas line supply for tampering and sabotage

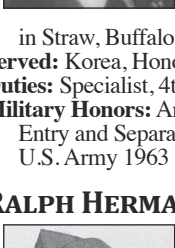
RALPH HARRY WETZEL JR.



Birthdate: Sept. 9
Rank: Specialist 4th Class, U.S. Army
Current hometown: Billings
Family: Parents Ralph Herman Sr. and Elizabeth Wetzel; wife Marilou Wetzel
Connection to Central Montana: Lived in Straw, Buffalo, Lewistown, Hobson

Served: Korea, Honorable Discharge
Duties: Specialist, 4th Class, U.S. Army
Military Honors: Army Record, Report of Entry and Separation Specialist 4th Class U.S. Army 1963

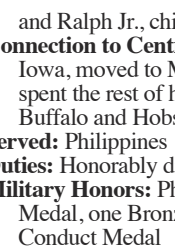
RALPH HERMAN WETZEL



Birthdate: Oct. 31, 1916
Date of Death: Sept. 5, 1995
Highest Rank: Sergeant
Hometown: Hobson
Family: Harry and Nettie Wetzel, parents; Elizabeth Wetzel, spouse; Carol, JoAnne and Ralph Jr., children

Connection to Central Montana: Born in Iowa, moved to Montana when baby and spent the rest of his life residing in Straw, Buffalo and Hobson
Served: Philippines
Duties: Honorably discharged Jan. 5, 1946
Military Honors: Philippine Liberation Medal, one Bronze Service Star and Good Conduct Medal

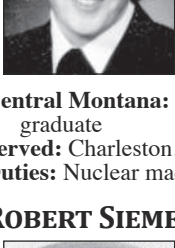
AMY L. (SORENSEN) WHARTON



Highest Rank: E4 Petty Officer 3rd Class
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Tim and Marge Sorensen, parents; Tim Wharton, spouse; Jacob and Robert, sons
Connection to Central Montana: Fergus High School graduate

Served: Charleston, S.C.
Duties: Nuclear machinist's mate

ROBERT SIEMENS WHITE



Birthdate: Nov. 30, 1921
Date of Death: Sept. 8, 1992
Highest Rank: T-3/Sgt.
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Claude and Anna (Siemens) White, parents; Loraine Woolley White McColly, spouse; Lauri W. Cooney, Cheryl W. Bell and Bobbe W. Donsbach, children

Connection to Central Montana: Hometown
Served: ETO 280th Ord. 9th Army
Duties: Maintenance and repair of 80mm guns in England, France, Belgium
Military Honors: Bronze Stars for defense of England, Omaha Beach, Battle of Holland, Invasion of France, Battle of Rhineland and Battle of Bulge

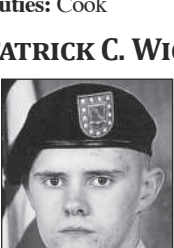
HENRY WILLIAM WICKE



Birthdate: Aug. 29, 1929
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Corporal
Branch of Military: Army
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents

Henry and Bertha Wicke; spouse Barbara; children Paula J. Lund, Philip Wicke and Pamela Huber
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown
Served: Korean conflict - Japan
Duties: Cook

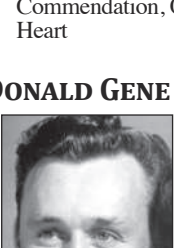
PATRICK C. WICKENS



Birthdate: March 18, 1983
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: E-5
Hometown: Denton
Family: Parents Keith and Judy Wickens; brother Jonathan; sisters Stacy Fowler and Tiffany Wickens

Connection to Central Montana: Born, raised and attended school
Served: Germany, Iraq
Duties: Recovery/Maintenance
Military Honors: Good Conduct, Army Commendation, Operation OIF, Purple Heart

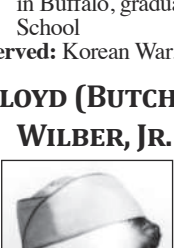
DONALD GENE WILBER



Birthdate: Feb. 16, 1930
Date of Death: Jan. 2, 2012 in Glendale, Arizona
Birthplace: Moore
Branch of Military: Navy
Hometown: Dewey, Arizona
Family: Parents Lloyd S. Wilber and Viola Harrison; wife Louise, Ruth Ann and Cilia; children Debby Wilber, Darrell and John

Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Buffalo, graduated from Buffalo High School
Served: Korean War, out in the Pacific

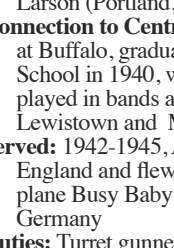
LLOYD (BUTCH) SPENCER WILBER, JR.



Birthdate: April 20, 1922
Date of Death: Aug. 27, 1980
Branch of Military: Army-Air Force
Hometown (at time of death): Price, Utah
Family: Parents Lloyd S. Wilber and Viola Harrison; wife Josephine Brown, children Curtis (Missoula), Spencer (Huson, MT), Shelly Larson (Portland, OR), Lateese (Utah)

Connection to Central Montana: Raised at Buffalo, graduated from Buffalo High School in 1940, worked as electrician, played in bands at night clubs in Lewistown and Missoula
Served: 1942-1945, Army-Airforce in England and flew over Germany, his plane Busy Baby flew 32 missions over Germany
Duties: Turret gunner on a B17 and mechanic on aircrafts (after leaving England) in Amarillo, Texas

GLENN A. WILDUNG



Birthdate: July 10, 1921
Birthplace: Winifred
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
Hometown: Winifred
Family: Parents Edward and Emma Wildung, wife Donelda Wildung, children Karen Reinhardt, Carlene Heller, Scott Wildung and Diane Harper

Connection to Central Montana: Born on homestead near Winifred, manager of Winifred Farmers Oil Co. for 50 years
Served: Army, Jan. 1944 to July 1946
Duties: Signal Corps, Military Police

JAMES C. WILKINS, JR.



Birthdate: April 28, 1919
Date of Death: Feb. 24, 2000
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: James C. Wilkins Sr.; Margie J. Wilkins, spouse; Janette Faye Henderson, daughter

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown
Served: Alaska, Canada and Salt Lake
Duties: Office staff

JIM E. WILLEMS



Birthdate: Sept. 18, 1937
Birthplace: Harlowton
Highest Rank: MM 2nd Class
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Married to Selma R. Willems. Children Shawn, Raedene, Laurene, Rustin, Lynel and Jim J. 20 grandchildren.

Connection to Central Montana: Worked for Bourke Motors, Musick, Meissner, Torgerson
Served: Far East, U.S. AJAXAR6, USS PyroAE23
Duties: Machine shop, D.A. gang
Honors: Good conduct

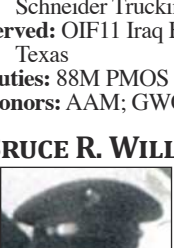
JIM J. WILLEMS



Birthdate: Dec. 16, 1978
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Spc. E4, U.S. Army, 1st Cavalry Division
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Jim E. and Selma R. Willems. Children Jayson, Aurora and Byron Willems.

Connection to Central Montana: Works for Schneider Trucking.
Served: OIF11 Iraq Freedom; Fort Hood, Texas
Duties: 88M PMOS Heavy wheel driver
Honors: AAM; GWOT; GWTE

BRUCE R. WILLIAMS



Birthdate: May 24, 1949
Birthplace: Ekalaka
Highest Rank: E-5, U.S. Army
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Spouse Charlene; children Clint, Jake and Kayla
Connection to Central Montana: Lived here since 1982

Served: Fort Monmouth, N.J.
Duties: Radar Repair Instructor

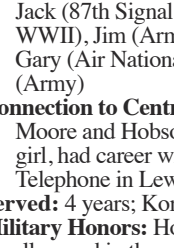
HOWARD EUGENE WILLIAMS



Birthdate: Dec. 11, 1932
Date of Death: Feb. 5, 2011
Birthplace: Moore
Highest Rank: Airman 1st Class
Branch of Military: Air Force
Family: Parents (deceased) Dave and Gert Williams; widow Leona Williams; children Leslie Kesler (Choteau), David Williams (Belgrade), Douglas Williams (Helena) and Beverly Yeager (Choteau); brothers Donald (Army/Air Force WWII), Jack (87th Signal Company, Army, WWII), Jim (Army, WWII), Bob (Army), Gary (Air National Guard) and Richard (Army)

Connection to Central Montana: Raised in Moore and Hobson, married Lewistown girl, had career with Mountain Bell Telephone in Lewistown
Served: 4 years; Korea
Military Honors: Howard and his six brothers all served in the military and all returned home.

JASON H. WILLIAMS



Highest Rank: Senior Airman
Hometown: Georgetown, Idaho
Family: Boyd and Sandy Williams of Lewistown, parents
Served/Serving: Washington, D.C.
Duties: Linguist

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown, graduated Fergus High School in 1993
Served: Ft. Riley, Ft. Campbell, Ft. Lewis, Ft. Carson, Iraq, Korea, Afghanistan & Germany, Qatar
Duties: Company Commander, Battalion Logistics Officer, Executive Officer, Afghan Army embedded training team, special forces group support, Chief of Logistics, Plans and Operation, Special Operations Command Europe, Base Commander of Iowa Army Ammunition Plant, Deputy Commander Logistics for U.S. Central Command

LEE GRANT WILLIAMS



Birthdate: March 19, 1945
Birthplace: Aberdeen, Wash.
Highest Rank: E-4, Army
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Olive and Hores Wilson, Penny and Dawna Wilson

Connection to Central Montana: Place of retirement
Served: Korea and Vietnam
Duties: Combat Engineer and marksman
Military Honors: Korean service and Vietnam service ribbons and good conduct medal

MICHAEL JAMES WILSON



Birthdate: March 19, 1945
Birthplace: Aberdeen, Wash.
Highest Rank: E-4, Army
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Olive and Hores Wilson, Penny and Dawna Wilson

Connection to Central Montana: Place of retirement
Served: Korea and Vietnam
Duties: Combat Engineer and marksman
Military Honors: Korean service and Vietnam service ribbons and good conduct medal

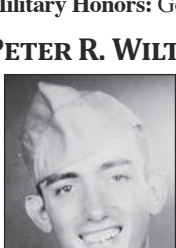
CHESTER H. WILTGEN



Birthdate: July 27, 1918
Date of Death: April 19, 1974
Highest Rank: Sergeant
Hometown (at time of death): Livingston, Mont.
Family: Peter and Emma Wiltgen, children

parents; Judy, wife; Steven, Arthur, Anita, Beth, children.
Connection to Central Montana: Birthplace, School K-12
Served: Alaska
Duties: Mechanic on Army trucks
Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal

PETER R. WILTGEN



Birthdate: Nov. 26, 1925
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Corporal
Hometown: Stevensville
Family: Parents Peter and Emma Wiltgen; wife Rita; children Daniel, Halaron, Peter

Connection to Central Montana: Birthplace, K-12 school
Served: France, Germany, Belgium
Duties: Rifleman
Military Honors: Three battle stars, Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge.

WARREN W. WITTGOW



Birthdate: Oct. 9, 1920
Birthplace: Stanton, Neb.
Date of Death: June 19, 2000
Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Lucille, widow; Charlotte Wilmerton, Darrel, Darlene Kolar, Larry

Connection to Central Montana: Lived here and retired letter carrier for the Post Office
Served: European Theater
Duties: Motor Sergeant
Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, European Campaign Medal, Marksman Badge, Mechanics Badge. The members of the 16th Armored Division were awarded commemorative medals by the 1st President Bush and the Mayor of Piken, Czech Republic for liberating that city on May 6, 1945.

JOHN ROBERT (BOB) WOJTWICK



Birthdate: Aug. 6, 1927
Date of Death: April 7, 1966
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Seaman 1st Class-US Navy
Family: Parents John and Hazel Wojtwick; wife F. Marjorie Burris; children Tom, Bonnie, Ashley and Rob

Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised here
Served: San Diego and Bremerton
Duties: Cook
Military honors, special commendations, etc.: Entered Aug. 4, 1945, Honorable Discharge Aug. 15, 1946. World War II Medal

AARON M. WOLFE



Birthdate: Jan. 21, 1975
Birthplace: Lewistown
Highest Rank: Colonel
Branch of Military: U.S. Army
Current Hometown: Currently deployed in Qatar

Family: Douglas & Barbara Wolfe (parents); Abigail Wolfe (wife); Madison & Grace Wolfe (children)
Connection to Central Montana: Born and raised in Lewistown, graduated Fergus High School in 1993
Served: Ft. Riley, Ft. Campbell, Ft. Lewis, Ft. Carson, Iraq, Korea, Afghanistan & Germany, Qatar
Duties: Company Commander, Battalion Logistics Officer, Executive Officer, Afghan Army embedded training team, special forces group support, Chief of Logistics, Plans and Operation, Special Operations Command Europe, Base Commander of Iowa Army Ammunition Plant, Deputy Commander Logistics for U.S. Central Command

AMANDA STAPLETON WOOD



Highest Rank: Senior Airman
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Dean Stapleton of Lewistown, father; Sue Waters of Medicine Hat, Alberta, mother; Robert Wood, spouse
Served: Fairchild AFB, Spokane, Wash.
Duties: Food services, accountant



"We recognize and celebrate the heroes, all of our veterans, we shall forever be grateful. You inspire and encourage us, your unselfishness, your courage, and your willingness to protect our freedom - no words can express our thanks."

- Kate Summers



DOUGLAS L. WOOD



Birthdate: May 17, 1947
Birthplace: Sheridan, Wyo.
Highest Rank: Major, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired)
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Bruce Wood and Dorothy Wood
Connection to Central Montana: Graduated in 1966 from Fergus High School
Served: 21 years in 29 countries
Duties: Infantry Officer
Honors: Navy Achievement; Sea Service; Meritorious Service Medal

RAYMOND H. WORTHY



Birthdate: March 19, 1950
Birthplace: California
Highest Rank: Master Sergeant
Current Hometown: Deer Lodge
Family: Mother Rose M. Johnson
Connection to Central Montana: 1968 graduate of Fergus High School
Served: Com Rom Bay Vietnam, RAF U.K., Fairchild, Washington
Duties: Security Flight Chief and Nuclear Convoy Commander
Military Honors: Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Vietnam Campaign Medal 4 clusters, National Defense Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Retired 20-year veteran

STANLEY V. (BUD) ZIESMER



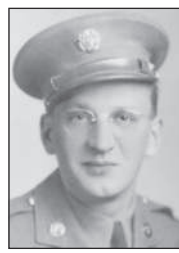
Birthdate: Nov. 29, 1938
Birthplace: Fairfield
Highest Rank: Chief Petty Officer (E-7) USN 1957-1979
Hometown: Las Vegas, Nev.
Family: parents Stanley and Alberta Ziesmer, wife Josephine Ziesmer
Connection to Central Montana: Grew up in Winnett, graduated 1957
Served: Two tours (Vietnam), USS Kitty Hawk, Philippines, California
Duties: Aircraft Mechanic
Military Honors: 7th Fleet Letter of Commendation, Vietnam Service Medal, 2 unit citations

REX S. ZOBELL



Birthdate: July 4, 1924
Date of Death: April 23, 2015
Highest Rank: Sergeant
Birthplace: Rigby, Idaho
Highest Rank: Yeoman 1st class (Y1c)
Family: wife (deceased), 5 children (3 boys, 2 girls); 3 of children were born in Lewistown
Connection to Central Montana: Was District Manager for BLM, U.S. Department of the Interior, Lewistown District, serving Lewistown from 1952-Aug. 1962; then moved to Cheyenne, Wyo., serving on the state office staff for the BLM; As a youth lived in Malta in the 1930's
Served: March 31, 1943 to Aug. 9, 1945, San Diego, CA in the 11th Naval District Headquarters staff operations section
Duties: Worked on planning and creation of landings and invasion of islands in the Pacific theater of operation: worked for landings on Marshall-Gilbert Islands, including Philippine Islands, Iwo Jima to landings on Okinawa in 1945 to the end of the war in Aug. 1945, including ship movements in and out of San Diego.
Military Honors: Honorable Discharge, returned to hometown in Ronan, MT

HERBERT H. ZWEMKE



Birthdate: Dec. 25, 1915
Birthplace: Galva, Iowa
Highest Rank: Master Sergeant
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: wife Shirley Zwemke, Larry and Leo Zwemke, Lois Fulwider
Connection to Central Montana: Retired rancher
Served: Africa, Sicily, Italy
Duties: Aircraft Maintenance Inspector
Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Campaign Star (3)

ERIK B. WOODWICK



Birthplace: Havre, Montana
Highest Rank: PFC
Branch of Military: Marine Corp
Current Hometown: Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii
Family: Parents Keri Ferdinand Woodwick and Allen Woodwick; grandparents Carlita and Robert Davidson and Adelbert Ferdinand
Connection to Central Montana: Grandparents and mom raised here
Served: Hawaii
Duties: Intel Specialist

ELDEN A. (AL) WUERTZ



Birthdate: Oct. 14, 1925
Date of Death: March 21, 1993
Highest Rank: PFC, United States Army
Hometown (at time of death): Lewistown
Family: Teckla Holzer Wuertz (deceased 5/92), spouse; Kay LaFountain, Janice Jackson, Bette Avaloitis, daughters
Connection to Central Montana: Truck driver for Consolidated Freightways and then road construction for Francis Tindall
Served: South Philippines (Liberation); Kagshima, Japan
Duties: Truck driver and combat infantry
Military Honors: Philippine Liberation Medal with two bronze service stars, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (Japan), Bronze Star Medal, two bronze service stars

RONALD D. ZIMMERMAN



Birthdate: April 3, 1948
Birthplace: Yellowstone County, Mont.
Highest Rank: Lt. Col.
Current Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Parents Virgil and Dora Zimmerman; spouse Kathleen S. Zimmerman; children Kristi Widner, Teri Gilmore, Sheri Gunderson, Luke Zimmerman
Connection to Central Montana: Serving with wife as Biblical counselors
Served: N.D.; Nev.; Texas; Neb.; Italy; Wyo.; S.D.
Duties: Senior Missile Launch Officer; AF-ROTC Commandant of Cadets; Budget-, cost-, financial-, management-analyst; Comptroller Squadron Commander
Honors: Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters; A.F. Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters; Small Arms Expert Marksman

CLOUD LEON ZORMEIR



Birthdate: Jan. 19, 1924
Date of Death: Dec. 16, 1999
Highest Rank: Aviation Cadet, Army Air Forces, 554th AAFBU
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: John and M.I. "Mayme" Zormeir; parents; Joan McKeever Zormeir, spouse; children, Robert, William, David, Mary Helm, Ann Blazer, Jean Hellegaard
Connection to Central Montana: Raised on Grass Range area ranches, went to schools there, at St. Leo's and St. Mary's Institute in Great Falls, worked at Central Montana PCA for 33 years
Served: United States
Duties: Flight officer (instructor), advanced - 2 engine, also in Air Transport Command
Military Honors: 1051 Pilot Twin Engine, Character Excellent, Honorably Discharged

RONALD JOE WOOLETT



Highest Rank: Sergeant 1st Class
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Joe and Joan Woolett, parents; Ronald Sr., David and Corinna, children
Served: Fort Bragg, N.C.
Duties: Sniper instructor

HAROLD FRANCIS (TOOT) YAEGER



Birthdate: March 8, 1926
Date of Death: Dec. 2, 1996
Hometown (at time of death): Kalispell
Highest Rank: PFC U.S. Army Air Force
Family: Frank and Ina (McMillan) Yaeger, parents; Virginia Small Yaeger (deceased), spouse; Lois Yaeger, spouse; Major Roger Yaeger, Richard Yaeger, Katherine Bolme, children
Connection to Central Montana: Fergus High School graduate
Served: Waco, Texas, and Boca Raton, Fla.
Duties: Military Police

HAROLD W. ZIOLKOWSKI



Birthdate: Aug. 22, 1931
Birthplace: Goodman, Wis.
Branch of Military: Air Force
Highest Rank: S/Sgt.
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Walter and Mary Ziolkowski, parents; Etoile, spouse; Harold, Jr., Denise, Peter, Timothy, James (Ray), Joseph
Connection to Central Montana: Practicing dentist since 1960, retired resident
Served: Lackland AFB, Texas, Malmstrom AFB Det 2, 4773rd Ground Observer Squadron, Billings
Duties: Radar Operator, in Billings, instructor to civilian ground Observer volunteers for eastern half of Montana.
Military Honors: Good Conduct Medal

SHERI LISA WORNATH



Highest Rank: Sergeant
Hometown: Lewistown
Family: Bonnie Kriesel, mother; Tom Kriesel, step-father; Brandy Wornath, sister
Connection to Central Montana: Stanford High School graduate
Served: Fort Campbell, Ky.
Duties: Piano player, vocalist and bass drum player

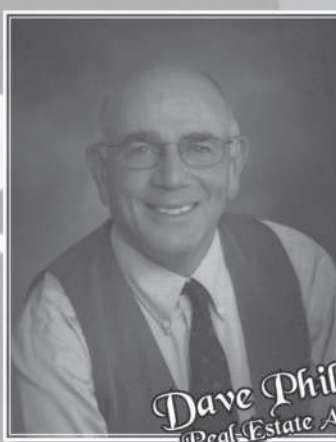
“And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country.”
 - John F. Kennedy



We are honored to have Dave as part of our team and sincerely thank him for his service!



Jason & Debby Shobe
 Kyle & Jodie Shobe Family
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 Keith • Cavan • Judi • Kathy • Falan • Cathy



There's no way to thank our veterans for everything they sacrifice for our freedom, but on Veterans Day, we have to try.

So thank you to all our service men and women, both past and present!

Thank You

This completes another edition saluting the veterans from Central Montana. Over 1,200 veterans are featured on the pages. The News-Argus staff works hard to include accurate information about each veteran. If you find a mistake, please call 535-3401, email tech@lewistownnews.com, fax 535-3405 or send us a letter (Lewistown News-Argus, P.O. Box 900, Lewistown, MT 59457) with the correct information so we can fix it for next time.

Also, it is not too early to send information about your special veteran for the next (2023) Veteran's Edition.



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