FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR ERA

This encompasses the period from about 1744 – 1763, during which time the British and their American Colonials fought numerous battles against the French and their Indian allies.

Shawhan, Daniel - (1709 - 177?). Per "Maryland Historical Magazine", Vol. 9 (1914), No. 4/354, and D.A.C. Lineage Book, Vol. 6, p. 340, No. 5984, Nell Downing Newton. Served as Corporal in Capt. Stephen Ransberger's Company, Maryland Colonial Militia, 1748, while living in Frederick, MD.
Shawhan, David - (1726 - 1766). Served on muster rolls of Kent County, DE (just east of Kent County, MD), in John Caten's Company, John Vining's Regiment.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR ERA

This included the period from 1775 – 1781, during which time the American Colonists revolted against the English government, acquiring their independence by treaty in 1782.
Birch, Thomas Erskine - b. 1763 in St. Kitts; Ensign in Virginia Navy under John Paul Jones; wounded.
Cannon, Solomon - b. 1756 MD; served with Caroline Co., MD Militia.[1]
Clark, Henry – b. 1750 IRE, d. 1815 Wheeling, WV; Sgt., wounded.
Ewalt, Henry - 1754-1829; Bourbon County, KY pioneer; 1777, served in 6th Company, 1st Bn., PA militia.
Frye, Abraham, Sr. - b. about 1720; 1778 Pvt. 1st Bn, Cumberland Co., PA Militia, Capt. Charles McClay's Co,.
Hamilton, John b. 1766 in PA; served with PA Militia**.**
Hedges, Joseph – 1750-1805; served in Capt. John Combs Co., Continental Troops, Sept. 1777 – Dec. 1780.
Hinkson, John - b. 1740 Belfast, Ire; d. 1789 New Madrid, Missouri; legendary Indian fighter; 1775 built Hinkson Station in KY District of western Virginia; 1776-1777 he was fighting the Indians as a member of the PA Militia; 1779 Militia Captain in PA, in area of Ligonier, Westmoreland Co.; June 1780 he was captured by the British and Indians at the surrender of Ruddles Station, but escaped after three days; 1785 Major of KY Militia; 1788 Lt. Colonel of KY Militia and Sheriff of Bourbon County.
Houston, William – 1755-1823; Capt. 2nd Bn., Cumberland Co., PA Militia.
Lail, George Jr. - 1737-1793; George and his family were also at Ruddles Station, KY, when it surrendered to the British and their Indian allies in June 1780. George, his wife, Mary, their sons, John and George, and daughter, Eve, were taken prisoner; all but little George were eventually released, but George was kept by the Indians and was raised by them.
Lemon, Robert – 1755- 1851; Enlisted 1776 as Sgt. From Westmoreland Co., PA; fought at Amboy, Brandywine, and Eutaw Springs.
Manning, Amos - 1775-1797; son of John Manning and Sarah Shawhan; killed while fighting Indians at Greenville, OH, under Gen.. Wayne.
McCune, William - 1751-1820; Pa Militia 1777; defender of Ruddles Station, KY, June 1780, captured by British and taken prisoner to Detroit; captive three years.
McDowell, Daniel served in a Virginia line regiment, per his pension application, filed in Bourbon Co., KY, in June 1832; received $40.00 annual pension.
McLean, Fergus – b. 1760 England, d. Warren Co., OH; Continental Troops; fought at battles of Trenton, Princeton, and Monmouth in NJ.
Nixon, William – b. 1745 in IRE, d. 1801 in PA; Pvt. in Capt. Brittan's Co., Col. Oliver Spence's Regt., Continental Line Troops.
Price, John – b. 1759 Frederick Co., MD; fought at Princeton and Monmouth, NJ; wounded at Brandywine, PA.
Prine (Perrine), Henry – 1748-1823; Pvt. Middlesex Co., NJ Militia.
Pugh, Joseph – 1753-1820; Lt. With 14th Virginia Regt., Continental Line Troops.
Ravenscraft, Thomas - b. abt 1756; 1781 Lt. in Capt. Benjamin Fields' Co. of Light Dragoons, 3rd Illinois Regt., under Brig. Gen. George Rogers Clark; taken prisoner Sep. 12. 1781, near Boone's Station, KY; captive until Jan. 20, 1783.
Reading, George, Jr. - 1761 - 1846; 1777 served with the militia of Westmoreland Co., PA, Capt. Robert Knox Company.
Reading, George, Sr. - b. 1725; served as Lt. Col. at Ft. Ligonier in PA when the fort repulsed British/Indian attack in 1779.
Shawhan, Daniel - 12/17/1738-5/11/1791, the Bourbon Co., KY pioneer; served as Pvt. in Capt. Phillip Magoney's

Company, Maryland Flying Camp, in 1776; shown as Lt. in Washington Co., PA militia, 7th Company, 5th Battalion, in 1785. (see Maryland Archives, V. 18/45, and D.A.R. records).
Shawhan, Darby - 1748-1824, the Warren Co., OH Pioneer; served in Pa. militia, in Stockley's Rangers of the Frontier, 1778-1783, from Washington County, under Ensign David Rubles in Lt. Jonathan Harned's Company; shown as Lt. in Capt, Ruble's Company, 5th battalion, in 1784.
Shawhan, David - served with Montgomery Co., MD militia, 29th Lower Bn.
Shawhan, Frederick - 8/12/1760-8/8/1840, Seneca Co., OH Pioneer. Enlisted as a Private at Chestertown, MD 1/8/1777 under Capt. Jesse Cosden, Col. . William Richardson's 5th Maryland Regt., Continental Line Troops; discharged June 8, 1780; Frederick's pension request showed him engaged in these campaigns:

- Somerset Court House, NJ, on 1/20/1777, while Washington's army was making its way to winter quarters at Morristown, NJ, after his victories at Trenton and Princeton.
- Staten Island, August 1777, under Gen.. John Sullivan, when the Continental Army was forced to retreat by the British under Gens. Howe and Cornwallis.
- Whitemarsh, PA, Dec. 5-8, 1777, just prior to the bitter Valley Forge winter.
- Monmouth, in which the British were soundly defeated in a battle made famous by Molly Pitcher who worked a cannon after her husband was wounded.
- Siege and capture of Stony Point, NY, on the Hudson R., July 1779, by the Americans and their bayonets under Gen. Wayne; Frederick served under Capt. Archibald McCallister. He remarked that he was a member of a Provost Guard that shot a natural born American for desertion
- Paulus Hook, NJ (Jersey City), 19 Aug. 1779, under Major "Light Horse Harry" Lee; where they scaled the walls and surprised the British; Frederick fought in his bare feet..
- Various other actions under Generals Greene, Lafayette, and Washington.

Shawhan, Isaac - 9/1/1754-1798; served in the 1st Company, Capt. Donald Yeats commanding, 27th Bn., Maryland troops.
Shawhan, John - 1711-1783; served in Talbot Co., MD militia in Capt. Greenbury Goldsborough's Company, 4th Bn., under Col. Christopher Birckhead.
Shawhan, Joseph - d. 1808; served in 1st Bn., 32nd Maryland Militia
Shawhan, Robert - 3/5/1764-2/25/1833, the Allegheny Co., PA pioneer; served as a Pvt. in Pa. militia, in Capt. Zadock Wright's Company, under Lt. John Cannon and Ens. George Brice.
Shawhan, Thomas Jr. - also served in the 1st Company, 27th Bn, MD militia.
Shawhan, Thomas Sr. - served in 1st Company, 27th Bn., MD militia.
Thrasher, John – b. 1730; Pvt. Washington Co., PA Militia.
Troutman, George - 1757-1813; Pvt. in Capt. Baltzer Orth's Co., 2nd Bn., Lancaster Co., PA Militia in 1780.

WAR OF 1812

This conflict actually began with hostilities in 1811 when the British prompted Indians in the Indiana Territory to go on the warpath, only to be soundly defeated by General William Henry Harrison at the Battle of Tippecanoe on Nov. 7, 1811. Subsequent battles against the British and their Indian allies under Tecumseh took place in the north section of the United States until the Americans defeated them at the Battle of the Thames, Ont., on Oct. 8, 1813, in which Chief Tecumseh was killed.. Whereas the Indians were allies of the British in the north, they were allied with the Americans in the south against the British; Capt. Pierre Juzan and his Choctaws were commended by General Jackson for their bravery and fighting spirit at the Battle of New Orleans on January 8, 1815; in particular, Juzan's warriors were known for their cunning ability to hide and then rise from the swamps to kill English pickets, for which the British called them "barbaric".

Bedford, Thomas - b. 10/25/1790; KIA 12/18/1812 as a Pvt. in Capt. Wm. Garrard's Ky Troop; a Pvt. Stephen Bedford served in the same unit.
Ewalt, Samuel – served with Capt. Brashfield's Co., Kentucky Militia, Col. Lewis Regt.; fought in Ohio and Indiana against the attacks of the Indians and their British leaders against the American defenders at Ft. Wayne and Ft. Defiance.
Pearson, Nathaniel Plummer – b. 1788 PA; in 1812 he was Ensign in Capt. James Turbitt's Co., 1st Regt., PA

Militia, under Col. John Purviance, in Allegheny Co; This company was known as the "Hunting Shirt Rifle Company".
Reading, William - 1792-1868; served in Capt. James Johnson's Company, 3rd Regt., KY Mounted Militia.
Shawhan, David - 12/21/1787-7/23/1839, d. Pickaway Co., OH; (son of Frederick 1760-1840); Corp. under Capt. James Mason, Major R. Hill commanding; drafted in Virginia 4/15/1813.
Shawhan, James - d. 12/7/1831, Frederick Co., MD; served 8/26/1814-10/31/1814, as Pvt. in Capt. Daniel Marker's Company, 3rd MD Infantry, under Col. Stemple.
Shawhan, John - 10/23/1771-4/5/1845; KY pioneer; served in Capt. James Johnson's Company, 3rd Regt., Kentucky Mounted Militia, during period 9/1/1812-10/15/1812.
Shawhan, John - 1793-1869, of Warren Co., OH; Corp. in Capt. David Sutton's Company, Col. James Finley's Regt., from 4/27/1812- 10/27/1812; captured by British and held prisoner at Detroit under British General Hull.
Shawhan, Joseph - 1781-1871; KY pioneer and statesman; served as a team driver, Pvt., Kentucky Militia, in Capt. Nathaniel Hart's Company, from Georgetown, KY, 8/15/1812-12/12/1812.
Shawhan, Thomas - b. 5/6/1793 (son of Frederick 1760-1840); Pvt. in Capt. Jesse D. Courtright's Company from Fairfield Co., OH, under Col. Miller in Gen. Tupper's Brigade; period 8/26/1812-1/14/1813, under Ens. John Glicks.
Shawhan, William - 1796-1872; Pvt. in Capt.. Heirnes' Company, VA Militia.

MEXICAN WAR ERA

Fighting during this war began about March 1846 when Pres. James K. Polk ordered Gen. Zachary Taylor from Corpus Christi, Texas, with his 3000 men, to seize disputed land held by Mexicans and "defend the Rio Grande". The 17 months of hectic combat that lay ahead would change the US Army and the course of American history – it assured the United States control of Texas and it added half a million miles of new territory: New Mexico, California, and all of the vast wilderness from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. Before the war ended, Taylor's professional soldiers would be joined by thousands of troops from such states as Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, Kansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, Texas, and as far away as Maine. Many of their leaders would become household names during the Civil War – Robert E. Lee, Ulysses S. Grant, Jefferson Davis, Kirby Smith were among the more than 200 officers serving in the Mexican War who became Union or Confederate generals in the Civil War, 15 years later.

Bedford, Harry P. - 1826 - 1912; served with KY troops; later fought for the Confederacy during the Civil War.
Osborn, Enos – b. 1823 in NY; served with Co. F, 1st Ohio Volunteers.
Shawhan, John - 1810-1862; Harrison Co., KY native; as Captain he led the Kentucky 9th Cavalry Company, under Col. Marshall, in the army of Major General Zachary Taylor in Mexico; he was wounded on Feb. 23, 1847, during heavy fighting near Buena Vista, Mexico against the forces of Gen. Santa Anna. (Later killed during Civil War, fighting for the Confederacy) NOTE: A Cynthiana, KY newspaper described the departure and trip of the troops who left that city:"(June 6, 1846) 105 men from Cynthiana, under Captain Shawhan … departed to Louisville to join other companies under Col. Marshall; … through Memphis, to Little Rock, through Texas, to Port Lavacha on the Gulf; across the Rio Grande to the Battle of Buena Vista. In July (1847) they were paid off and returned to New Orleans to be discharged.

CIVIL WAR

This era began in 1861 when the Confederate states seceded and ended in 1865 with the surrender of the Confederate armies.

Union Army

FROM WARREN COUNTY, OH:
Shawhan, David - 1825-1898; Sgt. 4th Ohio Cavalry.
Shawhan, David P. - 1846-1912; Enl. Morrow, OH July 9, 1862, Co. E, 79th O.V.I.; promoted to Corp.; received flesh wound near Kennesaw MT., GA; hospital in Savannah, GA during Jan/Feb. 1865, suffering from scurvy; disc. Columbus, OH July 17, 1865.
Shawhan, David R. - 1824-1891; Enl. Sept. 1861, Disc. July 1865; Pvt. Co. G., 17th O.V.I..

Shawhan, John H. Jr. - 1842-1864; killed in action; buried in Selma, AL.
Shawhan, Joseph, Jr. – 1845-1921; Enl. May 2, 1864, Pvt. Co. F, 146 O.V.I; disc. Sept. 7, 1864.
Shawhan, Joseph, Sr. - 1819-1891; Enl. May 2, 1864, Pvt., Co. F, 146 O.V.I.; disc.Sept. 7, 1864.
Shawhan, Lucius C. - 1848-1898; Pvt. Co. G, 146th O.V.I., May-Sept., 1864.
Shawhan, Thomas - Pvt., 6th NY Heavy Artillery
Shawhan, William L. - 1826-1901; Enl. May, 1864, Pvt. Co. K, 146th O.V.I.; disc. Sept. 7, 1864.

Note: - The 17th O.V.I. marched 4391 miles with the Army of the Cumberland; fought at Pittsburg Landing (Shiloh) under Gens. Buell and Grant, at Chickamauga, Stone River, Missionary Ridge, the Atlanta Campaign, and in Sherman's march to the sea. During their victory at Missionary Ridge, the division captured Gen. Bragg's personal gear, including his beloved pipe; this unit also had the dubious honor of discovering one of its veterans, "Frank Demming", was in reality a patriotic female who concealed her identity until wounded, when her true gender was discovered.

- The 79th O.V.I. fought in Kentucky against Morgan, at Lookout Mt., in the Atlanta Campaign, and in Sherman's March to the Sea.
- The 146th O.V.I. was called up to serve for a short time as garrison troops and POW guards in West Virginia.

FROM SENECA COUNTY, OH
Shawhan, Frederick K. - 1835-1902; entered service Aug. 16, 1862, age 27; disc. March 14, 1865, for wounds received Sept. 19, 1864 at Opequan, WV; was Capt. of Co. D, 123rd O.V.I.; except for Co. D the entire regiment was captured near Winchester, WV by Confederate troops under Gen. Early, on June 15, 1863; Frederick carried a permanent limp, from his thigh wound.

FROM IOWA
Goldthwaite, Charles – b. 1833; Co. H, 33rd Iowa Infantry.
Shawhan, Daniel W. - 1840-1924; fought with Co. D of the 13th Iowa Vol. Inf., part of the famous Crocker Brigade, at Shiloh; disc. due to illness in 1863.
Shawhan, George William - 1842-1907; Co. C, 22nd Iowa; wounded at Cedar Creek, VA.
Shawhan, George Woodford - 1844-1916; Wagoneer, Co. B, 3rd Iowa.
Shawhan, Joseph Henry - 1838-1911; 1st Lt. Co. B, 33rd Iowa; Capt. Ninth Iowa Cavalry
Shawhan, Robert Fleming – b. 1808; Resident of Jasper Co., IA; Pvt., Enl. Sept. 28, 1861, as Musician Drummer for 14th Iowa Inf., Co.E; disc. Nov. 25, 1862; monthly pay was $24.09 to include clothing, subsistence, and use of horse and arms.

FROM OTHER LOCALES
Andersons of Indiana - John, Elizah, and George joined their relatives, the Chandlers and Holdcrafts, in the 79th Indiana Vol. Inf.
Chandlers of Indiana - Matthew, Bob, Tom, and Bert served with the 79th Indiana Vol. Inf. 1862-1865; Bob and Bert were both captured and held at Andersonville Prison, but survived. The 79th campaigned at Antietam, Stone River, Lookout Mt., Chickamauga, and Missionary Ridge.
Drane, Leonard – b. May 9, 1835, Shelby Co., KY; was First Sgt. Ninth KY Calvary; wounded both hands at Battle of Perryville, KY and discharged.
Holdcrafts of Indiana - Bill, Ed, and George also fought with the 79th Indiana Vol. Infantry.
Maple, William - 1840-1863; Sgt. with Sharpshooter unit; fought from Shiloh to his death, Aug. 22, 1864, near Rome, GA.
McLean, Nathaniel Collins - b. 1816, Warren County, OH; Brig. Gen. Ohio Vol. Inf.
Musselman, William C. - b. 1839, Harrison County, KY; Capt. Co. D, Twentieth Kentucky Inf.; fought at Shiloh, Perryville, Atlanta, etc.; One of very few Harrison Co. men to serve with Union forces.
Newsome, William J. - b. 1844; Pvt. Co. C, 1st Regt. Indiana Artillery Vol., Sept. 4, 1861 – July 1865; in 1864 was wounded near Baton Rouge, LA.
Patterson, Orvis K. - Pike County, IN; Pvt. Enl. Oct. 9, 1861, in Co. E., 42nd Indiana Regt.; fought at Perryville, Nashville, Chickamauga, Atlanta, and Sherman's March to the Sea..
Prine, Miles Kenneth - 1822-1900; b. in Indiana, served as Lt. in Iowa Inf.
Rainey, Amos K. - b. c.1837; son-in-law of Rachel Shawhan Kelly; m. Elizabeth Kelly; d. 6/18/1864 at

Andersonville Prison as a POW
Shawen, Hamilton - 1823-1863; b. Romney, VA/WV. KIA while serving as a 2nd Lt. with the 4th Ohio Infantry, per widow's 1890 pension request.
Shawhan, Eli R. - Montgomery County, OH; Corp. 4th Ohio Cavalry, Co. H; killed May 2, 1862; m. Martha Clark 4/25/1861, who applied for Civil War widow's pension, with dau. Virginia, in 1877.
Shawhan, Frank – b. 1841; served with Union Navy.
Shawhan, John - 1836 - 1923; though born in Bracken Co., KY; he became a farmer in Switzerland Co., IN in about 1859; in 1863 he enlisted in Co. D, 10th Indiana Calvary; while he was campaigning, his wife, Mary Ann, was killed by marauding soldiers; the 10th Calvary saw duty at Pulaski, TN, against CSA Gen. Bedford Forest, at the siege of Decatur, AL, at Murfreesboro, TN, at Nashville, TN, at Vicksburg, MS, at New Orleans, and were at the capture of Mobile, AL on April 12, 1865. During its service the Regt. Lost 1 Officer and 32 Enlisted men killed; it lost 4 Officers and 157 Enlisted men by disease. In a further calamity, on April 28, 1865, the unit lost 3 Officers and 35 Enlisted men, who had been freed from being POWs, who were on the steamer "Sultana", when its boilers blew and it sank in the Mississippi River while they were being returned to Indiana.
Shawhan, Joseph M. b. 1836 Allegheny Co., PA; nickname "Forty";fought at Antietam, Chancellorsville, and Gettsburg; KIA May 8, 1864 at Battle of the Wilderness; Sgt. Co. C., 155th Penn; whose emblem was the Maltese Cross. The Regiment's battle report stated that "Sgt. Joseph M. Shawhan, popularly known as Forty in the Regiment, was in the forefront of the advance ... and was among the first killed as he led the Company into action. His death cast a gloom over the Company. He was much beloved by his superior officers and the ranks of the Company."
Shawhan, Oliver - Allegheny Co., PA; 1828 - 1903; served August 1864 to War's end with Co. L, 5th PA Heavy Artillery Regt, as a driver.

Confederate Army

FROM BOURBON AND HARRISON COUNTIES, KY
Bedford, Archibald W. b. 1/14/1845; served under Gen. John Morgan
Bedford, Harry P. - b. 4/10/1826; initially served in Confederate Secret Service; then as a Capt. of Co. C., Fifth KY Calvary.
Bedford, John C. b. 1/20/1843; served under Gen. John Morgan
Bedford, Thomas A. - b. abt 1841; KIA while serving under Gen. John Morgan.
John Snell Shawhan, b. 1846; Pvt. - shown as trooper under Capt. John Shawhan, in October 1861. (later owned horse "Fonso" which won 1880 Kentucky Derby).
Lail, William D. b. abt 1836 and **Alexander** b. abt 1840 - (sons of Sarah Shawhan and George Lail).; both KIA while serving with CSA troops.
Miller, William - b. 1843; Sgt. with 1st KY Inf., and then with KY Calvary: taken prisoner Oct. 1863; held at Camp Morton, outside of Indianapolis, IN.
Moore, Thomas Edwin 1831 -1921; served as Captain in CSA 4th Kentucky Calvary from September, 1862 thru end of War; was severely wounded in fighting near Nashville, TN.
Shawhan, Charles R. - 1829-1908; Enl. 9/10/1862 in Lexington, KY, into Co. C, Ninth Regt. Cav.; transferred to Co. K; served under Gen. John Morgan during his early raids into Indiana and Ohio; wounded Dec. 1862 near Burksville, TN; disc. June 1863.
Shawhan, George Corn. - Pvt. KY Cavalry; buried 5/26/1864 in Citizens Cemetery, Atlanta, GA.
Shawhan, George H. - 1843-1912; Enl as Pvt. Co. G, 11th Regt. Cav., on 9/10/1862 in Richmond, KY; fought under Gen. John Morgan and was captured during Morgan's raid into Ohio; spent rest of war in Union prison at Ft. Douglas, WI; after the War he moved to Lone Jack, MO and established Shawhan Distillery.
Shawhan, Jo Will, b. 1837; 2nd Sgt.; -KIA 1862 near Ivy Mt. on Big Sandy River.
Shawhan, John - 1811-1862; Capt. (later Major), formed cavalry unit in October 1861, in the Cynthiana, KY area; subsequently killed by Union bushwhackers in Carter County, near Moorehead, KY; fought under Gen. John Morgan at Hazel Green, KY and also under Brig. Gen. Humphrey Marshall; a filed letter from Gen.. R. E. Lee to Gen. Marshall formally commends Major Shawhan. John Lafferty, who served under the Major, described his death:"We were next ordered to Lexington (from Hazel Green, KY). While on the march to Lexington, we passed through Rowan County, and about eight miles from Morehead Major John Shawhan was killed by bushwackers. We had captured several bushwackers on the march and after parolling them, let them go. It was our opinion that these men got ahead of us and reached the high bluff from which they shot us as we passed along. ...Mat Messick placed

the dead body of Major Shawhan upright before him on his horse and carried it eight miles to Morehead where we were able to get a spring wagon in which to carry it. We Harrison County men rode rapidly to Cynthiana, delivered the body of Major Shawhan, October 7th, and dispersed to our respective homes where we spent a few hours, which was the only visit to our homes during the whole war."
Shawhan, John - Enl. 8/14/1862 at Big Spring, KY, as Pvt. Co. E, Woodward's Cav.; shown as deserting in Sept. 1864.
Shawhan, Joseph M. - b. 1837; 3rd Corp., Co. A, 1st Kentucky Cav.; died of exposure and disease on 2/8/1862.
Shawhan, Thomas - Pvt. Co. K, 9th Regt. Cav.; shown as deserting at Tunnel Hill, GA on Jan. 1, 1864. **Note:** "Desertion" was often shown on records for troopers who were missing in action.

Note: "The Orphan Brigade", by Wm. C. Davis, pub. 1980, is an excellent reference source narrating the story of the First Kentucky Brigade, which included many of the units within which served many of the Kentucky Shawhans who fought for the Confederacy. Campaigns included Shiloh, Vicksburg, Baton Rouge, Stones River, Chickamauga, Atlanta, against Sherman's March to the Sea, and in the final Carolina battles. They were known as "the Orphan Brigade" because they didn't see their home state for almost the duration of the war.

FROM OTHER LOCALES
Cannon, John Henry - b. 1840, Bridgetown, MD; served with Eastern Shore Infantry unit, 1st Maryland Regt., CSA, out of Baltimore, MD; later served with 12th Virginia Calvary; wounded twice; buried 1919 in his CSA uniform.
Downing, John James – b. 5/2/1839 in MO; KIA under Gen. Stirling Price at Battle of Helena, AR.
DuBroca, Edgar Martin - 1834-1889; West Baton Rouge, LA; Aug. 12, 1861 elected Capt., 13th Louisiana Inf. Regt., Gen. R. L. Gibson's Brigade, Army of the Tennessee; fought at Shiloh at the "Hornet's Nest", and at Corinth, MS; captured 10/20/1862 at Bardstown, KY during Gen. Bragg's invasion, paroled 11/29/1862 in prisoner exchange; commended for bravery at Chickamauga; fought at Lookout Mt. and Missionary Ridge; wounded in right hip at Battle of Atlanta; promoted to Major and then to Lt. Colonel.
McLean, Nathaniel C. - 1841-1899; though born in Ohio and a nephew of Brig. Gen. Nathaniel Collins McLean, commander of a Union Ohio Vol. Inf. Regt., he crossed the Ohio River and joined the 10th Kentucky Cav. as a Capt. under Gen. John Morgan; captured by Union forces in Tennessee, he was imprisoned at Johnson's Island in Lake Erie, near Sandusky, OH.
Mockbee, Robert T. – b. 8/17/1841 Dover, TN, d. 7/20/1922; Enl. Co. B., 14th Tennessee Inf.; served as part of Archer's Tennessee Brigade, Hill's Division, Jackson's Corps, under Gen. Lee; wounded at Sharpsburg, MD, at Spotsylvania, and at North Anna; was at Appomattox when Lee surrendered; paroled on June 11, 1865. In 1905 he wrote an article titled, "Heroes in Last Charge of Lee's Army", in which he described in considerable detail the charges made by his company in defense of the breastworks that Gen. Lee had ordered be held, along the Appomattox River. In a temporary pause in the fighting, Robert came upon a commissary depot that had been opened to all to prevent its being at the mercy of the Union troops; "A large country ham attracted my attention, and soon found a resting place on my bayonet." At his death in 1922, he was buried in his full CSA uniform.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR ERA

This era began when the U.S. battleship Maine blew up in the harbor at Havana, Cuba, on February 15, 1898, with 260 Americans being killed. Though it was never proven that Spain had anything to do with the explosion, the episode was used by U.S. newspapers to inflame the nation and eventually declare war on Spain. On December 10, 1898, after being defeated in Cuba and in the Philippines, Spain agreed to cede the Philippines, Puerto Rico, and Guam to the United States, and grant independence to Cuba. In 1899, Filipino insurgents, unable to get recognition of independence from the U.S., started a guerrilla war which lasted two years before it was crushed. Subsequent uprisings in the Philippines extended through the early 1900s.

Shawhan, Hubbard Warfield II - b. circa 1868 in KY; served with US Army in Cuba.
Shawhan, Joseph Ewalt - 1883-1944; in US Army 1905-1913; in Philippines 1907-1909 where he fought against the Moros.
Shawhan, Lorenzo Dow - 1877-1946; served with US Army in Philippines, assigned to Co. I, 12th Infantry Regt.; discharged 9 May 1903 at Ft. Ringgold, TX; became Federal Marshal and was stationed at the starting line of the

Oklahoma Land Rush in 1907.

WORLD WAR I ERA

This era is generally considered to be from February 3, 1917, when the U.S. cut diplomatic ties with Germany, declaring war on April 6. It extended beyond the Armistice, on November 11, 1918, as U.S. troops still remained in Europe as peacekeepers, including a period when they were trying to protect citizens caught in the Russian Civil War.

Brooks, Jack – b. 1892, Asheville, NC, d. 1961; was a Captain with the U.S. Army in France.
Chandler, Rupert - Killed in action in France.
Coffman, Walter – b. 1891; served with U.S. Army Engineers; helped build Clark Air Base in Philippines.
Euge, August Cowel – served in U.S. Navy during early twenties.
Meade, Glen – Lt. in U.S. Navy on sub chaser/destroyer "Eagle".
Morris, Charles Dennis – b. 4/18/1894; served on active duty with National Guard as a Corp., Hdqtrs Co., 2nd Field Artillery, from 12/1917-4/1919.
Shawhan, Benjamin Harrison - 1890-1946; Sgt. US Marine Corps in France.
Shawhan, Delbert Erwin - 1889-1916; served on secret assignments with US Navy; died under mysterious circumstances while supposedly in Panama; family believes that he actually died in New York City, while on a special mission.
Shawhan, Elmer Howard 1900 - 1973, PA; served in post war US Army from 1919 - 1922, in overseas duty.
Shawhan, Harold Robert - 1897-1978; Served with a reconnaissance unit in the US Army, in France; his 16-man unit was hit by a mustard gas attack and he was the sole survivor, suffering severe burns, and was temporarily blind, deaf, and dumb. He suffered from the effects of this gas attack for the rest of his life.
Shawhan, Hubbard William III - 1891-1954; was Lt. in Coast Artillery.
Shawhan, Isom Caleb - 1894-1935; served with Air Service ground crew in France; was gassed — eventually died of associated lung problems.
Shawhan, Leslie Lyon - b. 2/13/1894 in Hutchinson, KS, d. 5/31/1956; Capt. US Army, at Ft. Sill, OK.
Shawhan, Miller S. - 1895-1959; enlisted in Steubenville, OH on 4/2/1918 and was discharged on 8/15/1919; served as Pvt. in Co. C, 7 Inf. Regt. during the Meuse-Argonne fighting; was gassed and wounded in action on 10/4/1918.
Shawhan, Olen Byron - b. 1897, Runnels, IA, d. 1983; served with US Army Rainbow Division..
Shawhan, Ralph Maple - 1890-1985; a motorcyclist before the war, who remembered riding across the wooden boards at the Indianapolis Speedway, Ralph was drafted into the army, being sworn in on October 3, 1917, in Norwood, OH. He received machine gun instruction at Rock island, IL, before being shipped out of Hoboken, NJ on the "Princess Wilhemina", a former German liner that had been turned into a U.S. troopship; he worked on K.P. duty during the voyage to Brest, France. His unit was then sent to a staging post near "St. Aignon, off of the Loire River, about 100 miles south of Paris." His officers soon heard of his previous racing experience and assigned him as a motorcycle messenger with the Forty-First Division; he was later assigned to Co. B, 116 Engineers. He was discharged as a Corp. on 8/30/1919.
Shawhan, Romer - b. 1888; Captain, Air Service; Asst. Operating Officer on staff of Gen. William Mitchell, Chief of US Air Service in France; received Pershing Army Citation, Croix de Guerre, and Distinguished Service Medal. Romer's service was mentioned in a Liberty Magazine article dated March 3, 1928, titled "The Balloon Buster of Arizona", which described the heroics of U.S. ace Frank Luke – Romer was the unit's Operations Officer.
Shawhan, Thomas Merle – b. 1900 Kansas City, KS; U.S. Navy June 1918 –Aug. 1919; duty included being on troopship bringing 2300 men back from France; also saw service on Destroyer USS Kalk, where, for 23 days, they sailed off of Newfoundland, on patrol, for use as a possible rescue vessel on the attempt by British aviators Alcott and Brown, flying a Vickers plane, to be the first ones to fly the Atlantic.
Shawhan, William D. - b. 1887; enlisted in Dayton, OH on 5/28/1918 and was discharged on 5/20/1919; served as Pvt. in Co. A, 128 Inf. Regt. during the Aisne-Marne, St. Michiel, and Meuse-Argonne fighting.
Shawhan, William H. - b. 1/24/1900; enlisted 10/12/1918 in Cincinnati, OH, discharged 12/20/1918.
Shawn, Franklin D. - b. abt 1886 in Prices Station, MD; served as Major, Quartermaster Dept., in Washington, D.C..
Shawn, George W. -b. 12/10/1888 in Prices Station, MD, d. 11/4/1975 in Westerly, RI; Sgt, Radio Operator at sea.

Shawn, Raymond Dey - b. 5/6/1895, d. 12/29/1951 in Denton, MD; Sgt.Signal Corp in France.
Shawn, Samuel Charles - b. abt 1891 in MD; Sgt. 77th Field Artillery, KIA 8/8/1918 in France.

WWII VETERANS

For purposes of this narrative, this era will cover the period from the 1930s through the 1940s, though the United States was only at declared war from December 1941 – August 1945.

Barker, Loren Joe - 8/23/1921 - 12/7/1941; b. Keosauqua, IA; KIA as USN Coxswain on the USS Arizona during the December 7, 1941 sneak attack by the Japanese at Pearl Harbor; believed entombed in the sunken ship; his name is on plaque at Arizona Memorial.
Chandler, Rex Eugene - b. 7/24/1901; 1923 Field Artillery graduate of West Point; served in various posts between the wars, including Fort Sam Houston, TX, Hawaii, Ft. Sill, OK, and as a West Point Instructor; during WWII he served in Australia and in New Guinea before joining the 1st Cavalry Division in combat at Leyte and Luzon and later participating in the occupation of Tokyo. By May 1944 he had been made a brigadier general. His numerous awards included the Silver Star and Bronze Star with Oak leaf Cluster for bravery in action.
Clark, Herbert – b. 1917; served in USAF during WWII, flying B-24s and Catalina flying boats. Later, during the Vietnam era, he was KIA.
Clark, Tom – b. 1919; career USAF officer, for 28 years; flew attack bombers in WWII and Twin-Mustangs in Korean War; saw duty in France, Germany, and numerous other bases.
Coffman, George - b. 1925, South Bend, IN; Flight Engineer/Navigator on B24 bomber.
Coffman, Robert - b. Flint, MI (1916-1980); w/ US Army Engineers in Pacific.
Coffman, Rudleigh - b. Hagerstown, MD, 1920; B24 pilot in European Theater.
DeGrasse, John – b. 1892; Merchant Marine Captain; survived numerous encounters with German U-Boats in Atlantic Ocean.
Ditzenberger, Harry K. - b. a Shawhan, May 20, 1926, in Hartford City, IN; d. 6/25/1978 in Lansing, MI where he was a metal shop teacher at C.W. Otto Jr. High School; served w/ USMC on battleship USS Nevada supporting Marine landings in the Pacific at Iwo Jima and Okinawa — the Nevada was hit by a Japanese suicide plane while off of Okinawa, throwing Harry to the deck and injuring his back, from which he suffered for the rest of his life.
Dodson, Charles Merrill – b. 2/4/1919, KS; Enl. in the US Navy on Jan. 20, 1942; trained at Great Lakes and at Chicago's Navy Pier, spending a total of three years and eight months in the service, eighteen months of which were spent in the South Pacific as an airplane carburetor specialist, working on engines for Avenger TBM torpedo planes and PT boats; in addition to fighting the ravages of malaria, he also survived Pacific Island snakes — pythons, corals, and bushmasters.
Doyle, Wiliam J. – career US Navy; was Commander on board aircraft carrier USS Hornet.
Earnest, Jack Brannon – b. 8/22/1924, WV; Seaman 1st Class, US Navy, gunner on merchant ship.
Fruth, Clarence – b. 1918, Fostoria, OH; US Army Captain, Chemical Warfare, on Gen. Eisenhower's staff in England.
Giles, Sidney – b. 1916 Manitoba, Canada; US Army.
Guldner, William - b. 10/19/1919; pilot of B17s w/ 8th Air Force out of England over Europe.
Lane, Henry P. - b. 1905; Staff Sgt. Army Air Force.
Lane, John Owens — b. 1913; trained at Fort Polk and Ft. Knox;Tech 5 in 88th Mechanized Calvary, Recon troop, 8th Armored Division; fought through France and the Rhineland, including the Battle of the Bulge.
Lindsay, James Wm. "Bill" – b. 1908;Sgt. US Army Medical Corps.
Lindsay, Robert Lee – b. 1910; member of Military Police Bn.
Lynch, Robert – b. 1923; career US Army; attended Harvard as ROTC student; sent to OCS (Officer Candidate School) and then assigned to 1260 Combat Eng. Bn; part of US force that invaded southern France through the Marseilles area, then fought through the Saar, crossed the Rhine over the bridge at Remagen, before being a unit involved in securing the area around the Dachau Concentration camp; served in Korea in 1956 and in Vietnam during 1966-67, when he was Deputy Adjutant General to Gen. Westmoreland; was also West Point Instructor and Adjutant General to Army Chief of Staff.
McLean, Walter Shawhan - b. 5/22/1924 in Loveland, Ohio; served in USN on an LCS (Landing Craft Support) in the Pacific — at Saipan, the Philippines, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, etc.; at Okinawa his LCS was part of the picket line protecting US ships against Japanese suicide planes; was caught in terrible typhoon off of Okinawa which was so

strong it capsized some ships; was one of first US ships to visit Hiroshima at war's end.
Megibben, William "Bill" – b. 11/29/1923, Cynthiana, KY; Career Soldier; Enl. 1940 in USAF; duty with 7th Bomb Group flying out of India; he was flight engineer and top turret gunner on missions against Japs in Burma, China, and at sea; with 101st Airborne in Korea; retired 1969 after variety of assignments including five years in Crete.
Misel, Richard – in Europe he was killed by a bomb near end of War.
Osborn, Richard Joseph – b. 7/8/1925; US Army, 1943-46; saw combat in the Philippines.
Ostberg, Edward – b.1922, MN; US Navy; boot camp at Great Lakes, IL; Gunnery Fire Control and Plotting Room duties for 5" guns; member of commissioning crew of destroyer USS Hailey, DD 556 in Seattle; saw action in Pacific at Kwajalein, Bougainville, Saipan, and Guam; at Guam he remembers seeing the US Navy Seaman who hid from the Japs for three years after the Japs had captured the island in 1942 – as the US ships approached Guam this Seaman was able to signal them re Japanese positions.
Quickle, Earl – b. 6/3/1919; served with Fifth Army in Italy, including Battle of Cassino; duty with 240mm Howitzer unit.
Shaffer, Carrollton H., Jr. – b. 1922, Pitb., PA; Enl. 11/30/1942; Aviation Student for 7 months at Fenn College in Cleveland, OH; program cancelled and he was then trained at Fort Benning as a paratrooper with the 506th Parachute Inf. Regt, 101st Airborne Division; Light Machine Gunner; saw action at the Battle of the Bulge, in the Rhineland, and into central Germany; was wounded, receiving the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.
Sharon, Robert – b. 1/28/1928; US Navy vet.
Shawhan, Charles Richard – b. 1919 in CO; duty with US Army Signal Corps in Canada and Alaska.
Shawhan, Clifford J. - b. about 1912 in WV; brother of Robert Hugh; also at Pearl Harbor on morning of Japanese attack, serving as a USN Chief Motor Machinist on a minesweeper; was able to start the engines, despite intense strafing, and the ship made it thru the Harbor entrance; subsequently served on that minesweeper throughout the Pacific campaign.
Shawhan, Daniel Green - b. 7/29/1918; Lt. Col. US Army Engineers, 1941-1946; served in Europe commanding unit responsible for clearing mine fields, building bridges, and road construction.
Shawhan, Edward Murray - b. WV; uncle to Robert, Clifford, and William; career US Navy; also at Pearl Harbor when Japs attacked on Dec. 7, 1941, serving on a battleship - one of the few which weren't sunk that day; later participated in atomic bomb tests in the Pacific.
Shawhan, Frank Hunter - b. 1926, Memphis, TN; served in US Army
Shawhan, H.R. - b. 1921 in Hutchinson, KS; entered US Navy in 1943; assigned as Gunnery Officer on LST on June 6, 1944 (D-Day); LST was torpedoed by a German E-boat, but limped back to England despite heavy damage; was reassigned to LST in the Pacific Theater and served in the area of Saipan.
Shawhan, Harold Kenneth – b. 10/15/1923, Greeley, CO; inducted March 20, 1943; served as Staff Sgt. with 710 Tank Bn. and 81mm Mortar Squad; saw combat in the Philippines; disc. 1/21/1946; awarded Bronze Star.
Shawhan, Harold Lee - b. 3/20/1916 in Lone Jack, MO; inducted into USAF on June 13, 1942 at Fort Leavenworth, KS; basic training at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, MO; served w/ 345th Bomb Group, 499th Squadron, 5th Air Force in the South Pacific — New Guinea, Philippines, etc.; received Bronze Star for bravery during operations at Dulag, Leyte, Philippines.
Shawhan, Hubbard W. III - 1891-1954; served as Lt. Col. Coast Artillery.
Shawhan, Hubbard W. IV - b. 7/27/1922 in Beckley, WV; Lt. w/ 10th Mountain Div. in Italy; helped break German Gothic Line; was wounded and won Bronze Star w/ cluster and Purple Heart.
Shawhan, Jack - b. 9/11/1914 in Indiana; served w/ USN on an LST in Pacific combat areas.
Shawhan, Jack Vernon – b. 5/19/1922; US Navy on ship that won eight battle stars in Pacific.
Shawhan, James Byron (Pat) - b. c. 1922 Runnells, IA; w/ 7th Air Force, Construction Detachment, in Pacific Theater — at Makin and Saipan islands.
Shawhan, James Henry - b. 11/21/1919; B17 pilot w/ 8th Air Force out of England; flew 35 missions. Jim was drafted into the Army in October 1941, and subsequently served with the 4th Infantry Div. in Alaska; January 1943 accepted into Aviation Cadet Training, receiving instruction at various California bases; received B17 Bomber training in New Mexico and Oklahoma; commanded the B17 named "Feather Merchant"; missions included Berlin, Hamburg, Bremen, Stuttgart, Cologne, and the historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt aircraft plants at Regensburg, Germany.
Shawhan, John F. – b. 4/4/1926; USAF 1944-1945.
Shawhan, John Rudolph - b. Missouri (1913-1974); served w/ US Army in European Theater, incl. Greece; buried in Prescott Military Cemetery.

Shawhan, Joseph – b. 1921, Barbeton, OH; served in US Coast Guard before the War; during the War, he was in the Merchant Marine as a seaman on ships carrying supplies to Murmansk, Russia, running the gauntlet of German submarines, planes, and ships; in one such convoy that he was in, of 60 ships that started out, only 13 survived the voyage.
Shawhan, Lawrence George - b. southern Ohio (1909-1989); Lt. J.G. w/ USN in Pacific; Communications Officer; was liaison w/ Dutch Navy in Indonesia area.
Shawhan, Olen Byron - b. 1897 Runnels, IA. d. 1984; WWI vet; Colonel, Ordinance, 95th Inf. Div., Europe.
Shawhan, Raymond Leo – b. 11/24/1925, Pitb., PA; US Navy Seaman 2nd Class 12/27/43-5/8/46; on aircraft carrier USS Princeton which earned nine battle stars in air strikes against Tarawa, Bougainville, Rabaul, Kwajalein, Guam, Tinian, New Guinea, and the Marianas; Oct. 24, 1944 the ship was hit off Leyte in the Philippines by a Jap dive bomber – the bomb penetrated the flight deck and hangar before exploding; despite crew's best efforts to save her, she was finally abandoned and sunk; Ray was among the 1361 survivors; he was then assigned to the cruiser USS Columbus for the remainder of the War.
Shawhan, Robert Garrett - b. 8/20/1920, Maywood, IL; died 1995 in Bartlett, IL; was Corp., 50 cal. machine gunner w/ USMC 2nd Mar Div., 4th BN, 10th Marines; survived vicious fighting at Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, etc.
Shawhan, Robert Hugh - b. March 20, 1921 in Hepzibah, WV; Private with US Army's 25th Infantry Division, at Schofield Barracks on island of Oahu on the day Japanese attacked, Dec. 7, 1941; later served on Guadacanal where he contracted malaria and was eventually sent back to the States to recuperate.
Shawhan, Victor Emmanuel - b. 7/18/1914 in Gypsy, WV; w/USN 1935-1941; worked in shipyard during the War.
Shawhan, William Irving - b. about 1918, WV; brother of Robert Hugh and Clifford; was a USN seaman on the cruiser USS Marblehead in the Philippines when the attack occurred on Dec. 7, 1941; happened to be in hospital, due to jaw injury, when the Japanese struck and was left behind when the Marblehead immediately left for safer waters; captured by the Japanese when they overran Luzon, and spent 44 months in captivity, but did survive.
Shawhan, Zacha George II - b. 4/25/1920 in Russell, KS; resides in Killeen, TX; enlisted in Army Air Corps on 7/18/1940 — retired as Major, USAF, in 1961 entered Flying Cadets 1/1/41 — graduated as 2Lt. 8/15/41; flew transports and tankers; also involved in ECM operations; during WWII he was stationed in Alaska, with flight missions in the Aleutians against the Japanese, in cooperation with Russian and British flyers, in weather conditions which caused more downed aircraft than did the enemy; aircraft flown included the PT-17, BT-13, P-36, P-40, B-18, C-47, Lockheed Lodestar, P-63, Catalina Flying Boat, B-25, UC-64, B-18, B-29, KC-97, and A-26; served at 32 duty stations in the US and overseas awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal.
Shawn, A. J. - b. 7/3/1922 in Pelly, TX; entered USN in 1941, trained in San Diego and Alameda, CA; served in Pacific; discharged in 1946 as CPO (Chief Petty Officer).
Shawn, Benjamin Francis – served from 12/12/42-2/24/46 with U.S. Army 342nd Inf. Regt., in Europe and subsequently in Pacific Theater.
Shawn, Charles D. - b. Pueblo, CO. (5/16/1924-10/4/1944); as Corporal, USMC, in a tank unit, he was KIA on the Pacific island of Peleliu when he was machine gunned while trying to pickup wounded Marines.
Shawn, Clarence Joseph - b. 2/13/1915, Galena, IL; served in US Army.
Shawn, Clarence L. - b. 8/15/1927 in Pelly, TX; joined USN in 1944, trained at San Diego, served in Pacific on USS Hoggatt Bay; discharged as Seaman 3rd Class in 1946.
Shawn, Ernest M. - b. 3/4/1919 in Saratoga, TX; joined USN in 1940, trained in CA; discharged in 1946 as Gunners Mate. He was aboard the USS Arizona in Pearl Harbor when it was attacked by the Japanese on December 7, 1941; he was on his way to shower when the Arizona was hit early in the sneak attack — made his way to deck and swam to shore on Ford Island, moments before the Arizona sank; the memory of this and what happened to his shipmates depressed him for the rest of his life.
Shawn, Eugene S. - b. Saratoga, TX (11/13/1920-9/15/1969); w/ US Coast Guard.
Shawn, Franklin Stapf - b. 1916 Philadelphia, PA; June 1940 grad of US Military Academy at West Point; Major, HQ Squadron, 347 FIR Group; KIA in Pacific on Oct. 15, 1943.
Shawn, James B. - b. 7/27/1914 in Saratoga, TX; served w/ US Army at Camp Collins, CA and as a Sgt. in the European combat zone.
Shawn, John Randolph - b. 2/2/1917, Lincoln, NE; served in US Army, Co. A., 815 Engr. Bn., in North Africa, at Anzio Beach, in Italy, and Corsica; later also
Shawn, Joseph W. - b. Saratoga, TX (12/2/1917-6/20/1945); as 2nd LT., USMC, he was shot and killed by a Japanese sniper on Okinawa, one day before the island was declared secure; previously fought in other Pacific battles, including Peleliu, where his brother Charles was killed.

Shawn, Leon - b. Saratoga, TX (9/1/1907-1/17/1965); served as Army Air Force Engineer on bombers flying out of England.
Shawn, Robert Benjamin - b. 4/8/1922 in Sheridan, WY, d. 5/7/1977 in Portland, OR; Corporal, USMC, Co. C, 1st Bn, 9th Regt, 3rd MarDiv.; saw action in the Solomons at Guadalcanal and Bougainville; narrowly escaped death on many occasions; contracted "Jungle Rot" on his feet and suffered from it for the rest of his life; did have some happy memories from his time spent while training in New Zealand, in the area around the hot springs at Rota Rua.
Shawn, Rodney L. - b. Saratoga, TX (8/12/1915 - 11/18/1975); served with U.S. Calvary 1932-34 at Ft. Clark, TX; entered USN in 1944, trained at San Diego and San Pedro, CA; served aboard patrol craft in Pacific, off Okinawa, etc.; awarded Victory Ribbon, Battle Star, Pres. Unit Citation.
Stevenson, Kenneth O. - b. 2/17/1916, Hamilton, IL; U.S. Army Air Corps, Chanute Field, IL; US Naval Academy grad; Ensign USNR as Academy Instructor.
Washington, Thomas, Jr. – b. abt 1916; US Navy Pilot before and during War.
Washington, Thomas, Sr. – b. abt 1893; career US Navy; was Rear Admiral during WWII.
Westerfelt, Herbert W. – b. 1923; US Army in Europe.

KOREAN WAR ERA

Fighting began in June 1950 when the North Koreans invaded South Korea; a cease-fire didn't take effect until July 27, 1953. For purposes of this narrative, the era will encompass the 1950s.
Cannon, Herbert Hoover – b. 3/22/1929, Halliford, VA; drafted Jan. 1951; Basic Training at Ft. Eustis, VA; Corp. Railroad Engr. with 712 Transportation Bn. in Korea, carrying troops, ammo, petrol, and supplies to front lines.
Clark, Garret – b. 1933; twenty year USAF career officer; pilot, flew B47 bombers during Cold War; operated out of SAC (Strategic Air Command) Headquarters in Omaha, NE, Japan, Okinawa, and Patrick AFB.
Clark, Samuel – b. 1926; USAF Radioman.
Doty, James Henry, Jr. – b. 1932, Sacramento, CA; US Army in Korea; was wounded, suffered frost bite; discharged with 100% disability.
Earnest, John – b. 11/11/1935, WV; four years with US Navy as Engineman on AKA cargo/troop ship; transported USMC forces during their invasion at Inchon, Korea, enduring 40' tides.
Earnest, Lowell Thomas – b. 1931, WV; Sgt. in 1951 with Eighth Army in Korea.
Green, William T. - b. 11/5/1930 in Pike Co., IN; served w/ US Army; was wounded in action and draws disability pension.
Krehbiel, Donald – b. 1926, Santa Monica, CA; with US Counter Intelligence in cooperation with German authorities in Mannheim and Karlsruhe.
Marshall, David H. - b. 1/21/1932, McCulloch, TX; served as Electrician's Mate, 1st Class, 1951-1954 aboard USS Los Angeles, CA 125, (Heavy Cruiser), and USS Boyd, DD 544 (Destroyer).
Morris, John Francis – b. 10/24/1940; US Army 1958-60.
Nevans, James Francis – b. 5/18/1933; served in uS Army.
Pearsall, Lewis, Jr. – b. 12/27/1930; served in US Army.
Sharon, Delores Ann – b. 10/30/1930, IN; WAC from 2/8/1951-2/7/1958; duty with NSA (National Security Agency) in Washington, D.C. and a tour in Germany
Sharon, John Francis – b. 6/25/1925, IN; WWII vet who joined Army Reserve and was recalled in Nov. 1950 to active duty in Korea; machine gunner with Army Second Division; KIA by machine gun fire while on patrol.
Shawhan, Benjamin Harrison, Jr. - b. 1/17/1930 in Memphis, TN; presently Episcopal minister in TX; served w/ US Army.
Shawhan, Hubbard William, IV - b. 7/27/1922 in Beckley, WV; decorated WW II vet recalled to active duty as Captain during Korean War; served with KMAG (Korean Military Advisory Group) 10/1950-3/1952, working with the Korean Army as an advisor in Taegu.
Shawhan, Hugh L. (Dale) - b. 2/8/1937 in Great Falls, MT; resides in Sacramento, CA; served w/ USN Air Wing as Aviation Storekeeper; flew on observation flights along the China coast.
Shawhan, Jerold – b. 5/23/1928; served with US Navy.
Shawhan, Jerry Dean - b. 7/22/1935 in Humboldt, NE; career military; retired as Master Sgt., USAF, as a specialist in Air Traffic Control; saw considerable European duty.
Shawhan, Luther Dale – b. 1930, Des Moines, IA; served in US Navy.
Shawhan, Patrick W. - b. July 7, 1937; served with armored infantry unit in US Army 1955-1957, in European

assignments.
Shawhan, Roger Byron – b. 1939, Racine, WI; enlisted man, four years, USAF.
Shawhan, Ronald T. - b. 12/30/1930, Cincinnati, Ohio; graduated from NROTC program at Miami U., Oxford, OH, June, 1952 as 2nd Lt., USMC; served w/ 3rd MarDiv in Nara, Japan in garrison troops; joined 1st MarDiv in Korea as Communications/Crypto Officer on the West Coast Islands, at the 38th Parallel, supporting intelligence-gathering operations; discharged at Treasure Island, San Francisco, CA, in October, 1954.
Taylor, Raymond Leon – b. 12/12/1931; with US Army 526th Engineers.
Towne, Gerald Norman – b. 6/16/1936, OR; US Army during mid-fifties; boot camp at Ft. Ord and duty in Korea.

VIETNAM WAR ERA

The longest war in U.S. history, the Vietnam conflict lasted from 1964 until the peace pact was signed in Paris in January, 1973. For purposes of this document, the era will encompass the period of the 1960s and 1970s.

Clark, Cecil Edward – b. 7/19/1937, Richmond, IN; career military, US Army; Enl. 8/11/1954, retired 9/1/74 as Platoon Sgt.; Basic Trng Ft. Leonard Wood, MO; MP Trng Ft. Gordon, GA; specialist in providing security for nuclear weapons and VIPs, incl. Pres. Eisenhower and Pres. Nixon; interfaced with German Investigations Group; Platoon Sgt. 720th MP Bn. 1966-67 in Vietnam; duty stations included Siegelsbach, Ger., Trois Fontaine, Fra., Ft. Carson, CO, Nurenberg, Ger., Aberdeen, MD, Ft. Mitchie, MD, Ft. Meyer, VA, Seneca Army Depot, NY.
Clark, Herbert – b. 1917; WWII vet, USAF; joined CIA airline in Asia, called Air America; flew supplies to remote areas of Vietnam; shot down and killed in 1972 while flying C-46 cargo plane.
Dodson, Charles B. – b. 12/21/1945, KS; musician with Fifth Army Band.
Francis, James Edward - b. 6/16/1946 in Oak Ridge, TN; a genuine Vietnam War hero, his name is engraved on the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C.. Enlisting in the USAF in 1966, Jim was serving as a Security Policeman at the Korat, Royal Thai AirForce Base, in March, 1968 when he lost his life while trying to save the life of anotherairman who had been injured in the explosion of a 750 lb. bomb in a storage area — while doing so, a second, larger explosion took place, killing James and the other airman; for his heroism, he was posthumously awarded the Airman's' Medal, inscribed "For Valor".
Francis, Robert Eugene - b. 3/15/1949 in Knoxville, TN. Bob has had two military tours, the first one beginning as a USAF enlisted man in April 1968, trained in munitions handling; served year in Vietnam, at Phu Cat and Bien Hoa AFBs; received USAF Commendation Medal for his tour in Vietnam, discharged as Sgt. in Feb. 1971, from McConnell AFB. (see "1980s - '90s" enclosed).
Francis, Thomas Russell – b. 7/12/1945, Oak Ridge, TN; Enl. USAF Sept. 1965; Basic Trng Lackland AFB, TX; Aircraft Mechanic Tech School at Chanute AFB, IL; 3/66-9/67 at Richard Gebaur AFB, MO; Vietnam 9/67-3/68, at Cam Ranh Bay, working on F-4 Fighters; returned to US early upon notification of the death of his brother, James Edward Francis; finished duty at McConnell AFB, KS, 3/68-1/69.
Girardy, Harlan Dale – b. 4/1944, KS; US Navy jet pilot; three Vietnam tours to the Gulf of Tonkin, aboard the aircraft carriers Enterprise, Ranger, and Midway.
Houseman, Robert - b. 7/19/48; US Army 1968-70; assigned to West Point cadre.
Kirkland, James William – b. 7/20/1940; joined US Navy 6/29/1960; Great Lakes boot camp; was E4 Fire Control Technician for weapons on LST 1171, "DESOTA County", out of Norfolk, VA; discharged March 20, 1964.
Lane, Thomas E. — b. 1942; Airman 2nd Class, Sept. 1960-June 1966; Turner AFB in Albany, GA and in Iceland.
Megibben, Larry Charles – b. 1/8/1948, Cincinnati, OH; career US Army; Enl. at age of 17, taking Basic Training at Ft. Knox, KY; later received Paratrooper and Ranger training at Ft. Benning and attended Jungle Warfare School at Ft. Sherman, earning his paratrooper wings, his Ranger tab, and his Magellan patch (Jungle Warfare Trained); between 1966 and 1968 he served three tours in Vietnam, rotating back to the "World" in February, 1969; his duty in Nam included tours with Co. B, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Div., (Old Reliables), near Soc Tang in the Delta, and with the 173rd Airborne Brigade at Bien Hoa and An Khe; wounded twice; fought during the Battle of Tet in January 1968; particularly vicious combat June 18-22, 1967, at "Battle of the Slopes", 76 men of 173rd Airborne were killed when group was ambushed by VC enemy; also participated in invasion of Grenada, in 1983, and in capture of Panama's Noriega; received numerous awards and citations, incl. the Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, and RVN Cross of Gallantry; acquired the name "Scalphunter" while performing his specialty, small arms/demolition work; retired to Covington. KY after 26 years, 1965-1991.

Osborn, Garey Richard – b. 12/12/1947; US Army, 1967-69; with Radio Relay unit, 51st Signal Bn., near DMZ in South Korea.
Osborn, Larry Albert – b. 12/12/1947; 1967-70 with 101st Airborne; was member of LRRP (Long Range Recon Patrol) group, whose members specialized in missions deep within enemy territory.
Roleff, Frederick, Jr. – b. 1947, Duluth, MN; a professional musician, he was drafted and served two years with the US Army Field Band.
Roleff, William F. – b. 1944, Duluth, MN: drafted and served two years in US Navy, incl. duty at the Communications Center in London, England.
Sharon, Jon Kevin – b. 4/24/54; US Navy Medic on USS Connolly.
Sharon, Philip Frederick – b. 1948; US Army; 1969-70 w/ 1st Division, 101st Airborne; 1970-72, Schweinfurt, Germany, w/ 39th Field Artillery; discharged from Army; re-enlisted in US Navy, 1980-84, serving on USS Gridley.
Shawhan, Brad - b. 2/17/1954 in CA; served with US Army in Vietnam and at Ft. Hood, TX.
Shawhan, Bruce Duncan – b. 1941, Racine, WI; USMC; stateside duty incl. tour at Marine Corps Hdqtrs.as escort for Lady Bird Johnson and her daughters.
Shawhan, David Alan – b. 10/22/1952; US Army, one tour in Vietnam.
Shawhan, David Norris – b. 11/29/1948, Iowa Falls, IA; USAF Captain.
Shawhan, Harold Wayne - b. 1/29/1947 in Independence, MO; entered USN on 10/4/1966; Basic Training at San Diego, CA; Electronics Training in San Diego and San Francisco; Crypto Training in Vallejo, CA; stationed for three years in Ponce, Puerto Rico; served year in Vietnam as a military advisor; awarded Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and received a Citation for Bravery in the rescue of some shipmates; Released from active duty 3/1972; honorably discharged 10/4/1972.
Shawhan, Jack Vernon, Jr. – b. 12/8/1948; US Navy 1968-72.
Shawhan, James Frank – b. 1952, OH; USMC 1970-72.
Shawhan, James Joseph – b. 1946, Kansas City, MO; US Army, 101st Airborne; in Vietnam 1967-68 as small arms specialist; fought during the Tet Offensive and in Cambodia.
Shawhan, John Henry - b. 6/13/1942; USN in 1960s.
Shawhan, Karen Lee - b. 7/24/1950 in Independence, MO; graduated from nursing school in June 1971 and accepted commission in USN Nurse Corps as Ensign; attended Officer School at Newport, RI; held duty at USN Hospital, Portsmouth, NH; promoted to Lt. J.G. 11/22/1972; discharged from active duty, to reserve status, May 1973; accepted commission as 1st Lt. USAF Nurse Corps Reserve in Sept. 1982; promoted to Capt.; works at VA Hospital in Kansas City, MO; assigned to Reserve Unit, 442nd TAC Hospital, Richard's Gebaur AFB, Grandview, MO; has made reserve duty tours in Central America and in Europe.
Shawhan, Litahni Kida – b. 1971, OH; served with US Navy.
Shawhan, Roger Byron – b. 2/7/1939, Racine, WI; four years w/ USAF.
Shawhan, Stephen Maurice - b. 2/19/1946; w/ USN; Disbursing Petty Officer, 1968-1974, including duty on aircraft Carrier John F. Kennedy.
Shawhan, Timothy John – b. 7/18/1950; US Navy, submarines, 1969-71.
Shawn, Rodney Arthur - b. 6/28/1943 in San Angelo, TX; career USN; CWO; served aboard USS Newport News off of Haiphong Harbor in North Vietnam.
Shawn. Stephen L. – b. 1943; four years with USAF as Nuclear Weapons Specialist.
Taylor, David Allen – b. 11/9/1954; served in USMC in 1970s.
Taylor, Michael Brooks – b. 4/15/1956; served in USMC in 1970s.
Taylor, Raymond Leon – b. 11/24/1953; served with USMC in 1970s.
Williams, Scott Shaffer – b. 4/29/1951, Columbus, OH: Enl. 1/1970, US Army; Basic Trng at Ft. Campbell, KY; Advanced Trng Ft. Sill, OK; Vietnam 5/1970-1971; his group was called "Black Leopards", fighting in Laos, Cambodia, and Nam; also worked with "Thai Volunteer Force" (a CIA unit) and Australian troops; awards incl. 5 campaign stars, and CIB (Combat Infantry Badge); only remembers one injury – his unit was taking incoming and everyone dove for the trenches – he made it first, only to receive a boot in his face from another diving soldier, resulting in a broken nose.

1980-90s: Persian Gulf, Etc.

This era encompasses the period of the 1980s and 1990s, through the Desert Storm, Somalia, and Bosnian episodes.

Bane, Ralph D. II – b. 9/12/164; served 12 years in US Army.

Francis, Robert Eugene- b. 3/15/1949 in Knoxville, TN; served as enlisted USAF 1968-1971, including tour in Vietnam. After being ordained an Elder in the United Methodist Church, Missouri West Conference, and serving in various ministries, he entered US Army Chaplain Corps in January, 1988, serving thru 1997 at duty stations in Ft. Hood, TX, Camp Long, Korea, Ft. Lee, VA and in Darmstadt and Landstuhl, Germany; in March 1998 he was returned to the US for duty at Ft. Eustis, VA.

Gibbs, Robert Duane – b. 2/13/1958; career US Navy; retired 1998 as Petty Officer.

Shawhan, Karen Lee - b. 7/24/1950 in Independence, MO; as USAF Reserve Capt., Nurse Corps, she was recalled to active duty eff. 2/1/1991; assigned to Nellis AFB, NV.

Shawhan, Karl Joseph - b. 4/28/1964 in Parma Hts., OH; graduated as 2nd Lt. USAF in May 1986 from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ; promoted to Capt. as a Bombardier/Navigator on B52s assigned to bases in Modesto, CA and KI Sawyer, MI; received pilot training at Laughlin AFB, TX in 1991; became B1 Command Pilot in 1995, at Dyess AFB in Abilene, TX; promoted to Major in 1997; crew received award and commendation for making 33 hour non-stop flight on simulated bombing run from Dyess AFB to Egypt and return.

Shawhan, Kelly Thomas - b. 9/28/1959 in Parma Hts., OH; graduated 6/81 as 2nd Lt. USMC from Miami U., Oxford, OH; served in artillery as Capt. thru 1987, in Japan (Okinawa), Twenty-Nine Palms, CA, Ft. Sill, OK.

Shawhan, Kevin Gerald - b. 8/14/56 in Detroit, MI; spent childhood primarily in Cleveland, OH; USN 1983-1989; Petty Officer in Navigation Dept; had duty in all the world's oceans, including a tour in the Persian Gulf on board the USS Vandegrift, a frigate.

Shawhan, Kirk Anthony - b. 1/5/62 in Parma Hts., OH; graduated 5/84 as 2nd Lt. USMC from Notre Dame U. in South Bend, IN; received flight training in Pensacola, FL and Meridian, MS; Major, USMC aviation flying Grumman EA6B aircraft, an ECM (Electronic Countermeasures) plane known as a "Prowler"; served in Japan, the Philippines, and off the island of Bahrain against Iraq as a member of Operation Desert Storm during the period 1990/91; has also flown duty tours, out of Aviano, Italy, in support of the NATO Bosnian peace-keeping operation.

Taylor, Bradley Morgan – b. 9/22/1968, OH; served during the Gulf War with Co. B., 1st Bn., 64th Armor Division.

Taylor, Mary Sue - b.11/11/1961, OH; 1980-84 USAF Army, Mechanic, 501st Signal Bn.

Taylor, Warren Douglas – b. 8/10/1960, OH; served in USMC.

Endnotes

"Note (date March 10, 1999) from Bernie O'Neil, who has extensively researched the Birch family: "Bob, . . . there is an error in the history of Thomas Erskine Birch in the Revolutionary War. He was born on the island of St. Kitts, not Jamaica, in 1763. The ship on which he was traveling from Antigua to Liverpool, to return to school at Oxford University was captured by John Paul Jones and he was taken prisoner. However, he was only 13 years old and did not serve as an ensign under Jones. (There was no such rank as ensign in the navy in 1776, it was an army rank). He did however join the U.S. naval forces in the Canary Islands in 1782 and served aboard the South Carolina and later served in the navy of the state of Maryland."