



LeRoy Kienast front row #10 LeRoy's CO was also a captain of American Airlines - later made 2 star general Most of the men in front were officers. The hangars on this base were built during WWII. At that time they were used to house blimps that would be used over the Pacific. This squadron had 2 blimp hangars for their Chinooks. The hangar was about 1/8 mile long. These hangars would almost create their own weather with condensation dripping from the ceiling.



LeRoy Kienast (right) being relieved by Sergeant Major Henderson on January 1982 at El Toro near Santa Ana, California.



San Diego Recruit depot when LeRoy graduated from boot camp



1982 Retirement - leaving HMM-764 Mag-46 Plaque from staff, enlisted men, and officers.



Donarae (Strathman) Kienast - from the Brenda Jensen collection.

#53 Maynard Kienast (no pictures, just some notes)

At this point all I have are some rough notes about Maynard and his discharge papers. I'll post the rough information and then hope to get more details and some pictures in the future.

Maynard took his physical in Audubon County. He reported to Des Moines where he began active service on February 1, 1951. He was sent to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where he worked in truck assembly. He took mechanic instruction at Atlanta, Georgia for two weeks. Wanted to join ROTC but was put in charge of mess hall cooks. Sent to Quartermaster Cooking school at Fort Benning, Georgia, for eight weeks from June to July 1951, then returned to Atlanta. He wanted to serve in the motor pool but was placed in charge of KP workers. Next was sent to San Francisco, California, then to Tokyo, Japan, where he was in charge of Japanese cooks and the R&R area for American soldiers who were on leave from Korea. Maynard was released from active duty in December 1952 and transferred to ERC (enlisted reserve corps) and went on inactive reserve for five years. He received an early release from ERC on January 24, 1953, at Camp Carson, Colorado. According to LeRoy Kienast (Maynard's brother) Maynard served under General Mark Clark while in Japan.

#54 Jerry Knaack (1 picture, 1 monitor article)



This picture of Jerry and newspaper clipping came from the Bev (Nielsen) Smith collection I scanned in 2004. Jerry Knaack Now At Keesler, Mississippi January 13, 1952 Dear Sirs: I want to thank the Legion and Monitor for sending me its home town paper. It is really swell. While at MacDill I always look for it Monday morning. I am now on temporary duty at Keesler A.F.B. for 6 to 8 months. My new address is: Cpl. Jerry E. Knaack AF 17326343 Box 159 3390 Student Training Squadron Keesler, Mississippi

#55 Orrin Edward Kuhn (no pictures, very basic information)

Orrin was inducted into the Army on September 21, 1953, in Omaha, Nebraska. He served with Company A 504 Air. He received the National Defense Service Medal. Specialist 2 (T) Kuhn was honorably discharged September 20, 1955, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

#56 Carl Franklin Lee (1 picture, very basic information)



Carl US55375023, was inducted into the Army at Denison, on April 6, 1953. He trained at Fort Polk, Louisiana, with the 10th Signal Corps. Corporal Lee was discharged April 5, 1955. Carl was born in Scio, Ohio, to John and Amanda (Stevens) Lee. He moved to the Denison area in 1947. On October 25, 1960, Carl married Judy Atkins of Manning where they made their home. He passed away November 2, 1996.

#57 Donald Lerssen (no pictures or information)

#58 Willis Lohmeier (no pictures, 1 news article)

February 28, 1952 Two sailors from the corn-fed town of Manning, Iowa, met at Yokosuka, Japan, the 11th of February 1952. They were Willis Lohmeier and Louis Schwiesow, school chums and life-long buddies from the Corn State. This marks the fourth time they have met since serving with Uncle Sam's Navy.

For this next Veteran I'm currently going through his military scrapbook. The family is looking for discharge papers and other documents so we can write a more formal story.

For now I'll show just a few of Jack's pictures I've scanned.

#59 Johnny Jack Lorenzen (several pictures, no formal write-up, working on story)

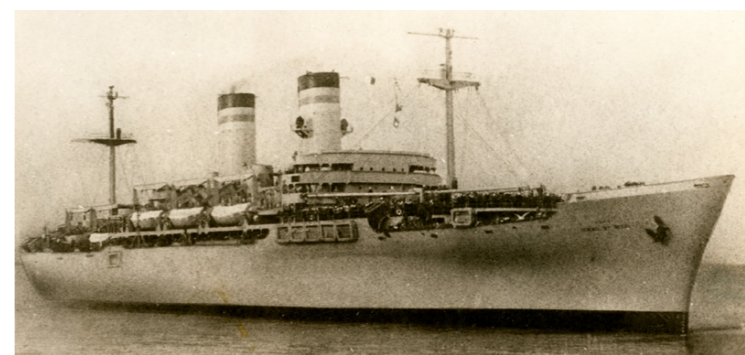


Jack, US55051356, was inducted into the United States Army on November 17, 1950. Jack and Robert Wegner were in the first group of draftees leaving Crawford County at the beginning of the Korean Conflict. He completed basic training at Fort Leonard, Missouri, and was sent to Korea in April 1951. Following his tour of duty there he returned to the States and was assigned to an artillery battalion at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. He was honorably discharged in August 1952 having attained the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Jack was a Life Member of VFW Post 3517 and also a member of American Legion Post 22 in Manning.



Practicing during basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Jack is behind the gun.



USNS Wiegel - ship Jack was transported on overseas



38th Parallel - June 25, 1950 when the war began for the US



Jack in front of his 6x6 truck

Korean Veterans continue next week.