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who is this
Moderation person
people say I
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with.



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Clarence J	Le Blanc, Jr	WW II
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As part of an open house the 31st Naval
Construction Regiment created a model
Vietnamese Village at Port Hueneme, Calif.
The program for the open house on March 4
featured a simulated Viet Cong attack on the
village, a concert by the Twentynine Palms
Marine Corps Band, and a drill team
exhibition by Naval Mobile Construction
Battalion 11.

Clarence Joseph 'C.J.' Leblanc Jr.

Clarence "C.J." Joseph Leblanc Jr., a resident of Baton Rouge, passed away May 11, 2015. Mr. LeBlanc was born in Braithwaite, Louisiana on April 17, 1925. CJ was a [WWII](#) Navy Veteran and belonged to the 33rd Naval



"Seabees" serving with MCB 53 in the Peleliu and Bouganville Campaigns. He retired from Red Stick Linen/CINTAS as a Vice-President of operations. CJ will be remembered for his love for the LSU Tigers, where he enjoyed working many sporting events for 40 years. He joyfully played alto saxophone in many bands in his younger life. He loved traveling and his favorite thing in the world was spending time with his beloved family.

World War II Navy veteran Dominic Corsaro has flown the American flag at his home every day since returning to his native Ohio following the war. Now in his 90s, he does so to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice. "The trouble with our country right now is nobody respects the flag," Corsaro [said](#). "In other words, it isn't who you have as president" that should matter, but honoring the country for which it stands. In 1944 at the age of 16, the Ohioan enlisted in the Merchant Marines.

While in the Merchant Marines, a young Corsaro served in the Atlantic Theater transporting German pilots who had become prisoners of war, among other cargo. He traveled throughout the Mediterranean Sea, Africa, and Italy. The day he turned 17, Corsaro transferred into Navy, joining the 53rd Combat CBs and headed to the Pacific Theater. "I was all over the Pacific Theater finally ended up on Bikini Atoll to take part in the Atomic Bomb test in 1946," Corsaro, now in his early 90s, [recalled](#).



"God kept me safe throughout the war, and I have taught my son the importance of duty, honor and integrity," the veteran said. "He has grown up to make me proud. On my 80th birthday my son took the time to get all my service awards and decorations sent to him then had them framed," Corsaro stated.

The former Navy Seabee 1st Class was surprised at the number of medals and ribbons that he never knew he had earned when he left the service in 1946. At the time, Corsaro just wanted to go home to see his family and his sweetheart Angie who he later married. Corsaro had two relatives who died in the battle of Anzio and several friends from growing older also died during the war.

According to the [National World War II Museum](#), of those 16 million veterans who made it home, approximately 500,000 are still alive.

Like Corsaro, the youngest among them are in their late 80s and 90s.

"I served on two fronts, got to see the world in just a few years and it just what I already knew: I love America ... Land of the Free and Home of the Brave," he said. Shortly after he returned home Cleveland, Ohio, he began flying the American flag and has not missed a day since. It has now been over 71 years since Corsaro began flying the Stars and Stripes. Corsaro founded the organization [Stand F.A.S.T. \(Flag, Anthem, Solemn, Tribute\) America](#), and his simple message is: "Fly the Flag, Honor the Fallen."

Jack H. Baldwin, 90, died peacefully at his home surrounded by his family.

Jack was born in 1927 to William and Ollie Baldwin in Guilford County. He proudly served in the military two different times during World War II, first with the Army Air Corps and secondly with the US Navy Seabees serving with CBD 1058 and the 53rd N.C.B.

Jack Harold Baldwin



After the military and beginning in 1946, he worked as a railway contractor, grading contractor, and trucking contractor.

Jack is preceded in death by his wife, Ida Baldwin and his brothers and sisters, Pauline, Ruth, Inez, Ray, Clay, Rebecca, and Billy. He is survived by his son, Mike Baldwin; grandsons, James (Lori) Baldwin and William (Courtney) Baldwin; three great grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews that cherished him deeply.

Jack and his son contributed a wealth of material to the [WWII section of the MCB 53 web site](#).

Vietnam Veterans Memorial of Greater Rochester, Highland Park South, Rochester, NY, USA

This memorial is located in downtown Rochester NY. It is located in the Southern part of Highland Park. The memorial was dedicated on September 8, 1996 commemorating the service, valor, and sacrifice of Vietnam Veterans and Vietnam Era Veterans . It features a winding walkway with steel plaques for the 280 Rochester men who died in the Vietnam War. There is also a stone memorial dedicated to all Congressional Medal of Honor winners from the Vietnam War.

Nearby to the Vietnam Memorial sits a stone plaque dedicated to Rochester POW/MIAs from the conflict, as well as a second plaque dedicated to those killed in the Korean War from the Rochester area.

The Memorial consists of five components. The Memorial Overlook has a map of the world and the flags of America, the branches of service in the order in which they were created, and the POW/MIA flag. The Mobil Corporation Veterans Garden shows The Soldier, designed by Wayne Williams (with inspiration from the logo designed by Amie Freling), walking into a very polished black granite wall symbolizing the living veteran remaining in contact with the veteran who has passed through the wall. The Garden of Reflection is an area for people to sit and comprehend the impact of the Vietnam Era on America. The Walk of Honor, containing 280 stainless steel bollards, one for each of the 280 men killed or missing in Vietnam from this region, connects the three gardens. The bollards are on the inside of the Walk and form a serpentine line, like a patrol in Nam. On the outside of the Walk of Honor, engraved in curbed granite, is the Timeline that presents a snapshot history of the Vietnam Era. Serving as a perimeter for the patrol of the 280 bollards are Medal of Honor trees donated by Rochester Gas & Electric, the American Forest Famous and Historic Trees, and the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. Twenty-three American redbud trees commemorating the twenty-three Medal of Honor recipients from New York State and form the Congressional Medal of Honor Grove.

<http://www.rochestervietnammemorial.org/>



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