



LEAST WE FORGET

ACTORS WHO SERVED IN WWII

Walter P. Benesch

PM (LD19, AGB275), 33°, KYCH



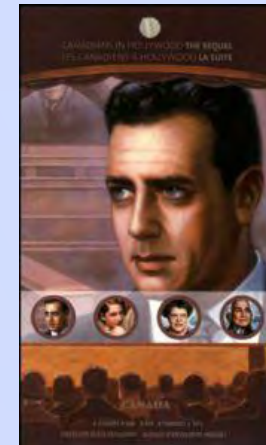
Charles Durning, US Army.

Landed at Normandy on D-Day. Shot multiple times. Awarded the **Silver Star, Bronze Star** and 3 **Purple Hearts**. Survived Malmedy Massacre.



Raymond Burr, US Navy.

Shot in the stomach on Okinawa and medically discharged.



Hugh O'Brian,
US Marines.



At least his
famous
character





Forrest Tucker, US Army.

Enlisted as private, rose to Lieutenant.



Robert Montgomery, US Navy.



George Kennedy, US Army.

Enlisted after Pearl Harbor, stayed in sixteen years.



Cesar Romero, US Coast Guard.

Participated in the invasions of Tinian and Saipan on the assault transport USS Cavalier.

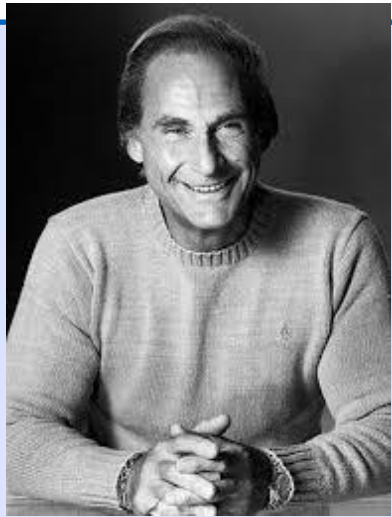


Norman Fell, US Army Air Corps.,

Tail Gunner, Pacific Theater.



Jason Robards, US Navy. At Pearl during the attack, was aboard heavy cruiser USS Northampton sunk off Guadalcanal. USS Nashville during the invasion of the Philippines, surviving a kamikaze hit that caused 223 casualties.



Sid Caesar, US Coast Guard



Sabu Dastagir,
13th U.S. Air Force in the Pacific, Aerial gunner



Ossie Davis, US Army



Steve Reeves, US Army, Philippines.



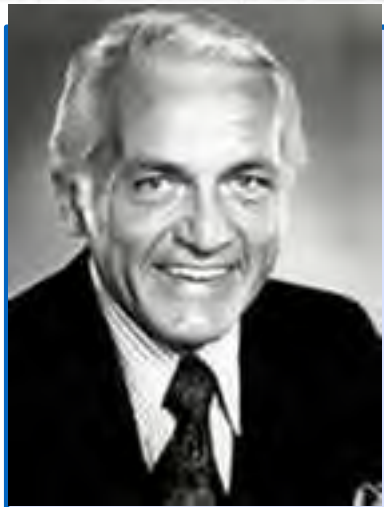
Dennis Weaver, US Navy.

Pilot.



Robert Taylor, US Navy.

Instructor Pilot.



Ted Knight, US Army,
Combat Engineers.



Jack Warden, US Navy, 1938-1942, then US Army, 1942-
1945. 101st Airborne Division.



Don Adams. US Marines.
Wounded on Guadalcanal, then served as a Drill Instructor.



Soupy Sales, US Navy.

Served on USS Randall in the South Pacific.



Lee Van Cleef, US Navy.

Served aboard a sub chaser then a mine sweeper.



Clifton James, US Army, South Pacific.

Was awarded the **Silver Star**, **Bronze Star**, and **Purple Heart**.



James Gregory, US Navy and US Marines.



Brian Keith, US Marines.

Radioman/Gunner in Dauntless dive-bombers.



Fess Parker, US Navy and US Marines.

Booted from pilot training for being too tall, joined Marines as
a radio operator.



James Arness, US Army.

As an infantryman, severely wounded at Anzio, Italy.



Efram Zimbalist, Jr., US Army.

Purple Heart for wound received at Huertgen Forest.



Mickey Spillane, US Army Air Corps,

Fighter Pilot & later Instructor Pilot.



Alan Hale Jr, US Coast Guard.



Russell Johnson, US Army Air Corps.

B-24 crewman who was awarded **Purple Heart** when his aircraft was shot down by the Japanese in the Philippines.



William Conrad, US Army Air Corps.

Fighter Pilot



Claude Akins, US Army.

Signal Corps., Burma and the Philippines.



Chuck Connors, US Army.

Tank-warfare instructor.



Harry Carey Jr., US Navy.



Don Knotts, US Army,
Pacific Theater.



Don Rickles, US Navy
aboard USS Cyrene.



Harry Dean Stanton, US Navy.
Served aboard an LST in the Battle of Okinawa.



Rod Steiger, US Navy.

Was aboard one of the ships that launched the Doolittle Raid.



Tony Curtis, US Navy.

Sub tender USS Proteus. In Tokyo Bay
for the surrender of Japan.



Larry Storch. US Navy.

Sub tender USS Proteus with Tony Curtis.

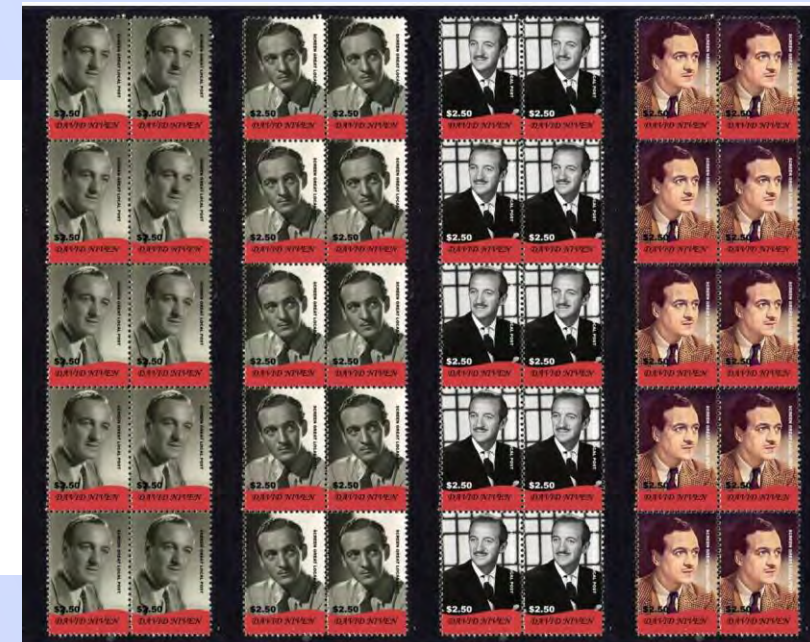




Glen Ford, US Navy.
Also served in Korean War and Viet
Nam War. He retired as a Captain in
the US Naval Reserve.



David Niven,
Royal Army



Anthony Quayle, Royal Artillery



Mickey Rooney, US

Army under Patton

Bronze Star.



Denver Pyle, US Navy.

Wounded in the Battle of Guadalcanal. Medically discharged.



Burgess Meredith, US Army Air Corps.



Stamp of Burgess
playing Ernie Pyle



DeForest Kelley,
US Army Air Corps.



Robert Stack, US Navy.

Gunnery Officer.

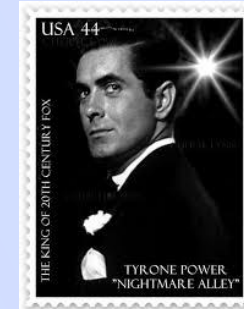


Neville Brand, US Army,

Europe - awarded the **Silver Star** and **Purple Heart**.



Tyrone Power, US
Marines. Transport pilot,
Pacific Theater.



Charlton Heston, US Army Air
Corps. Radio operator and aerial gunner
on a B-25, Aleutians.



Danny Aiello, US Army.
Lied about his age to enlist at 16. Served three years.



Lee Marvin US



Marines. Sniper. Wounded in action on Saipan. Buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Sec. 7A next to Greg Boyington and Joe Louis.



Art Carney, US Army.

Wounded on Normandy beach, D-Day. Limped for the rest of his life.



Wayne Morris, US Navy

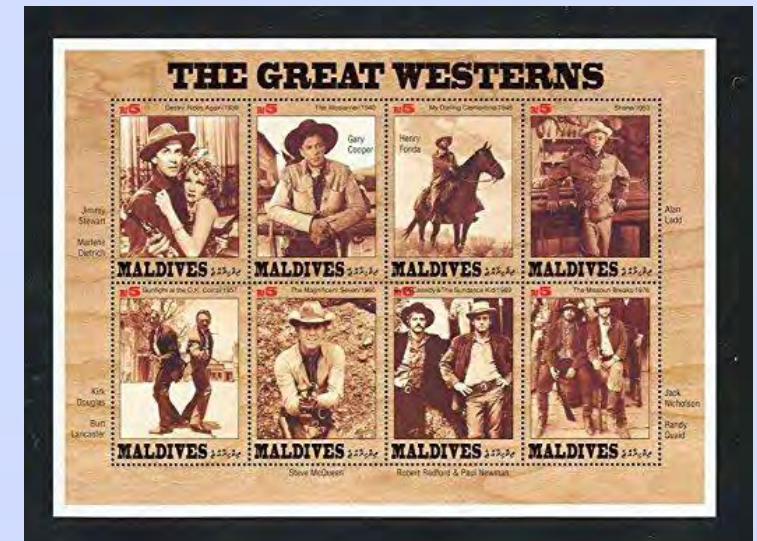
fighter pilot, USS Essex. Downed seven Japanese fighters.



Dale Robertson, US Army. Tank Commander in North Africa
under Patton. Wounded twice. Battlefield Commission.



Henry Fonda, US
Navy. Destroyer USS
Satterlee.



Note how many of our stars
are on this plate



John Carroll, US Army Air Corps.

Pilot in North Africa. Broke his back in a crash.



Rod Serling. US Army. 11th Airborne

Division in the Pacific. He jumped at Tagaytay in the Philippines and was later wounded in Manila.



Gene Autry, US Army Air Corps.

Crewman on transports that ferried supplies over "The Hump" in the China-Burma-India Theater



William Holden,
US Army Air Corps.





Frank Sutton, US Army.

Took part in 14 assault landings, including Leyte, Luzon, Bataan and Corregidor.



Jackie Coogan, US Army Air Corps. Volunteered for gliders and flew troops and materials into Burma behind enemy lines.

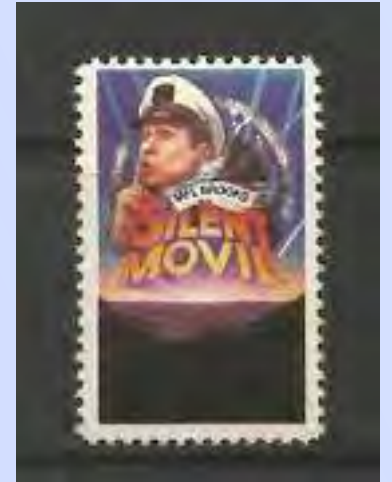


Tom Bosley, US Navy.



Mel Brooks, US Army.

Combat Engineer. Saw action in the
Battle of the Bulge.



Robert Altman, US Army Air Corps.

B-24 Co-Pilot.



Pat Hingle, US Navy.

Destroyer USS Marshall.



Fred Gwynne, US Navy.

Radioman.



Karl Malden, US Army Air
Corps. 8th Air Force, NCO.



Earl Holliman. US Navy.

Lied about his age to enlist. Discharged after a year when they Navy
found out.





Rock Hudson, US
Navy. Aircraft mechanic,
the Philippines.



Harvey Korman, US Navy.



Aldo Ray. US Navy.
UDT frogman, Okinawa.



Robert Ryan, US Marines.



Eddie Albert, US Coast Guard.

Bronze Star with Combat V for saving several Marines under heavy fire as pilot of a landing craft during the invasion of Tarawa.



Clark Gable,
US Army Air Corps.

B-17 gunner over Europe.





Charles Bronson, US Army Air
Corps. B-29 gunner, wounded in action.



Peter Graves, US Army Air Corps.

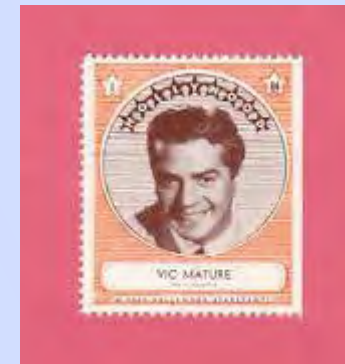


Buddy Hackett, US Army
anti-aircraft gunner.





Victor Mature, US Coast Guard.



Jack Palance, US Army Air Corps.

Severely injured bailing out of a burning B-24 bomber.



Robert Preston, US Army Air
Corps. **Intelligence Officer.**



Walter Matthau, US Army Air Corps.,
B-24 Radioman/Gunner and cryptographer.



European Stamp



Steve Forrest, US Army.
Wounded, Battle of the Bulge.



Jonathan Winters, USMC.
Battleship USS Wisconsin & Carrier USS Bon Homme
Richard. Anti-aircraft gunner, Battle of Okinawa.



Remembrance Cachet



James Stewart, US Army Air Corps.

Bomber pilot, rose to the rank of General.



Ed McMahon, US Marines.

Fighter Pilot. (Flew OE-1 Bird Dogs over Korea as well.)



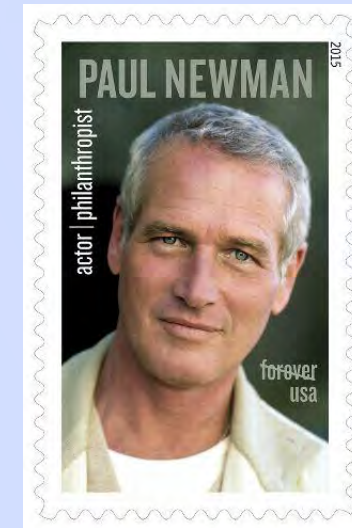
Telly Savalas, US Army.





Paul Newman, US Navy

Rear seat gunner/radioman, torpedo
bombers of USS Bunker Hill.



Kirk Douglas, US Navy.

Sub-chaser in the Pacific. Wounded in
action and medically discharged.



Robert Mitchum, US Army.





George Gobel comedian taught fighter pilots,
I believe it was in Oklahoma. Johnny Carson made a big deal about it once
on the Tonight Show, to which George said: "The Japs didn't get past us!"



Sterling Hayden, US Marines and
OSS. Smuggled guns into Yugoslavia and
parachuted into Croatia.



Ernest Borgnine, US Navy.

Gunnery Mate 1c, destroyer USS Lamberton.





Randolph Scott.

Tried to enlist in the Marines but was rejected due to injuries sustained in US Army, World War I.



Ronald Reagan. US Army.

Was a 2nd Lt. Cavalry Reserves before the war. Transferred to the Army Air Corps Public Relations Unit where he served for the duration.



America's most-decorated soldier, became a Hollywood star as a result of his US Army service that included his being awarded the **Medal of Honor**.





So Where are the women?



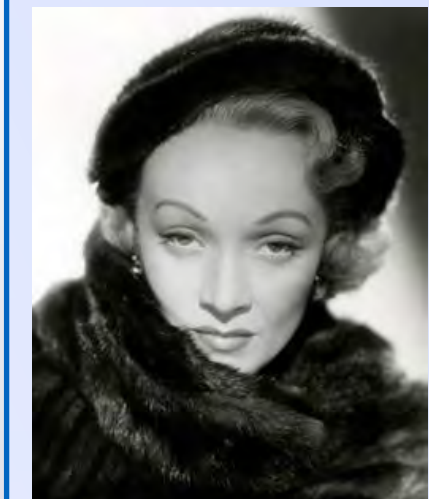


Nancy Jane Kulp, Navy WAVES



Frances Wills(left) & Harriet Ida Pickens sworn as Apprentice Seamen.

In December 1944, became first African-American WAVES officers.



Marlene Dietrich,
Not Military, but in USO on front
lines. Sheltered immigrants
escaping Nazi Germany. Hitler
had a \$1,000,000 bounty on her
head as a German traitor.





Beatrice Arthur, Marine Corp,
Truck driver, secretarial pool.



Josephine Baker, Lt. French
Underground, pilot, master spy
**Croix de Guerre, Rosette of the
Résistance, & Legion of Honor.**

Subject of a very special presentation



Hedy Lamarr **Not military BUT** discovered an method of
preventing enemy ships from jamming American torpedoes
by making radio signals jump between frequencies (she had
over 20 technical patents).





Julia Child, OSS
(Office of Strategic
Services) in Ceylon &
China



Audrey Hepburn,
As a child in the Netherlands, aided the
fight against the Germans, as a courier
for resistance fighters.





And now for a big
Surprise!



The Most Unlikely Movie Star!

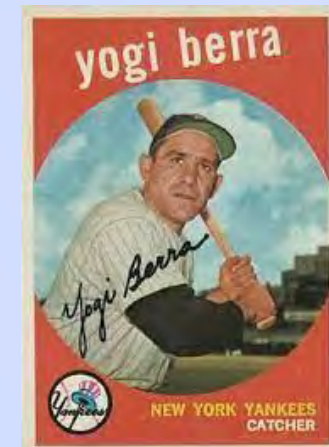
Yogi Berra, US Navy, USS Bayfield

Gunnermate on an Attack transport on D-day - **Purple Heart** (3 landings)

Perhaps the greatest baseball player in history - More World Series Rings,

MVPs, & outstanding manager

Posthumous Movie Star



My favorite Yankee!

USS Bayfield

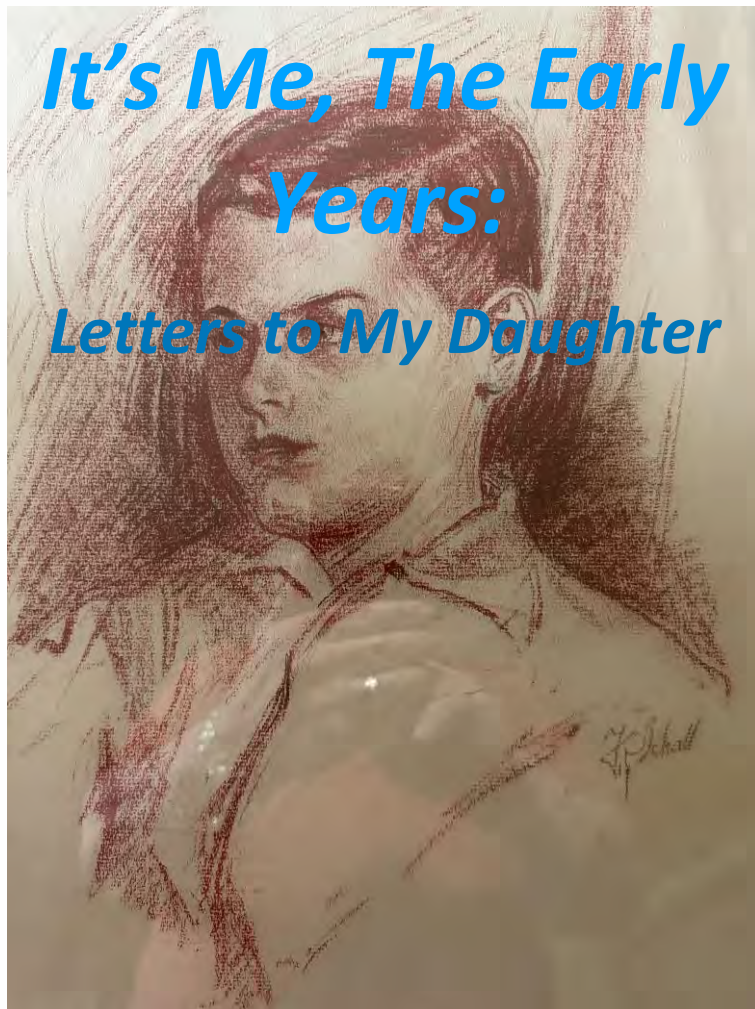


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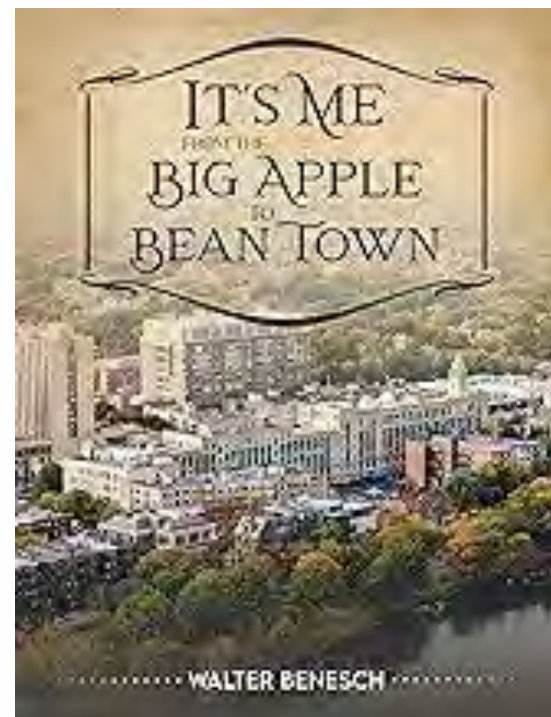
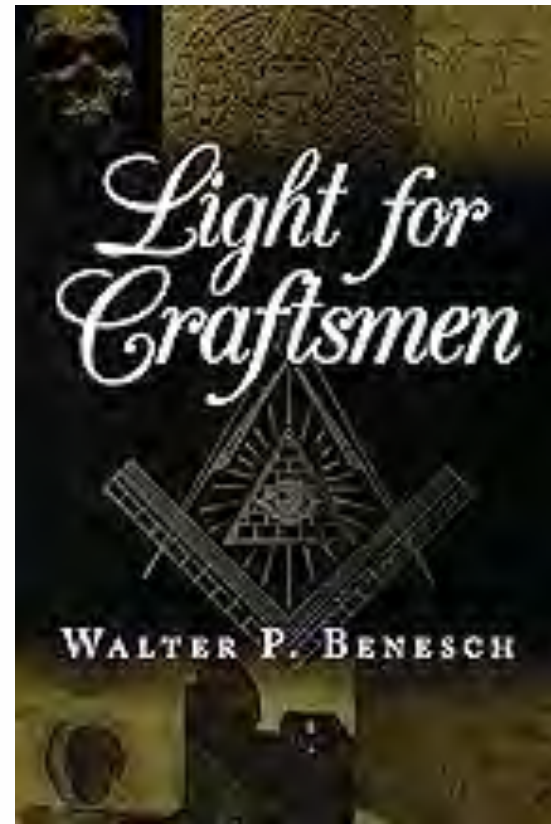
Remember many who you see were part of
“The Greatest Generation”



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considering purchasing
this book.**

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