~ In Memory ~

These are the names of the soldiers who left their homes and families in Davis to serve our country in the name of freedom. We also want to acknowledge the many military veterans who have passed away and are buried here or who are buried elsewhere but whose loved ones now live in Davis.

**World War I**
- Virgil W. Agard
- Charles V. Alford
- Harry Bauer
- W. H. Bellows
- Thurston R. Chamberlain
- Edward C. Delray
- Claude J. Dince
- Percy C. Eugene
- Oliver O. Grayson
- Roy Hamilton
- Christ Hegelan
- Frank Hermle
- Joseph D. Holman
- Charles D. Hunt
- Harry M. Johnson
- Thomas E. Johnson
- Charles D. Maines
- Vernon C. Maxwell
- Almer J. Norton
- William F. Oliver
- Lester R. Palm
- Wesley C. Predmore
- Albert V. Roth
- Otto Shonomay
- Christian J. Smith
- Harmon R. Taber
- Frank A. Travis
- Raymond S. Vaca
- Elmer E. Vanlew
- Basil C. Williams
- William M. Wright

**World War II**
- Jack Asbill
- Sam Banks
- Curtis Biddick
- Clarence M. Delay
- James A. Duthie
- Frank Frazier
- Henry C. Hansen
- Ralph W. Hoffman
- Thomas Jordan
- Donald C. Lowe
- Orville G. Shavey
- Robert A. Smith
- Leo Sweeney

**Korea**
- Delmer C. Watterson

**Vietnam**
- Joey Antognini
- John Barovetto
- James P. Galvin
- Billy E. Moore
- James R. Nash
- Robert W. O’Keefe
- Wayne Reinecke
- James G. Rowe, Jr.

**Iraq**
- Tung M. Nguyen

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Let us remember our fallen heroes.
They are the reason we are free.
**Francis Eugene Resta**  
**WWII Veteran, Retired USAF**

Resta was born July 2nd, 1925 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. His father was an Army officer, which moved the Resta family to Fort Crook, Nebraska (now Offit AFB), Fort Shafter, Oahu, Hawaii, and West Point, NY. Resta grew up at West Point from the 3rd grade throughout High School and attended New York Military Academy for his senior year in high school. He earned two H.S. diplomas: New York State Regents (Highland Falls H.S.) and NYMA.

After volunteering for the draft in 1943, Resta attended Non-Commissioned Officers School in Fort Benning, GA and briefly attended the Army Specialist Training Program for Engineering at Purdue University before being assigned to the 102nd Infantry Ozark Division at Camp Swift, Texas for additional infantry training.

Soon, Resta’s unit was needed for post-Normandy offensives across the Netherlands and Germany. He was a 60mm mortar squad leader (sergeant) in an infantry rifle company of the 102nd Infantry Division, which was in Gen. Omar Bradley’s 9th Army in the Rhineland Campaign push from Aachen to the Rhine River, across the Rhine at Wesel, and on across northern Germany to Stendal at the Elbe River. Resta’s 407th Infantry Regiment earned the Unit Meritorious Service Award for service in Germany.

Resta was wounded in the attack on Welz, Germany and received a Purple Heart and Bronze Star for heroism. After 9 months of combat, the 102nd Division occupied various sections of Germany for 10 months as part of the Post War Occupation Army. After his service in World War II, Resta served with the U.S. Air Force as a civilian search pilot in the Civil Air Patrol from 1960 to 1978 whereby he earned the rank of First Lieutenant and served as Squadron 32 (Mather AFB) Commander for 5 years. In those 18 years of flying service, he flew scores of searches in the Sierras from Palm Springs to Lassen.

Resta chased several fields of study at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY (2 yrs. Engineering), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (2 yrs. Social Psychology), Wayne State University, Detroit (2 yrs. Engineering), and Air Force Institute of Technology (1 yr. Industrial Management). He received the BIE degree equivalent by Travis AFB, USAF.

In the 1950s and 60s he worked as an Industrial Engineer in the private sector (Bell Telephone Lab, Fisher Body Division of GM, Chrysler Corp. Car and Truck Assembly, and Aerojet). For 25 years after that, he worked as a civilian GS12 & GS13 at Mather AFB and Travis AFB respectively in the Civil Engineering Divisions as the Industrial Engineering Branch Chief.

Resta married Patricia Nelson in 1960, has 3 children, 9 grandchildren and 5 greatgrandchildren. After retirement from Civil Service, Resta built and was Dance Instructor at the Ballroom of Sacramento. He was a 4H project leader for both Horse and Aerospace activities and led both El Dorado County and California State 4H Aerospace Projects. He was an avid hiker in the Desolation Wilderness section of the high Sierras and was hike and bicycle leader for the Christ Unity Church of Sacramento in the 1990s and 2000s. For this past decade, Resta was an active member of Davis Post 6949 and Post Commander in 2013.

**Acknowledgments**

We wish to give a special thanks to all the members of the Davis Scouting program who placed flags on the graves of our military veterans and to the numerous volunteers who worked behind the scenes to contribute to the success of today’s program. Many thanks to all.