



Wayne Clinton Ziegler
First Lieutenant U.S. Army
13 July 1942 – 12 April 1946



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Wayne was born at home in Trexlertown, Pennsylvania, on 11 April 1921. The family later moved to Wescosville, Pennsylvania, where Wayne attended grade school from 1927 to 1934. He graduated from Allentown High School in 1938. He then went to work as an Electrical Motor Repairman for H. N. Crowder Jr. Company, an electrical supply and equipment repair facility. Wayne was drafted into the Army as a Private on 13 July 1942 in Allentown. He was assigned to Antiaircraft Artillery School, Camp Davis, North Carolina, where he trained for the Coast Artillery. While there, he was promoted to Corporal. On 29 October 1942, he was assigned to the 3rd Training Regiment, Field Artillery Reserve and Training Center, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to attend Officer Candidate School. He received his commission as Second Lieutenant on 10 February 1943, after which he continued to serve in the States in the Coast Artillery. He was later assigned to the 104th Antiaircraft Coast Artillery (Automatic Weapons Battalion), 14th Antiaircraft Command, which had deployed to the Pacific Theater in February 1942. On 6 July 1945, he left the States by ship for Luzon, Philippine Islands, arriving there on 30 July 1945, where he joined the 104th as the war was drawing to a close. After V-J Day, 15 August 1945, and the surrender of the Japanese, the Battalion deployed to Japan for occupation duty. The Battalion was inactivated at Saijo, Japan, in January 1946. On 8 February 1946, Wayne left Japan for the States, arriving on 21 February 1946. Seven days later he went home on terminal leave until he was released from active duty as a First Lieutenant on 12 April 1946 at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation in Pennsylvania. For his service, Wayne was awarded the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Philippine Liberation Medal. In 1948, Wayne moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he began working on submarines as an Electrician and then as a Production Controller at the Philadelphia Naval Yard until his retirement in 1976. He married **Virginia A. Brey** (16 February 1918–6 July 1996) of Allentown in 1951. A year later, they moved to Mount Laurel, New Jersey, where they remained until Virginia's death. Virginia graduated from the Sacred Heart Hospital School of Nursing in Allentown and served in the Nurse Corps as a Navy Lieutenant during the war. Sometime after moving to Mount Laurel, she practiced nursing at a hospital in Camden, New Jersey. In 1972, she was appointed by the Governor to the New Jersey Board of Nursing, and traveled throughout the state inspecting and evaluating nursing programs. Virginia retired at the same time as Wayne in 1976. In 1997, after Virginia died, Wayne moved to Moravian Hall Square retirement community in Nazareth, Pennsylvania. He remained there until his death on 2 March 2011. He and Virginia are buried together in the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Arneytown, New Jersey. Wayne was a lifetime member of the American Legion. He was a railroad and model train enthusiast and enjoyed photography. He was affectionately known to locals as “Mr. Fix-it”, devoting many hours repairing broken things given to him and then donating them to his church’s thrift shop in New Jersey and to his neighbors in Nazareth. Wayne’s parents were **Clinton Willie Ziegler** (7 April 1887–5 December 1952) and **Hattie Lorena (Snyder) Ziegler** (8 September 1895–19 April 1986).



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