



Eighth Army



8th Infantry



GHG Long Lines



Eta Jima
Specialist School



Charles Edward Deibert
Corporal U.S. Army
6 December 1950 – 10 December 1952

Charles was born on 19 July 1928 in Allentown, Pennsylvania, while his family was living in Wescosville, Pennsylvania. He attended grades 1–8 in a two-room schoolhouse in Wescosville, followed by Raub Jr. High School and Allentown High School in Allentown, graduating from the latter in 1946. During his senior year in high school, Charles worked part time in hardware sales at M.S. Young and Company in Allentown, and continued working there full time for the next four years until he was drafted into the Army. Charles was inducted as a Private on 6 December 1950 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received his basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, with the 61st Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division, and was assigned to the Signal Corps. In March 1951, he was ordered to Japan, where he underwent specialty training in open wire-pole line construction at the Eta Jima Specialist School (the former Japanese Naval Academy) during May and June 1951. He was then transferred to Korea where he was assigned to General Headquarters (GHQ), Long Lines Signal Group, 8226th Army Unit, Detachment #3, for nearly 19 months. Detachment #3 changed locations in Korea as the tide of battle moved in order to maintain communications or to restore communications after a retreat. While in Korea, Charles served in his specialty for the first 16 months and as a Personnel Administrative Specialist and Recruiting NCO for the remaining time. He was then transferred back to the States, arriving at Camp Stoneman, California, and then proceeded to Fort Custer, Michigan, where he was discharged as a Corporal on 10 December 1952. Charles was awarded the Korean Service Medal (w/3 bronze stars), United Nations Service Medal, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Army of Occupation Medal (Japan), National Defense Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. Charles returned home to Wescosville after his discharge. On 25 September 1954, Charles married **Marilyn Gay Zink** (born 1 February 1933) in Allentown. They lived in Allentown for the next two years, and then in Wescosville the following two years. They then moved to Macungie RD#1 and remained there until 1988. At that time they moved to Reedsville, Pennsylvania, in Mifflin County when Charles went to work for Avtex Fibers in nearby Lewistown. Charles retired from Avtex Fibers in 1991, and they continued to maintain their residence in Reedsville. While living at Macungie RD#1, Charles attended Pennsylvania State University on a part-time basis during the evenings at its extension campus in Allentown. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1970. After his discharge from the Army, Charles worked, successively, in Pennsylvania at Atlas Mineral Products Co. in Mertztown; Trojan U.S. Powder Co. in Allentown; Schaefer Brewing Co. in Fogelsville; Just Born, Inc., in Bethlehem; St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia; Lehigh Valley Dairies in Allentown; and finally for Avtex Fibers (now Lewistown Specialty Yarns). Charles and Marilyn have three children: **Michael Edward**, **Barbara Lynn**, and **Charles Edward Jr.** Michael served as a career officer in the Air Force for 31 years. Barbara and Charles Jr. served in the Army during the Cold War era. Charles's parents are **George Solomon Deibert** (7 February 1877 – 23 March 1942), and **Helen Ruth Schoenly** (6 April 1892 – 12 September 1981). His father also was a career officer, serving in the Army Medical Corps (Cavalry) during World War I. Three of Charles's uncles also served during World War I: **Ray Schoenly** in the Navy, and **Myron** and **Harry Schoenly** in the Army. The family military tradition continued into the next generations with Charles's son-in-law, **Justin Grenzweig**, and his two sons, **Ryan C.** and **Ross M. Grenzweig**, serving in the Army. Justin served in Vietnam and Ryan and Ross in Iraq, where Ryan is presently serving.