



Paul Martin Heist
Corporal U.S. Army

12 December 1952 – 16 November 1954

Paul was born at home on 9 February 1932 in Wescosville, Pennsylvania, in Lower Macungie Township, where he attended grades 1-8 at the Wescosville School. He attended Emmaus High School in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, for three years until 1950, after which he was employed by Kuhns and Anthony Paving Company of Wescosville as a Dump Truck Driver for two years. On 12 December 1952, Paul was drafted into the Army and was inducted at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He underwent training at Camp Polk, Louisiana, and from there he was sent via troop train to San Francisco, California, for transfer overseas. He left California on a troop ship in June 1953 bound for Camp Eta Jima, Japan, where he attended Heavy Equipment Training School from July to September 1953. Paul then left Eta Jima for Korea, where he was assigned to the 523rd Pipeline Company, supplying jet fuel for aircraft flying missions out of K-9 Air Base at East Pusan. He served at Pusan for 14 months before returning to the States for release from active duty.



Camp Eta Jima, Japan

He was released as a Corporal on 16 November 1954 at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, and was assigned to the Army Inactive Reserves for six years. In addition to his Good Conduct Medal, Paul was awarded the Korean Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, United Nations Service Medal, and National Defense Service Medal. Paul returned home to Wescosville, and went to work as an Apprentice Electrician with his brother at Ralph Heist Electric Company in Trexlertown until 1960. He then went to work for Western Electric Company in Allentown, Pennsylvania, as a Journeyman Electrician until

1985. He also worked as an Electrician for I.B.E.W Electric Union Local #375 in Allentown until his retirement in March 1997. Paul married **Christine Marie Levan** (25 July 1937 – 4 May 2002) in 1957 at Dubbs Memorial Church in Allentown. Paul and Christine lived in Wescosville until 1962, when they moved to South Whitehall Township in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, where they settled and raised their three children, **Melinda Marie**, **Michael Charles**, and **Michele Alice**. In June 2000, Paul and other veterans of the Korean War from the Lehigh Valley were presented with a medal from the Korean Government marking the 50th Anniversary of the start of the Korean War. Paul has been a long-time member of the Breinigsville VFW Post 8282 and the Jordan Lutheran Church in Orefield, Pennsylvania. Paul's parents were **Oliver George Heist** (30 June 1889 – 28 February 1936) and **Beulah Florence Reichard** (28 February 1890 – 3 March 1974). Paul's four older brothers served in the Army: **Earl Oliver**, **Wilbur Richard**, and **Morgan Reuben** during World War II, and **Robert Ernest** from 7 February 1946 to 10 August 1947.