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George Godfrey was born in Brewster, New York on December 9, 1932. In February 1951, at age 18, he went to Canal Street in New York City and enlisted in the Army.

Corporal Godfrey was sent to Fort Devens, Massachusetts and after initial training, and was transported by train to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he went through five weeks of extensive work and training. Corporal Godfrey was then sent to the west coast and shipped to Korea, landing first in Inchon, and then proceeding to Seoul, where he had his first contact with our fighting forces.

Corporal Godfrey was in Korea for 18 months where he was awarded the Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Stars, the Combat Infantry Badge and the National Service Medal.

When Corporal Godfrey returned home, he served with distinction as a patrolman for the Village of Brewster for seven years. He drove a school bus, worked heavy construction, drove for Grand Union stores, and drove containers from Bayonne, New Jersey to Boston, Massachusetts.

Corporal Godfrey is a 57-year member of the Brewster-Southeast Volunteer Fire Department. He meets and greets commuters at the Brewster train station every morning and night, providing a sense of security, continuity, and neighborliness that is all-too-often lost in our world today. For this service, he was inducted into the Metro North Railroad Hall of Fame, and was featured on CBS News earlier this year.