



**Christopher
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Marine Corps

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Nov 22, 1922 - Jan 11, 2021

BIRTHPLACE: Kansas City, KS

SOLDIER DETAILS

DIVISION: Marine Corps

THEATER OF OPERATION: Pacific

SERVED: Jan 12, 1943 - Jan 11, 1947

BATTLE: Gaum and Okinawa

HONORED BY: Eisenhower Foundation

BIOGRAPHY

Chris enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1943 and served in the Pacific theater during World War II. After training at Camp Pendleton he was sent to Hawaii. From there saw action in the Marshall Islands. He was part of the invasions of Guam and Okinawa. His unit was preparing for the invasion of Japan when the war ended. After two more post-war years in the USMC with time spent in China and San Francisco, he returned to Kansas City, Kansas. Chris was proud of his service in the Marine Corps and for the rest of his life could often be seen wearing a something with a Marine logo. He had the pleasure of being part of an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. in 2013. The veterans were able to visit the World War II Memorial. Especially meaningful for the few Marines on the trip, the last stop of the 3-day Honor Flight experience was a visit to the Iwo Jima Memorial. Semper Fidelis.