



**James
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Marine Corps

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Feb 27, 1923 -

BIRTHPLACE: Michael Hill, KS

SOLDIER DETAILS

**DIVISION: Marine Corps, 2nd Battalion, 28th
Marines**

THEATER OF OPERATION: Pacific

BATTLE: Iwo Jima

MILITARY HONORS: Purple Heart

HONORED BY: The Eisenhower Foundation

BIOGRAPHY

James graduated High School in 1941 and enlisted in the Marines the following spring. He started off as a para trooper in the 3rd Division but only made the 6 practice jumps in basic training. In 1944 the Marine para troopers were disbanded and he joined the 2nd Battalion, 28th Marines. He fought the Japanese at Iwo Jima. He was injured during this operation.