



**James  
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*Marine Corps*

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**BIRTHPLACE: Michael Hill, KS**

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### **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**

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### **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.