



**John
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Marine Corps

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Aug 24, 1923 - Jun 1, 2007

BIRTHPLACE: Wilson, KS

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: Private 1st Class

DIVISION: Marine Corps, 4th Marine Division

THEATER OF OPERATION: Pacific

SERVED: Jan 15, 1943 - Nov 1, 1945

BATTLE: Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, Saipan, Iwo Jima,

**MILITARY HONORS: Purple Heart with Gold Star
Good Conduct Medal**

**HONORED BY: Ron Helus - son and Kristi Logue -
daughter, Candy Helus - daughter, deceased,
Randy Helus - son, deceased**

BIOGRAPHY

John Helus graduated High School in 1941 from Ellsworth High. He enlisted in the Marines in December 1942 and served in the Pacific theater including Tarawa, Saipan and Iwo Jima. Helus was a rifle sharpshooter and recalls how his unit stormed the beaches in the Pacific. See attached news article for more information.