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Navy & Marine Corps

Recipients

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and
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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Introduction

The communities of the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester State University, and Brown University currently participate in the Holy Cross Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) and have participated in America's military affairs since their founding as institutions.

Numerous members of these communities have performed heroically in combat and have been decorated for their actions. The three highest of these American combat decorations are the Medal of Honor, awarded sparingly for "valor above and beyond the call of duty," the Navy Cross for Navy and Marine Corps personnel, and the Silver Star.

This book honors members of the Holy Cross and Worcester Polytechnic Institute communities who have served in the Navy and Marine Corps and who have received one of these three combat decorations.

For each decoration, the recipients are presented in the chronological order when the events for which they were decorated occurred.

The articles on the Holy Cross combat decoration recipients include the page from each man's senior yearbook in order to provide a fuller description of the individual.

The Holy Cross O'Callahan Society (named after Medal of Honor recipient Father Joseph T. O'Callahan, S. J.) was formed to support the Holy Cross NROTC Unit and has compiled this booklet so that the heroic legacy of these men will inspire the midshipmen from the Unit and the Colleges in their future service.

Medal of Honor

Recipients

from the

College of the Holy Cross



World War II

John Vincent Power
College of the Holy Cross
Class of 1941



Dapper and amicable man-about-town from Worcester . . . intimate friends know him as "Stumpy" . . . story-teller extraordinaire . . . example of sartorial accomplishment . . . mimic of the first water . . . not over-large in size, he had an easy and confident bearing . . . could adapt himself to any crowd and make his presence felt . . . possessor of a rare and ready quality of sociability . . . a buoyant spirit which seldom dwelt on the gloomy side of things . . . would make a delightful fourth at the bridge table . . . His N. Y. U. weekend in Senior year was profitable it seems . . . Jack had a keen mind which fairly devoured labor problems and economic theory . . . a convincing talker who would do well in salesmanship . . . for if he ever turned on the high-pressure he could sell the statue in front of the City Hall.

JOHN VINCENT POWER

BACHELOR OF ARTS

110 Austin Street
Worcester, Massachusetts
Classical High School, Worcester, Massachusetts

Sociability 1, 2; Intramural Debating 2;
Yacht Club 1, 3; Oratorical Contest 2;
Tennis 1, 2; Intramural Sports 1, 2, 3, 4;
Glee Club 1, 2; Worcester Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

SENIOR THESIS
The Ethics of War

First Lieutenant John Vincent Power

United States Marine Corps

Medal of Honor



Born: November 20, 1918,
Worcester MA
College: Holy Cross, Class of 1941
Commissioned: October 31, 1942
Died: February 1, 1944, Namur,
Kwajalein Atoll,
Marshall Islands
Buried: St. John Cemetery
Worcester MA
Unit: 3rd Battalion, 24th Marines,
4th Marine Division
Position: Platoon Leader
Date: February 1, 1944

Citation For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as platoon leader, attached to the 4th Marine Division, during the landing and battle of Namur Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, 1 February 1944.

Severely wounded in the stomach while setting a demolition charge on a Japanese pillbox, 1st Lt. Power was steadfast in his determination to remain in action. Protecting his wound with his left hand and firing with his right, he courageously advanced as another hostile position was taken under attack, fiercely charging the opening made by the explosion and emptying his carbine into the pillbox. While attempting to reload and continue the attack, 1st Lt. Power was shot again in the stomach and head and collapsed in the doorway.

His exceptional valor, fortitude and indomitable fighting spirit in the face of withering enemy fire were in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

Captain (then) Lieutenant Commander

Joseph Timothy O'Callahan, S.J.

United States Navy

Medal of Honor



Born: May 14, 1905,
Boston MA
College: Holy Cross Faculty,
Mathematics Department
Commissioned: August 7, 1940
Died: March 18, 1964,
Worcester MA
Buried: Campus Cemetery
College of the Holy Cross
Worcester MA

Unit: USS Franklin (CV-13)
Position: Chaplain
Date: March 19, 1945

Citation For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as chaplain on board the U.S.S. Franklin when that vessel was fiercely attacked by enemy Japanese aircraft during offensive operations near Kobe, Japan, on 19 March 1945. A valiant and forceful leader, calmly braving the perilous barriers of flame and twisted metal to aid his men and his ship, Lt. Comdr. O'Callahan groped his way through smoke-filled corridors to the open flight deck and into the midst of violently exploding bombs, shells, rockets, and other armament. With the ship rocked by incessant explosions, with debris and fragments raining down and fires raging in ever-increasing fury, he ministered to the wounded and dying, comforting and encouraging men of all faiths; he organized and led firefighting crews into the blazing inferno on the flight deck; he directed the jettisoning of live ammunition and the flooding of the magazine; he manned a hose to cool hot, armed bombs rolling dangerously on the listing deck, continuing his efforts, despite searing, suffocating smoke which forced men to fall back gasping and imperiled others who replaced them. Serving with courage, fortitude, and deep spiritual strength, Lt. Comdr. O'Callahan inspired the gallant officers and men of the Franklin to fight heroically and with profound faith in the face of almost certain death and to return their stricken ship to port.

Vietnam War

Thomas Gunning Kelley
College of the Holy Cross
Class of 1960



THOMAS G. KELLEY

B.S. Economics

20 Meredith St., West Roxbury 32, Mass.

Sanctuary Society 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4;
Varsity Hockey 1, 2, 3; *Purple Patcher* 2, 3, Business
Manager 4; Boston Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Bridge
Club 3; Big Brother Program 3, 4; Homecoming
Com.; Junior Prom Com.

Captain (then Lieutenant Commander) Thomas Gunning Kelley
United States Navy
Medal of Honor



Born: May 13, 1939,
Boston MA

College: Holy Cross, Class of 1960

Commissioned: 1960

Unit: River Assault Division 152
Position: Commander
Date: June 15, 1969

Citation For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty in the afternoon while serving as commander of River Assault Division 152 during combat operations against enemy aggressor forces. Lt. Comdr. (then Lt.) Kelley was in charge of a column of 8 river assault craft which were extracting 1 company of U.S. Army infantry troops on the east bank of the Ong Muong Canal in Kien Hoa province, when 1 of the armored troop carriers reported a mechanical failure of a loading ramp. At approximately the same time, Viet Cong forces opened fire from the opposite bank of the canal. After issuing orders for the crippled troop carrier to raise its ramp manually, and for the remaining boats to form a protective cordon around the disabled craft, Lt. Comdr. Kelley realizing the extreme danger to his column and its inability to clear the ambush site until the crippled unit was repaired, boldly maneuvered the monitor in which he was embarked to the exposed side of the protective cordon in direct line with the enemy's fire, and ordered the monitor to commence firing. Suddenly, an enemy rocket scored a direct hit on the coxswain's flat, the shell penetrating the thick armor plate, and the explosion spraying shrapnel in all directions. Sustaining serious head wounds from the blast, which hurled him to the deck of the monitor, Lt. Comdr. Kelley disregarded his severe injuries and attempted to continue directing the other boats. Although unable to move from the deck or to speak clearly into the radio, he succeeded in relaying his commands through 1 of his men until the enemy attack was silenced and the boats were able to move to an area of safety. Lt. Comdr. Kelley's brilliant leadership, bold initiative, and resolute determination served to inspire his men and provide the impetus needed to carry out the mission after he was medically evacuated by helicopter. His extraordinary courage under fire, and his selfless devotion to duty sustain and enhance the finest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

Navy Cross

Recipients

from the

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and

Worcester Polytechnic Institute



World War II

Edward Raymond Joseph Griffin

College of the Holy Cross


Class of 1918

**PURPLE
PATCHER**

EDWARD R. GRIFFIN
Clinton, Mass.

"Ed" "Griff"
"Why, it was music the way he stood."
—Riley

Civil Service (4)
Chairman Inter-Collegiate Debate Com-
mittee (4)
Sophomore Class Debating Team (2)



Alternate Freshman Class Debating
Team (1)
Fitton-Philomathic Team (2)
Georgetown-H. C. Varsity Debating
Team (2)
Captain Junior Debating Team (3)
Boston College-H. C. Debating Team
(3)
Lecture Team (4)
Standing Entertainment Committee (4)

On the same tide that brought so many of us to the welcoming portals of H. C. came one whose four years' faithful endeavor was to leave a lasting impression on everything significant of school life. Ed wandered to us from Clinton, the reputed nursery of so many of Alma Mater's sons, and we all know how well he has lived up to the best ideals of his home town. His retiring and modest disposition tended at first to keep him aloof from the class, but his well trained intellect attracted many friends who soon learned that it was guided by a nature that was as generous as it was pleasing. All found him to be a student, first, last and always, ever ready and willing to aid a classmate in a way that is peculiar to true friendship only. Like every true college man he always found time to "drop around and see" the other boys.

Ed proved a valuable asset to debating societies and could always be relied upon to expound the most vital questions with the greatest logical precision. His debating prowess had much influence in making the name of H. C. a by-word in this sphere, and on many occasions we felt our pulses thrill as his forensic voice expressed the invulnerable principles of his strong character. In fact, the vigorous orator did not depict the reticent Ed of the Via Sacra, yet all learned to consult him and be the happier for the companionship which only a scholarly and benign nature knows how to bestow. Griff's delight seemed to have been the wholesome pursuit of Laboratory Physics, and his stoical persistence in solving the baffling enigmas of physical phenomena was a source of admiration, often akin to envy to many of his less scientific contemporaries. Everyone of his wide circle of friends feel enriched by having known him, and are confident that life holds in store for him a success as pronounced as his college career—for greater success we could not wish him.

1918

Lieutenant Commander Edward Raymond Joseph Griffin
United States Navy
Navy Cross (Posthumous)



Born: January 19, 1897,
Clinton MA
College: Holy Cross, Class of 1918
Commissioned: 1918
Died: January 9, 1945, at sea in
sinking of POW transport
'Enoura Maru'
Buried: at sea
Unit: Mine Division Nine
Position: Commander
Date: December 7-28, 1941

Citation The President of the United States of America takes pride in presenting the Navy Cross (Posthumously) to Lieutenant Commander Edward Raymond Joseph Griffin, United States Navy, for heroism in combat with the enemy during the period from 7 to 28 December 1941, in organizing, administering and directing the vessels of Mine Division NINE, in the Manila Bay Area of the Philippine Islands. Although exposed to frequent horizontal and dive bombing attacks by enemy Japanese air forces, Lieutenant Commander Griffin conducted missions of strategic importance and of a hazardous nature involving mine laying, mine sweeping and distant night patrols for intercepting enemy landing parties. The conduct of Lieutenant Commander Griffin throughout this period reflects great credit upon himself, and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Martin James O'Brien
College of the Holy Cross
Class of 1941



Known to all as an all-round athlete . . . he excelled in every sport . . . his ability to throw a football far and accurately won him great praise . . . as varsity second baseman . . . his play was consistently excellent . . . and was applauded by one of the greatest second basemen of all time. In senior year his passes for the local senior team in the Intramural league became famous . . . and the combination of O'Brien and Sharry . . . struck fear into opponents' hearts. Tall . . . dark . . . and handsome . . . has a winning way with all . . . for a man of few words and much action is always a favorite. "Marty" is genuinely modest . . . unassuming . . . was once known to all as "Abe" . . . because of a resemblance to that famous rugged figure . . . as well as a quiet, honest and sincere nature. All obstacles will be . . . "out on second."

MARTIN JAMES O'BRIEN

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

140 Ingleside Avenue
Worcester, Massachusetts
Commerce High School, Worcester, Massachusetts

Sodalities: 2; Football: 1, 2, 3; Baseball: 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Sports: 4; Worcester Club.

SENIOR THESIS

Catholic Negro Education in the United States

Second Lieutenant Martin James O'Brien
United States Marine Corps Reserve
Navy Cross (Posthumous)



Born: January 2, 1918,
Worcester MA
College: Holy Cross, Class of 1941
Commissioned: 1942
Died: July 22, 1944, Guam,
Marianas Islands
Buried: St. John Cemetery
Worcester MA

Unit: 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines,
3rd Marine Division
Position: Platoon Leader
Date: July 22, 1944
Battle of Guam

Citation The President of the United States of America takes pride in presenting the Navy Cross (Posthumously) to Second Lieutenant Martin J. O'Brien, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for extraordinary heroism as Leader of a Rifle Platoon attached to the Second Battalion, Third Marines, THIRD Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Asan-Adelup Beachhead, Guam, Marianas Islands, 22 July 1944. Ordered to attack enemy positions at the crest of a steep, bare ridge in an effort to seize the high ground commanding the beachhead, Second Lieutenant O'Brien courageously led his platoon in a determined assault until the advance was halted halfway up the slope by withering hostile machine-gun fire. Skillfully withdrawing the remainder of the platoon to a place of cover, he promptly reorganized his units and, constantly exhorting his men to follow him, again led the charge up the slope in the face of terrific machine-gun, rifle, grenade and mortar fire, successfully reaching the crest of the ridge before he was mortally wounded. By his inspiring leadership and dauntless fighting spirit under extremely perilous conditions, Second Lieutenant O'Brien enabled his platoon to gain its objective, and his self-sacrificing devotion to duty throughout reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

Edward William Larkin
College of the Holy Cross
Class of 1941



The ledge-hopper of fourth O'Kane
... spine-tingling howls far into the
night in Sophomore year ... the
bane of all prefects ... their for-
given prodigal when he smiled.
They're still hunting for the dog Ed
kept in Alumni. Mystified all with
his disappearing act ... look in the
closet, fellows. Constantly "bari-
toning" ... in hopes to find a tune
... a poet of marked ability ...
never failed to see the aesthetic side
... no matter what ... a genius for
humor in unpropitious circum-
stances. Let all be here informed
... the hat of the jaunty angle
was not a family heirloom. Serious
of heart ... strong of will ... de-
termined of purpose ... Ed came
unsung to win a place among the
Barrymen ... among his classmates
he had but to come.



EDWARD WILLIAM LARKIN, Jr.

BACHELOR OF ARTS

19 Greenbrier Street
Springfield, Massachusetts
Cathedral High School, Springfield,
Massachusetts

Sodality 4; Intramural Debating 2;
Irish Cultural Academy 2; Baseball 1,
2, 3, 4; Intramural Sports 1, 2, 3, 4;
Springfield Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

SENIOR THESIS

Alexander Hamilton and the Constitution

Lieutenant Edward William Larkin

United States Navy

Navy Cross (Posthumous)



Born: September 2, 1919,
Springfield MA
College: Holy Cross, Class of 1941
Commissioned: 1941
Died: October 19, 1944, near
Manila Bay, Philippines
Buried: Manila American Cemetery,
Philippines
Unit: Torpedo Squadron 13
USS Franklin (CV-13)
Position: Pilot, Flight Leader
Date: October 19, 1944

Citation The President of the United States of America takes pride in presenting the Navy Cross (Posthumously) to Lieutenant Edward William Larkin, Jr., United States Navy, for extraordinary heroism in operations against the enemy while serving as Pilot of a carrier-based Navy Torpedo Plane in Torpedo Squadron THIRTEEN (VT-13), attached to the U.S.S. FRANKLIN (CV-13), in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Manila Bay area on 19 October 1944. Lieutenant Larkin boldly led a flight of three bombers without fighter support in an attack on a large enemy tanker. He plunged through a formidable curtain of merciless fire to press home brilliant strikes, scoring a direct hit and two near misses, which resulted in the sinking of the enemy ship. Superb in combat and fighting with indomitable courage throughout this and numerous other missions, Lieutenant Larkin inspired his squadron mates with his high standards of aerial achievement. His outstanding courage and determined skill were at all times inspiring and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Willard Thomas Gove
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Class of 1940



Lieutenant Commander (then Lieutenant) Willard Thomas Gove

United States Naval Reserve

Navy Cross



Born: September 16, 1918,
Walpole MA

College: WPI, Class of 1940

Commissioned: 1940

Died: November 30, 2003,
Minneapolis MN

Buried: Arlington National
Cemetery VA

Unit: Fighting Squadron 13
USS Franklin (CV-13)

Position: Pilot, Division Leader

Date: October 27, 1944

Citation The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Navy Cross to Lieutenant Willard Thomas Gove, United States Naval Reserve, for extraordinary heroism in operations against the enemy while serving as Pilot of a carrier-based Navy Fighter Plane and Division Leader in Fighting Squadron THIRTEEN (VF-13), attached to the U.S.S. FRANKLIN (CV-13), during action against enemy Japanese Fleet Units in the Philippine Islands on 27 October 1944. Flying through heavy anti-aircraft fire, Lieutenant Gove boldly led his division in a daring attack against an enemy cruiser and, maneuvering his plane for maximum striking power, flew in over the target to strafe the hostile ship and score several direct rocket hits. Undaunted by the intense enemy fire, he continued his run at low altitude, accurately releasing his 500-pound bomb and scoring a direct hit amidships. His brilliant airmanship, courageous leadership and superb combat tactics reflect the highest credit upon Lieutenant Gove and the United States Naval Service.

Silver Star

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World War II

John E. McInerny, Jr.
College of the Holy Cross
Class of 1937



JOHN EDWARD McINERNY, JR.

BACHELOR OF PHILOSOPHY

103 LAKEWOOD STREET
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

ST. JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

*Aquinas Circle; Economics Club 3, 4; So-
dality 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Sports 1, 2,
3, 4; Worcester Club 1, 2, 3, 4.*

Lieutenant Commander (then Lieutenant Junior Grade)

John E. McNerny, Jr.

United States Naval Reserve

Silver Star



Born: October 27, 1915,
Worcester MA
College: Holy Cross, Class of 1937
Commissioned: ~1941
Died: July 6, 1986
Buried: unknown

Unit: Torpedo Squadron 8 on
USS Hornet (CV-8)
Position: Pilot and Flight Leader
Date: October 26, 1942
Battle of Santa Cruz Islands

Citation: The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Lieutenant (jg) John E. McNerny Jr., United States Naval Reserve, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as leader of a squadron of Torpedo Bombers of the U. S. S. Hornet Air Group during action against enemy Japanese forces near Santa Cruz Islands on 26 October 1942. Braving intense enemy anti-aircraft fire, Lieutenant (jg) McNerny boldly pressed home a determined attack and succeeded in scoring a direct hit on a Japanese heavy cruiser. By his remarkable courage, dauntless perseverance, and inspiring devotion to duty, Lieutenant (jg) McNerny reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Note: USS Hornet was attacked and abandoned the same day

Robert Anthony Herron
College of the Holy Cross
Class of 1942



ROBERT ANTHONY HERRON

Bachelor of Arts

Parkside Road, Harrington Park, New Jersey
 Regis High School, New York, New York

Sodality 1, 2; B. J. F. 3; Lecture Debate Secretary 4, President; Intramural Debating 1, 2; Tomahawk 3, 4; Aquinas Circle 4; Cross and Scroll 1, 2; Varsity Debating 3, 4; Lecture Debating 3, 4; New Jersey Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Promhawk 3; Intramural Sports 1, 3; Sanctuary Society 1, 2, 4; Outing Club 4; French Academy 1.

The President of our varsity debating society . . . could turn on that dulcet, slightly accented voice at a moment's notice . . . and it kept going till the debate was won . . . In the honors course four years . . . A quick worker . . . Bob could do in one hour what others did in three . . . so he spent the other two at Wellesley . . . or at a show . . . or with a friend in Worcester . . . Firm believer in the fifth freedom . . . of skiing . . . Had two ambitions in life . . . to be a good pilot and to meet Katharine Hepburn . . .

always referred to her familiarly as "Katie" . . . frequent expounder of the idea that we should spend more time in Chapel . . . then left to see "Philadelphia Story" for the six millionth time . . . Made the legendary remark in Loyola, "The bottle-opener is over on the piano" . . . Frequently collapsed physically from sustained study . . . In the B. J. F. he caused many to wonder if he had a magazine on the bench . . . good worker . . . good student . . . good friend.

First Lieutenant Robert Anthony Herron

United States Marine Corps

Silver Star (Posthumous)



Born: November 18, 1921,
Harrington Park NJ
College: Holy Cross, Class of 1942
Commissioned: ~1942
Died: November 7, 1943,
Bougainville Island,
Solomon Islands (KIA)
Buried: Manila American Cemetery
Philippines
Unit: 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines,
3rd Marine Division
Position: Battalion Liaison Officer
Date: November 7, 1943
Battle of Bougainville

Citation: The President of the United States of America takes pride in presenting the Silver Star (Posthumously) to First Lieutenant Robert A. Herron, United States Marine Corps, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Battalion Liaison Officer while attached to the First Battalion, Third Marines, THIRD Marine Division in combat against numerically superior Japanese forces in the Koromokina River Area, Bougainville Island, Solomon Islands on November 7, 1943. During an attack against a well camouflaged and strongly entrenched enemy, First Lieutenant Herron discovered that hostile machine gun and sniper fire had pinned down a rifle platoon killing or wounding the leader and sergeants and, without hesitation, assumed command. Determined to learn the disposition of enemy forces obstructing their advance, First Lieutenant Herron faced intense enemy fire to enter the dense jungle undergrowth and conduct a successful reconnaissance, killing five Japanese during this action. Returning to his platoon with the vital information he immediately ordered an attack but, while charging forward was mortally wounded by enemy fire. His men, inspired by his brilliant leadership and self-sacrificing efforts unhesitatingly advanced into Japanese emplacements and effectively destroyed all resistance. The splendid initiative and extremely heroic conduct of First Lieutenant Herron in carrying out his mission contributed immeasurably to the success of these vital operations and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

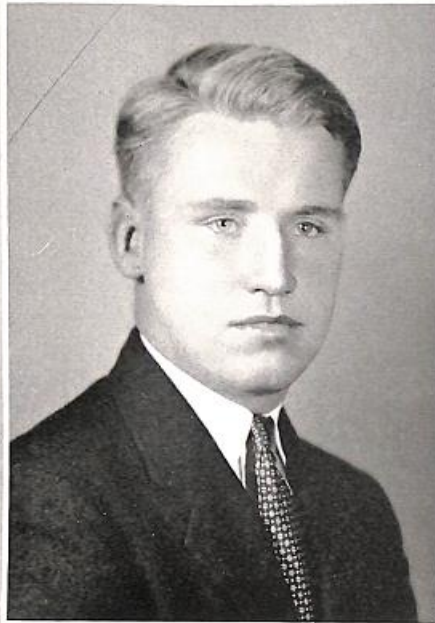
George James Fox
College of the Holy Cross
Class of 1940

GEORGE JAMES FOX, A. B.
32 CUTLER STREET
WORCESTER, MASS.

St. John's High School, Worcester, Mass.

Football 1, 2, 3; Worcester Club.
SENIOR THESIS:

"Origin and Purpose of the Junior High School"



From the environs of the Great Lake east of Worcester . . . One given to swimming . . . and skating . . . and football . . . In respect to this latter note . . . be it known that here we present one of the scrappiest guards we have seen in a long while . . . Solid . . . chunky . . . clean-shaven at all times . . . Blond dynamo of energy . . . Now those of us who came into contact with him were always impressed by one outstanding attribute . . . His downright sincerity . . . Were witnesses to this statement to be called for . . . we would cite the fact that he practically leased a chair from the library . . . and there was George . . . Book wide open . . . pencil flying over a large sheet of notepaper . . . Yes, such are the scenes we best remember . . . No needless sessions of verbal wind in the case of George . . . when a free period loomed . . . Honest blue eyes shining forth from a countenance stamped with integrity and uprightness of purpose . . . As a teacher we feel sure that he will provide an example to his young charges to live a life of upright Christian Charity.

Private First Class George James Fox
United States Marine Corps Reserve
Silver Star

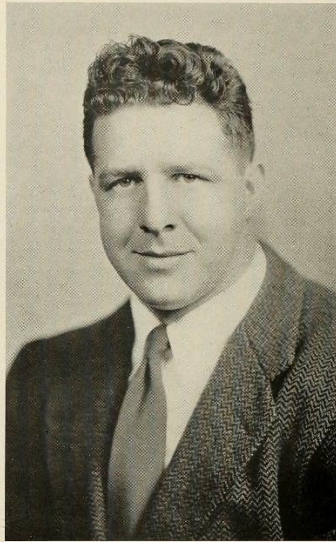


Born:	February 2, 1917, Worcester MA
College:	Holy Cross, Class of 1940
Enlisted:	December 8, 1941
Died:	July 29, 2010
Buried:	St. John Cemetery, Worcester MA
Unit:	Company K, 3 rd Battalion, 8 th Marines, 2 nd Marine Division
Position:	Marine
Date:	November 20-22, 1943 Battle of Tarawa

Citation: The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Private First Class George J. Fox, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company K, Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, SECOND Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 20 to 22 November 1943. When the Wave Commander's boat on which he was embarked received two direct hits which killed six Marines and wounded ten more during landing operations on D-day, Private First Class Fox fearlessly made his way to the beach and, boldly exposing himself to the enemy's concentrated mortar, machine-gun and sniper fire, assisted in the expeditious reorganization of his company by acting as runner and guide. Determined and courageous during numerous attacks against hostile dugouts and pillboxes throughout the next few days of action, he fought furiously in neutralizing many strong points and, during a critical stage of the battle, contributed to the reduction of a bombproof shelter after participating in three violent strikes against the heavily-fortified strong point. His daring initiative, dauntless perseverance and indomitable fighting spirit, maintained through the fierce hostilities were essential factors in the success of the operation and reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Fox and the United States Naval Service.

Note: received two Purple Hearts during the war

Thomas Joseph Alberghini
College of the Holy Cross
Class of 1943



Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Sports 1,
2, 3; North Shore Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

Prepared at Peabody High School
Peabody, Mass.

Thomas Joseph Alberghini

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

9 Little's Lane
Peabody, Mass.

"Big Tom" . . . one of the solid stalwarts of the piling Purple line . . . a terrific blocker, a savage tackler, a real team man . . . came up from Peabody with a priceless reputation . . . lived up to every bit of it in his first varsity year . . . went ahead to establish himself nationally as a Junior and Senior . . . heralded with the likes of Harvey, Delaney, Daughters, and Zeno of the past . . . Massive, quiet . . . Tom always found time for a good word and a smile . . .

practiced and studied tirelessly . . . Companion to the "Happy Horse" during Sophomore year . . . liked a good movie or a carefree chat after lights . . . never missed the midnight snacks on Third Beaven . . . enjoyed most the thick steaks of the training table . . . Enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve . . . Three years a varsity performer on the gridiron . . . four years a team man on the campus . . . a true Crusader . . . one of the greatest of the best.

Second Lieutenant Thomas Joseph Alberghini
United States Marine Corps Reserve
Silver Star



Born: October 27, 1919,
Peabody MA
College: Holy Cross, Class of 1943
Commissioned: ~1943
Died: November 26, 2013
Buried: Arlington National
Cemetery VA

Unit: Company A, 1st Battalion,
22nd Marines,
1st Marine Brigade

Position: Platoon Leader
Date: July 21, 1944
Battle of Guam

Citation: The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Second Lieutenant Thomas J. Alberghini, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-Second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of Agat Village, Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. Leading his platoon in the assault inland from the beach on D-Day, Second Lieutenant Alberghini sustained painful wounds while attacking an enemy machine gun position but refusing evacuation or removal to safety, continued to lead his platoon eight hours longer, leaving only after his men were dug in for the night defense and his Commanding Officer had ordered his return to the aid station. His aggressive fighting spirit, fortitude and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

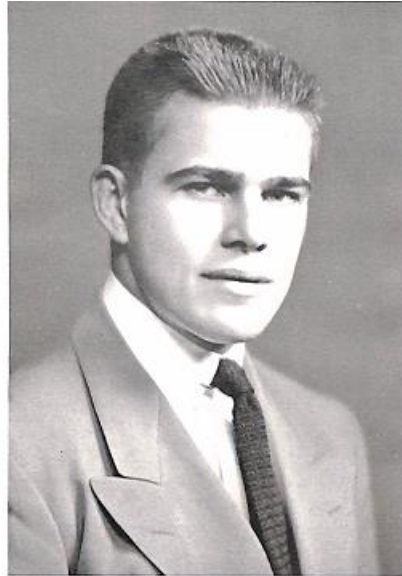
Notes:

- Received two Purple Hearts during the war
- Second and Third Team Football All-American at Holy Cross

Anthony Andrew Akstin
College of the Holy Cross
Class of 1941



The great silent man from Brockton . . . who resided in the Heart of the Commonwealth for four years . . . rugged and big . . . he was a promising prospect for the varsity . . . until an injury cut short his career. Tony was sparing in his comment . . . but keen in his observation . . . when aroused he was as playful as a kitten . . . and as strong as a bear . . . he joined forces with "Al" as a freshman . . . to the consternation of all . . . for two heads are better than one when mischief is afoot . . . to encounter the two was to invite horseplay . . . to be taken with a smile. His favorite footwear was a pair of battered moccasins . . . which withstood the coldest weather . . . may they find the world a Happy Hunting Ground, Tony.



ANTHONY ANDREW AKSTIN

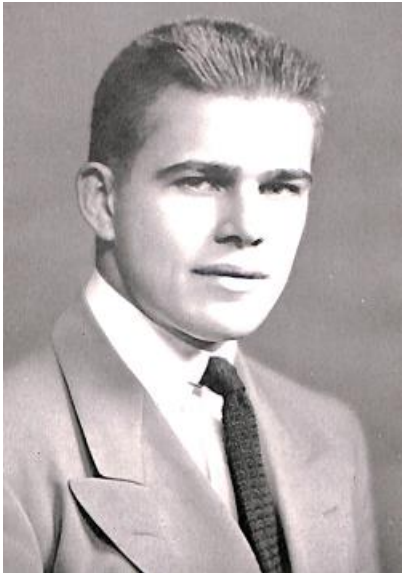
BACHELOR OF ARTS

11 Burton Street
Brockton, Massachusetts
Marianapolis Prep, Thompson, Connecticut

Intramural Debating Judge 4; Football
1, 2; Intramural Sports 2, 3, 4; Brockton Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Worcester Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

SENIOR THESIS
The Corporate State

Lieutenant Colonel (then Captain) Anthony Andrew Akstin
United States Marine Corps Reserve
Silver Star



Born: March 16, 1918,
Brockton MA
College: Holy Cross, Class of 1941
Commissioned: April 4, 1942
Died: March 1, 1985
Buried: Arlington National
Cemetery VA

Unit: Company K, 3rd Battalion,
3rd Marines,
3rd Marine Division
Position: Company Commander
Date: July 23, 1944
Battle of Guam

Citation: The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Captain Anthony A. Akstin, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company K, Third Battalion, Third Marines, THIRD Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 23 July 1944. Skillfully and swiftly launching a surprise attack on a commanding ridge, Captain Akstin seized the objective with a minimum loss to his rifle company and, despite heavy hostile machine gun fire, organized defenses against an impending counterattack. When an enemy machine gun emplacement opened fire on his company, causing six casualties and threatening his position, he courageously led an attack which accounted for thirteen Japanese and silenced the enemy guns. Receiving a serious wound in the head, he refused to be evacuated until the ridge was secured and the defenses firmly established. His leadership, perseverance and gallant devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Silas John Titus
College of the Holy Cross
Class of 1940

SILAS JOHN TITUS, A. B.

1809 BEVERLY ROAD

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Brooklyn Prep, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sodality 2, 4; Aquinas Circle 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1; Intramural Sports 1, 2, 3, 4; Irish Cultural Academy 4; Class Secretary 3, 4; Metropolitan Club; Senior Ball Committee.

SENIOR THESIS:
"The Concept of Law"



Robert Emmet had his Ireland . . . Si Titus had his Brooklyn . . . For four years we have come to know Flatbush as well as we know Front Street . . . Si could talk for hours and prevaricate with the utmost delicacy on the merits of the Dodgers . . . His life was paradoxical, if we consider it in this light: he spent his summers saving lives at Manhattan Beach . . . and his Fall afternoons destroying them on Fitton Field . . . A startling back when he came to us . . . a sterling center for the past two years . . . if this is not one proof of his versatility . . . let the McG. cousins dilate upon his latent ability in the French language . . . if ever a man GREW while with us, it was Si . . . and this in a variety of ways.

First Lieutenant Silas John Titus
United States Marine Corps Reserve
Silver Star



Born: September 23, 1918,
Brooklyn NY
College: Holy Cross, Class of 1940
Commissioned: ~1943
Died: February 17, 1989
Buried: Mt. Lebanon Cemetery PA

Unit: Company G, 2nd Battalion,
25th Marines,
4th Marine Division

Position: Platoon Leader
Date: July 24, 1944
Battle of Tinian

Citation: The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to First Lieutenant Silas J. Titus, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Company G, Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, FOURTH Marine Division during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands on 24 July 1944. With the platoon on his left suffering heavy casualties and the entire company advance temporarily halted by fire from a heavily fortified hostile strong point, First Lieutenant Titus unhesitatingly left his position of comparative safety and fearlessly exposing himself to the merciless barrage moved to an open area on his left flank to direct the evacuation of the wounded. By his daring initiative, gallant fortitude, cool and courageous action in the face of grave danger, First Lieutenant Titus contributed materially to the success of our forces in this hazardous campaign and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Note: Second Team Football All-American at Holy Cross

Edmund Leo McNamara
College of the Holy Cross
Class of 1943



Football 1, 2, 3, 4.

Prepared at Clinton High School
Clinton, Mass.

Edmund Leo McNamara

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

228 Main Street
Clinton, Mass.

"Big Ed" from Clinton . . . tall . . . dark . . . athletic . . . three years a member of the varsity football squad . . . end in Sophomore year . . . tackle in junior . . . in high school, Ed was fullback . . . add it all up and you have a one-man football team . . . Two days before the Mississippi game in his junior year, he was an end . . . the day before the game a tackle was needed . . . Ed was given the job . . . learned the plays in one day . . . Day of the game he started . . . never stopped . . . "Ole Miss"

knew that he was raw . . . so play after play they whacked at him . . . but he never gave up . . . they did! . . . Since then he has never faltered, even though he has been bothered by injuries . . . Majored in education . . . aspires to be a coach . . . for the past few winters has been acquiring experience handling fellows by refereeing basketball games . . . Quiet and soft-spoken . . . the lad who had classes in caf . . . according to Bart Sullivan . . . May you hit the future hard and low, Ed.

Lieutenant Junior Grade Edmund Leo McNamara
United States Naval Reserve
Silver Star



Born: April 13, 1920,
East Boston MA
College: Holy Cross, Class of 1943
Commissioned: ~1943
Died: February 20, 2000
Buried: Holyhood Cemetery,
Brookline MA

Unit: Patrol Torpedo Boat
Position: Commander
Date: January 26, 1945

Citation: The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Lieutenant (jg) Edmund L McNamara Jr., United States Naval Reserve, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy as an officer of a ship in a joint daylight strike in the Southwest Pacific Area on 26 January 1945. This attack resulted in the destruction of many Japanese vessels. Cooperating aircraft spotted the ships anchored off the beach, and guided the attack. An enemy gun opened fire but Lieutenant McNamara fearlessly led his patrol into range for a slow strafing run. Although intense fire was being received from the shore behind the vessels, he turned his craft toward the beach at the end of the first run, and lay-to in order to complete the destruction. Another vessel was completely destroyed in a close-range attack. Several more enemy ships were later destroyed by rocketing and strafing. His intelligent coordination of air support in spotting, and his daring close-range sweeps of the shore made this heavy destruction of Japanese shipping possible. By his remarkable courage, dauntless perseverance, and inspiring devotion to duty, Lieutenant (jg) McNamara reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Note: Police Commissioner of Boston, 1962-72

Philip James Mylod
College of the Holy Cross
Class of 1942



PHILIP JAMES MYLOD

Bachelor of Arts

248 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey
Seton Hall, South Orange, New Jersey

*Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; B. J. F. 3, 4; Intramural Debating 1, 2;
Aquinas Circle 4; Varsity Debating 4; Lecture Debating 4;
Football 1; Intramural Sports 2, 3, 4; Outing Club 1, 2, 3, 4;
New Jersey Club 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4.*

The tall, rangy lad from Jersey, who has made his presence felt during four years on the Hill . . . cheerfulness marked his character and personality . . . An easy-going, unruffled chap who always did well in anything he undertook . . . Capable President of the Jersey Club . . . Clinched a regular end berth on the Freshman team, but sacrificed a varsity career to give concentrated attention to pre-legal studies . . . yet his love for football was ever strong and not infrequently

he charmed Intramural audiences with outstanding end play . . . Nor did he devote all his periods of exercise to the gridiron, for he was equally proficient on the diamond and the basketball court . . . A natural orator and a faithful member of the B. J. F. . . . The exact opposite of Bernie, his roommate . . . loved to take long walks on cold days . . . knew every nook and corner of the Auburn countryside . . . Full of activity . . . and earnest endeavor.

Captain Philip James Mylod
United States Marine Corps Reserve
Silver Star



Born: October 6, 1921,
Glen Ridge NJ
College: Holy Cross, Class of 1942
Commissioned: ~1942
Died: August 5, 2014
Buried: Mt. Olivet Cemetery,
Bloomfield NJ

Unit: Company I, 3rd Battalion,
29th Marines,
6th Marine Division

Position: Executive Officer
Date: April 16, 1945
Battle of Okinawa

Citation: The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Captain Philip J. Mylod, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, SIXTH Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 16 April 1945. When his company was engaged in an attack against a heavily fortified enemy position on Mount Yaetake, Captain Mylod unhesitatingly proceeded up and down the hillside during the fierce fire fight to encourage his men and direct their fire and their advance. By his initiative and courage under enemy fire, he led his men in destroying hostile guns and in eliminating seventy-five Japanese soldiers, thus contributing materially to the company's success in seizing the final objective on the Motobu Peninsula. His leadership and fighting spirit throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Korean War

Paul Vincent Mullaney
College of the Holy Cross
Class of 1942



PAUL VINCENT MULLANEY

Bachelor of Arts

27 Gates Street, Worcester, Massachusetts
South High School, Worcester, Massachusetts

*Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Irish Cultural Academy 1; Intramural Sports
1, 2, 3, 4; Mission Crusade 2, 3; Worcester Undergraduate Club
1, 2, 3, 4. Treasurer 1, 2, 3, 4.*

Known, to his good natured chagrin, as the "Curly-haired Duke" in Freshman year . . . so he had his hair cut . . . called "Doc" in his Sophomore year because of his pre-med course . . . decided to change to English in Junior year . . . still maintained, however, an interest in medicine . . . has a place on the mailing list of the better-known drug houses for their periodical publications . . . One of those fortunates who have a genuine love for and a deep understanding of classical music . . .

With his astounding knowledge of the abnormalities of the medical world, he can tell many a vivid story and hold many an attentive ear . . . During the Summer Paul worked in a hotel on the Cape . . . Treasurer of the Worcester Club in Senior year, and keyman in its activities . . . Member of the Senior Ball Committee . . . and the Day Students' Sodality Board . . . efficient and versatile . . . the "Curly-haired Duke."

First Lieutenant Paul Vincent Mullaney

United States Marine Corps

Silver Star



Born: November 22, 1919,
Worcester MA
College: Holy Cross, Class of 1942
Commissioned: ~1944
Died: November 1, 2017
Buried: St. John Cemetery,
Worcester MA

Unit: Infantry Company,
7th Marines,
1st Marine Division
Position: Platoon Leader
Date: November 3, 1950
Battle of Chosin Reservoir

Citation: The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star (Army Award) to First Lieutenant Paul V. Mullaney, United States Marine Corps, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with a Marine Infantry Company in the Seventh Marine Regiment, FIRST Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on 3 November 1950. First Lieutenant Mullaney, a platoon commander, was leading his men up a steep hill in an assault on strong enemy positions when he was painfully wounded. Although weakened from loss of blood he continued to lead his men and direct their fire until the assault was completed and the objective seized. He then skillfully stationed his men in defensive positions and successfully repelled a determined enemy counterattack. First Lieutenant Mullaney's initiative, professional skill and heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Notes:

- Received three Purple Hearts in Korea
- Worcester Mayor, 1963-65
- Worcester County District Court Judge, 1978-91

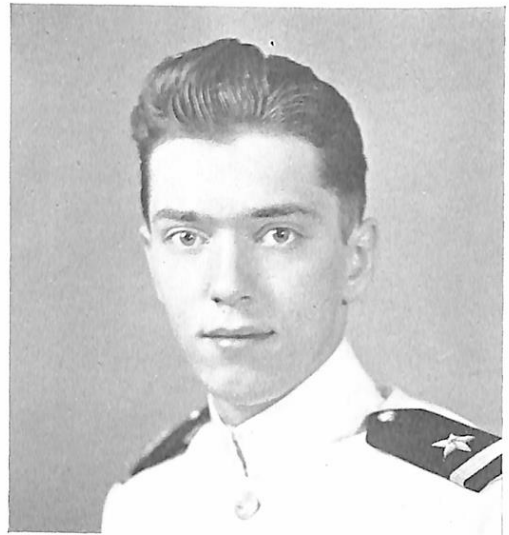
Robert Edward Parrott
College of the Holy Cross
Class of 1946

Ensign Robert Edward Parrott

BACHELOR OF NAVAL SCIENCE
MUSTERING PETTY OFFICER

Quiet, friendly New York Stater . . . became renowned on the Hill when he underwent an appendectomy last fall . . . added to the fact that he was excused from P. T. for months on end, a flock of co-eds from these environs heaped sympathy on him . . . but though the gals go for him, he has eyes for only one . . . and Miss Iva, it is rumored, will soon be Mrs. Robert . . . on campus he finds Math no problem at all . . . was chairman of the climax of the NROTC social season, the senior supper dance . . . Bob (if we may borrow a famous phrase) is a man of cheerful yesterdays and confident tomorrows . . .

Home Address: 603 Grand Ave., Syracuse, New York.
Enlisted: March, 1944.
Previous College: University of Rochester.
Activities: Drill Team; Co-Chairman SMGL; Cross and Anchor;
Chairman Senior Dance; CREST.



Colonel (then First Lieutenant) Robert Edward Parrott

United States Marine Corps

Silver Star



Born: May 29, 1926,
Syracuse NY
College: Holy Cross, Class of 1946
Commissioned: June 5, 1946
Died: October 24, 2019
Buried: Arlington National
Cemetery VA

Unit: Battery K, 4th Battalion,
11th Marines,
1st Marine Division
Position: Battery Commander
Date: 28 November – 3 December
1950
Battle of Chosin Reservoir

Citation: The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Colonel [then First Lieutenant] Robert E. Parrott, United States Marine Corps, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving in the vicinity of Yudam-ni west of the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea, from 28 November to 3 December 1950. Colonel Parrott became the Commanding Officer of K Battery, Fourth Battalion, Eleventh Marines, FIRST Marine Division, after his Battery Commander was captured by Chinese Communist Forces. His battery was positioned in an open valley in sub-zero temperatures and snow with the enemy firing artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire into his position throughout the period. On 1 December when friendly troops were moving off the surrounding hills, Colonel Parrott observed advancing enemy troops, and adjusted the direct laid 155-mm. Howitzer fire of his battery from his exposed position on the Chinese enemy advancing in strength, killing many of them and forcing the remainder to retreat. Fighting off many attacks and overcoming road blocks in the extreme cold, his battery was halted two and a half miles short of the Hagaru-ri perimeter to negotiate around a blown-out bridge. In the freezing darkness, his battery was attacked by a large enemy force with automatic weapons and grenades. Colonel Parrott immediately directed the emplacement of defensive line. As the enemy charged the position, Colonel Parrott personally engaged them with his carbine and was wounded. Despite his wound, he prepared his men for a second enemy assault. He was wounded in the legs in this assault but continued in command until he could assure himself that the enemy would not renew the attack. Colonel Parrott's unswerving courage, perceptive judgment, and loyal devotion to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Note: received two Purple Hearts; later commanded 12th Marine Regiment

Harold Denis Fredericks
College of the Holy Cross
Class of 1947

Harold D. Fredericks

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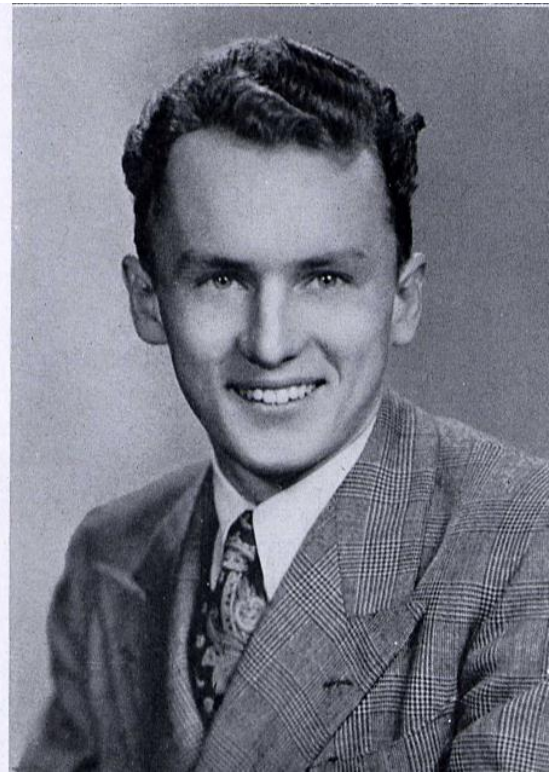
2 Cebra Avenue, Staten Island, N. Y.

. . . Buddy . . . called The Staten Island Kid by all his friends and acquaintances . . . is on the quiet side in class . . . but outside school hours he's a man transformed . . . After a stretch in the Marine Corps Fredericks returned to us with a zest for trips . . . not to the South Seas . . . but to Regis. Pals Connor, Beitzer and Fitzgibbon were always at a loss when Bud held forth on the literary classics. He was always a great friend of basketball . . . and hamburgers two minutes before class . . . He plans on graduate school a little later . . . and we know a smooth fellow like himself . . . with a laugh all his own . . . will do well in whatever he makes his career . . .

Sodality 3, 4; Intramural Basketball, Softball 3; Metropolitan Club.

SENIOR THESIS

Battle of the Marne



Lieutenant Colonel (then First Lieutenant) Harold Denis Fredericks

United States Marine Corps

Silver Star



Born: September 13, 1926,
Staten Island NY
College: Holy Cross, Class of 1947
Commissioned: June 6, 1947
Died: June 28, 2009
Buried: Mt. Union Cemetery,
Philomath OR

Unit: Company H, 3rd Battalion,
5th Marines,
1st Marine Division
Position: Platoon Leader
Date: December 3, 1950
Battle of Chosin Reservoir

Citation: The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to First Lieutenant Harold D. Fredericks, United States Marine Corps, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Commander of Company H, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, FIRST Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on 3 December 1950. Assigned the mission of assaulting the left flank of an enemy-held ridge following a barrage which had pinned down his company during an assault against a strong hostile force of estimated battalion strength and occupying well-entrenched positions on a high, ice-covered hill in the vicinity of Sinhung-ni, First Lieutenant Fredericks moved forward after an air strike and mortar fire had been called on the hostile emplacements and, fearlessly exposing himself to the enemy's intense fire while leading his platoon over the open, frozen terrain which offered no cover or concealment, directed a brilliantly executed attack to seize the objective. Immediately effecting a skillful reorganization, he deployed his platoon in defensive positions and continued to direct and control its accurate and effective fire against the retreating enemy. By his daring and aggressive leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and superb combat tactics, First Lieutenant Fredericks served as an inspiration to all who observed him and contributed to the success achieved by his company. His staunch devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Note: later commanded one of the two Marine battalions to land at Danang, Vietnam in 1965.

James Joseph Francis McGoev

College of the Holy Cross

Class of 1949

James J. McGoev

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35-54 93rd Street, Jackson Heights, N. Y.

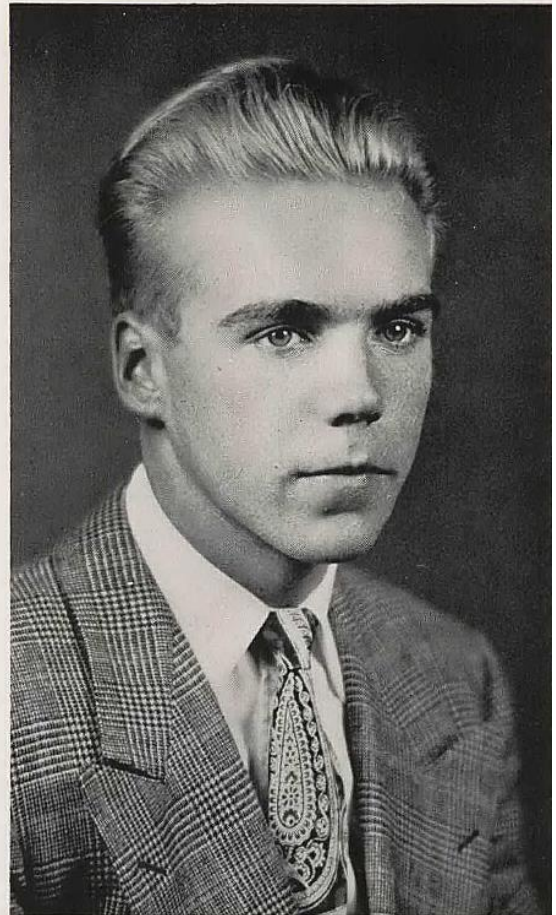
A hard-working, serious student, Jim at the same time exhibited a personality which combined social affability and high qualities of leadership. No one appreciated a song and a laugh more than Jim. Yet he was always willing to give time and energy to the task at hand; whether it was Met Club correspondence, debating, or the captaining of the after-meal commandoes in Kimball Hall. Although a rabid Brooklyn fan at heart, he seemed to find special consolation in Bostonian defeats. Noted for his smile and "Hello d'er," Jim could be seen heading toward Fr. Hart's office with the long-missing intramural ball. Reading Chesterton, playing football, dancing and pondering Fr. Mear's latest witticisms were his favorite pastimes. Memories of elementary Greek will remain with him along with the recollection of buying a trot at Ephram's while his Latin Prof looked on. Heading for Law School, Jim leaves the Cross where his years here have characterized him as a true Catholic gentleman of whom we can be proud.

ACTIVITIES

Purple 4; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; B.J.F. 3, 4; Cercle Ozanam 1; Metropolitan Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Sanctuary Society 1, 4; Mission Crusade 1, 2, 3, 4; Radio Workshop 4; Fresh-Soph Debating.

SENIOR THESIS

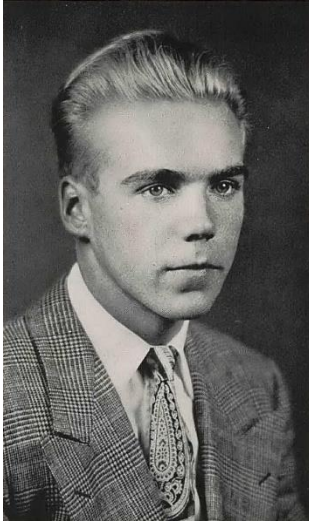
"Decadence: French Influences of the 1890's"



First Lieutenant James Joseph Francis McGoey

United States Marine Corps

Silver Star (Posthumous)

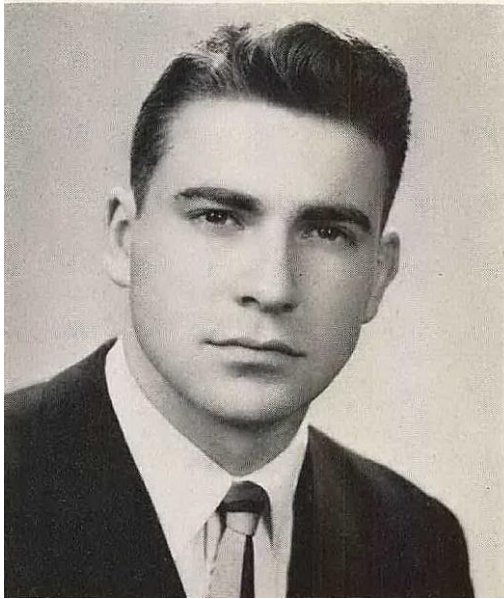


Born: March 18, 1926,
Brooklyn NY
College: Holy Cross, Class of 1949
Commissioned: June 8, 1949
Died: September 2, 1951,
Korea (KIA)
Buried: Calvary Cemetery,
Queens NY

Unit: Headquarters Company,
Headquarters Battalion,
1st Marine Division
Position: Liaison Officer
Date: June 18, 1951

Citation: The President of the United States of America takes pride in presenting the Silver Star (Posthumously) to First Lieutenant James Joseph Francis McGoey, United States Marine Corps, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Headquarters Company, Headquarters Battalion, FIRST Marine Division (Reinforced), and serving as Liaison Officer of the Third Battalion, First Korean Marine Corps Regiment, in action against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on 18 June 1951. While moving with the battalion in the attack on a series of enemy positions on commanding ground, First Lieutenant McGoey observed a wounded Korean Marine lying in a fire-swept area, and fearlessly rushed forward through withering enemy fire to reach the stricken man and remove him to a covered position. By his daring initiative, marked courage and selfless efforts in behalf of another, First Lieutenant McGoey served to inspire all who observed him and materially aided in saving the life of the wounded man, thereby upholding the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

William Kelly Joyce, Jr.
College of the Holy Cross
Class of 1951



WILLIAM KELLY JOYCE, B.S.

16885 Linwood Avenue, Detroit, Michigan

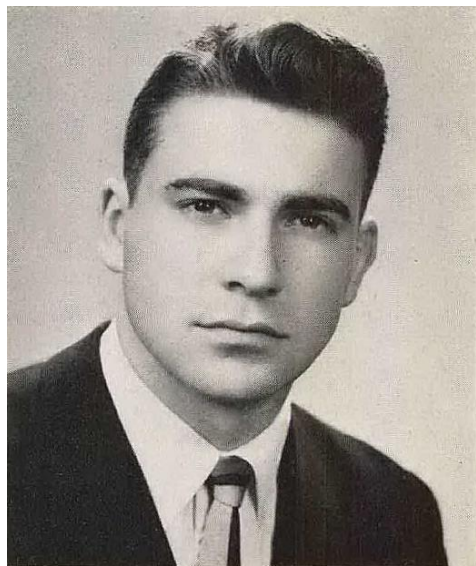
This Hibernian, from the wastes of the Middle West, has ambitions to become either another Preston Tucker or Don Winslow. Gifted with a golden tongue and a caustic, sometimes not too subtle wit, Kelly could handle the sacred and the senseless with equal competence. Kelly's hopes should materialize whether they be carburetors or "tin cans." A casual connoisseur of good living, Kelly has shown leanings toward white picket fences, rose covered cottages, and a nurse or school teacher—any nurse or school teacher.

Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Pistol Team 2, 3, 4; Michigan Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Sanctuary Society 1, 2, 3, 4; B.J.F. 4; Cross Currents 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Society 2, 3. Senior Thesis: The Doctrine on the Assumption.

Second Lieutenant William Kelly Joyce, Jr.

United States Marine Corps

Silver Star



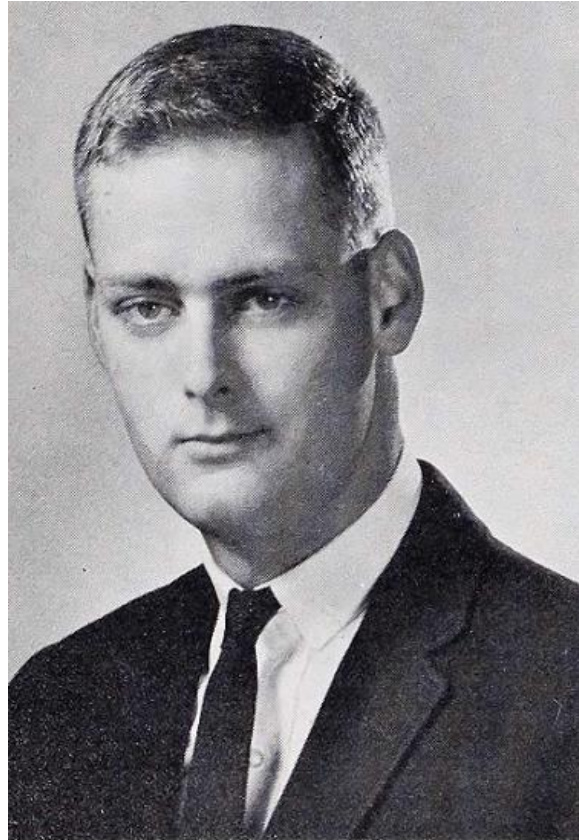
Born: June 16, 1929,
Petoskey MI
College: Holy Cross, Class of 1951
Commissioned: June 13, 1951
Died: July 21, 2020
Buried: Holy Childhood of Jesus
Cemetery, Harbor Springs MI

Unit: Company E, 2nd Battalion,
7th Marines,
1st Marine Division
Position: Platoon Leader
Date: September 6-7, 1952

Citation: The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Second Lieutenant William K. Joyce, Jr., United States Marine Corps, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Commander of Company E, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, FIRST Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on 6 - 7 September 1952. When his squad was subjected to an intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage while preparing to relieve an outpost forward of the main line of resistance, Second Lieutenant Joyce skillfully and expeditiously assisted in calling down supporting arms. With an overwhelming number of determined enemy troops assaulting the outpost defense perimeter before the destructive barrage had subsided, he quickly combined forces with the unit he was relieving and established a perimeter of defense on the reverse slope. From this position, he effectively directed defensive fires, inflicting heavy casualties upon the attackers and hurling them back in complete disorder. Although painfully wounded by flying shrapnel, he refused medical aid until all other wounded had been attended. By his aggressive fighting spirit, courageous leadership and unwavering devotion to duty, Second Lieutenant Joyce served to inspire all who observed him and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Vietnam War

Robert Scheck Morrison
College of the Holy Cross
Class of 1963



ROBERT S. MORRISON

B.S. English
29 Brookfield Rd.
Wellesley, Mass.

Student Congress; **Purple Patcher**;
Outing Club; Senior Brother Program;
Boston Club; Military Ball Committee;
Junior Prom Committee; Rugby; NROTC,
Trident Society; Semper Fidelis Society, Vice President.

Captain (then First Lieutenant) Robert Scheck Morrison

United States Marine Corps

Silver Star



Born: April 4, 1942
College: Holy Cross, Class of 1963
Commissioned: June 12, 1963

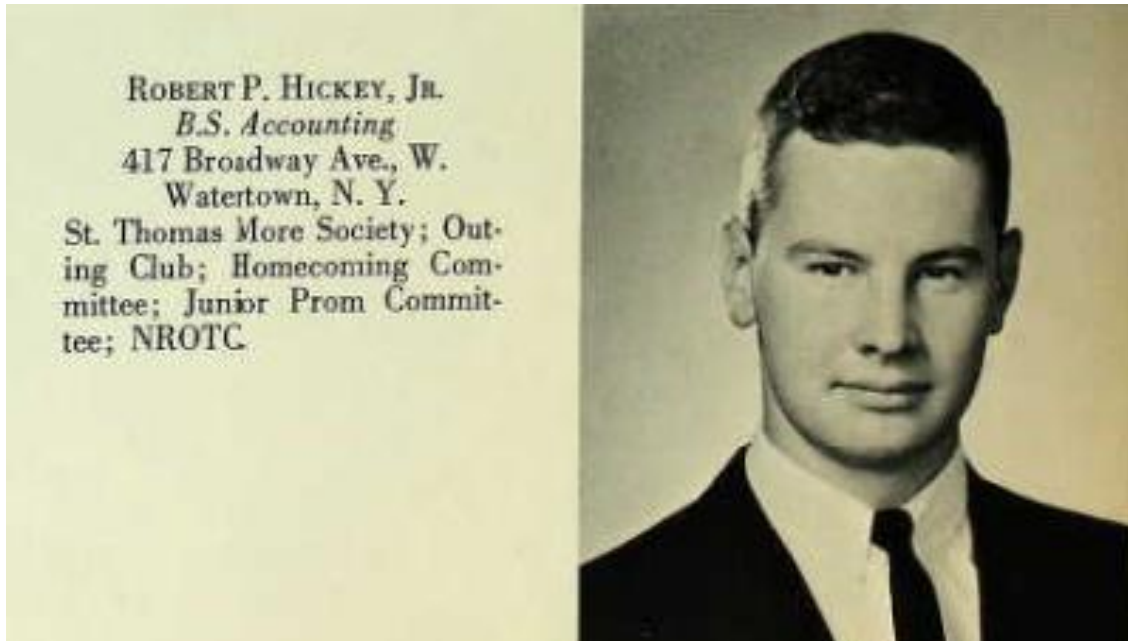
Unit: Company H, 2nd Battalion,
4th Marines,
3rd Marine Division
Position: Platoon Leader
Date: August 18, 1965
Operation Starlite

Citation: The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to First Lieutenant Robert Scheck Morrison, United States Marine Corps, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as a Platoon Commander with Company H, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, THIRD Marine Division (Rein.), FMF, in connection with combat operations against the enemy during Operation STARLITE near Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. On 18 August 1965, while engaged in an attack against tenacious and determined insurgent communist (Viet Cong) forces, First Lieutenant Morrison's platoon was continually subjected to intense mortar, automatic weapons and small arms fire. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Lieutenant Morrison unhesitatingly and repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire while moving among his squads and attached tanks, giving encouragement and directing their fire. During the afternoon, when Company H became pinned down by enemy fire and suffered numerous casualties, Lieutenant Morrison, while leading his platoon, was wounded by enemy fire as he crossed a fire-swept rice paddy. Despite his painful wound and considerable loss of blood, he fearlessly continued to direct and coordinate the efforts of his platoon and tanks until a helicopter landing zone could be reached. Upon arrival at the landing zone, Lieutenant Morrison refused to be evacuated until all of the other wounded were evacuated. By his courageous and selfless actions, inspiring leadership and loyal devotion to duty, First Lieutenant Morrison upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service.

Notes:

- Member of the Holy Cross Board of Trustees
- 2015 recipient of Navy Memorial Lone Sailor Award

Robert Philip Hickey, Jr.
College of the Holy Cross
Class of 1964



Rear Admiral (then Lieutenant Junior Grade)

Robert Philip Hickey, Jr.

United States Navy

Silver Star



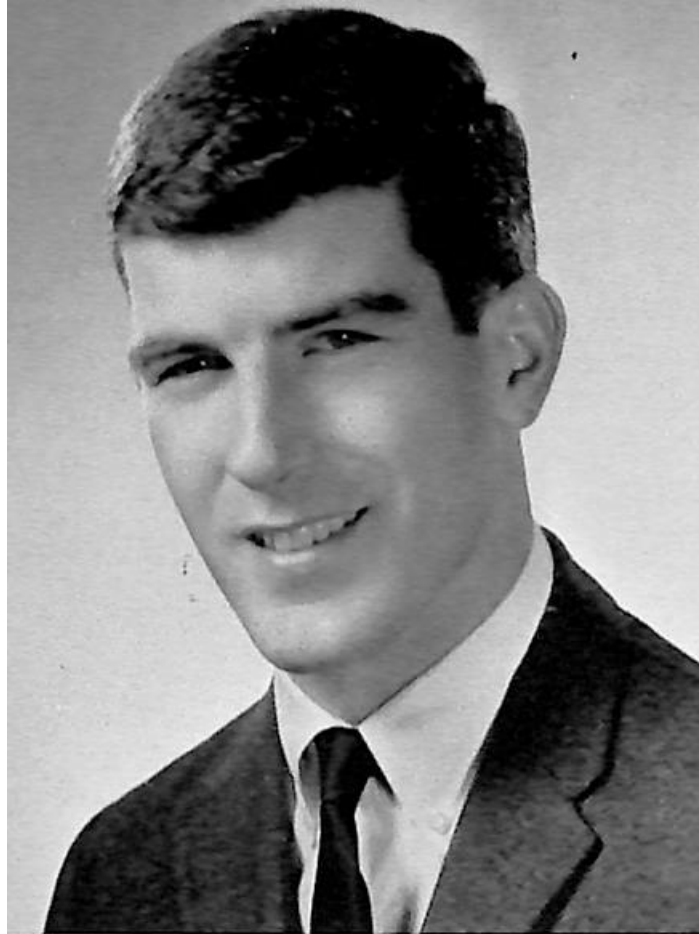
Born: November 10, 1942,
Watertown NY
College: Holy Cross, Class of 1964
Commissioned: June 10, 1964

Unit: VF-143
USS Constellation (CVA-64)
Position: F-4 Pilot
Date: October 26, 1967

Citation: The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Lieutenant Junior Grade Robert Philip Hickey, Jr., United States Navy, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE, embarked in USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64), during a MIGCAP mission in support of a major coordinated strike against the Van Dien Army Barracks in North Vietnam on 26 October 1967. Demonstrating superb aggressive airmanship, Lieutenant (junior grade) HICKEY engaged one MIG-21 FISHBED aircraft in high altitude aerial combat. Assuming the tactical lead when the flight leader's weapons system proved unreliable, Lieutenant (junior grade) HICKEY maneuvered into optimum position and launched a SPARROW missile which detonated directly on the enemy aircraft and caused it to enter an uncontrollable spiral and plunge to earth. In demonstrating precise teamwork, exceptional aerial skill, and unfailing devotion to duty in aerial combat against an enemy of the United States, Lieutenant (junior grade) HICKEY upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Note: later commanded VF-2, CVW-11, USS Roanoke (AOR-7), USS Ranger (CV-61),
Carrier Group 7

Timothy Bernard Sullivan
College of the Holy Cross
Class of 1965



TIMOTHY B. SULLIVAN
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Springfield, Mass.

**N R O T C ; Trident Society ;
Springfield Club.**

Commander (then Lieutenant Commander)

Timothy Bernard Sullivan

United States Navy

Silver Star

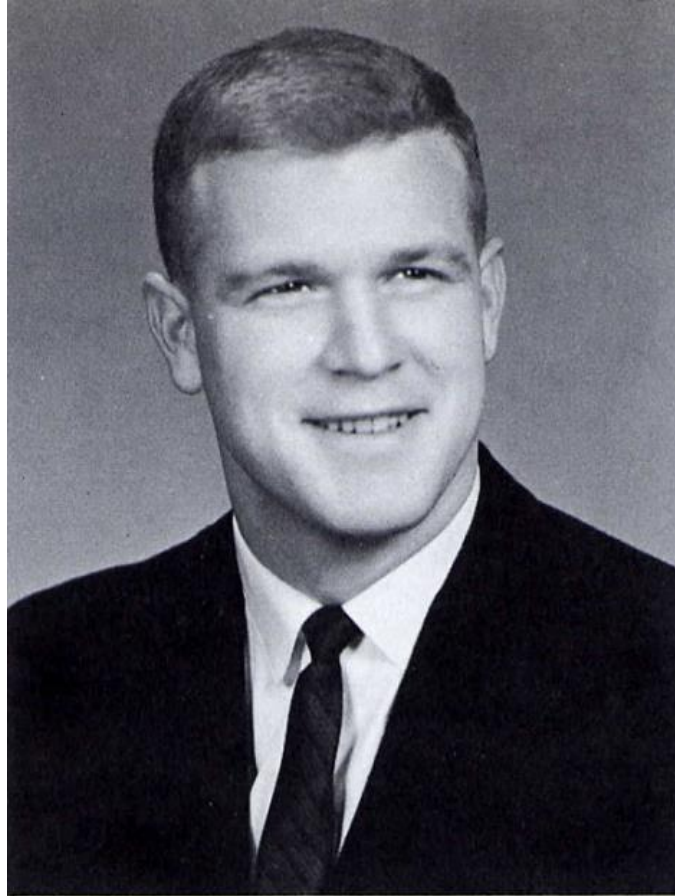


Born: October 2, 1943,
Springfield MA
College: Holy Cross, Class of 1965
Commissioned: June 9, 1965

Unit: VF-151
USS Coral Sea (CVA-43)
Position: F-4B Radar Intercept Officer,
Prisoner of War
Date: November 1967

Citation: The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Lieutenant Commander Timothy Bernard Sullivan, United States Navy, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while interned as a Prisoner of War in North Vietnam during November 1967. Lieutenant Commander Sullivan's captors, completely ignoring international agreements, subjected him to extreme mental and physical cruelties in an attempt to obtain military information and false confessions for propaganda purposes. Through his resistance to those brutalities, he contributed significantly toward the eventual abandonment of harsh treatment by the North Vietnamese, which was attracting international attention. By his determination, courage, resourcefulness, and devotion, Lieutenant Commander Sullivan reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Naval Service and the United States Armed Forces.

Michael Patrick Downs
College of the Holy Cross
Class of 1961



MICHAEL P. DOWNS
B.S. Education

New York Ave.

Oak Bluffs, Mass.

Sanctuary Society; NROTC; John Colet Society; Trident Society; Junior Prom, Com. Chairman; Outing Club; Big Brother Program.

Brigadier General (then Captain) Michael Patrick Downs

United States Marine Corps

Silver Star



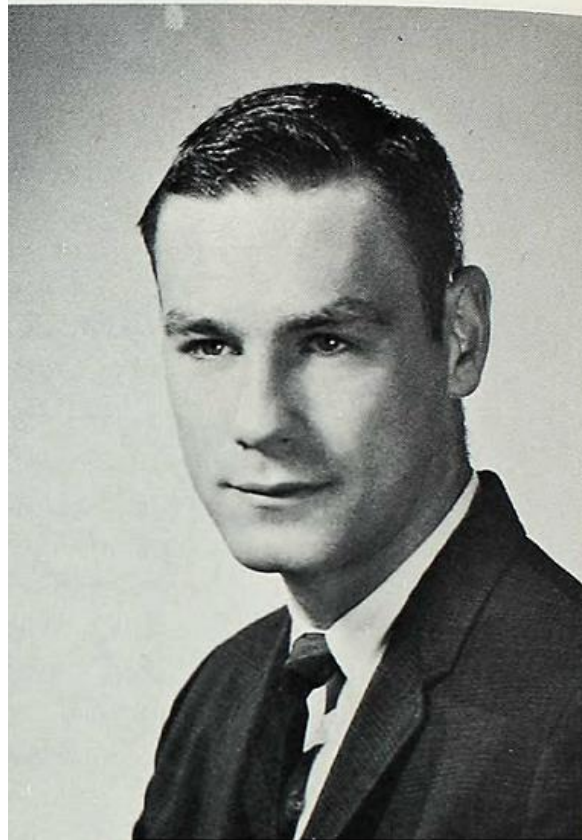
Born: February 8, 1940,
Oak Bluffs MA
College: Holy Cross, Class of 1961
Commissioned: June 14, 1961

Unit: Company F, 2nd Battalion,
5th Marines,
1st Marine Division
Position: Company Commander
Date: February 3-7, 1968
Battle of Hue City

Citation: The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Captain Michael P. Downs, United States Marine Corps, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as Commanding Officer of Company F, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, FIRST Marine Division (Rein.), FMF, in connection with combat operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam. On the night of 3 February 1968, while participating in Operation HUE CITY in Thua Thien Province, Captain Downs' unit was moving through the city's streets when the lead element came under intense enemy sniper fire, halting the Marines. Reacting instantly, he moved forward to the area of heaviest contact to assess the situation and was wounded when an enemy B-40 rocket round exploded near his position. Disregarding his injury and intense pain, he steadfastly refused medical aid and continued to maneuver his company against the enemy. The following afternoon, his men were assaulting the enemy-held Treasury Building and came under a heavy volume of North Vietnamese fire, including mortars, B-40 rockets, 75-mm. recoilless rifle fire and satchel charges from well-entrenched positions inside and around the building. Realizing the importance of continuing the momentum of the attack, Captain Downs unhesitatingly left the comparative safety of his position and fearlessly moved through the intense fire, aggressively maneuvering his men and directing their fire until they subsequently overran the fortification. On 7 February, while continuing through the city, the Second Platoon was temporarily pinned down by heavy fire. Accompanied by his radioman, Captain Downs proceeded to the besieged unit where his companion was mortally wounded. Retrieving the radio, Captain Downs fearlessly exposed himself to the enemy fire to direct 81-mm. mortar fire against the hostile emplacements while simultaneously maneuvering his beleaguered platoon to defeat the hostile force. By his inspiring leadership, dauntless courage and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of extreme peril, Captain Downs contributed significantly to the accomplishment of his unit's mission and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service.

Timothy John Shorten
College of the Holy Cross
Class of 1964

TIMOTHY J. SHORTEN
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Garden City, N. Y.
St. Thomas More Society; Con-
servative Club; YRC; Outing
Club; Metropolitan Club;
Rugby.



First Lieutenant Timothy John Shorten

United States Marine Corps

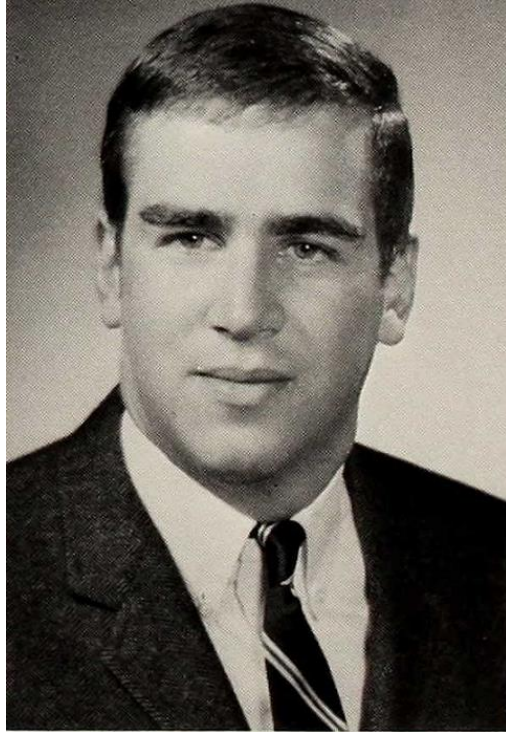
Silver Star (Posthumous)



Born: June 7, 1942,
Brooklyn NY
College: Holy Cross, Class of 1964
Commissioned: ~1964
Died: March 31, 1968,
Vietnam (KIA)
Buried: Long Island National
Cemetery, Farmingdale NY
Unit: Company H, 2nd Battalion,
4th Marines,
9th Amphibious Brigade
Position: Executive Officer
Date: March 18, 1968

Citation: The President of the United States of America takes pride in presenting the Silver Star (Posthumously) to First Lieutenant Timothy John Shorten, United States Marine Corps, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as the Executive Officer of Company H, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade in connection with operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam. On 18 March 1968, First Lieutenant Shorten participated in a battalion attack against elements of three North Vietnamese Army battalions in the fortified village of Vinh Quan Thuong in Quang Tri Province. As the fighting grew in intensity during the initial stages of the attack, he effectively coordinated mortar fire against enemy emplacements and disregarded his own safety as he moved forward to the points of heaviest contact to evaluate the situation and assist in the evacuation of casualties. When an adjacent unit began receiving sniper fire, he led a squad to the exposed flank of the friendly unit and, directing effective mortar fire and throwing hand grenades, silenced the sniper fire in the area. Later in the day when a Marine squad became separated from the remainder of the company, First Lieutenant Shorten assumed command of the unit and led his men against several enemy-held bunkers. During the advance, he observed a North Vietnamese sniper positioned in a bunker to the front of his unit and, after organizing a two-squad attack force, commenced an assault against the fortified emplacement. During his unit's advance, two Marines were killed and several others were wounded. Immediately employing a flame thrower against the bunker, he then assaulted the emplacement single-handed, throwing hand grenades and firing his pistol into the embrasure of the fortification, killing the North Vietnamese sniper and enabling his unit to advance. By his courage, bold initiative and selfless devotion to duty First Lieutenant Shorten upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Richard Dennis Porrello
College of the Holy Cross
Class of 1968



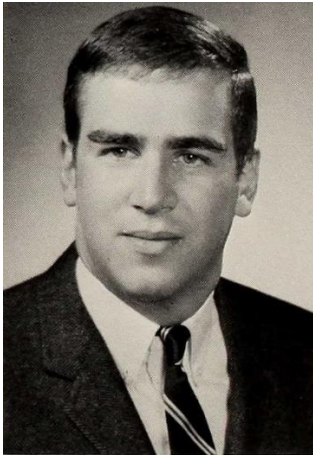
RICHARD D. PORRELLO
A.B. Political Science

Richard Dennis Porrello, A.B. Political Science; P. O. Box 25, New York, N. Y., Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Platoon Leaders Class; Semper Fidelis Society;; Big Brother Program; Ruby Club.

Second Lieutenant Richard Dennis Porrello

United States Marine Corps

Silver Star (First Award)



Born: May 26, 1946

College: Holy Cross, Class of 1968

Commissioned: June 5, 1968

Unit: Company C, 1st Battalion,
4th Marines,
3rd Marine Division

Position: Platoon Leader

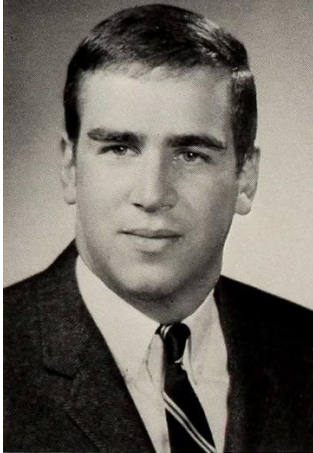
Date: February 28, 1969

Citation: The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Second Lieutenant Richard D. Porrello, United States Marine Corps, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as a Platoon Commander with Company C, First Battalion, Fourth Marines, THIRD Marine Division (Rein.), FMF, in connection with operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam. On 28 February 1969, Lieutenant Porrello's platoon was assigned the mission of securing an enemy held hill near Khe Sanh. During the assault, the Marines came under intense automatic weapon and machine gun fire from several well-fortified hostile bunkers. When his platoon was pinned down and unable to advance, Second Lieutenant Porrello fearlessly exposed himself to enemy fire to rally his men and direct their orderly withdrawal in order that he could direct fixed wing air strikes against the hostile positions. As the platoon pulled back and he discovered that two wounded Marines were missing, Second Lieutenant Porrello unhesitatingly rushed back up the hill and located the two casualties lying fifteen meters away from an enemy machine gun position. With complete disregard for his own safety, he ignored the intense hostile machine gun fire as he quickly dragged the two Marines out of the hazardous zone. After supporting gunships had strafed the area, he again led his men up the hill in an aggressive assault, and despite heavy resistance from the hostile soldiers, the Marines were able to reach the top of the objective. Continuing his determined efforts, Second Lieutenant Porrello destroyed an enemy emplacement and directed his men as they eliminated and neutralized the remaining hostile positions. His heroic and timely actions inspired all who observed him and were responsible for saving the lives of two injured Marines. By his courage, aggressive leadership and selfless devotion to duty in the face of great personal danger, Second Lieutenant Porrello was instrumental in enabling his platoon to complete its mission and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service.

Second Lieutenant Richard Dennis Porrello

United States Marine Corps

Silver Star (Second Award)



Born: May 26, 1946,

College: Holy Cross, Class of 1968

Commissioned: June 5, 1968

Unit: Company C, 1st Battalion,
4th Marines,
3rd Marine Division

Position: Platoon Leader

Date: March 1, 1969

Citation: The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Second Lieutenant Richard D. Porrello, United States Marine Corps, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as a Platoon Commander with Company C, First Battalion, Fourth Marines, THIRD Marine Division (Rein.), FMF, in connection with operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam. On 1 March 1969, Company C was assaulting a North Vietnamese Army regiment occupying position on Hill 484 near Khe Sanh when the Second Platoon was pinned down by intense enemy mortar, small arms, and machine gun fire. Rapidly assessing the situation, Second Lieutenant Porrello quickly deployed his men to assist the beleaguered unit, and ignoring the enemy rounds impacting near him, he skillfully directed his Marines around the enemy's flank and approached the hostile positions from the rear. Detecting his movements, the North Vietnamese delivered accurate mortar fire, and Second Lieutenant Porrello was severely wounded in the neck and chest. Resolutely ignoring his painful injuries, he aggressively led his men in a determined attack against the enemy positions, boldly shouting words of encouragement to his men and directing their fire until the hostile fire was silenced. Although requiring an emergency medical evacuation, he steadfastly refused to board the extraction helicopters until all other wounded Marines had been helilifted from the hazardous area. His bold initiative and resolute determination inspired all who observed him and were instrumental in his company's accounting for twenty North Vietnamese soldiers killed. By his courage, aggressive leadership and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of great personal danger, Second Lieutenant Porrello upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service.

R. Peter Kimener
College of the Holy Cross
Class of 1967



R. PETER KIMENER
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Arlington, Virginia
Purple Key, Treasurer; Resident
Assistant; Track; Varsity Foot-
ball, Captain; Caught *The Bomb*

Second Lieutenant Robert P. Kimener

United States Marine Corps

Silver Star



Born: March 22, 1946
College: Holy Cross, Class of 1967
Commissioned: April 1, 1969
Unit: Company B, 1st Battalion,
7th Marines,
1st Marine Division
Position: Platoon Leader
Date: June 26, 1970

Citation: The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Second Lieutenant Robert P. Kimener, United States Marine Corps, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as a Platoon Commander with Company B, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, FIRST Marine Division (Rein.), FMF, in connection with combat operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam. On the night of 26 June 1970, a squad from Company B was moving toward a selected ambush site in Quang Nam Province when the Marines came under a heavy volume of automatic weapons fire from North Vietnamese Army soldiers well concealed in heavy jungle growth nearby. During the initial moments of the fire fight, several Marines were seriously wounded and the squad's radio was destroyed. Informed of the incident, Second Lieutenant Kimener unhesitatingly led a second squad to the scene of battle and, arriving at the site of the beleaguered unit, boldly disregarded the hostile fusillade as he deployed his men into effective fighting positions and directed their fire against the enemy. Heedless of the rounds impacting around him, he repeatedly traversed the fire-swept terrain to treat casualties and direct their evacuation aboard helicopters. Once he had cleared the battlefield of casualties, he rallied his men and led them in a bold assault against the enemy force. In the face of the determined Marine attack, the enemy broke contact and retreated. After returning to the combat base, the Marines sustained several additional casualties when the Company Command Post came under a vicious ground attack by North Vietnamese Army sappers. Quickly organizing the remaining physically able men, Second Lieutenant Kimener skillfully deployed them to strategic points along the defensive perimeter and, although constantly exposed to enemy small arms fire and grenade detonations, continually patrolled the forward positions to shout encouragement to his men and ensure that every possible avenue of enemy approach was adequately covered by fire. His heroic and determined actions inspired all who observed him and were instrumental in defeating two large, determined North Vietnamese Army forces. By his courage, superb leadership, and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of grave personal danger, Second Lieutenant Kimener upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service.

Operation Just Cause (Panama)

John Patrick Connors
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Class of 1987



Lieutenant Junior Grade John Patrick Connors

United States Navy

Silver Star (Posthumous)



Born: March 28, 1964,
Boston MA
College: WPI, Class of 1987
Commissioned: May 29, 1987
Died: December 20, 1989 (KIA),
Paitilla Airfield, Panama
Buried: Mt. Pleasant Cemetery,
Arlington MA

Unit: Bravo Platoon,
SEAL Team Four
Position: Assistant Platoon
Commander
Date: December 20, 1989

Citation: The President of the United States of America takes pride in presenting the Silver Star posthumously to Lieutenant (Junior Grade) John P. Connors, United States Navy, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as Assistant Platoon Commander of Sea-Air and Land (SEAL) Team FOUR, BRAVO Platoon during Operation JUST CAUSE in the Republic of Panama on 20 December 1989. Lieutenant (jg) Connors participated in a SEAL assault of Paitilla Airfield to deny its use as an escape route for General Noriega and to disable his personal jet and selected other aircraft. When a fierce engagement with Panamanian Defense Forces inflicted heavy casualties on the lead SEAL platoon, Lieutenant (jg) Connors, in the face of enemy fire, led his squad in a counter-attack to suppress enemy fire and cover the movement of his wounded teammates to a safe area. With full knowledge of the present danger, he inspired his fellow platoon members by directing fire and aggressively firing his weapon into enemy positions. While leading his men, Lieutenant (jg) Connors was mortally wounded by enemy automatic weapons fire. His heroic leadership saved lives and helped minimize further casualties. Lieutenant (jg) Connors' courageous actions, personal sacrifice, and endless dedication to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.