

Alfred J. Abbott

Corporal, United States Marine Corps
2nd Battalion, 1st Marines

Born:

Years Served: Korean War

Medals/Awards: Silver Star

Biography

Alfred "Bud" Abbott was born in Greenwich and raised in Stamford, Connecticut and enlisted and served as a Corporal in the U.S. Marines 2d Battalion, 1st Marine Division (Rein.) in the Korean War. Bud was presented the Silver Star for his conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as a Fire Team Leader in Company F, Second Battalion, First Marines, 1st Marine Division (Reinforced), during operations against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on 21 September 1950. He repeatedly exposed himself to heavy enemy small arms and machine gun fire from a hostile position estimated to be a reinforced platoon. Corporal Abbott daringly lead his fire team into the assault position and opened the attack by personally destroying an enemy machine gun nest and its protective rifleman using hand grenades and his effective direct fire. Seriously wounded during this action, Corporal Abbott, by his courageous initiative, leadership and devotion to duty, aided his unit materially in completing its assigned mission, thereby upholding the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.