



Hendrix, Donald Jerry (1932 – 1951)

Donald Hendrix listed his Home of record as Chula Vista, CA. His family lived at 1031 National Avenue. He was the youngest of four children. Surviving family members are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hendrix, and brother, Clinton Hendrix, and two sisters, Mrs. Hazel Holder of National City, and Mrs. Christine Estes of Carlsbad, NM. Donald Hendrix was born in Texas and lived in Chula Vista for 18 years. Mr Hendrix is employed by the Rohr as an aircraft mechanic. They have lived in Chula Vista for the past 13 years.

He was a Private First Class (PFC/E2) in the United States Marine Corps. He enlisted in the Marines in August 1950, soon after the death of his brother, Clifford Hendrix, 24, killed in an auto racing accident. He attended Chula Vista High School.

A summarized history of the 2nd Battalion in Korea follows:

In July of 1950, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines embarked at San Diego and sailed to Pusan, Korea. In August, the Battalion fought as part of the 1st Marine Provisional Brigade, the "Fire Brigade," at the Pusan Perimeter against invading North Korean forces. During the Korean War, the Battalion participated in the landing at Inchon, the liberation of Seoul, the Chosin Reservoir campaign, and the defense of the East Central and Western Fronts. From July 1953 to February 1955, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines assisted in the defense of the Korean de-militarized zone after which it returned to Camp Pendleton.

Private First Class Hendrix was a member of Company D, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division. He was killed in action while fighting the enemy in Korea on June 7, 1951. He volunteered to serve with the reinforcements of the outfit that relieved his own unit. He was killed on the front line of action against the North Koreans. He is buried at La Vista cemetery. Private First Class Hendrix was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Korean War Service Medal.



