

The BETT TOOMEY DETACHMENT

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Private Edward L. Bett, U.S.M.C.R.

Edward Bett was born December 5, 1923, at 91 Mills Street in Buffalo, New York. He attended St. Barbara's Parochial School and Lackawanna High School. In 1939, he enlisted in the Citizens Military Training Camp at Fort Niagara under the auspices of the War Department. After being separated he enlisted in the Civilian Conservation Corps, and served at Camp Harrison, Gulch, California. He was discharged at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and returned home to work in the Bar Mill and later the Storage Beds at the Bethlehem Steel Company. He was a member of Local 2603, United Steelworkers of America.

In December of 1942 he enlisted in the Marine Corps at Buffalo, New York, and was sent to Parris Island, South Carolina, for his boot training. He was then sent to New River, North Carolina, and later to Camp Pendleton, California, from where he left for overseas duty.

In January of 1944, he participated in the invasion of the Marshall Islands, for which he received the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with a bronze star.

In June of the same year he participated in the invasion of the Marianna Islands, which included Saipan and Tinian, and was awarded two more bronze stars.

In February of 1945, he participated in the invasion of Iwo Jima. It was here that he was wounded by a mortar shell, and later hospitalized aboard ship, where he died of his wounds and buried at sea. He was awarded another bronze star and the Military Order of the Purple Heart posthumously.

PRIVATE EDWARD L. BETT MEMORIAL AWARD (Marine of the Year Award)

1951 — RAY J. PUCHALSKI
 1952 — RAY J. PUCHALSKI
 1953 — FRED V. CATUZZA, Jr.
 1954 — CARL A. LOHR
 1955 — RICHARD S. JUDA
 1956 — CHET C. CATUZZA
 1957 — LaVERN DeFOREST
 1958 — C. WILLIAM MARTS
 1959 — RALPH SHUGERT
 1960 — JOSEPH J. KOZA
 1961 — LEE J. SENDOR
 1962 — *HON. ROBERT J. CARROLL

1963 — WILLIAM WALLACE
 1964 — LEO MYZEL
 1965 — GEORGE MAW
 1966 — WILLIAM BROWN
 1967 — JACK SHELDON
 1968 — MATTHEW RADLOWSKI
 1969 — THOMAS EVOY
 1970 — JAMES MAY
 1971 — EDWARD REED
 1972 — STEVEN DOMANSKI

**Deceased*



Private First Class William J. Toomey, U.S.M.C.

William Toomey was born March 23, 1920, at 30 Colton Avenue, Lackawanna, New York. He attended Our Lady of Victory Grammar and High Schools and later took a post-graduate course at Lackawanna High School. He then worked at the Bethlehem Steel Company.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps at Buffalo, New York, on April 1, 1942, and was sent to Parris Island, South Carolina. After completing his boot training he was sent to Quantico, Virginia, where he attended communications school. From there he was sent to Camp Pendleton where he joined the Third Marine Division Assault Battalion.

He participated in the invasion of Guam and was wounded on July 21, 1944, and awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

In February of 1945 he participated in the invasion of Iwo Jima, where he was killed in action.

His body was sent to Lackawanna in 1946 and he was buried at Holy Cross Cemetery. He was posthumously awarded a gold star lieu of second Purple Heart Medal.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM J. TOOMEY MEMORIAL AWARD (Civilian of the Year)

1951 — JACK MORGAN
 1952 — *JAMES MEEGAN
 1953 — JOSEPH B. EAGAN
 1954 — REV. EMIL BOGUMIL
 1955 — JOHN J. JANIGA
 1956 — HARRY FLAK
 1957 — MRS. CATHERINE O'MALLEY
 1958 — JOSEPH TARZANIN
 1959 — TRYAN PHILLIPS
 1960 — HAROLD SCHECHTMAN
 1961 — *FLOYD HAMILTON
 1962 — DONALD RUDA

1963 — PETER A. VINOLUS
 1964 — BERNARD BERNASINK
 1965 — DANIEL TENEROWICZ
 1966 — JOHN J. KUBISTY
 1967 — THOMAS TOBOL
 1968 — ARCHANGELO PETRICCA
 1969 — CASIMER RUTKOWSKI
 1970 — MELVIN WODZINSKI
 1971 — TED KATRA
 1972 — JOSEPH KALETA

**Deceased*