



**CHOSIN RESERVOIR DETACHMENT #968**  
**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**  
**THE CHOSIN NEWS**



**MAJOR LEN MAPES**  
**WORLD WAR II & KOREAN WAR**  
**U. S. MARINE CORPS**



Born on May 16th, 1922 at Detroit Mercy Hospital.

At age 89, Leonard passed away on August 28, 2011 at Otterbein Retirement Community, Lebanon, Ohio where both he and his wife have lived for the past 6 years.

Leonard is survived by his beloved wife of over 67 years Dora Jean Mapes and 3 sons with (wives) Richard (Robin), Robert (Christine), and Randall (Penny), 7 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Leonard served his country as a decorated Officer in the Marine Corps as a Pilot in WWII and Korean War.

As a graduate of Central Michigan University following his retirement from the Corps, Leonard devoted much of his time to his family, church and career as a defense contractor for General Dynamics.

Leonard was well known within the aviation community as a flight instructor and chief pilot for several metro Detroit area flying clubs with over 24,000 flight hours and was a life member of EAA.

He was an active member of the Troy Historical Society and a 33rd degree Mason.

Leonard was a true Marine aviator who proudly hallowed the Corps' rituals, and its unbending code of honor, and truly represented the Corps' Semper Fidelis. He love the Corps, his family, friends and the many Marines that he touched throughout his life.

Marines from **The Chosin Reservoir Detachment 968** rendered honors as Casket Guards during the Funeral Visitation Period. The detail consisted of John Tonkin and Bob Collier.

