



**CHOSIN RESERVOIR DETACHMENT #968
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**CALVIN SAYRE WICHARD
COMBAT MEDICAL CORPSMAN
PHARMACIST'S MATE 3rd class
IWO JIMA, WORLD WAR II**



“Calvin Wichard went to be with the Lord on Sat. Dec. 24th, 2011 at the age of 86. Beloved husband of Norma (nee Aylor). Devoted father of John Sr. (Nina) and Cynthia Jane (nee Wichard) (Charles) Patterson. Loving grandfather of John Wichard Jr., Lisa Fischer, Natalie Wichard, Nathaniel Wichard, Aaron Patterson, and Heather Wilson. Also survived by 11 great-grandchildren.

Calvin was a veteran of WWII. He was attached to Company A, 5th Medical Battalion, 5th Marine Division. He saw intense action at the Battle of Iwo Jima as a medical corpsman and was part of the first occupation force of the city of Sasebo, Japan.

On Nov. 2, 2011 Calvin committed his life to the Lord. Visitation Fri. Dec. 30, from 12:30PM until time of Funeral Service at 2:00PM both at Mihovk-Rosenacker Funeral Home 10211 Plainfield Rd (just south of Glendale-Milford Rd). Memorials requested to the American Alzheimer's Association. www.mrfh.com“

Pharmacist's Mate 3rd Class Calvin Sayre Wichard was Honorably Discharged on 2 April 1946 from the U.S. Naval Reserve at the Naval Personnel Separation Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. On 19 July 1943, at the age of 18, he enlisted into the U.S. Navy and was sent to boot camp at the US Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois. Subsequent duty assignments included Hospital Corpsman School, San Diego, CA; Training Detachment, Field Medical School Battalion; Fleet Marine Force (FMF) Training Center, Camp Joseph H. Pendleton, Oceanside, CA; Company A, 5th Medical Battalion (Med Bn), 26th Marine Regiment (Mar Reg), 5th Marine Division (Mar Div), FMF, Camp Pendleton, CA; Company A, 5th Med Bn, 26th Mar Reg; Company A, 5th Med Bn, 26th Mar Reg, 5th Mar Div, FMF, C/O Fleet Post Office, San Fran, CA; and Naval Training Center, San Diego, CA.

Prior to his death, “Doc” Wichard would record his World War II memoirs in a 15 minute audio interview while serving as a Navy Medical Corpsman stateside, during the Battle of Iwo Jima, in Sasebo, Japan, and on Peleliu following the battle. To hear his memoirs, please visit the [Military History Audio File](#), above his photograph, on our website Taps page.



For his service in World War II, and the Occupation Force in the city of Sasebo, Japan PHM3c Calvin Wichard was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Combat Action Ribbon, the Navy and Marine Corps Presidential Unit Citation (with one bronze star), the Navy Unit Citation, the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (with one bronze star and Fleet Marine device), the World War II Victory Medal, and the Navy Occupation Service Medal (with Asia clasp).

Marines from **The Chosin Reservoir Detachment 968** rendered honors as casket guards during the funeral visitation period. The detail consisted of NCOIC Walter Golladay and Chuck Klosterman.

