

The Casa Grande Detachment 901 of the Marine Corps League, St. Anthony of Padua, Knights of Columbus, and VFW Post 1677 are honoring Marine Robert (Bob) Brutinel on his 100th Birthday. Bob is an Iwo Jima veteran, Silver Star, and Purple Heart recipient and has been a vital part of the Casa Grande community for over 60 years.

We will be honoring Bob on August 31st with a special ceremony and guest speakers, and personal testimonies from the citizens of Casa Grande. The location of this event is St. Anthony of Padua Community Center located at: 201 North Picacho Street Casa Grande, AZ, 85122-5266. We invite you to attend and help us celebrate Bob's legacy and show him that his work for our country and in our community has not been forgotten. Meet and Greet with Bob starts at 1200 with light refreshments and the ceremony starts at 1300.

If you would like to be put on the agenda for the ceremony and speak for about two minutes or have us read a message from you to Bob, please RSVP no later than 1700 (5 PM) August 20th to Frank Alger at frankwalger@aol.com or call him at 480-570-4032.

Robert C. Brutinel

PLACE OF BIRTH:

El Paso, Texas

HOME OF RECORD:

Clifton, Arizona

AWARDS BY DATE OF ACTION: 1 of 1



Silver Star

AWARDED FOR ACTIONS
DURING World War II

Service: Marine Corps

Rank: Private First Class

Battalion: 3d Battalion

Division: 5th Marine Division

GENERAL ORDERS:

Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific: Serial 45501 (December 9, 1947)

CITATION:

The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Private First Class Robert C. Brutinel (MCSN: 818418), United States Marine Corps, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Demolition Man and Flame Thrower Operator of Company H, Third Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, FIFTH Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 12 March 1945. When his company was held up by an enemy pillbox, Private First Class Brutinel made a direct frontal attack on the hostile emplacement, firing his flame thrower until the fuel supply was exhausted.

Returning to the company dump, he refilled his weapon and, advancing again on the Japanese position, attacking the pillbox until it was completely silenced. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon the United States Naval Service.