



MEDAL OF HONOR  
**ARCHIE VAN WINKLE**  
Colonel U.S. Marine Corps  
Born: 17 March 1925 Juneau, Alaska  
Died: 22 May 1986 Ketchikan, Alaska

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FOR CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY AND INTREPIDITY AT THE RISK OF HIS LIFE ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY AS A PLATOON SERGEANT IN COMPANY B-1-7 1ST MARINE DIVISION. S/SGT. VAN WINKLE BOLDLY SPEARHEADED A DETERMINED COUNTER-ATTACK THROUGH NUMERICALLY SUPERIOR ENEMY FORCES, GRENADES AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. WOUNDED, HE ORGANIZED THE REMNANTS OF HIS PLATOON AND SUCCEEDED IN ENABLING THEM TO HOLD THEIR PORTION OF THE FRONT-LINE. WHILE SINGLE-HANDEDLY RESCUING A FLANK ELEMENT THAT WAS PINNED DOWN, HE WAS WOUNDED A SECOND TIME BY ENEMY HAND GRENADES. REFUSING MEDICAL EVACUATION AGAIN, HE MAINTAINED COMMAND AND CONTROL UNTIL HE WAS CARRIED UNCONSCIOUS FROM THE FIELD WITH THE OTHER TWO SURVIVORS OF THE PLATOON.

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