Ships Named in Honor of United States Marines and Members of Other Services Serving with the Marines

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Explanatory notes:

1. **Ship’s names:** In this list, ship’s names and hull numbers are in bold print, except where they appear as part of the citation text, and in that case the ship’s name is in italics. They are listed in alphabetical order. Ships whose name includes the namesake’s first name are listed using the first name for alphabetical reference. For example: USS George Washington would be listed under the letter “G,” not the letter “W.”

2. **Individual’s names:** Where the individual being honored with a ship’s name has their complete name included in the ship’s name, it is not repeated in the citation below the ship’s name. If only the last name of the individual is used in the ship’s name, the individual’s full name is given in the citation.

3. **Ship’s hull numbers:** Ships normally have hull numbers that describe their function and sequential order of being built. In the list, for example, USS Agerholm DD-826 is the 826th destroyer built. Some ships have had more than one hull number, having been converted from one function to another. In those cases, all known hull numbers are listed. Likewise, some ship’s names are used more than once, and in those cases, all known hull numbers are noted.

4. **Ranks:** The ranks listed in the citation are the highest rank held by the individual, unless otherwise noted. The rank abbreviations are the standard used by the individual’s service at the time of his service. The classic example is that of Navy corpsmen. Through the World Wars, they were called Pharmacist’s Mates, since then they have been called Hospital Corpsmen. Also Navy and Coast Guard rank abbreviations have changed over time, for example, in WW2 and before a Signalman First Class would cited as SM 1/c. Modern usage cites it as SM1.

5. **Other services personnel:** Ships named for members of the Navy and Coast Guard are included in this list when the naming of a ship resulted from a heroic act performed while the individual was serving with or in direct support of the Marines. As part of the Navy Department, the United States Marine Corps does not maintain its own medical department or religious component. Medical and religious support to the Marines has always been provided by the Navy. Corpsmen, physicians, a dentist, and chaplains have all been cited for heroism in the field with Marines, and have had ships named for them. One Coast Guardsman has also earned that honor (see below). When serving in the field with the Marines, these other service personnel normally wear Marine uniforms, and they become totally integrated into the Marine organizational structure. Marines traditionally show great respect and affection for their corpsmen, doctors, and chaplains. It is therefore deemed appropriate by the compiler of this list to include ships named for these brave men.

6. **Coast Guard:** Some might ask how a Coast Guardsman ended up on this list. By law, in time of war, vessels of the United States Coast Guard may operate under the command of the United States Navy. This has happened in almost every war fought by the United States, and continues today when Coast Guard cutters regularly deploy as part of Naval Task Forces in the War on Terrorism. In WW2, Coast Guardsmen manned many of the landing craft, attack transports, and even some convoy escort ships. Signalman First Class Douglas Munro was one
of those men, and he interposed his landing craft between the enemy and a group of Marines being extracted from a beach on Guadalcanal, giving his life to protect "his Marines." This compiler is confident that the Marines would want his action appropriately recognized and included here.

7. **Women:** There are no women's names on this list. While women have served faithfully and well in the Marines and in support of Marines since the early days of the 20th century, to date none have distinguished themselves in combat to the extent that their acts warranted the naming of a ship in their honor or memory. Having said that, it is almost a certainty that someday, in the not too distant future, a Marine (who happens to be a woman) will so distinguish herself in combat that she will earn a Medal of Honor or other high award and be recognized with the naming of a ship in her name. Likewise, a Navy Corpsman or chaplain (who happens to be a woman) will surely someday use her body to shield a wounded Marine, and in doing so give her life.

8. **List of common abbreviations used in this list:**
   - **USMC** - United States Marine Corps
   - **USN** - United States Navy
   - **USCG** - United States Coast Guard
   - **KIA** - Killed in action
   - **DOW** - Died of wounds
   - **MOH** - The Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States. Generally presented to its recipient by the President of the United States in the name of Congress, it is often called the Congressional Medal of Honor.
   - **DSC** - The second highest award for valor of the United States Army. Its equivalents are the Navy Cross and the Air Force Cross. Marines and members of other services are eligible to receive awards from services other than their own. This most often occurs when that service person is operating under the command of another service.
   - **WW1 & WW2:** World Wars 1 & 2
   - **RVN** - Republic of Vietnam

**Ships of the U.S. Navy (preface USS):**

**Agerholm**                DD-826
(Harold C. Agerholm, PFC, USMC, KIA, 7 July 1944, Saipan, MOH, 4/10 Marines, 2nd Marine Division.)

**Ahrens**                 DE-575
(Edward H. Ahrens, PFC, USMC, KIA, 8 August 1942, Tulagi, Company "A", 1st Raider Battalion, Navy Cross. Major Lewis Walt (later general) found a mortally wounded PFC Ahrens in a foxhole, surrounded by 13 dead enemy soldiers. His dying words, "they tried to over run me last night— I guess they didn't know I was a Marine.")
Alexander J. Luke        DER-577
(Sgt, USMC, KIA, Tulagi, 7 August 1942, Silver Star, Co. E, 1st Marine Raider Battalion)

Alfred A. Cunningham    DD-752
(LtCol, USMC, 1st Marine aviator & 1st director of Marine aviation. Navy Cross for his efforts in building
Marine aviation in WW1)

Allen M. Sumner          DD-692
(Capt, USMC, KIA, Belleau Wood, 19 July 1918, French Croix la Guerre, three Silver Stars, 81st
Company, 1st Machine Gun Battalion.)

Alvin C. Cockrell       DE-366
(1stLt, USMC, KIA, Guadalcanal, 24 September 1942, Navy Cross, Company B, 1/7 Marines.)

Anthony               DD-515 & DD-172
(William Anthony, SgtMaj, USMC, Marine Guard, USS Maine, Havana Harbor, 15 February 1898, then
serving as Pvt.)

Balduck              APD-132 or DE-716
(Reimi August Balduck, Cpl, USMC, KIA, 9 November 1942, Guadalcanal, Navy Cross, 2/7 Marines, 1st
Marine Division.)

Barnett             APA-5 or AP-11
(George Barnett, MajGen, USMC, 12th Commandant of the Marine Corps, 1914–1920.)

Barr                APD-39 or DE-576
(PFC Woodrow Wilson Barr, USMC, KIA, Tulagi, 7 August 1942, Silver Star, 1st Marine Raider
Battalion.)

Barrett             T-AP-196
(Charles D. Barrett, Jr., MajGen, USMC, I Marine Amphibious Corps, died in 1942 as a result of an
accident.)

Basilone            DD-824 or DDE-824
(John D. Basilone, GySgt, USMC, KIA, Iwo Jima, 19 February 1945, MOH, 1/7 Marines, 1st Marine
Division.)

Bauer               DE-1025
(Harold W. Bauer, LtCol, USMC, KIA, 14 November 1942, MOH, CO, Marine Fighting Squadron 212.)

Bausell             DD-845
(Lewis K. Bausell, Cpl, USMC, DOW, 18 September 1944, MOH, Peleliu, 5th Marines, 1st Marine
Division.)

Bearss                DD-654
(Hiram I. Bearss, BGen, USMC, MOH while a Captain in the Philippines 1901, DSC while serving in
WW1.)

Belet               APD-109
(Robert Alfred Belet, MSgt, USMC, KIA, Guadalcanal, 12 September 1942, Silver Star, 1st Signal
Company, 1st Marine Division.)
Benfold DDG-65
(Edward Clyde Benfold, HM3, USN, KIA, MOH, Korea, 5 September 1952, 1st Marine Division.)

Benner DD-807 or DDR-807
(Stanley G. Benner, 2ndLt, USMC, KIA, 26 October 1942, Silver Star, Guadalcanal, 1/7 Marines.)

Berkeley DDG-15
(Randolph C. Berkeley, MajGen, USMC, MOH while commanding 1st Battalion, 2nd Advanced Base Regiment at Vera Cruz, Mexico, 21-22 April 1914 as a major.)

Boone FFG-28
(Joel Thompson Boone, VADM (MC), USN, saw combat with the Marine Expeditionary Force in Haiti, and as a battalion and regimental surgeon with the 6th Marines in WW1 he earned the MOH for action near Vierzey, France on 19 July 1918.)

Bordelon DD-881 or DDR-881
(William J. Bordelon, SSgt, USMC, KIA, MOH, Tarawa, 20 November 1943, 1/18 Marines, tactically assigned to the 2nd Marine Division.)

Bray APD-139 or DE-709
(Raymond Leon Bray, Cpl, USMC, KIA, 7 August 1942, Gavutu, Navy Cross, 1st Parachute Regiment.)

Brooks DD-232 or APD-10
(John Brooks, Jr., 2ndLt, USMC, KIA, 10 September 1813, USS Lawrence, Battle of Lake Erie.)

Broome AG-96 or DD-210
(John L. Broome, LtCol, USMC, served for 40 years, wounded at the Civil War battle of Vicksburg.)

Burdo APD-133 or DE-717
(Ronald A. Burdo, Pvt, USMC, KIA, Gavutu, 7 August 1942, Navy Cross, 1st Parachute Regiment.)

Bush DD-166 or DD-529
(William Sharp Bush, 2ndLt, USMC, USS Constitution, KIA, 19 August 1912 while attempting to board HMS Guerriere.)

Butler DMS-29 or DD-636
(Smedley Butler, MajGen, USMC, two MOHs (Mexico & Haiti).)

Cannon DE-99
(George H. Cannon, 1stLt, USMC, KIA, Midway Island, 7 December 1942, first Marine MOH of WWII, Commander, Battery “H”, Sixth Defense Battalion, FMF.)

Capodanno FF-1093 or DE-1093
(Father Vincent R. Capodanno, LT, CHC (Roman Catholic), USN, KIA, MOH, Quang Tin Province, RVN, 4 September 1967, 3/5 Marines, 1st Marine Division)

Carmick DD-493 or DMS-33
(Daniel Carmick, Maj, USMC, Commanded Marines in the Battle of New Orleans, 1814.)

Caron DD-970
(Wayne Maurice Caron, HM3, USN, KIA, MOH, 28 July 1968, Quang Nam Province, RVN, Platoon Corpsman, Company “K,” 3/7 Marines, 1st Marine Division.)
Carpellotti  APD-136
(Louis Joseph Carpellotti, PFC, USMC, KIA, Tulagi, 7 August 1942, Silver Star.)

Catlin  AP-19
(Albertus W. Catlin, BGen, USMC, commanded Marines in USS Maine when she was destroyed in Havana, MOH while commanding 3rd Marines at Vera Cruz, two Croix de Guerre (France) during WW1. Died in 1933.)

Cecil J. Doyle  DE-368
(2ndLt, USMCR, Naval Aviator, KIA, 7 November 1942, in the air above the Solomon Islands, Navy Cross.)

Chaffee  DE-230 and DDG-90
(US Senator John Chaffee, USMC officer and rifle company commander at Guadalcanal and in Korea.)

Charles Berry  DE-1035
(Cpl, USMC, KIA, Iwo Jima, 3 March 1945, MOH, 1/26 Marines, 5th Marine Division.)

Charles H. Roan  DD-853
(PFC, USMCR, KIA, 18 September 1944, Peleliu, MOH, 2/7 Marines, 1st Marine Division.)

Charles J. Kimmel  DE-584
(2ndLt, USMC, KIA, 2 November 1942, Guadalcanal, Navy Cross, 3/5 Marines, 1st Marine Division.)

Charles R. Greer  DE-23
(PFC, USMC, KIA, 14 April 1942, Corregidor Island, Silver Star.)

Chester T. O’Brien  DE-421
(Sgt, USMC, KIA, Guadalcanal, 24 January 1943, Silver Star.)

Clarence L. Evans  DE-113
(Pvt, USMCR, KIA, 25 November 1942, Guadalcanal, Navy Cross, 1/8 Marines, 2nd Marine Division.)

Cole  DDG-67
(Darrell S. Cole, Sgt, USMC, KIA, 19 February 1945, Iwo Jima, 1/23 Marines, 4th Marine Division.)

Cole  DD-155 or AG-116
(Edward B. Cole, Maj, USMC, DOW, 18 June 1918 as a results of wounds on 10 June 1918 in Belleau Wood, DSC.)

Conklin  DE-439
(George Emerson Conklin, PFC, USMC, KIA, 5 October 1942, Guadalcanal, Navy Cross, 3/1 Marines, 1st Marine Division.)

Cook  APD-130
Brothers: (Andrew Fred Cook, Jr., 2ndLt, USMC, KIA, 14 July 1942, Guadalcanal, Navy Cross.) & Dallas Harry Cook, SGT, USMC, KIA, Makin Island, 18 August 1942, Navy Cross, Marine Raider.)

Corbesier  DE-438
(Antoine Joseph Corbesier, Swordmaster, U.S. Naval Academy for more than 40 years, and by special act of Congress appointed 2ndLt, USMC, he died at Annapolis on 26 March 1915.)
Courtney                DE-1021
(Henry A. Courtney, Maj, USMC, KIA, 15 May 1945, Okinawa, MOH, 2/22 Marines, 6th Marine Division.)

Daly                 DD-519
(Daniel Joseph Daly, SgtMaj, USMC, two MOH (Boxer Rebellion & Haiti), Navy Cross, French Croix la Guerre.)

Damato                  DD-871 or DE-871
(Anthony P. Damato, Cpl, USMC, KIA, 20 February 1944, Eniwetok Atoll, MOH, 2/22 Marines, 5th Amphibious Corps.)

Daniel                  DE-335
(Hugh Spencer Daniel, PFC, USMC, USS Hornet (CV-8), KIA, 26 October 1942 aboard Hornet two days after the Battle of Santa Cruz, Navy Cross for refusing to leave his gunnery station in spite of his mortal wounds.)

Daniel A. Joy             DD-585
(Pharmacist’s Mate 2/c, USN, KIA, 5 October 1942, Guadalcanal, Navy Cross for aiding Marine wounded until he was mortally wounded.)

David R. Ray             DD-971
(HM2, USN, KIA, MOH, Phu Loc 6 near An Hoa, Battery “D,” 2/11 Marines, 1st Marine Division (Reinforced).)

DeLong                 DE-864
(Weldon Fader DeLong, Cpl, USMC, KIA, Guadalcanal, 3 November 1942, Navy Cross, 3/5 Marines, 1st Marine Division.)

De Wert                 FFG-45
(Richard De Wert, Hospitalman, USN, KIA, 5 April 1951, Korea, MOIl, 2/7 Marines, 1st Marine Division.)

Don O. Woods           APD-118 or DE-721
(Hospital Apprentice, USN, KIA, Gavutu, 8 August 1942, while serving with Marines, Silver Star.)

Donald Cook             DDG-75
(Col, USMC, POW, died in captivity 8 December 1967, somewhere in South Vietnam, MOH, at the time of his capture Cook was an advisor to the 4th Battalion, Vietnamese Marine Corps.)

Donald W. Wolf          APD-129
(Sgt, USMC, KIA, Guadalcanal, 9 October 1942, Navy Cross, 1st Marine Division.)

Douglas A. Munro        DE-422
(SM 1/c, USCG, KIA, 27 September 1942, Guadalcanal, MOH for the evacuation of trapped Marines at Point Cruz, only Coast Guardsman ever to be awarded the MOH.) (USCGC Munro WHEC-724 is also named for Munro.)

Doyen                    DD-280, APA-1 or AP-2
(Charles A. Doyen, BGens, USMC, commanded 4 Marine Brigade in France, 1918, Navy Distinguished Service Medal.)
Dunlap                  DD-384
(Edward Dunlap, BGen, USMC, Navy Cross for WWI, died 19 May 1931 in France while trying to save a woman's life who was caught in a landslide.)

Durant                  DER-389 or DE-389
(Kenneth William Durant, Pharmacist’s Mate 2/c, USN, KIA, 3 November 1942, Guadalcanal, Silver Star.)

Dyess                    DD-880 or DDR-880
(Aquilla J. Dyess, LtCol, USMC, KIA, 2 February 1944, Namur Island, Kwajalein, MOH, 1/24 Marines, 4th Marine Division.)

Earhart                 APD-113
(James Edward Earhart, Jr., PFC, USMC, KIA, 8 November 1942, Oran, Algiers, Silver Star, PFC Earhart was a member of a naval anti-sabotage party embarked in a British warship.)

Edson                   DD-946
(Merritt A. “Red Mike” Edson, MajGen, USMC, Navy Cross (2), MOH for action on Lunga Ridge, Guadalcanal, 13-14 September 1942, then LtCol Edson was in command of the 1st Marine Raider Battalion.)

Edwin A. Howard         DE-346
(Cpl, USMC, KIA, Guadalcanal, 3 November 1942, Silver Star.)

Elmer Montgomery       DE-1082 or FF-1082
(Sgt, USMC, KIA, Guam, late 1944, no other info available.)

Elrod                    FFG-55
(Henry Talmadge Elrod, Maj, USMC, KIA, Wake Island, 23 December 1941, MOH, VMA-211.)

Epperson                 DD-719 or DDE-719
(Harold Glenn Epperson, PFC, USMCR, KIA, 25 June 1944, Saipan, MOH, 1/6 Marines, 2nd Marine Division.)

Everett F. Larson         DD-830 or DDR-830
(PFC, USMCR, KIA, 8 October 1942, Guadalcanal, Silver Star, 1st Marine Division.)

Feland                  APA-11
(Logan Feland, MajGen, USMC, served as a captain in the 3rd Kentucky Infantry in the Spanish-American War, then entered the Marine Corps as a 1stLt in 1899. Served with distinction in many Marine expeditions in the Caribbean, Central America, and in WW1. Commanded the 5th Marines at Belleau Wood, Soissons, Meuse-Argonne, and Blanc Mont Ridge. DSC.)

Fleming                 DE-32
(Richard Eugene Fleming, Capt, USMC, KIA, 5 June 1942, Battle of Midway, MOH, Marine Scout Bombing Squadron.)

Floyd B. Parks           DD-884
(Maj, USMC, KIA, 4 June 1942, Battle of Midway, Navy Cross, CO of VMF-221.)

Frament                 APD-77 or DD-677
(Paul Stanley Frament, Pharmacist’s Mate 2/c, USNR, KIA, 19 November 1942, Guadalcanal, Silver Star earned tending Marines.)
Francis Hammond       FF-1067 or DE-1067
(Hospitalman, USN, KIA, 27 March 1953, Sanae-dong, Korea, MOH, 5th Marine Division.)

Frank E. Evans           DD-754
(BGen, USMC, Navy Cross, Marine Brigade, AEF, WW1.)

French                   DE-367
(Neldon Theo French, Cpl, USMC, KIA, 9 October 1942, Guadalcanal, Navy Cross, 1st Raider Battalion.)

Frybarger                DE-705 or DEC-705
(Raymond Frybarger, Jr., PFC, USMCR, KIA, 14 September 1942, Guadalcanal, Navy Cross 2/1 Marines, 1st Marine Division.)

Fuller                     DD-297
(Edward Canfield Fuller, Capt, USMC, KIA, 12 June 1918, Belleau Wood, Army DSC.) (Note: His father was Ben Hebard Fuller, for whom AP-14 / AP-7 was named.)

Fuller                    AP-14 or AP-7
(Ben Hebard Fuller, MajGen, USMC, 15th Commandant of the Marine Corps, 1930-1934, fought in Spanish-American War, Boxer Rebellion, Philippine-American War, and WW1. Died 8 June 1937.) (Note: His son was Edward Canfield Fuller, for whom DD-297 was named.)

Gamble                  DM-15 or DD-123
(John M. Gamble, LtCol, USMC, in 1813 while serving in the frigate USS Essex, then Capt Gamble sailed a prize-of-war in a 17-day voyage from The Marquesas to Hawaii, becoming the first Marine officer to command a U. S. Navy warship.) Ship is also named for his brother, Navy LT Peter Gamble.

Garcia                   FF-1040 or DE-1040
(Fernando Luis Garcia, PFC, USMC, KIA, 5 September 1952, Korea, MOH, 3/5 Marines, 1st Marine Division, first Puerto Rican to receive the MOH.)

Geiger                   T-AP-197
(Roy Stanley Geiger, Gen, USMC, commissioned in 1909, served in Nicaragua, Mexico, Philippines, China, and Haiti. Two Navy Crosses for action in WW1 and Guadalcanal, commanded the I Amphibious Corp at Bougainville, and the III Amphibious Corp at Guam, Palau, and Okinawa. Succeeded to command of the 10th Army upon the death of Army General Simon Buckner. MajGen Geiger died on active duty on 23 January 1947 and was posthumously promoted to general by the 80th Congress.)

General J. C. Breckinridge AP-176
(LtGen, USMC, served in Central America, China, Mexico, died 2 March 1942.)

Gentry                  DE-349
(Wayne Roy Gentry, 2ndLt, USMC, KIA, 2 November 1942, Solomon Island area, Air Medal, Marine Scout Bombing Squadron.)

George A. Johnson         DE-583
(Pvt, USMC, KIA, 9 August 1942, Tulagi, Silver Star, 1st Marine Raiders.)

George F. Elliott        AP-13 or AP-105
(MajGen, USMC, 10th Commandant USMC 1903-1910.)
Gillespie                  DD-609
(Archipala H. Gillespie, Maj, USMC, commissioned in 1832, served aboard several naval vessels and
distinguished himself in the fight for California with General Fremont.)

Gilligan                 DE-508
(John Joseph Gilligan, Jr., Pvt, USMCR, KIA, 7 August 1942, Tulagi, Silver Star, 1st Marine Raiders.)

Gonzalez                DDG-66
(Alfredo Cantu Gonzalez, Sgt, USMC, KIA, 4 February 1968, Hue City, MOH, 1/1 Marines, 1st Marine Division.)

Goss                    DE-444
(Angus R. Goss, Marine Gunner, USMC, KIA, 10 August 1942, Tulagi, Navy Cross, 1st Marine Raiders.)

Grady                   DE-445
(George Francis Grady, Pfc, USMC, KIA, Gavutu, 7 August 1942, Navy Cross, 1st Marine Division.)

Gray                    FF-1054 or DE-1054
(Ross F. Gray, Sgt, USMC, KIA, Iwo Jima, 27 February 1945, MOH, 1/25 Marines, 4th Marine Division.)

Gurke                   DD-783
(Henry Gurke, PFC, USMC, KIA, 9 November 1943, Bougainville, MOH, 3rd Raider Bn/2nd Raider Reg,
1 Marine Amphibious Corps.)

Gyatt                    DD-712, DDG-1, or DDG-712
(Edward E. Gyatt, Pvt, USMC, KIA, 7 August 1942, Tulagi, MOH, 1st Marine Raiders.)

Halyburton              FFG-40
(William D. Halyburton, Pharmacist’s Mate 2/c, USN, KIA, 10 May 1945, Okinawa, MOH, 2/5 Marines,
1st Marine Division.)

Hanna                   DE-449
(William T. Hanna, Pvt, USMC, KIA, 9 October 1942, Guadalcanal, Navy Cross, 1st Marine Division.)

Hanson                  DD-832 or DDR-832
(Robert M. Hanson, 1stLt, USMC, KIA, 3 February 1944 in the air over Rabaul, MOH + Navy Cross,
VMF-214, he shot down 25 enemy planes before his death.)

Harris                  APA-2 or AP-8
(John Harris, Col, USMC, 6th Commandant of the Marine Corps, 1859-1864.)

Harry Lee               APA-10 or AP-17
(MajGen, USMC, died 1 March 1933 while in command of Marine Base, Quantico, VA.)

Hawkins                DD-873
(William Deane Hawkins, 1stLt, USMC, KIA, 21 November 1943, Tarawa, MOH, Scout Sniper Platoon.)

Henderson              AP-1
(Archipala Henderson, Col (brevet BGen), USMC, 5th Commandant and longest serving in that post, 1820-
1859.)
Henderson               DD-785
(Lofton Henderson, Maj, USMC, KIA, 4 June 1942, Navy Cross while commanding VMSB-241 at the Battle of Midway.)

Herbert J. Thomas       DD-833 or DDR-833
(Sgt, USMC, KIA, 7 November 1943, Bougainville, MOH, 3/3 Marines, 3rd Marine Division.)

Heyliger                DE-510
(George Heyliger, PFC, USMC, KIA, Guadalcanal, 9 October 1942, Navy Cross, 1st Marine Division.)

Heywood                 APA-6 or AP-12
(Charles Heywood, MajGen, USMC, 9th Commandant of the Marine Corps, 1891-1903.)

Higgins                 DDG-76

Howard                  DDG-83
(Jimmie Earl Howard, 1stSgt, USMC, MOH & Silver Star, 1 Recon Battalion, retired 31 March 1977, died at home 12 November 1993.)

Hugh Purvis             DD-709
(Cpl, USMC, MOH, screw sloop-of-war USS Alaska Marine Detachment, MOH earned in an attack by the ship’s landing party on an enemy fort on the Han River in Korea, 1871.)

Hulbert                 DD-342 or AVD-6 or AVP-19
(Henry L. Hulbert, SgtMaj, Marine Gunner, & 1stLt, USMC, MOH for action on Samar, Philippines in 1899, KIA, Belleau Wood, 4 October 1915, Mont Blanc Ridge, France, Navy Cross, 5th Marines.)

Jack C. Robinson        APD-72 or DE 671
(PFC, USMC, KIA, 25 October 1942, Guadalcanal, Silver Star.)

Jack Miller             DE-410
(1stLt, USMC, KIA, 3 December 1942, Guadalcanal, Navy Cross, 2nd Raider Battalion “Carlson’s Raiders.”)

Jack Williams           FFG-24
(Pharmacist’s Mate 3/c, USN, 3 March 1945, Iwo Jima, MOH, 3/28 Marines, 5th Marine Division.)

Jesse Rutherford       DE-347
(Pvt, USMC, KIA, 8 May 1942, Coral Sea, Navy Cross, USS Lexington (CV-2).)

Jobb                    DE-707
(Richard Patrick Jobb, Pharmacist’s Mate 3/c, USN, KIA, 26 January 1942, Namara River, Guadalcanal, Silver Star.)

John Francis Burnes     DD-299
(Marine Gunner, USMC, KIA, 12 June 1918, Bois de Belleau, Distinguished Service Cross.)

John W. Thomason        DD-760
(Col, USMC, Navy Cross, Silver Star & Air Medal in WWI, died at San Diego Naval Hospital 12 March 1944.)
John Willis  DE-1027
(John Harlan Willis, Pharmacist’s Mate 1/c, USN, KIA, 28 February 1945, MOH, Iwo Jima, 3/27 Marines, 5th Marine Division.)

Joseph E. Connolly  DE-450
(Cpl, USMC, KIA, 9 October 1942, Guadalcanal, Navy Cross.)

Joseph M. Auman  APD-117 or DE-674
(Pvt, USMC, KIA, 12 November 1942, Guadalcanal, Navy Cross.)

Kenneth D. Bailey  DD-713 or DDR-713
(Maj, USMC, KIA, 7 August 1942, Guadalcanal, MOH, 1st Raider Battalion.)

Key  DE-348
(Eugene Morland Key, 1st Lt, USMC, KIA, 7 August 1942, Tulagi, Navy Cross, 1st Raider Battalion.)

Kidder  DD-319
(Hugh Kidder, 1st Lt, USMC, KIA, 3 October 1918, Blanch Mont, France, DSC & Croix de Guerre (France).)

La Prade  DE-409
(Robert M. Pa Prade, 1st Lt, USMC, KIA, 20 January 1943, Guadalcanal, Navy Cross, 2nd Marine Division.)

Lawrence C. Taylor  DDE-415
(2nd Lt, USMC, KIA, 24 August 1942, in the air over the Solomon Islands, Silver Star, Marine Fighter Squadron 24.)

Leftwich  DD-984
(William G. Leftwich, Jr., LtCol, USMC, KIA, 18 November 1970, Quang Nam, Vietnam, Navy Cross, CO, 1st Recon Battalion, 1st Marine Division.)

Lejeune  AP-74
(John Archer Lejeune, LtGen, USMC, 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps, 1920-1929.)

Leland E. Thomas  DE-420
(2nd Lt, USMC, KIA, 18 September 1942, Guadalcanal, Distinguished Flying Cross.)

Leonard F. Mason  DD-852
(PFC, USMC, KIA, 22 July 1944, Guam, MOH, 2/3 Marines, 3rd Marine Division.)

Lester  DE-1022
(Fred Faulkner Lester, Hospital Apprentice 1/c, USN, KIA, 8 June 1945, Okinawa, MOH, 1/22 Marines, 6th Marine Division.)

Lewis B. Puller  FFG-23
(LtGen, USMC, only Marine to earn five Navy Crosses.)

Liddle  APD-60 or DE-206
(William P. Liddle, Pharmacist’s Mate 3/c, USN, KIA, 19 August 1942, Guadalcanal, Silver Star, Company “L,” 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division.)
Litchfield                AG-95 or DD-336
(John Litchfield, Pharmacist's Mate, USN, KIA, 15 September 1918, Thiaucourt, France, Distinguished Service Cross, 6th Marines.)

Maddox                    DD-168, DD-622, & DD-731
(William A. T. Maddox, Capt, USMC, fought in Creek & Seminole Wars and Mexican-American War.)

Mansfield                DD-728
(Duncan Mansfield, Sgt, USMC, while serving in the schooner USS Enterprise during the War with Tripoli, Sgt Mansfield participated in the 16 February 1804 expedition led by LT Stephen Decatur to burn the captured USS Philadelphia.)

Maurice J. Manuel        DE-351
(PFC, USMC, KIA, 10 November 1942, Guadalcanal, Silver Star.)

McCaffery               DD-860 or DDE-860
(Joseph P. McCaffery, LtCol, USMC, KIA, 1 November 1943, Bougainville, Navy Cross, 1st Marine Raiders.)

McCawley                DD-276 or APA-4, AP-10
(Charles G. McCawley, Col, USMC, fought at Chapultepec in 1847 & the American Civil War, 8th Commandant of the Marine Corps.)

McCoy Reynolds          DE-440
(Pvt, USMCR, KIA, 25 November 1942, Guadalcanal, Silver Star.)

Meade                   DD-274 & DD-602
(Robert Leamy Meade, brevet BGen, USMC, fought in American Civil War, Spanish-American War, & Boxer Rebellion.) Ships also named for his brother, RADM Richard Worsham Meade, USN.

Melvin R. Nawman       DE-416
(2ndLt, USMC, KIA, 2 November 1942, Guadalcanal, Air Medal, VMSB-32.)

Meredith                   DD-165, DD-434, DD-726, or DD-890
(Jonathan Meredith, Sgt, USMC, KIA, 7 August 1805, Tripoli, USS Vixen, 1st Barbary War.)

Myles C. Fox             DD-829 or DDR-829
(1stLt, USMC, KIA, 8 August 1942, Tulagi, Navy Cross, Marine Raider Battalion.)

Neville               AP-16
(Wendell Cushing Neville, MajGen, USMC, 14th Commandant of the Marine Corps, served in Spanish-American War, Boxer Rebellion, Mexican-American War where he earned a MOH at Vera Cruz, commanded the 5th Marines at Verdun & Belleau Wood in WW1, died on active duty in 1930.)

New                     DD-818 or DDE-818
(John D. New, PFC, USMC, KIA, 24 September 1944, Peleliu, MOH, 2/7 Marines, 1st Marine Division.)

Nicholas                   DD-331, DD-449, FFG-47
(Samuel Nicholas, Maj, USMC, 1st Commandant of Marines, 1775-1791.)

Norris                    DD-859 or DDE-859
(Benjamin White Norris, Maj, USMCR, KIA, 4 June 1942, Battle of Midway, Navy Cross, VMSB-241.)
O'Bannon

(O'Bannon, 1st Lt, USMC, Battle of Derna, War of Tripoli.)

Oliver Mitchell

(2ndLt, USMCR, KIA, 28 August 1942 off Ramos Island, Solomon Islands, Silver Star.)

Osborne

(Weedon Osborne, LT(jg), USN (Dental Surgeon), KIA, 6 June 1918, Chateau Thierry, MOH & Distinguished Service Cross, 6th Marine Regiment.)

Oscar Austin

(PFC, USMC, KIA, 23 February 1969, Da Nang, MOH, 2/7 Marines, 1st Marine Division.)

Overton

(Macon C. Overton, Capt, USMC, KIA, 1 November 1918, St. George, France, two Distinguished Service Crosses & Croix de Guerre (France).)

Ozbourn

(Joseph W. Ozbourn, Pvt, USMC, KIA, 30 July 1944, Tinian, MOH, 1/23 Marines, 4th Marine Division.)

Power

(John V. Power, 1st Lt, USMC, KIA, 1 February 1944, Kwajalein, MOH, 3/24 Marines, 4th Marine Division.)

Pratt

(Malcolm Lewis Pratt, LCDR (MC), USNR, MIA, 13 August 1942, Guadalcanal, Navy Cross as a LT(jg) in WWII at Thiencourt, France.)

Quick

(John Henry Quick, SgtMaj, USMC, fought in the Spanish-American War, Philippine-American War, Mexican-American War, & WWI. MOH at Guantanamo on 14 June 1898. Also holds Navy Cross & DSC.)

Ralph Talbot

(2ndLt, USMC, KIA, 25 October 1918, in the air over France, MOH, Squadron “C”, 1 Marine Aviation Force.)

Ray K. Edwards

(Cpl, USMC, KIA, 12 September 1942, Guadalcanal, Silver Star.)

Raymon W. Herndon

(PFC, USMC, KIA, 14 September 1942, Guadalcanal, Navy Cross, 1st Marine Division.)

Reasoner

(Frank Stanley Reasoner, 1st Lt, USMC, KIA, 12 July 1965, Da Nang, MOH, CO Company “A”, 3rd Recon Battalion, 3rd Marine Division.)
Richard B. Anderson       DD-786
(PFC, USMC, KIA, 1 February 1944, Roi Island, Kwajalein, MOH, 2/23 Marines, 4th Marine Division.)

Richard E. Kraus          DD-849 or AG-151
(PFC, USMC, KIA, 3 October 1944, Peleliu, MOH, 8th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, 3rd Amphibious Corps, FMF.)

Ringness                  APD-100 or DE-590
Henry Raymond Ringness, LT (MC), USN, DOW, 17 October 1942, Guadalcanal, Navy Cross, Flight Surgeon, Marine Aircraft Group.)

Robert A. Owens           DD-827 or DDE-827 or DDK-827
(Sgt, USMC, KIA, 1 November 1943, Bougainville, MOH, 1/3 Marines, 3rd Marine Division.)

Robert H. McCard          DD-822
(GySgt, USMC, KIA, 16 June 1944, Saipan, MOH, Company “A”, 4th Tank Battalion, 4th Marine Division.)

Robert I. Paine           DE-578
(Pvt, USMCR, KIA, 7 August 1942, Tulagi, Silver Star, 1st Marine Raider Battalion.)

Robert L. Wilson          DD-847 or DDE-847
(PFC, USMC, KIA, 3 August 1944, Tinian, MOH, 2nd Pioneer Battalion, 18th Marines, 6th Marine Division.)

Rodney M. Davis           FFG-60
(Sgt, USMC, KIA, 6 September 1967, Quang Nam Province, RVN, MOH, 1/5 Marines, 1st Marine Division.)

Rogers Blood              APD-115 or DE-605
(1stLt, USMCR, KIA, 18 February 1944, Engebi, Silver Star.)

Rupertus                  DD-851
(William H. Rupertus, MajGen, USMC, served with 4th Marines in China, led Marines in the battles of Tulagi, Gavutu, Cape Gloucester, and Peleliu, Navy Cross, wrote the Rifleman’s Creed.)

Russell                   DDG-59
(MajGen John H. Russell, USMC, served in China, Spanish-American War, and WW1. 16th Commandant of the Marine Corps, 1934-1936.) (Ship also named for his father, RADM John Henry Russell, who served in the American Civil War.)

Samuel B. Roberts         DE-413, DD-823, & FFG-58
(Coxswain, USN, KIA, Guadalcanal, 27 September 1942, Navy Cross earned while attempting to extract a company sized group of Marines from the north coast of Guadalcanal, USS Bellatrix AK-20.)

Samuel S. Miles           DE-183
(LT(JG) (MC), USN, KIA, 7 August 1942, Tulagi, Silver Star, 1st Marine Raider Battalion.)

Shannon                   DM-25 or DD-737
(Harold D. Shannon, Col, USMC, Silver Star & Croix de Guerre (France) for the WW1 Battle of Belleau Wood, DSM while serving at Midway Island during the WW2 battle for that island.)
Shoup  DDG-86
(David M. Shoup, Gen, USMC, 22nd Commandant of the Marine Corps, MOH awarded for action on Betio (Tarawa) while he was commanding all ground troops.)

Stack  DD-406
(Edward Stack, 2ndLt, USMC, appointed 2ndLT by John Paul Jones, he then commanded the division of Marines in the top of USS Bon Homme Richard in the engagement with HMS Serapis, 1779. Stack later entered the service of France, rising to General in 1830. He died at Calais in 1833.)

Stafford  DE-411
(Richard Y. Stafford, Capt, USMC, KIA, 11 October 1942, Guadalcanal, Silver Star.)

Steele  DE-8
(John M. Steele, Pvt, USMC, KIA, 8 May 1942, Battle of the Coral Sea.)

Stein  FF-1065 or DE-1065
(Tony Stein, Cpl, USMC, KIA, 1 March 1945, Iwo Jima, MOH, 1/28 Marines, 5th Marine Division. The first Marine (of 22) to earn the MOH on Iwo Jima.)

Steinaker  DDR-863 or DD-863
(Donald Baur Steinaker, PFC, USMCR, KIA, 8 October 1942, Guadalcanal, Navy Cross, 1st Raider Battalion.)

Stockham  DD-683 & USNS T-AK 3017
(Fred W. Stockham, GySgt, USMC, DOW, 22 June 1918, France, MOH for action in Belleau Wood with 96th Company, 2/6 Marines. He also served in the Philippines, China, and Nicaragua. Also awarded the Croix de Guerre by France.)

Sumner  DD-333
(Allen M. Sumner, Capt, USMC, KIA, Belleau Wood, 19 July 1918, French Croix la Guerre, three Silver Stars, 81st Company, 1st Machine Gun Battalion.) (Second ship named for Capt Sumner, see also: Allen M. Sumner DD-692)

Thaddeus Parker  DE-369
(Pharmacist’s Mate 3/c, USN, KIA, 20 July 1943, New Georgia, Silver Star, 1st Marine Raider Battalion.)

Thomas F. Nickel  DE-587
(Pvt, USMC, KIA, 7 August 1942, Tulagi, Silver Star, 1st Marine Raider Battalion.)

Thomason  DE-203
(Clyde A. Thomason, Sgt, USMC, KIA, 17 August 1942, Makin Island, MOH, 2nd Marine Raider Battalion.)

Timmerman  AG-152, EDD-828, or DD-828
(Grant F. Timmerman, Sgt, USMC, KIA, 8 July 1944, Saipan, MOH, 2/6 Marines, 2nd Marine Division.)

Traw  DE-350
(London Lewis Traw, Sgt, USMC, KIA, 27 October 1942, Guadalcanal, Silver Star, 1st Marine Division.)

Tweedy  DE-532
(Albert William Tweedy, Jr., 2ndLt, USMC, KIA, 4 June 1942, Battle of Midway, Navy Cross, Marine Scout Bombing Squadron (VMSB-241).
Twiggs DD-127 or DD-591
(Levi Twiggs, Maj, USMC, KIA, 13 September 1847, Chapultepec, Mexico.)

Upshur T-AP-198
(William Peterkin Upshur, MajGen, USMC, served in battleships Maine & Kearsarge, MOH for action in Haiti, served in the Philippines, China, and WW1, died on active duty in WW2 in a plane crash in Alaska, 21 July 1943.)

Valdez FF-1096 or DE-1096
(Phil Isadore Valdez, Hospital Corpsman 3/c, USN, KIA, 27 January 1967, near Da Nang, Vietnam, Navy Cross, 1/1 Marines.)

Vandegrift FFG-48
(Alexander Vandegrift, Gen, USMC, 18th Commandant of the Marine Corps, 1944-1947, MOH, Guadalcanal, 1st Marine Division.)

Waller DD-466 or DE-466
(Littleton Waller, MajGen, USMC, fought in Spanish-American War, Boxer Rebellion, & Philippine-American War.)

Walter C. Wann DE-412
(Pharmacist's Mate 2/c, USN, KIA, 7 August 1942, Gavutu, Silver Star)

Walter X. Young APD-131 or DE-715
(1stLt, USMC, KIA, 7 August 1942, Gavutu, Navy Cross, Marine Parachute Regiment, 1st Marine Division.)

Walton DE-361
(Merrit Cecil Walton, Sgt, USMC, KIA, 7 August 1942, Gavutu, Marine Parachute Regiment, 1st Marine Division.)

Wantuck APD-125
(John Joseph Wantuck, Pvt, USMC, KIA, 17 July 1943, New Georgia, Navy Cross.)

Wasmuth DMS-15 or DD-338
(Henry Wasmuth, Pvt, USMC, KIA, 21 January 1865, USS Powhatten, at the Battle of Fort Fisher, NC, Pvt Wasmuth was credited with saving the life of ENS Robley D. “Fighting Bob” Evans, the future admiral, by moving Evans to cover and shielding him until himself stricken by a sharpshooter's bullet.)

Weiss APD-135
(Carl W. Weiss, Sgt, USMC, KIA, 2 November 1942, Guadalcanal, Navy Cross, 1/5 Marines, 1st Marine Division.)

Wharton AP-7
(Franklin Wharton, LtCol, USMC, 3rd Commandant of the Marine Corps, 1804-1818, his tenure was notable for the completion of the Marine Barracks and Commandant’s Home, as well as the establishment of the Marine Band. He died in office 1 September 1918.)

Willard Keith DD-775
(Capt, USMC, KIA, 3 November 1942, Guadalcanal, Navy Cross, 2/5 Marines, 1st Marine Division.)
William P. Biddle         APA-8 or AP-15
(MajGen, USMC, 11th Commandant of the Marine Corps, served in Spanish-American War, Boxer Rebellion, Philippine-American War, & WW1.)

William Seiverling        DE-441
(Pvt, USMC, KIA, 1 November 1942, Guadalcanal, Navy Cross, 1/5 Marines, 1st Marine Division.)

William Ward Burrows       AP-6
(LtCol, USMC, 2nd Commandant of the Marine Corps, 1798-1804.)

Witek                     EDD-848 or DD-848
(Frank P. Witek, PFC, USMC, KIA, 3 August 1944, Finegayan, Guam, MOH, 1/3 Marines, 3rd Marine Division.)

Woodrow R. Thompson       DD-721
(Sgt, USMC, KIA, 9 October 1942, Guadalcanal, Navy Cross, 1st Raider Battalion.)

Wren                      DD-568
(Solomon Wren, Sgt, USMC, In February 1804, while serving in USS Enterprise during the War with Tripoli, Sgt Wren volunteered for the expedition to burn the captured USS Philadelphia. Detached from the Marines on 24 March 1805, no further record of his life exists.)

Yarborough                DD-314
(George Hampton Yarborough, Jr., 1stLt, USMC, DOW, 26 June 1918, Belleau Wood, Navy Cross & DSC, 5th Marines.)

Zane                      AG-109 or DMS-14 or DD-337
(Randolph Talcott Zane, Maj, USMC, DOW, Belleau Wood, wounded on 26 June 1918 and died of those wounds on 24 October 1918, Navy Cross & DSC, 2/6 Marines.)

Zeilin                    DD-313 and AP-9
(Jacob Zeilin, BGen, USMC, first general officer of the Marine Corps, fought in American-Mexican War and commanded a company of Marines in the First Battle of Manassas during the American Civil War. 7th Commandant of the Marine Corps, 1864-1876.)

Cutters of the United States Coast Guard (prefix USCGC):

Munro                     WHEC-724
(Douglas A. Munro, SM 1/c, USCG, KIA, 27 September 1942, Guadalcanal, MOH for the evacuation of trapped Marines at Point Cruz, only Coast Guardsman ever to be awarded the MOH.) (Note: US Navy ship USS Douglas A. Munro DE-422 is also named for Munro.)
Ships of the Military Sealift Command
(Prefixes: MV: Motor Vessel; SS: Steam Ship; USNS: United States Naval Ship.)

MV Cpl Louis J. Hauge, Jr. T-AK-3000
(Cpl, USMC, KIA, 14 May 1945, Okinawa, MOH, 1/1 Marines, 1st Marine Division.)

MV PFC William B. Baugh T-AK-3001
(PFC, USMC, KIA, 29 November 1950, Korea, MOH, 3/1 Marines, 1st Marine Division.)

MV PFC James Anderson Jr. T-AK-3002
(PFC, USMC, KIA, 28 February 1967, Vietnam, MOH, 2/3 Marines, 3rd Marine Division.)

MV 1stLt Alex Bonneyman T-AK-3003
(Alexander Bonneyman, Jr., 1stLt, USMC, KIA, 22 November 1943, Tarawa, MOH, 2/8 Marines, 2nd Marine Division.)

SS Pvt Franklin J. Phillips T-AK-3004
(Pvt, USMC, KIA, 16 July 1900, Peking, China, MOH.)

SS Sgt Matej Kocak T-AK-3005
(Sgt, USMC, KIA, 4 October 1918, Blanc Mont Ridge, France, MOH (Army) & MOH (Navy), 66 Company, 5th Marines, 2nd Marine Division.)

SS PFC Eugene A. Obregon T-AK-3006
(PFC, USMC, KIA, 26 September 1950, Seoul, Korea, MOH, 3/5 Marines, 1st Marine Division.)

SS Maj Stephen W. Pless T-AK-3007
(Maj, USMC, MOH, DFC, Silver Star, Bronze Star, Air Medal, Purple Heart, Vietnam, Marine Observation Squadron, 18th Marine to receive the MOH in Vietnam and the only Marine aviator to do so. Died 20 July 1969 in Pensacola, Florida in a motorcycle accident.)

USNS 2ndLt John P. Bobo T-AK-3008
(2ndLt, USMC, KIA, 30 March 1967, Quang Tri Province, Vietnam, MOH, 3/9 Marines, 3rd Marine Division.)

USNS PFC DeWayne T. Williams T-AK-3009
(PFC, USMC, KIA, 18 September 1968, MOH, Quang Nam Province, Vietnam, 2/1 Marines, 1st Marine Division.)

USNS 1stLt Baldomero Lopez T-AK-3010
(1stLt, USMC, KIA, 15 September 1950, MOH, Inchon, Korea, 1/5 Marines, 1st Marine Division.)

USNS 1stLt Jack Lummus T-AK-3011
(1stLt, USMC, KIA, 8 March 1945, MOH, 2/27 Marines, 5th Marine Division.)

MV Sgt William R. Button T-AK-3012
(Cpl, USMC, MOH, Grande Riviere, Haiti, for action on 1 November 1919. Sgt Button died of Malaria on 5 April 1921 at Cap Haitien, Haiti.)

USNS 1stLt Harry L. Martin T-AK-3015
(1stLt, USMC, KIA, 26 March 1945, Iwo Jima, MOH, Company “C”, 5th Marine Pioneer Battalion, 5th Marine Division.)
USNS LCpl Roy M. Wheat  T-AK-3016  
(LCpl, USMC, KIA, 11 August 1967, Quang Nam Province, Vietnam, MOH, 3/7 Marines, 1st Marine Division.)

USNS GySgt Fred W. Stockham  T-AK-3017  
(GySgt, USMC, KIA, 14 June 1918, Bois-de-Belleau, France, MOH & Croix de Guerre (France), 96th Company, 2/6 Marines.)

USNS Red Cloud  T-AKR-313  
(Cpl Mitchell Red Cloud, Jr., USA*, KIA, 5 November 1950, Korea, MOH, 19th Infantry, 24th Infantry Division. *Cpl Red Cloud served in the Marine Corps from 1941 to 1945. “Once a Marine, Always a Marine.”)

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