



North Mankato Post 518 Proudly Honors This



Veteran of the Month

The Flag flying from this site is flown in honor of Sgt Richard H. Todd for the month of September, 2020 by North Mankato American Legion Post 518.

Richard H. Todd was born on May 25, 1930 to Harold and Laura Todd in Whitewater, Wisconsin. Richard attended Grade School at Mankato Loyola in Mankato, Minnesota. He attended other schools in: Mount Pleasant, Iowa; Green River, Wyoming; Grand Island, Nebraska and Kearny, Nebraska.

Richard H. Todd joined the Navy when he was 16 years old, but when his mother found out, she contacted the Navy he was discharged. (The only good picture of Richard is shown in his Navy uniform on this tribute)

Later, he began service to his country by joining the US Army in May of 1947. He was a member of L Company, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division and deployed to Korea.

On February 15, 1951, his unit was part of Task Force Crombez which was organized to drive through enemy lines and assist the 23rd Regimental Combat team which had been encircled by the enemy at Chipyeong-ni. During this operation, Sgt Todd's Unit, Company L received 75% casualties.

Sgt Richard H. Todd was listed as Missing and declared Killed in Action near Kokchon, Korea on February 15, 1951. Sgt Todd made the ultimate sacrifice in an operation which was successful in its goal against overwhelming odds. His unit received a Presidential Unit Citation for their part in defeating at least two enemy divisions.

Sgt Todd received or was qualified to receive: 2 Purple Hearts, Combat Infantryman Badge, Korean Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Korea War Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation, and Good Conduct Medal.

Sergeant Richard H. Todd is memorialized at Courts of the Missing at the Honolulu Memorial, and also at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington.

