



**Virgil 'Glenn'
Shockey**
Marine Corps

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Aug 15, 1921 - Oct 9, 2013

BIRTHPLACE: Butler County, Kansas

SOLDIER DETAILS

**DIVISION: Marine Corps, Signal Battalion 4th
Marine Division**

THEATER OF OPERATION: Pacific

SERVED: Aug 10, 1942 - Oct 10, 1945

HONORED BY: Glenn Shockey

BIOGRAPHY

Glenn graduated from Atlanta, Kansas, High School and then attended Arkansas City Junior College for one year. He then enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. Following boot camp and communication school I started my journey going to the Aleutian Islands then to New Zealand with stops at various Japanese held islands. I returned to the USA from Japan in 1945 to be discharged. I asked to be sent to Wichita. Like most ex-servicemen you either had a wife or girlfriend or started looking for a girl to love. The luckiest day of my life was when I found Helen Kaufman, a very pretty and a wonderful person. She became my wife in April 1946. Our marriage lasted for 62 years until God called her home. Helen gave me two handsome and intelligent sons, Jim and Mark. Jim retired from the military at Fort McPherson in Atlanta, Georgia and has since moved to Charlotte, NC. Mark attended Medical School in Kansas City and now lives in Salt Lake City, UT where he is a very successful Doctor of Pulmonolgy. I worked for 35 years for the Santa Fe Railroad as a telegrapher before giving the job up as Santa Fe agent in Abilene, Kansas, retiring in 1981. I participated in the following battles: Aleutian Islands, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Marianas Islands, Marianas Islands, Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, and the Occupation of Japan