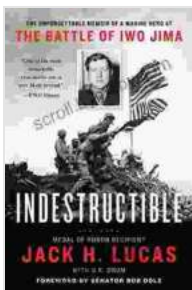


# The Unforgettable Memoir Of Marine Hero At The Battle Of Iwo Jima

John Basilone was a United States Marine who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions during the Battle of Iwo Jima in World War II. Basilone was born in Raritan, New Jersey, on November 4, 1916. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1940 and was assigned to the 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division.



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Basilone fought in the Guadalcanal Campaign in 1942 and was awarded the Silver Star for his actions during the Battle of Henderson Field. He was also awarded the Navy Cross for his actions during the Battle of Cape Gloucester in 1943.

In February 1945, Basilone's unit landed on Iwo Jima. On February 19, Basilone and his men were attacked by a large force of Japanese soldiers.

Basilone led his men in a desperate defense, and they were able to hold off the Japanese for several hours. However, Basilone was killed in action during the battle.

Basilone was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously for his actions on Iwo Jima. He is considered one of the greatest heroes of the Marine Corps, and his story is an inspiration to all who read it.

### **Basilone's Medal of Honor Citation**



***“ For extraordinary heroism and conspicuous gallantry in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. While his company was pinned down by a heavy concentration of enemy machine gun fire, First Lieutenant Basilone boldly defied the withering barrage and charged into the heart of the hostile positions, firing his submachine gun and grenades. Although painfully wounded in this fierce encounter, he refused to be evacuated and continued to direct his platoon with aggressive determination. Later, when an enemy counterattack threatened to overrun his position, First Lieutenant Basilone, rallying his men, delivered a fierce point-blank fire into the onrushing enemy. During this action he was again severely wounded and unable to walk. Nevertheless, he continued to command his men, coolly directing the defense with magnificent fortitude and inspiring his troops to fight with such courage and grim determination that the attack was repulsed. First Lieutenant Basilone's indomitable fighting spirit and his superb leadership reflect the***

***highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country.***

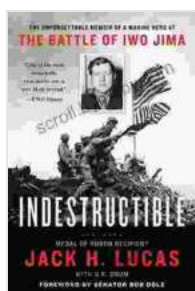
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## **Basilone's Legacy**

Basilone's story is an inspiration to all who read it. He was a brave and selfless leader who always put the needs of his men before his own. He is a true American hero, and his legacy will never be forgotten.

There are many ways to honor Basilone's legacy. One way is to read his memoir, *Iwo Jima: The Bloodiest Battle of World War II*. Another way is to visit the John Basilone Memorial in Raritan, New Jersey. You can also learn more about Basilone by visiting the website of the John Basilone Memorial Foundation.

Whatever way you choose to honor Basilone's legacy, please take the time to remember his story. He is a true American hero, and his sacrifice should never be forgotten.



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