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NAVY DENTAL CORPS LEGENDS — LIEUTENANT MORTON I. SILVER





- Dr. Morton I. Silver (1925-2001)
 of Brooklyn, New York, was
 commissioned a lieutenant junior
 grade in the Navy Dental Corps in
 October 1948.
- In 1950, Silver deployed to Korea where he took part in the Inchon landings, the Battle for Seoul, and the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir.
- On the night of November 27,
 1950, in Yudam-ni—at the western
 end of the Chosin Reservoir— his
 regimental aid station came under
 attack. Silver repeatedly exposed
 himself to heavy enemy fire to
 provide aid to wounded Marines. He
 oversaw the orderly and rapid care
 of casualties and even extricated
 Marines from a wrecked vehicle.
- Silver was later awarded the Silver Star. Today, he is one of only 16
 Navy dentists who have received this award.