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FREDERICK CARRINO

UNITED STATES ARMY

CORPORAL (E4)

JUNE 30, 1919 – DECEMBER 31, 1953

KILLED IN ACTION DECEMBER 6, 1950

as

PURPLE HEART PATRIOT

JULY 2025

Dennis Carrino, Honoring His Uncle's Service and Sacrifice

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Corporal Frederick Carrino, age 18, was killed in action on December 6, 1950, in the vicinity of Hagaru-ri, North Korea, during the Korean War and was buried as an Unknown Soldier in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, in Honolulu, Hawaii, until his identification was confirmed on October 10, 2024. He was born May 17, 1932, in Berkley, Missouri. He was one of seven children of Lawrence D. Carrino and Mary E. Carrino (nee Hall), who are all deceased.

On October 10, 2024, the Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) identified the remains of Corporal Frederick Carrino, missing from the Korean War. His status is now documented as "Accounted For."

CPL Carrino joined the U.S. Army from Missouri on June 30, 1949. He was assigned to B Battery, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, 7th Infantry Division, in the Korean theater. His unit was part of the 31st Regimental Combat Team (RCT). On November 27, 1950, the RCT arrived at the P'unngnyuri Inlet, on the east side of the Chosin Reservoir. That night, Chinese Communist Forces launched a massive surprise attack against the 31st RCT. After the attacks continued, the RCT withdrew to the town of Hagaru-ri at the base of the Chosin Reservoir. CPL Carrino went missing in action during the fighting at Hagaru-ri on December 6, 1950. He was never reported as a prisoner of war. In the fall of 1953, during Operation Glory, North Korea returned remains reportedly recovered from Changsong, also known as Prisoner of War Camp #1, to the United Nations Command. However, CPL Carrino's

name did not appear on any of the transfer rosters, and the Central Identification Unit in Kokura, Japan, did not associate him with any repatriated remains. A presumptive finding of death for him was issued on December 31, 1953. In late 1956, all unidentified remains, including one designated X-15880, were buried as Unknowns in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, in Honolulu, Hawaii, known as the Punchbowl.

In July 2018, the DPAA proposed a plan to disinter 652 Korean War Unknowns from the Punchbowl. In June 2020, as part of Phase Two of the Korean War Disinterment Plan, DPAA personnel disinterred several sets of Unknown remains, including Unknown X-15880, which were sent to the DPAA laboratory for analysis. Scientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological analysis, as well as circumstantial evidence. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA and mitochondrial genome sequence analysis. The laboratory analysis and the totality of the circumstantial evidence available established one set of these Unknown remains as those of CPL Carrino.

CPL Carrino's name is recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the Punchbowl, along with the others who are still missing from the Korean War. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for. His name is also inscribed on the Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., which was updated in 2022 to include the names of the fallen.

His remains were flown back home to St. Louis, Missouri, from Hawaii. Cpl Carrino was posthumously awarded his service decorations which include the Korean Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Korea War Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, and the Purple Heart Medal. Following the funeral service, he received a committal service with full military honors followed by burial at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery on May 16, 2025.

One thing his nephew, Dennis, remembers is how his dad and Frederick's other siblings desperately hoped the military would someday find his remains. They were unable to witness it, but if it was not for his siblings' DNA, the repatriation service may not have happened. "Thank goodness my dad and my aunt had given DNA to the Army years and years ago," Dennis Carrino said. "When he came up missing, they went to give the blood samples to get DNA, and thank God they did that because that's how they recovered him."

Obituary: Shepard Funeral Chapel

<https://www.shepardfuneralchapel.com/obituaries/Corporal-Frederick-Carrino?obId=39487026>