

The first Medal of Honor presentation took place in 1863. Since then and as of March 3, 2023, there have been 3,535 Medals of Honor awarded.

This does not include those revoked by the 1916 Army review board but it does include 19 double awards and those awarded to the unknown soldiers.

Below is a recap by era, war/conflict:

Civil War	1,523
Indian Campaigns	426
Korea 1871	15
Spanish American War	110
Philippine Insurrection	80
Samoa Campaign	4
China Relief	
Aka Boxer Rebellion	59
Philippines 1911	6
Mexican Campaign	
Aka Vera Cruz	56
Haitian Campaign	6
Dominican Campaign	3
World War I	126
2 <sup>nd</sup> Haitian Campaign	2
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nicaraguan Campaign	2
Interim Awards (3 time periods)	193
World War II	472
Korean War	146
Vietnam	267
Somalia	2
War on Terror	28
Unknowns	9

## FINDING OUR LOST RECIPIENTS

There are roughly 314 Medal of Honor Recipients who are classified as “Lost to History” meaning their burial locations are unknown. Many are due to the recipients’ use of an alias; many are a result of inaccurate record keeping long ago.



One such individual was Harry Garland, an Indian Wars recipient. Through the efforts

of one of our members, his actual burial site was located and a headstone noting his award of the Medal of Honor was placed on his grave.

Many of our members are actively involved in such research and since our organization was founded in 2009, have located the graves or determined the location of over 130 recipients.

As you can see, there is still much work to do. These individuals were awarded the highest award that can be bestowed on a member of the U.S. military yet we know so very little about many of them.



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## WHY JOIN THE MEDAL OF HONOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE US?

The mission of the Medal of Honor Historical Society of the United States is to “*provide for the research, preservation, and documentation of the history of the individuals who have been awarded the Medal of Honor, the highest award that can be bestowed upon a member of the U.S. Armed Forces.*”

### Our Vision--

Members and citizens are educated and enlightened through MOHHSUS' high quality research and outreach programs.

The MOHHSUS has diversity in its large and increasing membership, and encourages maximum creativity and participation from members.

The MOHHSUS works cooperatively with the historical programs and facilities of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society and Foundation as well as other historical, military and civilian organizations.

### Our Goals--

To establish a Liaison with the Congressional Medal of Honor Society to facilitate an informational exchange on the history of the Medal of Honor and its recipients.

To compile a biography on all Medal of Honor Recipients from accredited sources and resources.

To publish an update to the 1994 book Medal of Honor Recipients 1863-1994, by George Lang, Raymond L. Collins and Gerard R. White based on corrected and updated information.

To work with other researchers and cemeteries to locate the burial locations of those recipients whose burial locations are currently unknown.

To work with other researchers and cemeteries to ensure that all graves of recipients are marked with an appropriate Medal of Honor marker or headstone and to

assist and coordinate in rendering honors to a recipient in the event of a newly placed Medal of Honor marker or headstone with a ceremony appropriate for the occasion.

## MEMBERSHIPS

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP** - General Membership annual dues are \$20. Receives quarterly newsletter *Above and Beyond* & notice of future events. 1 vote at membership meetings.

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**ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP** - Annual membership dues are \$50. Receives quarterly newsletter *Above and Beyond* & notice of future events. 1 vote at membership meetings.

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**MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT MEMBERSHIP** - Honorary member exempt from dues with the same rights as that of a General member. Receives newsletter *Above and Beyond* & notice of future events. 1 vote at membership meetings.

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**Ongoing Projects.** We have been involved in a number of projects.

Since 2010, 149 'Lost to History' recipients were located and several others are tentative. This was accomplished through a team effort with the Congressional Medal of Honor Society (CMOHS). Our quest is to ensure that these graves are marked with a VA issued government marker which identifies the person as a Medal of Honor recipient. The VA, due to budget constraints, has limited these markers to unmarked graves which leaves private purchase as the only option.

Working with the CMOHS, we have also compiled a number of lists. These include those with mixed military service, lawyers, congressman, law enforcement officials, former slaves, recipients who rescued other recipients, Confederates who later earned the MoH, and recipients related to other recipients.

Again, working with the CMOHS, a listing of actual Medal of Honor locations was begun. Part of this effort was to prove or disprove rumors and reported sightings. The list was expanded to include memorabilia including flags captured by a recipient during the Civil War when their location is known. This is still an ongoing project but to date, there are close to 800 entries on the list. We have begun publishing some of

the known locations in our newsletter.

In April 2009, a MOHHSUS member donated 18 bankers' boxes of research material to us. Many of these boxes contained files on individual recipients as well as cemetery files containing cemetery maps that he compiled over the years. The recipient files have now been scanned which resulted in over 1300 digital documents. Since then we have continued to build our archives and purchased service files and pension files when it was felt they would lead to the discovery of an unknown grave.

The cemetery maps were compared with information gathered by other MOHHSUS member's and we now have a cemetery map or directions to 99% of all known cemeteries in the US that have a recipient interred there. In addition, a listing of cemeteries and grave numbers was compiled and is now available on our webpage.

In mid 2009, one of our members began compiling a list of books that were either authored by or were about Medal of Honor recipients. The list also includes a few video titles. As of March 2022, the list has over 1,600 titles and is also available on our webpage.

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