

Medal of Honor Recipients - California

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Born In California

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Anderson, Jr. , James	Los Angeles, CA	Vietnam War
Barnes , Will Croft	San Francisco, CA	Indian Campaigns
Callaghan , Daniel Judson	San Francisco, CA	World War II
Carter, Jr. , Edward Allen E.	Los Angeles, CA	World War II
Cheli , Ralph	San Francisco, CA	World War II
Clausey , John Joseph (All censuses and 2 marriage certificates show birth in England. There is also a 1900 Naturalization document showing England birth.)	San Francisco, CA (England)	Interim Awards 1899-1910
Craft , Clarence Byrle	San Bernardino, CA	World War II
DeVore, Jr. , Edward Allen	Torrance, CA	Vietnam War
Doolittle , James Harold	Alameda, CA	World War II
Evans, Jr. , Donald Ward	Covina, CA	Vietnam War
Finn , John William	Los Angeles, CA	World War II
Fisher , Bernard Francis	San Bernardino, CA	Vietnam War
Foster , Paul Hellstrom	San Mateo, CA	Vietnam War
Gandara , Joe	Santa Monica, CA	World War II
Gomez , Eduardo Corral	Los Angeles, CA	Korean War

BORN IN CALIFORNIA (Continued):

Gonsalves, Harold	Alameda, CA	World War II
Gonzales, David M.	Pacoima, CA	World War II
Gumpertz, Sydney Gustave	San Raphael, CA	World War I
Hawk, John Druse "Bud"	San Francisco, CA	World War II
Hayashi, Joe	Salinas, CA	World War II
Hernandez, Rodolfo Perez	Colton, CA	Korean War
High, Frank Charles	Dunningham, CA	Philippine Insurrection
Ingalls, George Alan	Hanford, CA	Vietnam War
Jones, Herbert Charpoit	Los Angeles, CA	World War II
Katz, Phillip Carl	San Francisco, CA	World War I
Kelso, Jack William	Madera, CA	Korean War
Lara, Salvador Joe	Riverside, CA	World War II
Leisy, Robert Ronald	Stockton, CA	Vietnam War
Matthews, Daniel Paul	Van Nuys, CA	Korean War
Maxam, Larry Leonard	Glendale, CA	Vietnam War
Monsoor, Michael Anthony	Long Beach, CA	War on Terror-Iraq
Moore, Albert	Merced, CA	China Relief
Munemori, Sadao S.	Los Angeles, CA	World War II
Muranaga, Kiyoshi K.	Gardena, CA	World War II
Nakamura, Wataru	Los Angeles, CA	Korean War
Nishimoto, Joe Mauri (A Japanese-American Veterans group reports his birth in Madera which is near Fresno. Nishimoto's WWII draft card says born in Fresno)	Madera or Fresno, CA	World War II
Obregon, Eugene Arnold	Los Angeles, CA	Korean War

BORN IN CALIFORNIA (Continued):

Otani, Kazuo	Sanger, CA	World War II
Penry, Richard Allen	Petaluma, CA	Vietnam War
Phillips, Reuben Jasper	Cambria, CA	China Relief
Phipps, Jimmy Wayne	Santa Monica, CA	Vietnam War
Pittman, Richard Allan	French Camp, CA	Vietnam War
Quinn, Peter H.	San Francisco, CA	Philippine Insurrection
Roark, Anund Charles	Vallejo, CA	Vietnam War
Roberts, Harold William	San Francisco, CA	World War I
Rodriguez, Joseph Charles	San Bernardino, CA	Korean War
Romesha, Clinton Lovar	Lake City, CA	War on Terror-Afghanistan
Sakato, George Taro	Colton, CA	World War II
Shiels, George Franklin	California, possibly San Francisco	Philippine Insurrection
Silva, France	Hayward, CA	China Relief
Tanouye, Ted Takayuki	Torrance, CA	World War II
Taylor, James Allen	Arcata, CA	Vietnam War
Viale, Robert M.	Bayside, CA	World War II
Villegas, Ysmael Reyes	Casa Blanca, CA	World War II
Volz, Robert	San Francisco, CA	Spanish-American War
Waybur, David Crowder	Oakland, CA	World War II
Woods, Samuel	San Francisco, CA (Azores or Western Islands)	Civil War
(Most sources list him as born in California but his enlistment register and the USS Minnesota Muster rolls show Azores or Western Islands which is a Portugese archipelago)		
Yabes, Maximo	Lodi, CA	Vietnam War
Young, Robert Harley	Oroville, CA	Korean War

Entered The Service In California

Alvarado , Leonard Louis	Bakersfield, CA	Vietnam War
Anderson , Richard Beatty	Washington (Oakland, or San Francisco, CA)	World War II
(Anderson is accredited to Washington but his USMC biography says enlisted in Oakland. The USMC muster rolls say he enlisted in San Francisco)		
Anderson, Jr. , James	Los Angeles, CA	Vietnam War
Baca , John Philip	Fort Ord, CA	Vietnam War
Baldonado , Joe R.	Santa Clara, CA	Korean War
Barrett , Edward	Pennsylvania (Mare Island, CA)	Interim Awards 1871-1898
(Barrett is accredited to Pennsylvania but his actual enlistment was in California)		
Bellrichard , Leslie Allen	Oakland, CA	Vietnam War
Boydston , Erwin Jay	Mare Island, CA	China Relief
Brock , George Frederick	San Francisco, CA	Interim Awards 1899-1910
Brophy , James	Stockton, CA	Indian Campaigns
Burke , Patrick J.	Vallejo, CA	Indian Campaigns
Burnes , James	Mare Island, CA	China Relief
Callaghan , Daniel Judson	Oakland, CA	World War II
Carr , John	San Jose, CA	Indian Campaigns
Carter , George	Vallejo, CA	Indian Campaigns
Carter , Ty Michael	Antioch, CA	War on Terror-Afghanistan
Carter, Jr. , Edward Allen E.	Los Angeles, CA	World War II
Cavaiani , Jon Robert	Fresno, CA	Vietnam War
Christensen , Dale Eldon	Gray, IA (Ft. MacArthur, CA)	World War II
(Christensen is accredited to Iowa but there is credible information that he actually enlisted in California having moved there circa 1939. His headstone also reads California.)		

ENTERED SERVICE IN CALIFORNIA (Continued):

Clausey, John Joseph	California	Interim Awards 1899-1910
Coleman, John (Coleman is accredited to California but his USMC biography and muster rolls show enlistment in New York)	California (Brooklyn, NY)	Korea 1871
Covington, Jesse Whitfield (An article announcing his award noted he had enlisted in San Diego)	California, possibly San Diego	World War I
Craft, Clarence Byrle (Craft is accredited to Santa Ana but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he enlisted in Los Angeles)	Santa Ana, (Los Angeles) CA	World War II
Crocker, Henry H.	San Francisco, CA	Civil War
Crouse, William Adolphus (Crouse is accredited to Pennsylvania but his first enlistment was in California)	Pennsylvania (Mare Island, CA)	Spanish-American War
Dahlgren, John Olof	Mare Island, CA	China Relief
Davila, Rudolph Blanco	Los Angeles, CA	World War II
Dean, Sr., William Frishe	California	Korean War
Desiderio, Reginald Benjamin	Gilroy, CA	Korean War
DeVore, Jr, Edward Allen	Harbor City, CA	Vietnam War
Dickens, Charles H.	San Francisco, CA	Indian Campaigns
Doolittle, James Harold	Berkeley, CA	World War II
Dunagan, Kern Wayne	Los Angeles, CA	Vietnam War
Duran, Jesus Santiago	California	Vietnam War
Elwood, Edwin L.	San Jose, CA	Indian Campaigns
Enright, John (Enright is accredited to Massachusetts but actually enlisted in California)	Massachusetts (Mare Island, CA)	Interim Awards 1871-1898
Evans, Jr., Donald Ward	Covina, CA	Vietnam War
Falcott, Henry	San Francisco, CA	Indian Campaigns

ENTERED SERVICE IN CALIFORNIA (Continued):

Finn, John William	Belle Vernon Acres, CA	World War II
Fisher, Frederick Thomas	California	Samoa Campaign
Foster, Paul Hellstrom	San Francisco, CA	Vietnam War
Gaiennie, Louis Rene (The Navy lists Gaiennie as accredited to Missouri but his USMC biography says he enlisted at Mare Island, CA)	St. Louis, MO (Mare Island, CA)	China Relief
Gandara, Joe	Los Angeles, CA	World War II
Gardner, Charles	San Francisco, CA	Indian Campaigns
Golden, Patrick	San Francisco, CA	Indian Campaigns
Gonsalves, Harold	California	World War II
Gonzales, David M. (Gonzales is accredited to Pacoima but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows enlistment at Ft. MacArthur. His award press release also notes enlistment at Ft. MacArthur)	Pacoima, CA (Ft. MacArthur, San Pedro)	World War II
Graves, Ora (There were at least two men by this name in the navy. There is credible information that the MoH man actually enlisted in California)	Nebraska (San Francisco, CA)	World War I
Green, Francis C.	Sacramento, CA	Indian Campaigns
Halford, William	San Francisco, CA	Interim Awards 1865-1870
Hall, John	Sacramento, CA	Indian Campaigns
Hall, William Edward (Hall is accredited to Utah but he was living in California in the late 1930s and is reported by various sources to have actually enlisted in Wilmington or Longbeach, California)	Mohrland, UT (Longbeach or Wilmington, CA)	World War II
Hamilton, Frank	Sacramento, CA	Indian Campaigns
Hansen, Hans Anton (Hansen is accredited to California but his file shows his first enlistment was in Peru)	California (USS Newark at Callao, Peru)	China Relief
Harmon, Roy Woodroe (Harmon is accredited to Pixley but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he enlisted in Fresno)	Pixley, (Fresno) CA	World War II

ENTERED SERVICE IN CALIFORNIA (Continued):

Harvey, Raymond	Pasadena, CA	Korean War
Hawkins, William Deane (Hawkins is accredited to Texas but his USMC biography and the USMC muster rolls and show he actually enlisted in California)	El Paso, TX (Los Angeles, CA)	World War II
Hayashi, Joe (Hayashi's Nat'l Archives service recap shows he actually enlisted in Los Angeles)	Pasadena, (Los Angeles) CA	World War II
Heartery, Richard	San Francisco, CA	Indian Campaigns
Heisch, Henry William	Mare Island, CA	China Relief
Henrechon, George Francis	California	Philippines 1911
Hernandez, Rodolfo Perez	Fowler, CA	Korean War
Higgins, Thomas P.	Napa, CA	Indian Campaigns
Holderman, Nelson Miles	Santa Ana, CA	World War I
Hooper, Joe Ronnie	Los Angeles, CA	Vietnam War
Hulbert, Henry Lewis	Mare Island, CA	Samoa Campaign
Hull, James Lott (Hull is accredited to Illinois but actually entered the service in CA)	Illinois (Mare Island, CA)	Spanish-American War
Ingalls, George Alan	Los Angeles, CA	Vietnam War
Itrich, Franz Anton	California	Spanish-American War
Jennings, Delbert Owen	San Francisco, CA	Vietnam War
Johnson, Ralph Henry	Oakland, CA	Vietnam War
Jones, Herbert Charpoit	California	World War II
Kandle, Victor Leonard (Kandle is accredited to California but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he actually enlisted in Washington)	Redwood City, CA (Ft Lawton, Seattle, WA)	World War II
Katz, Phillip Carl	San Francisco, CA	World War I

ENTERED SERVICE IN CALIFORNIA (Continued):

Kearby, Neel Earnest (Kearby is accredited to Texas but several sources state he actually enlisted at March Field, CA)	Dallas, TX (March Field, CA)	World War II
Keenan, John	San Francisco, CA	Indian Campaigns
Kelso, Jack William (Kelso is officially listed as accredited to Caruthers but the book <i>Forgotten 34</i> says he enlisted in Fresno)	Caruthers or Fresno, CA	Korean War
Kelley, Ova Art (Kelley is accredited to Missouri but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he actually enlisted in CA)	Norwood, MO (San Francisco, CA)	World War II
Kerstetter, Dexter James (Kerstetter is accredited to Washington but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he actually enlisted in California)	Centralia, WA (Presidio of Monterey, CA)	World War II
Koelsch, John Kelvin	Los Angeles, CA	Korean War
Lakin, Thomas (Lakin is officially accredited to New York but his enlistment was at Mare Island, CA)	New York, NY (Mare Island, CA)	Interim Awards 1871-1898
Lara, Salvador Joe (Lara is accredited to Riverside but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he actually enlisted in Los Angeles)	Riverside, (Los Angeles) CA	World War II
Laverty, John	California	Interim Awards 1871-1898
Lawrence, James	Sacramento, CA	Indian Campaigns
Leahy, Cornelius J.	San Francisco, CA	Philippine Insurrection
Littrell, Gary Lee	Los Angeles, CA	Vietnam War
Lytton, Jephtha L.	San Francisco, CA	Indian Campaigns
Mahers, Herbert	Wilmington, CA	Indian Campaigns
Matthews, Daniel Paul	Van Nuys, CA	Korean War
Maxam, Larry Leonard	Los Angeles, CA	Vietnam War
McAllister, Samuel	California	China Relief
McGonagle, William Loren	Thermal, CA	Vietnam War

ENTERED SERVICE IN CALIFORNIA (Continued):

McKinley, Daniel	San Francisco, CA	Indian Campaigns
McMahon, Martin Thomas	California	Civil War
McNally, Michael Joseph	Mare Island, CA	Samoan Campaign
McVeagh, Charles H.	San Francisco, CA	Indian Campaigns
Miller, Oscar Franklin	Los Angeles, CA	World War I
Molnar, Frankie Zoly	Fresno, CA	Vietnam War
Monsoor, Michael Anthony	Garden Grove, CA	War on Terror-Iraq
Moon, Jr., Harold Herman (Moon is accredited to California but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he actually enlisted in Santa Fe)	Gardena, CA (Santa Fe, NM)	World War II
Moore, Albert	Mare Island, CA	China Relief
Moran, John	Marysville, CA	Indian Campaigns
Munemori, Sadao S.	Los Angeles, CA (Ft. MacArthur)	World War II
(Munemori's entrance into the service varies by source. Some say Eagle Rock, some say Los Angeles. The Nat'l Archives service recap shows he enlisted at Ft. MacArthur, San Pedro, CA)		
Murphy, Thomas	San Francisco, CA	Indian Campaigns
Obregon, Eugene Arnold	Los Angeles, CA	Korean War
O'Callaghan, John	San Francisco, CA	Indian Campaigns
Okubo, James Kazuo	Tule Lake or Alturas, CA (Salt Lake City, UT)	World War II
(Okubo is accredited to California but the Nat'l Archives service recap states he actually enlisted in Utah)		
Orndoff, Harry Westley	Mare Island, CA	China Relief
Otani, Kazuo	Rivers Relocation Center, AZ (California)	World War II
(Otani's accreditation varies by source. Some show him accredited to Arizona, some Ft. Ord, CA. The Nat'l Archives service recap shows he enlisted at the Presidio Of Monterey California)		
Penry, Richard Allen	Oakland, CA	Vietnam War

ENTERED SERVICE IN CALIFORNIA (Continued):

Perkins, Jr., William Thomas	San Francisco, CA	Vietnam War
Pharris, Jackson Charles (Pharris is accredited to California but his first enlistment was in Macon, GA)	California (Macon, GA)	World War II
Phillips, Reuben Jasper	Mare Island, CA	China Relief
Phipps, Jimmy Wayne	Culver City, CA	Vietnam War
Pierce, Larry Stanley	Fresno, CA	Vietnam War
Pittman, Richard Allan	Stockton, CA	Vietnam War
Poynter, James Irsley (Poynter is accredited to Downey but his USMC biography says he enlisted in Los Angeles)	Downey, CA (Los Angeles, CA)	Korean War
Quinn, Peter H.	San Francisco, CA	Philippine Insurrection
Rascon, Alfred V. (Rascon's accreditation varies by source. The CRS states he entered the service at Fort Ord)	Los Angeles, CA (Fort Ord, CA)	Vietnam War
Reed, James C.	San Francisco, CA	Indian Campaigns
Regan, Patrick J.	Los Angeles, CA	World War I
Roark, Anund Charles	Los Angeles, CA	Vietnam War
Roberts, Harold William	San Francisco, CA	World War I
Rocco, Louis Richard	Los Angeles, CA	Vietnam War
Rodriguez, Joseph Charles	San Bernardino, CA	Korean War
Romesha, Clinton Lovar	California, possibly Cedarville	War on Terror-Afghanistan
Rose, Gary Michael (Rose's accreditation varies by source)	Panarama City or Los Angeles, CA	Vietnam War
Salomon, Jr, Ben Louis (Some sources say Salomon is accredited to Wisconsin and others Colorado. Salomon was living in California in 1940. Was a practicing dentist there and still there in 1942 when a brother died. The Nat'l Archives service recap shows he enlisted in California.)	Denver, CO, Milwaukee, WI (Los Angeles, CA)	World War II
Seibert, Lloyd Martin	Salinas, CA	World War I

ENTERED SERVICE IN CALIFORNIA (Continued):

Shiels, George Franklin	California	Philippine Insurrection
Shockley, William Ralph	Selma, CA	World War II
Silva, France	San Francisco, CA	China Relief
Smith, Eugene Patrick	California	Interim Awards 1915-1916
Smith, Otto	Sacramento, CA	Indian Campaigns
Smith, William	San Francisco, CA	Indian Campaigns
Stanley, Edward	San Francisco, CA	Indian Campaigns
Stewart, George Evans	New York, NY (Hamilton, NY or San Francisco, CA)	Philippine Insurrection
(Stewart's first enlistment was in California. He then had a 2-day break in service before reenlisting in Hamilton, NY)		
Stoltenberg, Andrew Vincent	Mare Island, CA	Philippine Insurrection
Strivson, Benoni	Sacramento, CA	Indian Campaigns
Swett, James Elms	San Mateo, CA	World War II
Tanouye, Ted Takayuki	Torrance or Fort MacArthur, San Pedro CA	World War II
(Tanouye's accreditation varies by source. The Nat'l Archives service recap shows he enlisted at Ft. MacArthur)		
Taylor, James Allen	San Francisco, CA	Vietnam War
Thompson, Henry	San Francisco, CA	Interim Awards 1871-1898
Timmerman, Grant Frederick	Kansas (California)	World War II
(Timmerman is accredited to Kansas but his USMC bio says he was working in San Francisco and re-enlisted after Pearl Harbor. Muster rolls don't specifically say where but San Diego CA is very likely).		
Turner, George Benton	Los Angeles,(San Francisco) CA	World War II
(Turner is accredited to Los Angeles but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he enlisted in San Francisco)		
Upham, Oscar Jefferson	Illinois (Mare Island, CA)	China Relief
(Upham is accredited to Illinois but USMC muster rolls show he enlisted in CA)		

ENTERED SERVICE IN CALIFORNIA (Continued):

Viale, Robert M. (Viale is accredited to Ukiah but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he enlisted in Eureka)	Ukiah, (Eureka) CA	World War II
Villegas, Ysmael Reyes (Villegas is accredited to Casa Blanca but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he enlisted in Los Angeles)	Casa Blanca, (Los Angeles) CA	World War II
Von Schlick, Robert Henry	San Francisco, CA	China Relief
Ware, Keith Lincoln	Glendale, CA	World War II
Waybur, David Crowder (Waybur is accredited to Piedmont but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he enlisted in San Francisco)	Piedmont, (San Francisco) CA	World War II
Weaver, Amos A.	San Francisco, CA	Philippine Insurrection
West, Chester Howard (West is accredited to Los Banos but the Muster rolls from the Nat'l Archives show he enlisted in Merced)	Los Banos, (Merced) CA	World War I
Westermark, Axel	California	China Relief
Williams, Louis (Double recipient)	San Francisco, CA	Interim Awards 1871-1898
Williston, Edward Bancroft	San Francisco, CA	Civil War
Woods, Samuel (Woods is accredited to California but his enlistment was in either New Bedford or Boston, MA)	California (Massachusetts)	Civil War
Worley, Kenneth Lee	Fresno, CA	Vietnam War
Young, Frank Albert (The Navy says Young is accredited to Wisconsin, USMC biography says enlisted in CA. USMC Muster rolls agree.)	Wisconsin (Mare Island, CA)	China Relief
Young, Robert Harley	Vallejo, CA	Korean War
Yount, John P.	Sacramento, CA	Indian Campaigns
Zion, William, True name William Arthur Zion	Mare Island, CA	China Relief

Medal Earned In California

Boers, Edward William	Aboard Ship, At Sea "off San Diego, CA"	Interim Awards 1899-1910
Brock, George Frederick	Aboard Ship, At Sea "off San Diego, CA"	Interim Awards 1899-1910
Clausey, John Joseph	Aboard Ship, At Sea "off San Diego, CA"	Interim Awards 1899-1910
Cronan, William Sanger	Aboard Ship, At Sea "off San Diego, CA"	Interim Awards 1899-1910
Davis, Raymond Erwin	Aboard Ship, At Sea "off San Diego, CA"	Interim Awards 1899-1910
Fadden, Harry Delmar	At Sea, off the California coast	Interim Awards 1899-1910
Fredericksen, Emil	Aboard Ship, At Sea "off San Diego, CA"	Interim Awards 1899-1910
Grbitch, Rade	Aboard Ship, At Sea "off San Diego, CA"	Interim Awards 1899-1910
Green, John	Lava Beds, CA	Indian Campaigns
Hill, Frank Ebenezer	Aboard Ship, At Sea "off San Diego, CA"	Interim Awards 1899-1910
Hutchins, Carlton Barmore	at Sea, off Southern California coast	Interim Awards 1920-1940
Johnson, William	Navy yard, Mare Island, CA	Interim Awards 1871-1898
Lakin, Thomas	Navy Yard, Mare Island, CA	Interim Awards 1871-1898
Nelson, Oscar Frederick	Aboard Ship, At Sea "off San Diego, CA"	Interim Awards 1899-1910
Parker, Alexander	Navy Yard, Mare Island, CA	Interim Awards 1871-1898
Schmidt, Otto Diller	Aboard Ship, At Sea "off San Diego, CA"	Interim Awards 1899-1910

MEDALS EARNED IN CALIFORNIA (Continued):

Shacklette , William Sidney	Aboard Ship, At Sea "off San Diego, CA"	Interim Awards 1899-1910
Skinner , John Oscar	Lava Beds, CA	Indian Campaigns
Thompson , Henry	Mare Island, CA	Interim Awards 1871-1898