



CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR FOUNDATION

Perpetuating a legacy of Courage, Sacrifice and Patriotism



Medal of Honor Stats & Facts

Recipients & Awards:

- Total Living Recipients: 77 (3,419 deceased)
- Total Medals Awarded: 3,515
- Total Recipients: 3,496 (including 9 Unknown Soldiers)
- 19 men received two Medals
 - Five for the same action from different services
 - 14 for different actions
- Civil War: 1,523 of 3,515 (43.3% of all awards)
- Indian Campaigns-Dominican Republic: 765 of 3,515 (21.8%)
- WWI-Present: 1,025 of 3,515 (29.1%)
- Non-Combat: 193 of 3,515 (5.5%)
- Unknowns: 9 of 3,515 (.3%)

Total Awards by Service (3,515):

- USA: 2,449; USN: 748; USMC: 299; USAF: 18; USCG: 1

Living Recipients by War (77):

- WWII: 6; Korea: 6; Vietnam: 54; War on Terror (Afghanistan): 11

Living Recipients by Branch of Service (77):

- Army: 51; Marine Corps: 15; Navy: 8; Air Force: 3

Living Recipients by Age:

- Average age of all 77: 71.0
- Average age of 66 WWII, Korea and Vietnam Recipients: 77.4
- Average age of 11 Afghanistan Recipients: 33.0
- Nine Recipients are 90+ while 13 more are 80-89

Medal Dates:

- Navy Medal of Honor authorized 21 Dec 1861
- Army Medal of Honor authorized 12 Jul 1862
- Air Force Medal of Honor authorized Apr 1965

MOH Factoids:

- Official name: Medal of Honor
- The Medal of Honor (US Navy) was signed into law by President Lincoln on 21 Dec 1861
- The Congressional Medal of Honor Society was chartered by President Eisenhower in 1958
- The Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation was chartered by CMOHS in 1999
- Values embodied in the Medal: courage and sacrifice, commitment and integrity, citizenship and patriotism
- The Medal was first awarded on 25 Mar 1863 to six surviving Andrews Raiders
- Only female Recipient: Dr. Mary Edwards Walker, Civil War civilian battlefield surgeon and POW, 11 Nov 1865
- First MoH action by an African-American: Former slave William Harvey Carney, 54th Massachusetts Colored Infantry, 18 Jul 1863 (his Medal was presented on 23 May 1900)
- Youngest Recipient at time of action: Willie Johnston, Civil War, 11
- Oldest Recipient at time of action: Douglas MacArthur, 62
- Civilian Recipients: 8, including Dr. Mary Walker and Buffalo Bill Cody (two of 911 Medals revoked in 1917 purge)
- Walker's Medal was restored in 1977, Cody's in 1989
- Theodore Roosevelt is the only U.S. President to have received the Medal
- Two father-son duos have received the Medal:
 - Arthur (CW) and Douglas MacArthur (WWII)
 - Theodore (Cuba) and Theodore Roosevelt Jr (WWII)
- Seven pairs of brothers have received the Medal

Demographic Information (includes some cross references):

- African-American Recipients: 90
- Hispanic Recipients: 59
- Native American Recipients: 32
- Jewish Recipients: 20
- Asian-American/Pacific Islander Recipients: 34

Current as of August 3, 2016