Medal of Honor Recipients - Iowa

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Born In Iowa

Baker, Jr., John Franklin	Davenport, IA	Vietnam War
Beyer, Arthur Otto	Rock Township, IA	World War II
Bras, Edgar A.	Jefferson County, IA	Civil War
Briles, Herschel Floyd "Pete"	Colfax, IA	World War II
Christensen, Dale Eldon	Cameron Township, IA	World War II
Cody, William Frederick "Buffalo Bill"	LeClaire, IA	Indian Campaigns
Day, George Everett "Bud"	Sioux City, IA	Vietnam War
Deignan, Osborn Warren	Stuart, IA	Spanish-American War
Dethlefsen, Merlyn Hans Peter (Most sources list his birth in Greenville but his birth certificate shows Gillett Grove)	Greenville (Gillett Grove), IA	Vietnam War
Edwards, Junior Dean	Indianola, IA	Korean War
Fletcher, Frank Friday	Oskaloosa, IA	Mexican Campaign
Fletcher, Frank Jack	Marshalltown, IA	Mexican Campaign
Giunta, Salvatore Augustine	Clinton, Iowa	War on Terror-Afghanistan
Grove, William Remsburg aka William R. Groves	Montezuma, IA	Philippine Insurrection
Healey, George Washington	Dubuque, IA	Civil War

BORN IN IOWA (Continued):

Hill, William Lowell	Brooklyn, NY (Auburn, IA)	Interim1871 – 1898

(Hill is officially recorded as born in NY. His Navy service file shows birth in Iowa as does 1900 Census)

Howard, Jimmie Earl	Burlington, IA	Vietnam War
Huntsman, John A.	Oskaloosa, IA	Philippine Insurrection
Izac, Edouard Victor Michel	Cresco, IA	World War I
Knox, John W.	Burlington, IA	Indian Campaigns
Lawton, Louis Bowen	Independence, IA	China Relief
Lemert, Milo	Marshalltown, IA	World War I
Lindsey, Darrell Robins	Jefferson, IA	World War II
Neppel, Ralph George	Willey (Pleasant Valley), IA	World War II

(Neppel's birth certificate shows last name as Neppl and birth in Pleasant Valley. The name spelling is not a typographical error)

Olson, Arlo Laverne	Greenville, IA	World War II
Phife, Lewis True Name: Louis Pheiff	Des Moines County, IA	Indian Campaigns
Pierce, Francis Junior	Earlville, IA	World War II
Pike, Emory Jenison	Columbus City, IA	World War I
Riordan, Paul F.	Charles City, IA	World War II
Stanley, Eben	Leon, IA	Indian Campaigns
Thorson, Jr., John Francis	Armstrong, IA	World War II
Titus, Calvin Pearl	Vinton, IA	China Relief
Twombly, Voltare Paine	near Farmington, IA	Civil War
Welch, George W.	Iowa (Ripley, Brown County, IL)	Civil War

(History has recorded Welch's birth as Brown County, Iowa but there is not nor ever was such a county in Iowa. Ripley, Brown County, is in Illinois)

Yount, John P.	Putnam County, IN (Henry County, IA)	Indian Campaigns

(Most sources list Yount's birth location as Indiana but the 1850 Census and family history shows birth in Iowa)

Entered The Service In Iowa

Bates, Norman Francis	Grinnell, IA	Civil War
Bebb, Edward James	Mount Pleasant, IA	Civil War
Bennett, Orson W.	Dubuque, IA	Civil War
Beyer, Arthur Otto	St. Ansgar, IA	World War II
Birdsall, Horatio Latin	Keokuk, IA	Civil War
Birkhimer, William Edward	Iowa	Philippine Insurrection
Bouquet, Nicholas S.	Burlington, IA	Civil War
Bras, Edgar A.	Wapello, IA	Civil War
Briles, Herschel Floyd "Pete"	Fort Des Moines, IA	World War II
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.)

Cosgriff, Richard Henry True Name: Richard Henry Cosgry	Wapello, IA	Civil War
Day, George Everett "Bud"	Sioux City, IA	Vietnam War
Deignan, Osborn Warren	Iowa	Spanish-American War
Dethlefsen, Merlyn Hans Peter	Royal, IA	Vietnam War
Dunlavy, James	Bloomfield, IA	Civil War
Edwards, Junior Dean	Indianola, IA	Korean War
Elson, James M.	Shellsburg, IA	Civil War
Fanning, Nicholas	Independence, IA	Civil War
Fitz, Joseph	Des Moines, IA	Philippine Insurrection
Fletcher, Frank Friday	Iowa	Mexican Campaign
Fletcher, Frank Jack	Marshaltown, IA	Mexican Campaign

ENTERED SERVICE IN IOWA Continued:

Gates, George	Dubuque, IA	Indian Campaigns
Giunta, Salvatore Augustine	Cedar Rapids, IA	War on Terror-Afghanistan
Godley, Leonidas Mahlon	Ashland, IA	Civil War
Hays, John Henry	Oskaloosa, IA	Civil War
Healey, George Washington	Dubuque, IA	Civil War
Herington, Pitt B.	Tipton, IA	Civil War
Herron, Francis Jay	Pittsburgh, PA (Dubuque, IA)	Civil War

(Herron is accredited to Pittsburgh but multiple sources say he entered the service in Iowa having moved there in 1855)

Hibbs, Robert John	Des Moines, IA	Vietnam War
Hill, James	Cascade, IA	Civil War
Hornaday, Elisha Simpson	Des Moines, IA	Indian Campaigns
Howard, Jimmie Earl	Burlington, IA	Vietnam War
Jackson, James	Dubuque, IA	Indian Campaigns

(The Army officially corrected Jackson's record in 2015)

Kaltenbach, Luther P.	Honey Creek, possibly Manchester, IA	Civil War

(A well-researched book on Iowa Civil War recipients places his enlistment in Manchester)

Kephart, James	Dubuque, IA	Civil War
Lindsey, Darrell Robins	Storm Lake (Ft Des Moines), IA	World War II

(Lindsey is accredited to Storm Lake but the National Archives service listing shows actual enlistment was in Ft. Des Moines)

May, William C.	Maysville (Hampton), IA	Civil War

(A well-researched book on Iowa Civil War recipients places his enlistment in Hampton)

Mayes, William B.	DeWitt, IA	Civil War
Miller, James P.	Henry County, IA	Civil War

ENTERED SERVICE IN IOWA Continued:

Morgan, Richard H.	Taylor County, IA	Civil War
Neppel, Ralph George	Glidden, IA	World War II
Pierce, Francis Junior	Des Moines, IA (Great Lakes, IL)	World War II

(Pierce is accredited to Iowa and his 1941 enlistment is from Des Moines, but the USMC recorded his enlistment as Great Lakes, IL.)

Pike, Emory Jenison	Sigourney, IA	World War I
Power, Albert	Bloomfield, IA	Civil War
Sale, Albert	Dubuque, IA	Indian Campaigns
Sloan, Andrew Jackson	Colesburg, IA	Civil War
Smith, Henry Irving	Shell Rock Fall, IA	Civil War
Straub, Paul Frederick	Mount Pleasant, IA	Philippine Insurrection
Swan, Charles Alexander	Mount Pleasant, IA	Civil War
Thorson, Jr., John Francis	Armstrong, IA	World War II
Tibbets, Andrew W.	Centerville, IA (Possibly Numa, or Keokuck, IA)	Civil War
Titus, Calvin Pearl	Iowa	China Relief

(West Point lists Titus as Appointed at Large)

Townsend, Julius Curtis	Missouri (Keokuk, IA)	Mexican Campaign

(Townsend is accredited to Missouri but he grew up in Keokuk and entered the U.S. Naval Academy from Keokuk, Iowa. The 1900 Census at the Academy and the USNA register agree. The Navy registers also show appointed from Iowa.)

Twombly, Voltare Paine	Keosauqua, IA	Civil War
Welch, George W	Keokuk, IA (Vicksburg, MS)	Civil War

(Welch is accredited to Iowa but his service file shows actual enlistment in Vicksburg, MS)

Williamson, James Alexander	Des Moines, IA	Civil War
Young, Calvary Morris	Hopeville, (Bloomfield), IA	Civil War

(Young is accredited to Hopeville but a well-researched book on Iowa Civil War recipients places his enlistment in Bloomfield)

Medal Earned In Iowa

No Listing