

Medal of Honor Historical Society of the United States Annual Report 2010

The annual elections were held in early December 2010. There was one Board position open and Ray Johnston was reelected to it.

2010 Projects. Many of the 2009 projects continued into 2010:

Medal of Honor Grave marker status: In 2010, 38 'Lost to History' recipients were located. Five Medal of Honor Markers were installed, 25 additional markers are on order. Six of the 38 graves are for various reasons, not eligible for a VA marker, mostly due to cemetery rules of only one marker per grave allowed and or no family available to approve the application. These markers are VA issued government markers which identify the person as a Medal of Honor recipient.

Actual Medal locations: Working with the CMOHS, a listing of actual Medal of Honor locations continues. Part of this effort was to prove or disprove rumors and reported sightings. The list includes to some extent memorabilia including flags captured by a recipient during the Civil War when their location is known. We are still waiting for confirmation on many others so this project is still a work in progress. We continue to publish some of the known locations in our newsletter.

Tiffany Cross Medal Recipients: There are believed to be 21 Navy and 7 Marine Corp recipients who received the Tiffany Cross style of the Medal. Working with the CMOHS, we have identified 25.

Marine Corps Recipients: In June 2010, we received a grant from the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation to locate the 19 USMC recipients who are lost to history. To date, we have located or determined the status of seven.

Medal of Honor Book Listings: In mid 2009, one of our members began compiling a list of books that were either authored by Medal of Honor recipients or were about Medal of Honor recipients. The list also includes a few video titles as well. This is also an ongoing project but at the close of December 2010, the list had 1151 entries. It is now posted on our webpage and updated as new and additional titles become known.

Other Medal of Honor related listings: Working with the CMOHS, we are compiling listings of those recipients who were lawyers, politicians, masons, and those who served in the armed services of a foreign country either before or after their MoH action.

Finances.

The annual membership cost per member, except for Medal of Honor Recipients themselves, is \$20 annually for individual members and \$50 for corporations. Medal of Honor Recipients are extended honorary memberships with full privileges.

During 2010, our second year of operation, we took in \$1120.00 in memberships and \$1565 in donations. This includes the USMC grant.

Our 2010 membership total is 64 members. Our expenses for 2010 were \$70 for post office box rental, \$50.83 in postage, and \$520 for other expenses, primarily the ordering of files from the National Archives and death certificates from various states.

Other Ongoing projects.

We are working with the CMOHS to locate the graves of those still "Lost to History." Many of the recipient's names have turned out to be aliases which add even more challenge to the effort. The Archivist at the CMOHS has begun providing informational extracts from the files of those "Lost to History" which often includes last known locations and aliases. This has opened new areas from which to seek information and continues to result in a significant number of "Lost to History" recipients being located. This is also enabling us to annotate many inaccuracies in the various records.