

Medal of Honor Recipients - Kansas

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Born In Kansas

Adams, Stanley Taylor	DeSoto, KS	Korean War
Balch, John Henry	Edgerton, KS	World War I
Bauer, Harold William "Indian Joe"	Woodruff, KS	World War II
Bleckley, Erwin Russell	Wichita, KS	World War I
Ehlers, Walter David	Junction City, KS	World War II
Ferguson, Arthur Medworth	Coffey County, KS	Philippine Insurrection
Foster, Paul Frederick	Wichita, KS	Mexican Campaign
Hawkins, William Deane	Fort Scott, KS	World War II
Henderson, Joseph	Leavenworth, KS	Philippine Insurrection
James, Jr., Willy F.	Kansas City, MO (Kansas City, KS)	World War II
(James is officially listed as born in Missouri but his draft card and 2 censuses show Kansas City, KS and Kansas)		
Johnston, Harold Irving	Kendall, KS	World War I
Kapaun, Emil Joseph	Pilsen, KS	Korean War
Mallon, George Henry	Ogden, KS	World War I
McCall, Thomas Edward	Burrton, KS	World War II
McGonagle, William Loren	Wichita, KS	Vietnam War

BORN IN KANSAS (Continued):

Petersen, Danny John	Horton, KS	Vietnam War
Robb, George Seanor	Assaria, KS	World War I
Ross, Donald Kirby	Beverly, KS	World War II
Timmerman, Grant Frederick	Americus, KS	World War II
Trembley, William Beattie	Johnson, KS	Philippine Insurrection
Triplett, Samuel S.	Cherokee, KS	Spanish-American War
Wallace, George Weed	Fort Riley, KS	Philippine Insurrection
Weinstein, Jack	Cheyenne County, KS	Korean War
White, Edward	Seneca, KS	Philippine Insurrection

Entered The Service In Kansas

Adams, Stanley Taylor	Olathe, KS	Korean War
Bleckley, Erwin Russell	Wichita, KS	World War I
Cowan, Richard Eller	Wichita, (Ft. Leavenworth) KS	World War II
(Cowan is accredited to Wichita but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he actually enlisted at Ft. Leavenworth)		
Daniels, James Thomas	Fort Leavenworth, KS	Indian Campaigns
Davenport, Jack Arden	Mission, KS	Korean War
Dixon, William "Billy"	Indian Territory (Dodge City, KS)	Indian Campaigns
(Dixon is accredited to Indian Territory. In a book about his life, Dixon noted his 'enlistment' in General Miles office in Dodge City in 1874)		
Ehlers, Walter David	Manhattan, (Garden City AAF) KS	World War II
(Ehlers is accredited to Manhattan, KS but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he actually enlisted in Garden City)		
Ferguson, Arthur Medworth	Burlington, KS	Philippine Insurrection
Foster, Paul Frederick	Wichita, KS (Weiser, ID)	Mexican Campaign
(Foster was accepted to the Navy Academy via Senatorial appointment by an Idaho Senator. The Naval Academy also shows he entered from Idaho. The Navy won't accept a records correction without Next of Kin endorsement.)		
Funston, Sr., Frederick	Iola, KS	Philippine Insurrection
Haddoo, John	Columbus, KS	Indian Campaigns
Hay, Fred Stewart	Fort Leavenworth, KS	Indian Campaigns
Henderson, Joseph	Leavenworth, KS	Philippine Insurrection
Holland, David	Fort Leavenworth, KS	Indian Campaigns
Hunt, Frederick O.	Fort Leavenworth, KS	Indian Campaigns
Huntsman, John A.	Lawrence, KS	Philippine Insurrection

ENTERED SERVICE IN KANSAS (Continued):

Immell , Lorenzo Dow	Fort Leavenworth, KS	Civil War
Johnson , Leon William	Moline, KS	World War II
Kapaun , Emil Joseph	Kansas, likely Wichita	Korean War
Knox , John W.	Fort Leavenworth, KS	Indian Campaigns
Mitchell , John	Peoria, IL (Brooklyn, NY or Ft Leavenworth, KS)	Indian Campaigns
(Mitchell is often listed as accredited to Peoria but he had several enlistments none of which were in Illinois)		
Peden , Forrest Everette	Wathena, (Ft. Leavenworth) KS	World War II
(Peden is accredited to Wathena but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he actually enlisted at Ft. Leavenworth)		
Pitts , Riley Leroy	Wichita, KS	Vietnam War
Poppe , John A.	Fort Dodge, KS	Indian Campaigns
Roach , Hampton Mitchell	Fort Dodge, KS	Indian Campaigns
Robb , George Seanor	Salina, KS	World War I
Rodenburg , Henry	Fort Leavenworth, KS	Indian Campaigns
Schmidt , Conrad	Fort Leavenworth, KS	Civil War
Timmerman , Grant Frederick	Kansas (California)	World War II
(Timmerman is accredited to Kansas but his USMC biography says he was working in San Francisco and reenlisted after Pearl Harbor. Muster rolls don't specifically say where he enlisted but San Diego CA is very likely.)		
Trembley , William Beattie	Kansas City, KS	Philippine Insurrection
White , Edward	Kansas City, KS	Philippine Insurrection

Medal Earned In Kansas

Ayers, James F.	Sappa Creek, KS	Indian Campaigns
Carpenter, Louis Henry	Kansas and Colorado	Indian Campaigns
Co-Rux-Te-Chod-Ish, (Mad Bear)	Republican River, KS (Dog Creek,CO)	Indian Campaigns
<i>(The book Encyclopedia of Indian Wars says his action was in Colorado but book Chronological List of Actions etc., With Indians from January 15, 1857 to January 1891 disagrees)</i>		
Dawson, Michael	Sappa Creek, KS	Indian Campaigns
Dunlavy, James	Osage, KS	Civil War
Fegan, James	Plum Creek, KS	Indian Campaigns
Gardiner, Peter W.	Sappa Creek, KS	Indian Campaigns
Herron, Leander	near Fort Dodge, KS (Little Coon Creek)	Indian Campaigns
<i>(In a 1930 radio interview, Herron stated that the action took place at Little Coon Creek)</i>		
Hornaday, Elisha Simpson	Sappa Creek, KS	Indian Campaigns
Kyle, John	Republican River, KS (Prairie Dog Creek near KS/NE border)	Indian Campaigns
<i>(The book Encyclopedia of Indian Wars says his action was in Colorado but book Chronological List of Actions etc., With Indians from January 15, 1857 to January 1891 disagrees)</i>		
Lowthers, James	Sappa Creek, KS	Indian Campaigns
Platten, Frederick	Sappa Creek, KS	Indian Campaigns
Pond, George F.	Drywood, KS	Civil War
Pond, James Burton	Baxter Springs, KS	Civil War
Robbins, Marcus Morton	Sappa Creek, KS	Indian Campaigns
Tea, Richard Longstreet	Sappa Creek, KS	Indian Campaigns
Young, Calvary Morris	Osage, KS	Civil War

Medal Possibly Earned In Kansas

Ryan, Denis

Gageby Creek, Indian Territory

Indian Campaigns

Both Kansas and Texas have a Gageby Creek. Ryan's recommendation was written at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. Gageby Creek in Kansas is not far from the Kansas border.

The well-researched book *Valor Across the Lone Star: The Congressional Medal of Honor in Frontier Texas* reads: "The Medal of Honor awarded to Sgt. Denis Ryan of Company I, Sixth U.S. Cavalry, is officially credited to have occurred in Indian Territory (Oklahoma). The engagement during which Ryan earned his medal occurred on December 2, 1874, and was a running battle, which actually occurred mostly in Texas, but carried over into Oklahoma."