

Medal of Honor Recipients - Kentucky

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Born In Kentucky

Barber , William Earl	Dehart, KY	Korean War
Baugh , William Bernard	McKinney, KY	Korean War
Bell , James Franklin	near Shelbyville, KY	Philippine Insurrection
Black , William Perkins	Woodford County, KY	Civil War
Bush , Richard Earl	Glasgow, KY	World War II
Byrne , Bernard Albert	Newport Barracks, VA (Newport Barracks, KY)	Philippine Insurrection
(Multiple sources such as the Army Register and Heitman's Dictionary note birth in Kentucky. Newport Barracks, KY is undergoing an archiological dig which began in 2023)		
Callahan , John H.	Shelby County, KY	Civil War
Clary , Edward Alvin	Foxport, KY	Interim Awards 1899-1910
Collier , John Walton	Worthington, KY	Korean War
Conner , Garlin Murl	Aaron, KY	World War II
Crain , Morris Eugene	Bandana, KY	World War II
Cruse , Thomas	Owensboro, KY	Indian Campaigns
Darrough , John S.	Maysville, KY	Civil War
Davis , John	Carroll County, KY	Civil War
Day , William L.	Barron County, KY	Indian Campaigns

BORN IN KENTUCKY (Continued):

Dodd , Carl Henry	Coats, KY	Korean War
Fleek , Charles Clinton	Petersburg, KY	Vietnam War
Given , John J.	near Owensboro, Daviess County, KY	Indian Campaigns
Hardaway , Benjamin Franklin	Benleyville, KY	Spanish-American War
Harris , William M.	Madison County, KY	Indian Campaigns
Holt , George	Louisville, KY	Interim Awards 1871-1898
Horsfall , William H.	Campbell County, KY	Civil War
Hudson , Aaron Richard	Madison County, KY (Tennessee)	Civil War
(A historian who compiled a family history on Hudson states he was born in Tennessee but the 1880 and 1900 Census list his birth as Kentucky)		
Hughey , John P.	Louisville, KY	Civil War
Jenkins , Don J.	Quality, KY	Vietnam War
Kerr , John Brown	Lexington, KY	Indian Campaigns
Kyle , Darwin Keith	Jenkins, KY	Korean War
Lauffer , Billy Lane	Murray, KY	Vietnam War
Littrell , Gary Lee	Henderson, KY	Vietnam War
Mason , Leonard Foster	Middlesboro, KY	World War II
Mattingly , Henry B.	Marion County, KY	Civil War
McDonald , Franklin M.	Bowling Green, KY	Indian Campaigns
McMillen , Francis M.	Bracken County, KY	Civil War
Meyer , Dakota L.	Columbia, KY	War on Terror-Afghanistan
Nash , David Paul	Whitesville, KY	Vietnam War
Nash , James J.	Louisville, KY	Spanish-American War

BORN IN KENTUCKY (Continued):

Noble, John , True name Daniel Noble	Kentucky	Civil War
(Noble is known to have been born in Kentucky, the county of birth is uncertain. Some sources say Bath, some say Breathitt)		
Paul, Joe Calvin	Williamsburg, (Nevisdale) KY	Vietnam War
(Most sources recorded Paul's birth as Williamsburg but his birth certificate shows otherwise)		
Phelps, Wesley	Neafus, KY	World War II
Rood, Oliver Percy	Frankfort or Franklin County, KY	Civil War
(Rood's enlistment recorded his birth as Franklin County)		
Ross, Wilburn Kirby	Strunk, KY	World War II
Rundle, Charles Wesley	Covington, KY	Civil War
Sandlin, Willie	Jackson, KY	World War I
Scott, George D.	Lancaster, KY	Indian Campaigns
Shaw, Thomas	Covington, KY	Indian Campaigns
Skaggs, Jr., Luther	Henderson, KY	World War II
Smith, Andrew Jackson	Lyon County, KY (Dewitt Co, IL)	Civil War
(Smith's death certificate states he was born in Kentucky but both his service file and pension file state he was born in Dewitt Co, Illinois)		
Smith, David Monroe	Livingston, KY	Korean War
Spurrier, Junior James	Russell County, KY (Castlewood, VA)	World War II
(Spurrier is officially listed as born in Kentucky but his WWII draft card and Nat'l Archives service recap show it was Virginia)		
Squires, John Charles	Louisville, KY	World War II
Steinmetz, William	Newport, KY (Ohio)	Civil War
(Steinmetz is officially recorded as born in Kentucky but all the censuses to include the 1850, show Ohio)		
Stevens, Thomas W.	Madison County, KY	Indian Campaigns
Sullivan, Thomas	Covington, KY	Indian Campaigns

BORN IN KENTUCKY (Continued):

West , Ernest Edison	Russell, KY	Korean War
Weston , John Francis	Louisville, KY	Civil War
Williamson , James Alexander	Columbia, KY	Civil War
Woods , Brent	Pulaski County, KY	Indian Campaigns

Entered The Service In Kentucky

Barber, William Earl	West Liberty, KY (Cincinnati, OH)	Korean War (Barber is accredited to Kentucky but the USMC muster rolls show he enlisted in OH)
Bell, James Franklin	Shelbyville, KY	Philippine Insurrection
Boers, Edward William	Kentucky	Interim Awards 1899-1910
Bratling, Frank	Louisville, KY	Indian Campaigns
Bush, Richard Earl	Bowling Green, KY	World War II
Clary, Edward Alvin	Kentucky	Interim Awards 1899-1910
Collier, John Walton	Worthington, KY	Korean War
Conner, Garlin Murl	Louisville, KY	World War II
Crain, Morris Eugene (Crain is accredited to Paducah but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he actually enlisted in Indiana)	Paducah, KY (Evansville, IN)	World War II
Cruse, Thomas	Owensboro, KY	Indian Campaigns
Day, William L.	Louisville, KY	Indian Campaigns
Dodd, Carl Henry	Kenvir, KY	Korean War
Harris, William M.	Mount Vernon, KY	Indian Campaigns
Hawthorne, Harry Leroy	Kentucky	Indian Campaigns
Holt, George (Holt is accredited to Kentucky but all of his enlistments were in Virginia)	Kentucky (Gosport, VA)	Interim Awards 1871-1898
Hughes, Oliver	Albany, KY	Civil War
Jones, William H.	Louisville, KY	Indian Campaigns
Kerr, John Brown	Hutchinson Station, KY	Indian Campaigns
Long, Donald Russell	Ashland, KY	Vietnam War
Mattingly, Henry B.	Lebanon, KY	Civil War

ENTERED SERVICE IN KENTUCKY (Continued):

McDonald, Robert	Newport, KY	Indian Campaigns
McLoughlin, Michael	Louisville, KY	Indian Campaigns
Meyer, Dakota L.	Louisville, KY	War on Terror-Afghanistan
Morris, William W.	Louisville, KY	Indian Campaigns
Nash, David Paul	Louisville, KY	Vietnam War
Nash, James J.	Louisville, KY	Spanish-American War
Phoenix, Edwin (Phoenix is accredited to St. Louis, MO but his first enlistment was in (Louisville, KY)	St. Louis, MO (Louisville, KY)	Indian Campaigns
Phelps, Wesley (Phelps is accredited to Kentucky but the USMC webpage states he was inducted in Indianapolis, IN)	Kentucky (Indianapolis, IN)	World War II
Ross, Wilburn Kirby	Strunk, KY	World War II
Sandlin, Willie	Hyden, KY	World War I
Scott, George D.	Mount Vernon, KY	Indian Campaigns
Skaggs, Jr., Luther	Louisville, KY	World War II
Smith, David Monroe	Livingston, KY	Korean War
Spurrier, Junior James (Spurrier is accredited to Riggs but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he actually enlisted in Virginia)	Riggs, KY (Richmond, VA)	World War II
Squires, John Charles	Louisville, KY	World War II
Stevens, Thomas W.	Mount Vernon, KY	Indian Campaigns
Stewart, Jimmy Goethel	Ashland, KY	Vietnam War
Stickney, Herman Osman (Stickney is officially accredited to MA but the USNA register, his Navy biography and service file show he was appointed to the USNA from Kentucky)	Massachusetts (Kentucky)	Mexican Campaign
Swegheimer, Jacob	Paducah, KY	Civil War
Thorn, Walter	Camp Nelson, KY	Civil War
Voit, Otto Emil	Louisville, KY	Indian Campaigns

ENTERED SERVICE IN KENTUCKY (Continued):

Walker, Mary Edwards Louisville, KY (possibly Washington, DC)
Civil War

(Walker is accredited to Kentucky however she was in Washington, DC when she first requested a surgeon's commission and her citation notes 1861 service in DC hospital)

West, Ernest Edison Wurtland, KY Korean War

Weston, John Francis Camp Anderson, KY Civil War

Whitehead, Patton George Louisville, KY Indian Campaigns

Woods, Brent Louisville, KY Indian Campaigns

Medal Earned In Kentucky

Cutcheon , Byron Mac	Horseshoe Bend, KY	Civil War
Durham , John S.	Perryville, KY	Civil War
Surles , William Hukill	Perryville, KY	Civil War