

Medal of Honor Recipients - California

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Born In California

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| Alvarado , Leonard Louis | Bakersfield, CA | Vietnam War |
| Anderson, Jr. , James | Los Angeles, CA | Vietnam War |
| Barnes , Will Croft | San Francisco, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Callaghan , Daniel Judson | San Francisco, CA | World War II |
| Carter, Jr. , Edward Allen E. | Los Angeles, CA | World War II |
| Cheli , Ralph | San Francisco, CA | World War II |
| Clausey , John Joseph (All censuses and 2 marriage certificates show birth in England. There is also a 1900 Naturalization document showing England birth.) | San Francisco, CA (England) | Interim Awards 1899-1910 |
| Craft , Clarence Byrle | San Bernardino, CA | World War II |
| DeVore, Jr. , Edward Allen | Torrance, CA | Vietnam War |
| Doolittle , James Harold | Alameda, CA | World War II |
| Evans, Jr. , Donald Ward | Covina, CA | Vietnam War |
| Finn , John William | Los Angeles, CA | World War II |
| Fisher , Bernard Francis | San Bernardino, CA | Vietnam War |
| Foster , Paul Hellstrom | San Mateo, CA | Vietnam War |
| Gandara , Joe | Santa Monica, CA | World War II |
| Gomez , Eduardo Corral | Los Angeles, CA | Korean War |

BORN IN CALIFORNIA (Continued):

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| Gonsalves, Harold | Alameda, CA | World War II |
| Gonzales, David M. | Pacoima, CA | World War II |
| Gumpertz, Sydney Gustave | San Raphael, CA | World War I |
| Hawk, John Druse "Bud" | San Francisco, CA | World War II |
| Hayashi, Joe | Salinas, CA | World War II |
| Hernandez, Rodolfo Perez | Colton, CA | Korean War |
| High, Frank Charles | Dunningham, CA | Philippine Insurrection |
| Ingalls, George Alan | Hanford, CA | Vietnam War |
| Jones, Herbert Charpoit | Los Angeles, CA | World War II |
| Katz, Phillip Carl | San Francisco, CA | World War I |
| Kelso, Jack William | Madera, CA | Korean War |
| Lara, Salvador Joe | Riverside, CA | World War II |
| Leisy, Robert Ronald | Stockton, CA | Vietnam War |
| Matthews, Daniel Paul | Van Nuys, CA | Korean War |
| Maxam, Larry Leonard | Glendale, CA | Vietnam War |
| Monsoor, Michael Anthony | Long Beach, CA | War on Terror-Iraq |
| Moore, Albert | Merced, CA | China Relief |
| Munemori, Sadao S. | Los Angeles, CA | World War II |
| Muranaga, Kiyoshi K. | Gardena, CA | World War II |
| Nakamura, Wataru | Los Angeles, CA | Korean War |
| Nishimoto, Joe Mauri (A Japanese-American Veterans group reports his birth in Madera which is near Fresno. Nishimoto's WWII draft card says born in Fresno) | Madera or Fresno, CA | World War II |
| Obregon, Eugene Arnold | Los Angeles, CA | Korean War |

BORN IN CALIFORNIA (Continued):

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| Otani, Kazuo | Sanger, CA | World War II |
| Penry, Richard Allen | Petaluma, CA | Vietnam War |
| Phillips, Reuben Jasper | Cambria, CA | China Relief |
| Phipps, Jimmy Wayne | Santa Monica, CA | Vietnam War |
| Pittman, Richard Allan | French Camp, CA | Vietnam War |
| Quinn, Peter H. | San Francisco, CA | Philippine Insurrection |
| Roark, Anund Charles | Vallejo, CA | Vietnam War |
| Roberts, Harold William | San Francisco, CA | World War I |
| Rodriguez, Joseph Charles | San Bernardino, CA | Korean War |
| Romesha, Clinton Lovar | Lake City, CA | War on Terror-Afghanistan |
| Sakato, George Taro | Colton, CA | World War II |
| Shiels, George Franklin | California, possibly San Francisco | Philippine Insurrection |
| Silva, France | Hayward, CA | China Relief |
| Tanouye, Ted Takayuki | Torrance, CA | World War II |
| Taylor, James Allen | Arcata, CA | Vietnam War |
| Viale, Robert M. | Bayside, CA | World War II |
| Villegas, Ysmael Reyes | Casa Blanca, CA | World War II |
| Volz, Robert | San Francisco, CA | Spanish-American War |
| Waybur, David Crowder | Oakland, CA | World War II |
| Woods, Samuel | San Francisco, CA | Civil War |
| Yabes, Maximo | Lodi, CA | Vietnam War |
| Young, Robert Harley | Oroville, CA | Korean War |

Entered The Service In California

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| Alvarado , Leonard Louis | Bakersfield, CA | Vietnam War |
| Anderson , Richard Beatty | Washington (Oakland, or San Francisco, CA) | World War II |
| (Anderson is accredited to Washington but his USMC biography says enlisted in Oakland. The USMC muster rolls say he enlisted in San Francisco) | | |
| Anderson, Jr. , James | Los Angeles, CA | Vietnam War |
| Baca , John Philip | Fort Ord, CA | Vietnam War |
| Baldonado , Joe R. | Santa Clara, CA | Korean War |
| Barrett , Edward | Pennsylvania (Mare Island, CA) | Interim Awards 1871-1898 |
| (Barrett is accredited to Pennsylvania but his actual enlistment was in California) | | |
| Bellrichard , Leslie Allen | Oakland, CA | Vietnam War |
| Boydston , Erwin Jay | Mare Island, CA | China Relief |
| Brock , George Frederick | San Francisco, CA | Interim Awards 1899-1910 |
| Brophy , James | Stockton, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Burke , Patrick J. | Vallejo, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Burnes , James | Mare Island, CA | China Relief |
| Callaghan , Daniel Judson | Oakland, CA | World War II |
| Carr , John | San Jose, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Carter , George | Vallejo, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Carter , Ty Michael | Antioch, CA | War on Terror-Afghanistan |
| Carter, Jr. , Edward Allen E. | Los Angeles, CA | World War II |
| Cavaiani , Jon Robert | Fresno, CA | Vietnam War |
| 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.) | | |

ENTERED SERVICE IN CALIFORNIA (Continued):

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| Clausey, John Joseph | California | Interim Awards 1899-1910 |
| Coleman, John (Coleman is accredited to California but his USMC biography and muster rolls show enlistment in New York) | California (Brooklyn, NY) | Korea 1871 |
| Covington, Jesse Whitfield (An article announcing his award noted he had enlisted in San Diego) | California, possibly San Diego | World War I |
| Craft, Clarence Byrle (Craft is accredited to Santa Ana but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he enlisted in Los Angeles) | Santa Ana, (Los Angeles) CA | World War II |
| Crocker, Henry H. | San Francisco, CA | Civil War |
| Crouse, William Adolphus (Crouse is accredited to Pennsylvania but his first enlistment was in California) | Pennsylvania (Mare Island, CA) | Spanish-American War |
| Dahlgren, John Olof | Mare Island, CA | China Relief |
| Davila, Rudolph Blanco | Los Angeles, CA | World War II |
| Dean, Sr., William Frishe | California | Korean War |
| Desiderio, Reginald Benjamin | Gilroy, CA | Korean War |
| DeVore, Jr, Edward Allen | Harbor City, CA | Vietnam War |
| Dickens, Charles H. | San Francisco, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Doolittle, James Harold | Berkeley, CA | World War II |
| Dunagan, Kern Wayne | Los Angeles, CA | Vietnam War |
| Duran, Jesus Santiago | California | Vietnam War |
| Elwood, Edwin L. | San Jose, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Enright, John (Enright is accredited to Massachusetts but actually enlisted in California) | Massachusetts (Mare Island, CA) | Interim Awards 1871-1898 |
| Evans, Jr., Donald Ward | Covina, CA | Vietnam War |
| Falcott, Henry | San Francisco, CA | Indian Campaigns |

ENTERED SERVICE IN CALIFORNIA (Continued):

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| Finn, John William | Belle Vernon Acres, CA | World War II |
| Fisher, Frederick Thomas | California | Samoa Campaign |
| Foster, Paul Hellstrom | San Francisco, CA | Vietnam War |
| Gaiennie, Louis Rene (The Navy lists Gaiennie as accredited to Missouri but his USMC biography says he enlisted at Mare Island, CA) | St. Louis, MO (Mare Island, CA) | China Relief |
| Gandara, Joe | Los Angeles, CA | World War II |
| Gardner, Charles | San Francisco, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Golden, Patrick | San Francisco, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Gonsalves, Harold | California | World War II |
| Gonzales, David M. (Gonzales is accredited to Pacoima but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows enlistment at Ft. MacArthur. His award press release also notes enlistment at Ft. MacArthur) | Pacoima, CA (Ft. MacArthur, San Pedro) | World War II |
| Graves, Ora (There were at least two men by this name in the navy. There is credible information that the MoH man actually enlisted in California) | Nebraska (San Francisco, CA) | World War I |
| Green, Francis C. | Sacramento, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Halford, William | San Francisco, CA | Interim Awards 1865-1870 |
| Hall, John | Sacramento, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Hall, William Edward (Hall is accredited to Utah but he was living in California in the late 1930s and is reported by various sources to have actually enlisted in Wilmington or Longbeach, California) | Mohrland, UT (Longbeach or Wilmington, CA) | World War II |
| Hamilton, Frank | Sacramento, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Hansen, Hans Anton (Hansen is accredited to California but his file shows his first enlistment was in Peru) | California (USS Newark at Callao, Peru) | China Relief |
| Harmon, Roy Woodroe (Harmon is accredited to Pixley but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he enlisted in Fresno) | Pixley, (Fresno) CA | World War II |

ENTERED SERVICE IN CALIFORNIA (Continued):

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| Harvey, Raymond | Pasadena, CA | Korean War |
| Hawkins, William Deane (Hawkins is accredited to Texas but his USMC biography and the USMC muster rolls and show he actually enlisted in California) | El Paso, TX (Los Angeles, CA) | World War II |
| Hayashi, Joe (Hayashi's Nat'l Archives service recap shows he actually enlisted in Los Angeles) | Pasadena, (Los Angeles) CA | World War II |
| Heartery, Richard | San Francisco, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Heisch, Henry William | Mare Island, CA | China Relief |
| Henrechon, George Francis | California | Philippines 1911 |
| Hernandez, Rodolfo Perez | Fowler, CA | Korean War |
| Higgins, Thomas P. | Napa, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Holderman, Nelson Miles | Santa Ana, CA | World War I |
| Hooper, Joe Ronnie | Los Angeles, CA | Vietnam War |
| Hulbert, Henry Lewis | Mare Island, CA | Samoa Campaign |
| Hull, James Lott (Hull is accredited to Illinois but actually entered the service in CA) | Illinois (Mare Island, CA) | Spanish-American War |
| Ingalls, George Alan | Los Angeles, CA | Vietnam War |
| Itrich, Franz Anton | California | Spanish-American War |
| Jennings, Delbert Owen | San Francisco, CA | Vietnam War |
| Johnson, Ralph Henry | Oakland, CA | Vietnam War |
| Jones, Herbert Charpoit | California | World War II |
| Kandle, Victor Leonard (Kandle is accredited to California but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he actually enlisted in Washington) | Redwood City, CA (Ft Lawton, Seattle, WA) | World War II |
| Katz, Phillip Carl | San Francisco, CA | World War I |

ENTERED SERVICE IN CALIFORNIA (Continued):

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| Kearby, Neel Earnest (Kearby is accredited to Texas but several sources state he actually enlisted at March Field, CA) | Dallas, TX (March Field, CA) | World War II |
| Keenan, John | San Francisco, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Kelso, Jack William (Kelso is officially listed as accredited to Caruthers but the book <i>Forgotten 34</i> says he enlisted in Fresno) | Caruthers or Fresno, CA | Korean War |
| Kelley, Ova Art (Kelley is accredited to Missouri but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he actually enlisted in CA) | Norwood, MO (San Francisco, CA) | World War II |
| Kerstetter, Dexter James (Kerstetter is accredited to Washington but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he actually enlisted in California) | Centralia, WA (Presidio of Monterey, CA) | World War II |
| Koelsch, John Kelvin | Los Angeles, CA | Korean War |
| Lakin, Thomas (Lakin is officially accredited to New York but his enlistment was at Mare Island, CA) | New York, NY (Mare Island, CA) | Interim Awards 1871-1898 |
| Lara, Salvador Joe (Lara is accredited to Riverside but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he actually enlisted in Los Angeles) | Riverside, (Los Angeles) CA | World War II |
| Laverty, John | California | Interim Awards 1871-1898 |
| Lawrence, James | Sacramento, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Leahy, Cornelius J. | San Francisco, CA | Philippine Insurrection |
| Littrell, Gary Lee | Los Angeles, CA | Vietnam War |
| Lytton, Jephtha L. | San Francisco, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Mahers, Herbert | Wilmington, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Matthews, Daniel Paul | Van Nuys, CA | Korean War |
| Maxam, Larry Leonard | Los Angeles, CA | Vietnam War |
| McAllister, Samuel | California | China Relief |
| McGonagle, William Loren | Thermal, CA | Vietnam War |

ENTERED SERVICE IN CALIFORNIA (Continued):

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| McKinley, Daniel | San Francisco, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| McMahon, Martin Thomas | California | Civil War |
| McNally, Michael Joseph | Mare Island, CA | Samoan Campaign |
| McVeagh, Charles H. | San Francisco, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Miller, Oscar Franklin | Los Angeles, CA | World War I |
| Molnar, Frankie Zoly | Fresno, CA | Vietnam War |
| Monsoor, Michael Anthony | Garden Grove, CA | War on Terror-Iraq |
| Moon, Jr., Harold Herman (Moon is accredited to California but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he actually enlisted in Santa Fe) | Gardena, CA (Santa Fe, NM) | World War II |
| Moore, Albert | Mare Island, CA | China Relief |
| Moran, John | Marysville, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Munemori, Sadao S. (Munemori's entrance into the service varies by source. Some say Eagle Rock, some say Los Angeles. The Nat'l Archives service recap shows he enlisted at Ft. MacArthur, San Pedro, CA) | Los Angeles, CA (Ft. MacArthur) | World War II |
| Murphy, Thomas | San Francisco, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Obregon, Eugene Arnold | Los Angeles, CA | Korean War |
| O'Callaghan, John | San Francisco, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Okubo, James Kazuo (Okubo is accredited to California but the Nat'l Archives service recap states he actually enlisted in Utah) | Tule Lake or Alturas, CA (Salt Lake City, UT) | World War II |
| Orndoff, Harry Westley | Mare Island, CA | China Relief |
| Otani, Kazuo (Otani's accreditation varies by source. Some show him accredited to Arizona, some Ft. Ord, CA. The Nat'l Archives service recap shows he enlisted at the Presidio Of Monterey California) | Rivers Relocation Center, AZ (California) | World War II |
| Penry, Richard Allen | Oakland, CA | Vietnam War |

ENTERED SERVICE IN CALIFORNIA (Continued):

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| Perkins, Jr., William Thomas | San Francisco, CA | Vietnam War |
| Pharris, Jackson Charles (Pharris is accredited to California but his first enlistment was in Macon, GA) | California (Macon, GA) | World War II |
| Phillips, Reuben Jasper | Mare Island, CA | China Relief |
| Phipps, Jimmy Wayne | Culver City, CA | Vietnam War |
| Pierce, Larry Stanley | Fresno, CA | Vietnam War |
| Pittman, Richard Allan | Stockton, CA | Vietnam War |
| Poynter, James Irsley (Poynter is accredited to Downey but his USMC biography says he enlisted in Los Angeles) | Downey, CA (Los Angeles, CA) | Korean War |
| Quinn, Peter H. | San Francisco, CA | Philippine Insurrection |
| Rascon, Alfred V. (Rascon's accreditation varies by source. The CRS states he entered the service at Fort Ord) | Los Angeles, CA (Fort Ord, CA) | Vietnam War |
| Reed, James C. | San Francisco, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Regan, Patrick J. | Los Angeles, CA | World War I |
| Roark, Anund Charles | Los Angeles, CA | Vietnam War |
| Roberts, Harold William | San Francisco, CA | World War I |
| Rocco, Louis Richard | Los Angeles, CA | Vietnam War |
| Rodriguez, Joseph Charles | San Bernardino, CA | Korean War |
| Romesha, Clinton Lovar | California, possibly Cedarville | War on Terror-Afghanistan |
| Rose, Gary Michael (Rose's accreditation varies by source) | Panarama City or Los Angeles, CA | Vietnam War |
| Salomon, Jr, Ben Louis (Some sources say Salomon is accredited to Wisconsin and others Colorado. Salomon was living in California in 1940. Was a practicing dentist there and still there in 1942 when a brother died. The Nat'l Archives service recap shows he enlisted in California.) | Denver, CO, Milwaukee, WI (Los Angeles, CA) | World War II |
| Seibert, Lloyd Martin | Salinas, CA | World War I |

ENTERED SERVICE IN CALIFORNIA (Continued):

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| Shiels, George Franklin | California | Philippine Insurrection |
| Shockley, William Ralph | Selma, CA | World War II |
| Silva, France | San Francisco, CA | China Relief |
| Smith, Eugene Patrick | California | Interim Awards 1915-1916 |
| Smith, Otto | Sacramento, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Smith, William | San Francisco, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Stanley, Edward | San Francisco, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Stewart, George Evans | New York, NY (Hamilton, NY or San Francisco, CA) | Philippine Insurrection |
| (Stewart's first enlistment was in California. He then had a 2-day break in service before reenlisting in Hamilton, NY) | | |
| Stoltenberg, Andrew Vincent | Mare Island, CA | Philippine Insurrection |
| Strivson, Benoni | Sacramento, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Swett, James Elms | San Mateo, CA | World War II |
| Tanouye, Ted Takayuki | Torrance or Fort MacArthur, San Pedro CA | World War II |
| (Tanouye's accreditation varies by source. The Nat'l Archives service recap shows he enlisted at Ft. MacArthur) | | |
| Taylor, James Allen | San Francisco, CA | Vietnam War |
| Thompson, Henry | San Francisco, CA | Interim Awards 1871-1898 |
| Timmerman, Grant Frederick | Kansas (California) | World War II |
| (Timmerman is accredited to Kansas but his USMC bio says he was working in San Francisco and re-enlisted after Pearl Harbor. Muster rolls don't specifically say where but San Diego CA is very likely). | | |
| Turner, George Benton | Los Angeles,(San Francisco) CA | World War II |
| (Turner is accredited to Los Angeles but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he enlisted in San Francisco) | | |
| Upham, Oscar Jefferson | Illinois (Mare Island, CA) | China Relief |
| (Upham is accredited to Illinois but USMC muster rolls show he enlisted in CA) | | |

ENTERED SERVICE IN CALIFORNIA (Continued):

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| Viale, Robert M. (Viale is accredited to Ukiah but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he enlisted in Eureka) | Ukiah, (Eureka) CA | World War II |
| Villegas, Ysmael Reyes (Villegas is accredited to Casa Blanca but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he enlisted in Los Angeles) | Casa Blanca, (Los Angeles) CA | World War II |
| Von Schlick, Robert Henry | San Francisco, CA | China Relief |
| Ware, Keith Lincoln | Glendale, CA | World War II |
| Waybur, David Crowder (Waybur is accredited to Piedmont but the Nat'l Archives service recap shows he enlisted in San Francisco) | Piedmont, (San Francisco) CA | World War II |
| Weaver, Amos A. | San Francisco, CA | Philippine Insurrection |
| West, Chester Howard (West is accredited to Los Banos but the Muster rolls from the Nat'l Archives show he enlisted in Merced) | Los Banos, (Merced) CA | World War I |
| Westermark, Axel | California | China Relief |
| Williams, Louis (Double recipient) | San Francisco, CA | Interim Awards 1871-1898 |
| Williston, Edward Bancroft | San Francisco, CA | Civil War |
| Woods, Samuel (Woods is accredited to California but his enlistment was in either New Bedford or Boston, MA) | California (Massachusetts) | Civil War |
| Worley, Kenneth Lee | Fresno, CA | Vietnam War |
| Young, Frank Albert (The Navy says Young is accredited to Wisconsin, USMC biography says enlisted in CA. USMC Muster rolls agree.) | Wisconsin (Mare Island, CA) | China Relief |
| Young, Robert Harley | Vallejo, CA | Korean War |
| Yount, John P. | Sacramento, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Zion, William, True name William Arthur Zion | Mare Island, CA | China Relief |

Medal Earned In California

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| Boers, Edward William | Aboard Ship, At Sea "off San Diego, CA" | Interim Awards 1899-1910 |
| Brock, George Frederick | Aboard Ship, At Sea "off San Diego, CA" | Interim Awards 1899-1910 |
| Clausey, John Joseph | Aboard Ship, At Sea "off San Diego, CA" | Interim Awards 1899-1910 |
| Cronan, William Sanger | Aboard Ship, At Sea "off San Diego, CA" | Interim Awards 1899-1910 |
| Davis, Raymond Erwin | Aboard Ship, At Sea "off San Diego, CA" | Interim Awards 1899-1910 |
| Fadden, Harry Delmar | At Sea, off the California coast | Interim Awards 1899-1910 |
| Fredericksen, Emil | Aboard Ship, At Sea "off San Diego, CA" | Interim Awards 1899-1910 |
| Grbitch, Rade | Aboard Ship, At Sea "off San Diego, CA" | Interim Awards 1899-1910 |
| Green, John | Lava Beds, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Hill, Frank Ebenezer | Aboard Ship, At Sea "off San Diego, CA" | Interim Awards 1899-1910 |
| Hutchins, Carlton Barmore | at Sea, off Southern California coast | Interim Awards 1920-1940 |
| Johnson, William | Navy yard, Mare Island, CA | Interim Awards 1871-1898 |
| Lakin, Thomas | Navy Yard, Mare Island, CA | Interim Awards 1871-1898 |
| Nelson, Oscar Frederick | Aboard Ship, At Sea "off San Diego, CA" | Interim Awards 1899-1910 |
| Parker, Alexander | Navy Yard, Mare Island, CA | Interim Awards 1871-1898 |
| Schmidt, Otto Diller | Aboard Ship, At Sea "off San Diego, CA" | Interim Awards 1899-1910 |

MEDALS EARNED IN CALIFORNIA (Continued):

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| Shacklette , William Sidney | Aboard Ship, At Sea "off San Diego, CA" | Interim Awards 1899-1910 |
| Skinner , John Oscar | Lava Beds, CA | Indian Campaigns |
| Thompson , Henry | Mare Island, CA | Interim Awards 1871-1898 |