



Medal of Honor Recipients

Specialist Four Edward A. DeVore Jr. Vietnam War

Born: June 15, 1947 Torrance, California, US

Died: March 18, 1968 (aged 20) near Saigon, Republic of Vietnam

Allegiance: United States

Service/branch: United States Army

Years of service: 1966–1968

Rank: Specialist Four

Unit: Company B, 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division

Battles/wars: Vietnam War

Awards: Medal of Honor, Purple Heart

Specialist DeVore's official Medal of Honor citation reads:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Sp4c. DeVore, distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on the afternoon of 17 March 1968, while serving as a machine gunner with Company B, on a [reconnaissance-in-force](#) mission approximately 5 kilometers south of Saigon. Sp4c. DeVore's platoon, the company's lead element, abruptly came under intense fire from automatic weapons, [Claymore mines](#), rockets and grenades from well-concealed bunkers in a [nipa palm](#) swamp. One man was killed and 3 wounded about 20 meters from the bunker complex. Sp4c. DeVore raced through a hail of fire to provide a base of fire with his machine gun, enabling the point element to move the wounded back to friendly lines. After supporting [artillery](#), [gunships](#) and air strikes had been employed on the enemy positions, a squad was sent forward to retrieve their fallen comrades. Intense enemy frontal and [enfilading](#) automatic weapons fire pinned down this element in the [kill zone](#). With complete disregard for his personal safety, Sp4c. DeVore assaulted the enemy positions. Hit in the shoulder and knocked down about 35 meters short of his objectives, Sp4c. DeVore, ignoring his pain and the warnings of his fellow soldiers, jumped to his feet and continued his assault under intense hostile fire. Although mortally wounded during this advance, he continued to place highly accurate [suppressive fire](#) upon the entrenched insurgents. By drawing the enemy fire upon himself, Sp4c. DeVore enabled the trapped squad to rejoin the platoon in safety. Sp4c. DeVore's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty in close combat were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the 39th Infantry, and the U.S. Army.^[2]



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Private First Class James W. Fous Vietnam War

Born: October 14, 1946 Omaha, Nebraska, US

Died: May 14, 1968 (aged 21) Kiên Hòa Province, Republic of Vietnam

Allegiance: United States

Service/branch: United States Army

Years of service: 1967 - 1968

Rank: Private First Class

Unit: 47th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division

Battles/wars: Vietnam War

Awards: Medal of Honor, Bronze Star, Purple Heart

Private Fous' official Medal of Honor citation reads:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Pfc. Fous distinguished himself at the risk of his life while serving as a [rifleman](#) with Company E. Pfc. Fous was participating in a [reconnaissance-in-force](#) mission when his unit formed its perimeter defense for the night. Pfc. Fous, together with 3 other American soldiers, occupied a position in a thickly vegetated area facing a woodline. Pfc. Fous detected 3 [Viet Cong](#) maneuvering toward his position and, after alerting the other men, directed accurate fire upon the enemy soldiers, silencing 2 of them. The third Viet Cong soldier managed to escape in the thick vegetation after throwing a hand grenade into Pfc. Fous' position. Without hesitation, Pfc. Fous shouted a warning to his comrades and leaped upon the lethal explosive, absorbing the blast with his body to save the lives of the 3 men in the area at the sacrifice of his life. Pfc. Fous' extraordinary heroism at the cost of his life were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the U.S. Army.^[2]



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Specialist Four George C. Lang Vietnam War

Born: April 20, 1947 Flushing, New York, US

Died: March 16, 2005 (aged 57) Seaford, New York, US

Place of burial: Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Westbury, New York

Allegiance: United States

Service/branch: United States Army

Rank: Specialist Four

Unit: 47th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division

Battles/wars: Vietnam War

Awards: Medal of Honor

Specialist Lang's official Medal of Honor citation reads:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Sp4 Lang, Company A, was serving as a [squad](#) leader when his unit, on a [reconnaissance](#)-in-force mission, encountered intense fire from a well fortified enemy bunker complex. Sp4 Lang observed an emplacement from which heavy fire was coming. Unhesitatingly, he assaulted the position and destroyed it with [hand grenades](#) and rifle fire. Observing another emplacement approximately 15 meters to his front, Sp4 Lang jumped across a canal, moved through heavy enemy fire to within a few feet of the position, and eliminated it, again using hand grenades and rifle fire. Nearby, he discovered a large cache of enemy ammunition. As he maneuvered his squad forward to secure the cache, they came under fire from yet a third bunker. Sp4 Lang immediately reacted, assaulted his position, and destroyed it with the remainder of his grenades. After returning to the area of the arms cache, his squad again came under heavy enemy rocket and automatic weapons fire from 3 sides and suffered 6 casualties. Sp4 Lang was 1 of those seriously wounded. Although immobilized and in great pain, he continued to direct his men until his evacuation was ordered over his protests. The sustained extraordinary courage and selflessness exhibited by this soldier over an extended period of time were an inspiration to his comrades and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Army.



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Private First Class Carl V. Sheridan World War II

Born: January 5, 1925 Baltimore, Maryland, US

Died: November 26, 1944 (aged 19) Weisweiler, Germany

Place of burial: Druid Ridge Cemetery Pikesville, Maryland

Allegiance: United States

Service/branch: United States Army

Years of service: 1943 - 1944

Rank: Private First Class

Unit: 47th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division

Battles/wars: World War II

Awards: Medal of Honor

Private First Class Sheridan's official Medal of Honor citation reads:

Attached to the 2d Battalion of the 47th Infantry on November 26, 1944, for the attack on Frenzenberg Castle, in the vicinity of Weisweiler, Germany, Company K, after an advance of 1,000 yards through a shattering barrage of enemy artillery and mortar fire, had captured 2 buildings in the courtyard of the castle but was left with an effective fighting strength of only 35 men. During the advance, Pfc. Sheridan, acting as a bazooka gunner, had braved the enemy fire to stop and procure the additional rockets carried by his ammunition bearer who was wounded. Upon rejoining his company in the captured buildings, he found it in a furious fight with approximately 70 enemy [paratroopers](#) occupying the castle gate house. This was a solidly built stone structure surrounded by a deep water-filled moat 20 feet wide. The only approach to the heavily defended position was across the courtyard and over a drawbridge leading to a barricaded oaken door. Pfc. Sheridan, realizing that his bazooka was the only available weapon with sufficient power to penetrate the heavy oak planking, with complete disregard for his own safety left the protection of the buildings and in the face of heavy and intense small-arms and grenade fire, crossed the courtyard to the drawbridge entrance where he could bring direct fire to bear against the door. Although handicapped by the lack of an assistant, and a constant target for the enemy fire that burst around him, he skillfully and effectively handled his awkward weapon to place two well-aimed rockets into the structure. Observing that the door was only weakened, and realizing that a gap must be made for a successful assault, he loaded his last rocket, took careful aim, and blasted a hole through the heavy planks. Turning to his company he shouted, "Come on, let's get them!" With his [.45](#) pistol blazing, he charged into the gaping entrance and was killed by the withering fire that met him. The final assault on Frezenberg Castle was made through the gap which Pfc. Sheridan gave his life to create.



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Sergeant William Shemin World War I

Born: October 14, 1896 Bayonne, New Jersey

Died: August 15, 1973 (aged 76) New York City

Place of burial: Baron Hirsch Cemetery

Allegiance: United States of America

Service/branch: United States Army

Years of service: 1917 - 1919

Rank: Sergeant

Service number: 558173

Unit: Company G, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division

Battles/wars: World War I, Second Battle of the Marne

Awards: Medal of Honor, Purple Heart

Sergeant Shemin's official Medal of Honor citation reads:

Sergeant Shemin distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a Rifleman with G Company, 2d Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, 4th Division, American Expeditionary Forces, in connection with combat operations against an armed enemy on the Vesle River, near Bazoches, France from August 7 to August 9, 1918.

Sergeant Shemin left cover and crossed open space, repeatedly exposing himself to heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, to rescue wounded. After Officers and Senior Noncommissioned Officers had become casualties, Sergeant Shemin took command of the platoon and displayed great initiative under fire until wounded on August 9. Sergeant Shemin's extraordinary heroism and selflessness, above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.