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# **Medal of Honor**

## **Award Recommendation**



**Rank First M. Last**

**For conspicuous acts of  
gallantry and intrepidity, at the  
risk of life, above and beyond  
the call of duty on Month DD,  
YYYY during Operation [insert  
Op Name]**



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Award Recommendation  
for  
Rank  
First M. Last**



- A** Secretary of Defense Recommendation
- B** Secretary of the Air Force Recommendation
- C** Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Endorsement
- D** Combatant Commander Endorsement
- E** Chief of Staff of the Air Force Endorsement
- F** Medal of Honor Award Criteria
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**TAB A**

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: [Posthumous] Medal of Honor Recommendation for Rank First M. Last, United States Air Force

The Secretary of the Air Force recommends, and I concur, that you award the Medal of Honor [posthumously] to Rank First M. Last for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty on Month DD, YYY, in support of Operation [insert operation name] in [country]. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff concurs with award of the Medal of Honor.

The statutory authority for you to award this Medal of Honor, should you deem award is warranted, ends on Month DD, YYYY [insert date 5 years from date of valorous act]. The Medal of Honor citation and certificate are attached for your signature. The file supporting the recommendation is also attached.

Attachments:  
As stated

**TAB B**

**INSERT  
SECRETARY OF THE  
AIR FORCE MEDAL OF  
HONOR  
RECOMMENDATION  
MEMO TO THE  
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE**

**TAB C**

**RESERVED FOR  
CHAIRMAN OF THE  
JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
ENDORSEMENT**



**TAB D**

**RESERVED FOR  
COMBATANT  
COMMANDER  
ENDORSEMENT(S)**

# T A B E

**INSERT  
CHIEF OF STAFF  
OF THE  
AIR FORCE  
ENDORSEMENT**

**TAB F**

**10 USC 8741: Medal of honor: award**

Text contains those laws in effect on December 6, 2016

**From Title 10-ARMED FORCES**

Subtitle D-Air Force

PART II-PERSONNEL

CHAPTER 857-DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

**Jump To:**[Source Credit](#)[Amendments](#)**§8741. Medal of honor: award**

The President may award, and present in the name of Congress, a medal of honor of appropriate design, with ribbons and appurtenances, to a person who, while a member of the Air Force, distinguishes himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty-

(1) while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States;

(2) while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or

(3) while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 540 ; Pub. L. 88-77, §3(1), July 25, 1963, 77 Stat. 94 .)

## Historical and Revision Notes

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
8741	10:1403.	July 9, 1918, ch. 143, (8th par. under "Ordnance Department"), 40 Stat. 870 .

The words "That the provisions of existing law relating to the award of medals of honor to officers, noncommissioned officers, and privates of the Army be, and they hereby are, amended so that", in the Act of July 9, 1918, ch. 143 (8th par. under "Ordnance Department"), 40 Stat. 870, are not contained in 10:1403. They are also omitted from the revised section as surplusage. The word "member" is substituted for the words "officer or enlisted man". The word "only" is omitted as surplusage. The word "award" is inserted for clarity, since the President determines the recipient of the medal in addition to presenting it.

**AMENDMENTS**

1963-Pub. L. 88-77 enlarged the authority to award the medal of honor, which was limited to those cases in which persons distinguished themselves in action involving actual conflict with an enemy, to permit its award for distinguished service while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States, while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force, or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.

**TAB G**

**INSERT**  
**MOH Award**  
**Recommendation, Summary**  
**of Action [Narrative], and**  
**Command Endorsements**



**TAB H**

**INSERT**  
**MOH Summary/Witness**  
**Matrix, Witness Statement**  
**Table of Contents, and**  
**Associated Witness**  
**Statements**

**MOH Recommendation for Rank FIRST M. LAST**  
**Date of Valorous Actions: \_\_\_\_\_ (Insert MMM DD, YYYY), during the \_\_\_\_\_ (insert conflict/War)**

**Synopsis of Event: Provide a brief synopsis of the individuals valorous actions**

- Issues:** Identify any discrepancies with the MOH nomination
1. e.g., Witness statement provided by \_\_\_\_\_ indicates that he did not actually witness the event
  2. The source of the after action report provided to help justify the MOH nomination could not be verified
  3. The witness statement provided by \_\_\_\_\_ was not signed.

Witness (list witnesses below and identify which valorous actions they witnessed)	Witnessed _____ (insert rank and name of nominee) move among his troops under enemy fire without regard for his own safety	Witnessed _____ (insert rank and name of nominee) render assistance to or retrieve wounded troops while under enemy fire	Witnessed _____ (insert rank and name of nominee) silence an enemy position engaging his men	
First M. Last, Rank	Yes	Yes	Yes	
First M. Last, Rank	Yes	Yes	Yes - a fortified enemy position	
First M. Last, Rank	Yes	No	Yes - a fortified enemy position	
First M. Last, Rank	Yes	Yes – Saw member wounded by an enemy RPG while carrying a wounded Soldier	Yes - a fortified enemy position	

**WITNESS STATEMENTS FOR THE MEDAL OF HONOR NOMINATION  
FOR RANK FIRST M. LAST**

<b>TAB</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE OF STATEMENT</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>First M. Last</b>	<b>Month DD, YYYY</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>First M. Last</b>	<b>Month DD, YYYY</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>First M. Last</b>	<b>Month DD, YYYY</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>First M. Last</b>	<b>Month DD, YYYY</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>First M. Last</b>	<b>Month DD, YYYY</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>First M. Last</b>	<b>Month DD, YYYY</b>

**TAB 1**

**RESERVED FOR  
WITNESS STATEMENT**

**TAB 2**

**RESERVED FOR  
WITNESS STATEMENT**



**TAB 3**

**RESERVED FOR  
WITNESS STATEMENT**

**TAB 4**

**RESERVED FOR  
WITNESS STATEMENT**

# TAB I

**INSERT**  
**Additional MOH**  
**Substantiating and**  
**Supportint Documents**

**TAB J**

**INSERT**  
**Short Biography**  
**on**  
**Medal of Honor Nominee**



**TAB K**

**INSERT**  
**List of All Acronyms**  
**Used in**  
**Medal of Honor**  
**Recommendation**

## List of Acronyms Included in the MOH Recommendation for

155	Abb. For 155mm artillery shells	Tourniquet
7-8 tactics	Reference to FM 7-8, United States Infantry Rifle Platoon Field Manual	CCA
A-10	US Air Force Strike Aircraft	CCP
AAM	Army Achievement Medal	CDR
AAR	After-Action Review	CF
ABN	Airborne	CJSOTF-A
ACM	Anti-Coalition Militant	CJTF-82
ACU	Army Combat Uniform	Class Five
AFB	Air Force Base	Co
AFG	Afghanistan	COIN
AH-64	US Army Attack Helicopter	COMM
AK	Abb. For AK-47 7.62x39mm assault rifle	COMs
AK-47	Abb. For AK-47 7.62x39mm assault rifle	CONOP
ANA	Afghan National Army	CP
ANSF	Afghan National Security Forces	CRP
AOB	Advanced Operations Base	DA
AQSL	Al Qaeda Senior Leadership	DOR
AQ/TB	Al Qaeda/Taliban	DShK
AR 15-6	Army Regulation 15-6: Procedures for Investigating Officers and Boards of Officers	DSN
ARCOM	Army Commendation Medal	ECAS
ASG	Air Support Group or Area Support Group	ETA
ASO	Air Surveillance Officer	ETD
BDA	Battle Damage Assessment	ETT
BDU	Battle Dress Utilities (Uniform)	EXFIL
BLDG	Building	F-15 Strike
BN	Battalion	Eagle
BNCOC	Basic Non-commissioned Officer Course	FLOT
BSM	Bronze Star Medal	FMV
Bound (Forward/Back)	Tactical movement in conjunction with covering fire	FOB
C2	Command and Control	FRAGO
Carl Gustav	84mm Recoilless Rifle	Freaks [sic]
CAS	Close Air Support	FST
CAT	Combat Application	GB38
		GMV
		Going Black
		GPS
		GRG
		GSW
		HAW

## List of Acronyms Included in the MOH Recommendation for \_\_\_\_\_

	Weapon
HG	Hand Grenade (?)
HHC	Headquarters and Headquarters Company
HLZ	Helicopter Landing Zone
HQ	Headquarters
HVI	High Value Individual
IN	Infantry
INS	Insurgent
I/O	Investigating Officer
IR	Infra-Red
ISR	Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance
IVO	In View Of
JAG	Judge Advocate General
JDAM	Joint Direct Attack Munition
JTAC	Joint Tactical Air Controller
Junior 38	Slang for GBU 38
KIA	Killed In Action
LNO	Liaison Officer
LRAS	Long Range Advanced Scout Surveillance System used for detection and designation
LZ	Landing Zone
M-240B	M-240B, a US 7.62x51mm Medium Machine Gun
M-249	US 5.56x45mm Squad Automatic Weapon
M-4	US 5.56x45mm Carbine
MEDEVAC	Medical Evacuation
MFR	Memorandum For Record
MH-47	Special Operations Aircraft
Mk.19	US 40mm Automatic Grenade Launcher
Mk.47	US 40mm Automatic Grenade Launcher
MOH	Medal of Honor
MSR	Main Supply Route
MVMT	Movement
NCO	Non-commissioned Officer
NODs	Night-vision Optical Devices
NTISR	Non-Traditional Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance
NVG	Night Vision Goggles
OBJ	Objective
ODA	Operational Detachment

	Alpha
OGA	Other Government Agency
OSUT	One Station Unit Training
PAX	Personnel
PEQ2	Laser pointer used in conjunction with night-vision optics
PID	Positive Identification
PKM	12.7mm Russian-Made machinegun
PLT	Platoon
POC	Point of Contact
PTT	Push-to-Talk
QRF	Quick Reaction Force
RGR	Ranger
RGT	Regiment
RIP	Ranger Indoctrination Program
ROE	Rules of Engagement
RPG	Rocket Propelled Grenade
RPK	7.62x39mm Russian-made Squad Automatic Weapon
RTO	Radio Transceiver Operator
SAF	Small Arms Fire
SALT	Size, Activity, Location, Time
SATCOM	Satellite Communications
SAW	Squad Automatic Weapon
Scrape Run	Slang for strafing run
SF	Special Forces
SFG	Special Forces Group
SIGINT	Signal Intelligence
SITREP	Situation Report
SOTF	Special Operations Task Force
TCCC	Tactical Casualty Combat Care
TF	Task Force
TGO	Terminal Guidance Operation
TIC	Troops in Contact
TOC	Tactical Operations Center
TTP	Tactics, Techniques and Procedures
USSF	United States Special Forces
VBIED	Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device
VDO	Very Distant Object

## List of Acronyms Included in the MOH Recommendation for \_\_\_\_\_

<b>VS-17</b>	<b>Reflective marking panel</b>
<b>WIA</b>	<b>Wounded In Action</b>
<b>WLC</b>	<b>Warrior Leader Course</b>
<b>XO</b>	<b>Executive Officer</b>

### Army Ranks

<b>PVT</b>	<b>Private</b>
<b>PV2</b>	<b>Private E-2</b>
<b>PFC</b>	<b>Private First Class</b>
<b>SPC</b>	<b>Specialist</b>
<b>SGT</b>	<b>Sergeant</b>
<b>SSG</b>	<b>Staff Sergeant</b>
<b>SFC</b>	<b>Sergeant First Class</b>
<b>MSG</b>	<b>Master Sergeant</b>
<b>1SG</b>	<b>First Sergeant</b>
<b>SGM</b>	<b>Sergeant Major</b>
<b>SMA</b>	<b>Sergeant Major of the Army</b>
<b>WO1</b>	<b>Warrant Officer 1</b>
<b>CWO2</b>	<b>Chief Warrant Officer 2</b>
<b>CWO3</b>	<b>Chief Warrant Officer 3</b>
<b>CWO4</b>	<b>Chief Warrant Officer 4</b>
<b>CWO5</b>	<b>Chief Warrant Officer 5</b>
<b>2LT</b>	<b>Second Lieutenant</b>
<b>1LT</b>	<b>First Lieutenant</b>
<b>CPT</b>	<b>Captain</b>
<b>MAJ</b>	<b>Major</b>
<b>LTC</b>	<b>Lieutenant Colonel</b>
<b>COL</b>	<b>Colonel</b>
<b>BG</b>	<b>Brigadier General</b>
<b>MG</b>	<b>Major General</b>
<b>LTG</b>	<b>Lieutenant General</b>
<b>GEN</b>	<b>General</b>

**TAB L**

**INSERT**  
**Medal of Honor**  
**Recommendation**  
**Timeline**



**MEDAL OF HONOR TIMELINE  
FOR  
RANK FIRST M. LAST**



<b>Date</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Month DD, YYYY</b>	<b>Valorous action(s) performed in _____</b>
<b>Month DD, YYYY</b>	<b>Rank Last recommended for award of the Medal of Honor (MOH)</b>
<b>Month DD, YYYY</b>	<b>_____ endorses MOH recommendation</b>
<b>Month DD, YYYY</b>	<b>_____ endorses MOH recommendation</b>
<b>Month DD, YYYY</b>	<b>Chief of Staff of the Air Force endorses MOH recommendation</b>
<b>Month DD, YYYY</b>	<b>Secretary of the Air Force recommends award of the MOH to the Secretary of Defense</b>