

COURT OF VALOR

KEY OF ABBREVIATIONS

RANK

1LT: First Lieutenant
CDR: Commander
COL: Colonel
CPL: Corporal
CPO: Chief Petty Officer
CPT: Captain
CW2: Chief Warrant Officer 2
GMC: Chief Gunner's Mate
LCPL: Lance Corporal
LTC: Lieutenant Colonel
MAJ: Major
MSG: Master Sergeant
PFC: Private First Class
PO1: Petty Officer First Class
PO2: Petty Officer Second Class
PO3: Petty Officer Third Class
PVT: Private
SGM: Sergeant Major
S1C: Seaman First Class
S2C: Seaman Second Class
SFC: Sergeant First Class
SGT: Sergeant
SP4: Specialist Fourth Class
SP5: Specialist Fifth Class
SPC: Specialist
SST: Staff Sergeant
T4: Technician Fourth Class
T5: Technician Fifth Class
TSGT: Technical Sergeant

BRANCH

AAC: Army Air Corps (created 1926 as part of U.S. Army; became ARMY AF 1941)
ARMY: Army
ARMYAF: Army Air Force (military aviation arm during and immediately after WWII)
MM: Merchant Marine
NAVY: United States Navy
USAF: United States Air Force (formed in 1947, but initially part of the U.S. Army)
USCG: United States Coast Guard
USMC: United States Marine Corps

MEDALS

ACM: Army Commendation Medal (awarded for valor only)
AM: Air Medal (awarded for valor only)
BSM: Bronze Star
DFC: Distinguished Flying Cross
KIA: Killed in Action
MH: Medal of Honor
NAM: Navy/USMC Achievement Medal (awarded for valor only)
NCM: Navy/USMC Commendation Medal (awarded for valor only)
NC: Navy Cross
NMCM: Navy Marine Corps Medal
PH: Purple Heart
POW: Prisoner of War
SS: Silver Star
WIA: Wounded in Action (Civil War equivalent to Purple Heart)

PERIOD SERVED

CW: Civil War
GWT: Global War on Terror (Operation Iraqi Freedom and combat in Afghanistan)
KOR: Korea
PG: Persian Gulf 1989-1991
VN: Vietnam
WWI: World War I
WWII: World War II