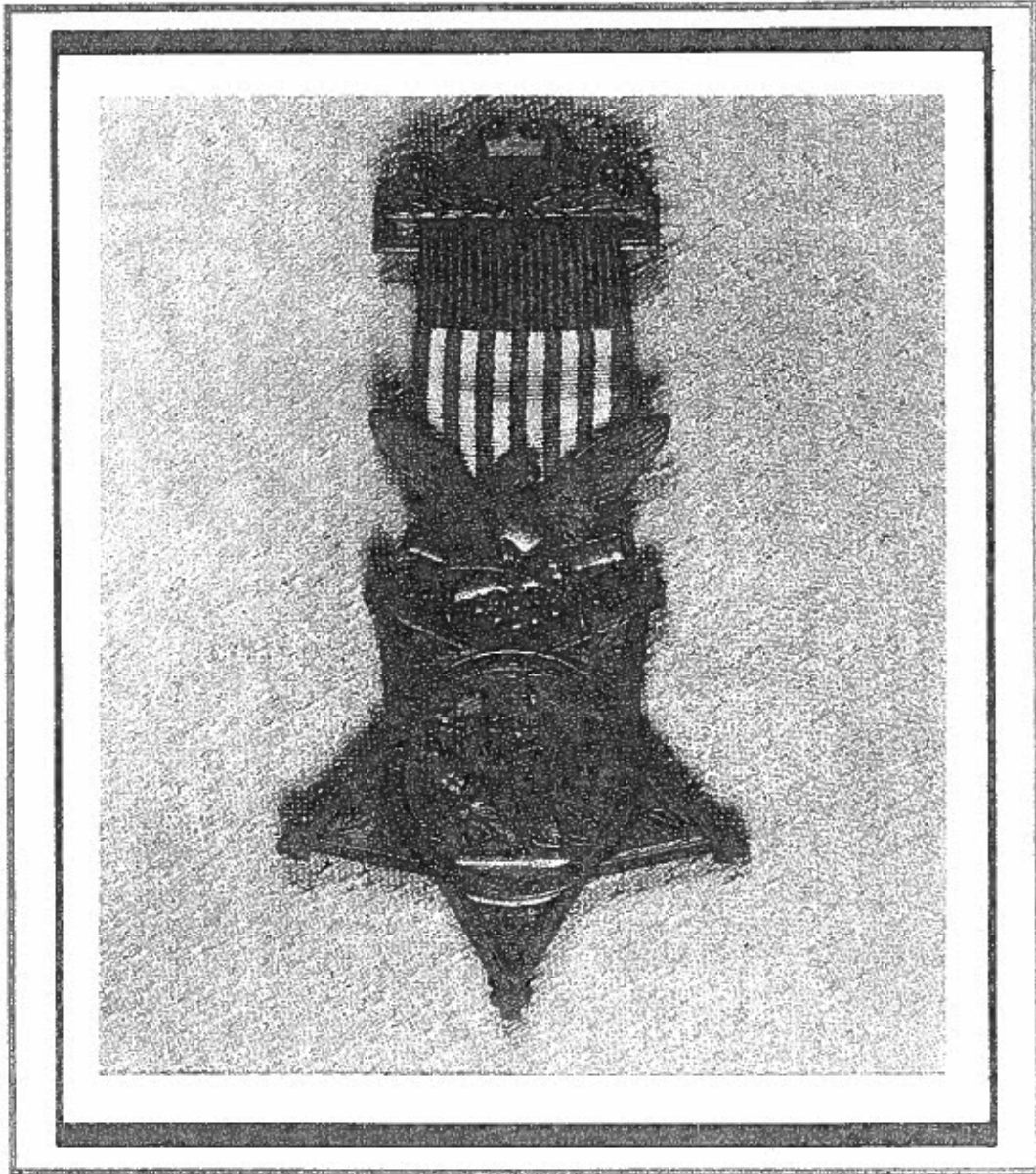


THE MEDAL OF HONOR

The Medal of Honor is the highest distinction which can be awarded to a member of the Armed Services of the United States. It is presented by the President, in the name of Congress, to an individual who while serving in the Armed Forces "distinguished himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty."

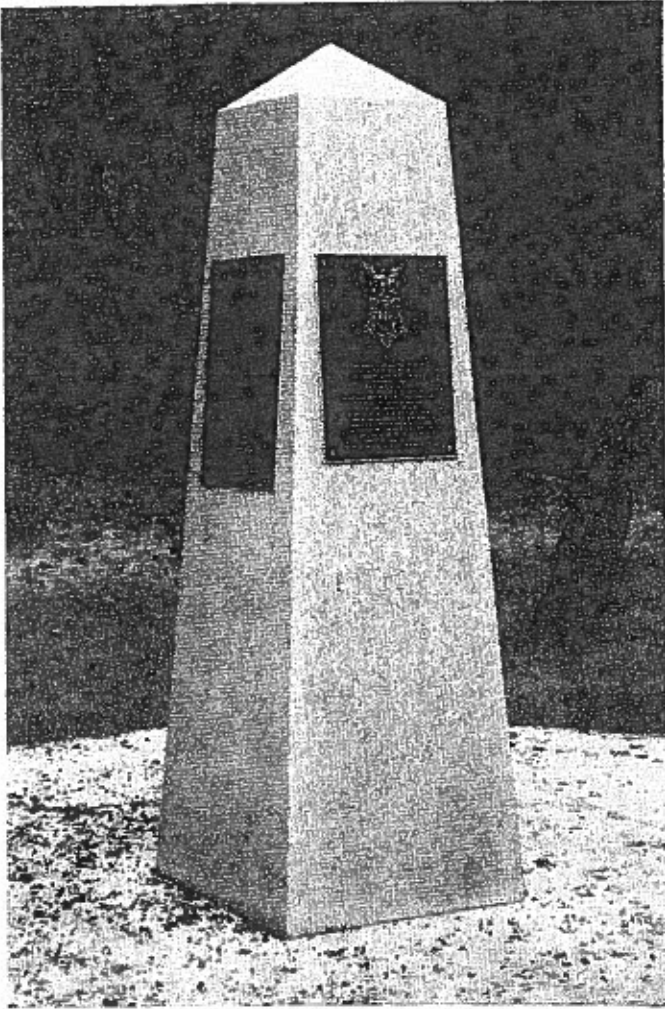
A O H MEMORIAL



DEDICATION OF A MONUMENT Honoring Recipients of the Medal of Honor Not Accredited to a State



The Medal of Honor Grove
Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania
Saturday, August 24, 1985



THE MEMORIAL AREA

The focal point of this Memorial Area is a seven-foot, seven-inch high obelisk of Wicklow granite imported from Ireland centered on an octagonal plaza. It is located near the entrance of the Medal of Honor Grove overlooking a small man-made pond. The Memorial Area, including the obelisk of Wicklow granite, has been made possible through the generous voluntary contributions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America and other patriotic individuals in the United States and in Ireland.



THE MEDAL OF HONOR GROVE

The Medal of Honor Grove at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge contains 52 acres of natural woodland and is designed as a living memorial to the 3414 recipients of our nation's highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor. A section of the grove is designated for each of the fifty states, plus Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. Each state area has a 7'7" obelisk centered on a 25 foot square brick plaza. Each Medal of Honor recipient is identified by a stainless steel marker with the names and organization of the recipient and the date and location of the act of valor. Each marker is mounted beside a living tree, where possible.

The Medal of Honor Grove contains a number of features. The General Henry Knox Building contains the citation and personal history for each Medal of Honor recipient and various displays of Medals and artifacts. The George Washington at Prayer Statue overlooks the amphitheater. The Patriots Path shows various medals for heroism and service for each of the Armed Services.

The Medal of Honor Grove was the subject of the following editorial comments in the Copley News Sacramento Union:

"But the persons who have heard forests praying, and who know that only God can make a tree, will find their inspiration in the Grove itself. There, they can watch the exhilarating inspiration of His botanical works with the singular greatness He has bestowed upon those men who possess the qualities to earn a Medal of Honor."

History of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH)

The AOH traces its origin to Ireland in the year 1565, but its roots in Irish history stretch back to the days of the Fianna, the knightly Irish order of almost 2000 years ago. In 1836 Irish immigrants in New York City and later in the coal fields of Pennsylvania received permission to form branches, called divisions, in America. By the late 1850's the organization had spread to about a dozen states and several thousand members in cities and towns where the Irish immigrant population was strong. Although the aims of the AOH included the preservation of the cultural traditions of the old world, a major effort of the order was to acclimatize the newly arrived immigrant to his American surroundings.

This merger of the old and new world produced many fine new patriots, but sometimes patriotism can demand a heavy price. On July 4, 1853, the AOH Divisions marching in New York's Independent Day parade were attacked by anti-Irish mobs. After several years the organization was able to safely participate in July 4 commemorations.

Although not a military order, a civic society like the AOH with many young men in its ranks proved a great asset to the country with the outbreak of civil war in 1861. Hibernians rushed to defend the flag in great numbers. Whole divisions such as Pittsburgh's and others in Boston entered the military en masse with other members joining as individuals across the country. A major conference of the order was held in Philadelphia in 1862 to devote its energies to the war effort. For many years thereafter the AOH ranks on St. Patrick's Day won public acclaim for the large number of G.A.R. medals (The Civil War Veterans Organizations) worn by AOH members.

In the Spanish-American War in 1898, Hibernians once again answered their country's call. The Hibernian Rifles, an AOH militia unit of the time, provided trained members to the American forces. The tradition of volunteer Hibernian units persisted down to World War I.

Today the Ancient Order of Hibernians is the nation's oldest and largest Catholic Lay organization and the only nation-wide Irish American fraternal group. It is organized from New York to Alaska and California with chapters ranging from local to national levels. It is involved in a variety of cultural, educational and philanthropic endeavors.

IRELAND

1st Sgt. Richard Barrett, USA
Sgt. Major Augustus Barry, USA
Pvt. James Bell, USA
Pvt. Edward Branagan, USA
Sgt. James Brown, USA
Farrier Patrick J. Burke, USA
Pvt. Richard Burke, USA
Sgt. Denis Byrne, USA
Pvt. Thomas Carroll, USA
Pvt. George Carter, USA
Cpl. John Connor, USA
Col. Charles H. Dickens, USA
Sgt. Cornelius Donavan, USA
Pvt. Daniel Farren, USA
Sgt. James Fegan, USA
Sgt. John H. Foley, USA
Pvt. Nicholas Foran, USA
Pvt. Michael Glynn, USA
Sgt. Patrick Golden, USA
Pvt. Frank Hamilton, USA
Pvt. Thomas P. Higgins, USA
1st Sgt. Henry Hogan, USA

Cpl. Daniel Keating, USA
Pvt. John Keenan, USA
Pvt. Charles Kelley, USA
2nd Class Fireman John Kelley, USN
Pvt. Thomas Kelley, USA
Pvt. John Kennedy, USA
Pvt. Philip Kennedy, USA
Sgt. Thomas Kerrigan, USA
Farrier David Larkin, USA
Pvt. James Lenihan, USA
Col. Patrick J. Leonard, USA
Sgt. Patrick T. Leonard, USA
Sgt. George Loyd, USA
Sgt. Patrick Martin, USA
Pvt. William McCabe, USA
Pvt. Bernard McCann, USA
1st Sgt. Michael A. McGann, USA
Col. Owen McGough, USA
Sgt. Michael McLoughlin, USA
1st Sgt. James McNally, USA
1st Sgt. William McNamara, USA

Sgt. Robert McPhelan, USA
1st Sgt. John Mitchell, USA
Col. John J. Mitchell, USA
Chief Maa Daniel Montague, USA
Pvt. John Moran, USA
1st Sgt. James L. Morris, USA
Pvt. Edward Murphy, USA
Pvt. Jeremiah Murphy, USA
Cpl. Philip Murphy, USA
Col. Thomas Murphy, USA
Sgt. Thomas Murray, USA
Farrier Richard J. Nolan, USA
Pvt. Timothy O'Connor, USA
Pvt. Moses Orr, USA
Pvt. George C. Platt, USA
Sgt. Frederick Platten, USA
Pvt. James C. Reed, USA
1st Sgt. Joseph Robinson, USA
1st Sgt. David Roche, USA
Sgt. Patrick Rogan, USA
Pvt. David Ryan, USA
1st Sgt. Dennis Ryan, USA

AUSTRALIA

Captain of the Afterguard
W.H. Belpitt, USN

CANADA

Pvt. James Anderson, USA
Sgt. Ovila Cayer, USA
Coxswain Thomas Fitzpatrick, USN
Pvt. Thomas H. Gay, USA
Blacksmith
Mosher A. Harding, USA
Pvt. John Kilmartin, USA
Pvt. Herbert Mahers, USA
1st Sgt. Michael McCarthy, USA
Cpl. Stephen O'Neill, USA
Landsman William Pelham, USN
Cpl. Benjamin F. Young, USA

DENMARK

Cpl. Julius Schou, USA

ENGLAND

Sgt. William Foster, USA
Pvt. Henry Holden, USA
Cpl. John James, USA
Pvt. John Kay, USA
Landsman James F. Merton, USN
Seaman Charles Moore, USN
Sgt. John Moriarity, USA
Trumpeter Isaac Payne, USA
Pvt. Edward Pengally, USA
Pvt. Thomas J. Smith, USA
QM Sgt. George C. Williams, USA
Sgt. William Winterbottom, USA

FRANCE

Paymaster's Steward M. Aheam,
USN
Sgt. Henry Falcott, USA
Sgt. Stanislaus Roy, USA
Landsman Paul Tobin, USN

Of America's 3414 Medal of Honor recipients, the record shows that 254 were born in Ireland. Listed on this page are 150 foreign-born recipients from at least 14 countries who cannot be accredited to a State due to lack of documentation. Of this group, 65 are credited with Irish birth.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America is proud to have been afforded the opportunity to provide this fitting memorial area not only to these military heroes of Irish birth, but to all foreign-born who distinguished themselves conspicuously in service to their adopted country.

Joseph A. Roche
National President
Ancient Order of
Hibernians in America

GERMANY

Cpl. Heinrich Bertram, USA
Cpl. Frank Bratling, USA
Pvt. Hermann Fichter, USA
Pilot Martin Freeman, USN
Pvt. Charles Gardner, USA
Pvt. John Georgian, USA
Sgt. Major Frederick W. Gerber,
USA
Blacksmith Albert Glavinski, USA
Cpl. Paul Haupt, USA
Pvt. Clamor Heise, USA
Sgt. Lehmann Hinemann, USA
Sgt. Bernhard Jetter, USA
Sgt. John Kaiser, USA
CCM Robert Klein, USN
1st Sgt. Wendelin Kreher, USA
Landsman William F. Lukes, USN
Sgt. John May, USA
Pvt. Adam Neder, USA
1st Sgt. Henry Newman, USA
Blacksmith Wilhelm O.
Philipsen, USA
Pvt. John Raerick, USA
Pvt. Henry Rodenburg, USA
Pvt. Peter Roth, USA
1st Sgt. Conrad Schmidt, USA
Wagoner John Schnitzer, USA
Pvt. Charles Schroeter, USA
Sgt. Martin Schwenk, USA
Pvt. William Shaffer, USA
Saddler Christian Steiner, USA
1st Sgt. Jacob Trautman, USA
Sgt. George Uhrl, USA
Saddler Otto Voit, USA
Sgt. Rudolph Von Medem, USA
1st Sgt. Jacob Widmer, USA
1st Sgt. Henry Wilkens, USA
Pvt. John L. Younker, USA

NORWAY

Chief Watertend,
J.J. Johannessen, USN
Chief Gunner's Mate
M. Monssen, USN

PHILIPPINES

Sgt. Jose Calugas, USA
Fireman 2nd Cl. T. Trinidad, USN

SCOTLAND

Sgt. Fred S. Hay, USA
Pvt. James Lawrence, USA
Sgt. John Mott, USA

SOUTH WALES

Pvt. Gregory Mahoney, USA

SWEDEN

Pvt. Frederick Bergerndahl, USA
1st Sgt. Theodore Ragnar, USA

SWITZERLAND

Pvt. Albert Knaak, USA
1st Sgt. Rudolph Stauffer, USA
Saddler Julius H. Stickoffer, USA
Farrier Ernest Veuve, USA

WEST INDIES

Bugler Thomas Little, USA

BIRTHPLACE UNKNOWN

Landsman Aaron Anderson, USN
Watertender E. Fredericksen, USN
Seaman Thomas Jenkins, USN
Seaman John Taylor, USN
Seaman Henry Thompson, USN



Dedication Ceremony

August 24, 1985
2:00 P.M.



MUSICAL SELECTIONS

"New Jersey's Own"
The 19th Army Band
Fort Dix, NJ
Under the Direction of CW3 David A. Ratliff

PRESIDING

Robert W. Miller, President
Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge

INVOCATION

Reverend Thomas J. Doyle, S.J.
Chaplain
Philadelphia County Board AOH

ADVANCE THE COLORS

U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard
Manatawny Detachment
Pottstown, Pennsylvania
The Tara Pipes and Drums Color Guard
AOH Division 15, Nassau County
Massapequa Park, New York

28th Massachusetts, Co. B Color Guard
Irish Brigade

RAISING OF THE STARS AND STRIPES

James Browne
National Historian, AOH
John Concannon
Former Assistant Editor
National Hibernian Digest
Margaret Rust
Past National President
Ladies AOH

Lieutenant Colonel Charles Shea
AOH, New York (69th NY Infantry Regiment)
Medal of Honor Recipient
2nd Lieutenant, US Army World War II

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Nicholas Murphy
National Vice President, AOH

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The 19th Army Band

GREETING

Robert W. Miller

"THE FREEDOM TREE"

Sarah E. Murphy
National President, Ladies AOH

UNVEILING OF MONUMENT

Robert Emmett O'Malley
AOH, New York
Medal of Honor Recipient
Corporal, US Marine Corps - Vietnam

Colonel Paul R. Jeffrey, US Army (Ret.)
AOH, Virginia

David R. Burke
Former National Director, AOH

Barbara O'Neill
Representing Charles Haughey T.D.

PRESENTATION OF MONUMENT

Joseph Sullivan
Chairman, AOH Medal of Honor Committee

ACCEPTANCE OF MONUMENT

Rear Admiral Robert H. Speck, USN (Ret.) Trustee
Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge

REMARKS ON IRISH MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

Honorable James Flavin
Consul General of Ireland

UNVEILING IRISH MEMORIAL TREE MARKER

Charles A. MacGillivray
AOH, Massachusetts
Medal of Honor Recipient
T/Sgt.; US Army World War II

Liam Murphy
Former Editor
National Hibernian Digest

John Ridge
Former Deputy National Historian, AOH

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"O'Donnell ABU"
The Tara Pipes and Drums
Matt O'Reilly, Band Master

DEDICATORY ADDRESS

Joseph A. Roche, National President
Ancient Order of Hibernians in America

HONORS

Musket Salute
28th Massachusetts, Co. B
Irish Brigade
1st Sgt. A. Collin MacDonald

"TAPS"

The 19th Army Band

RETIRE THE COLORS

U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard
The Tara Pipes and Drums Color Guard
Irish Brigade Color Guard

BENEDICTION

Reverend Sylvan Brennan
Deputy National Chaplain