



Medal of Honor Character Development Program



Goals for Today

- Introduce the Medal of Honor CDP resources
- Learn about the Medal of Honor & its Recipients
- Explore CDP lessons
- Share integration strategies



About the Program



Medal of Honor Character Development Program



<https://vimeo.com/154220406>



About the Program

Who are we?

- What grade do you teach?
 - Elementary
 - Middle School
 - High School
- What subject do you teach?
- How familiar are you with the Medal of Honor Character Development Program?



About the Program

- The lessons are centered on six core values:

Courage

Sacrifice

Commitment

Integrity

Citizenship

Patriotism

- Designed by educators for educators
- Easily integrated within current academic & counseling standards
- At no cost to educators or their districts



About the Program

It is...

- A flexible, engaging way to introduce character values to students
- Real world examples that prompt critical thinking, collaboration, and self reflection
- Inclusive of all students
- Multiple resources, including:
 - High school/middle school
 - Elementary school

It is not...

- Just for Social Studies or English classes
- A military recruitment tool
- Glorification or glamorization of war
- Political

“Heroes” you already know



**Think about someone
in your life who has
dedicated themselves
to serving others.**

(military, medical profession,
teacher, etc.)

- Who are they?
- How have they dedicated themselves to serving others?
- How do you think they would like their service to be remembered?
- In the Chat Section type in 1-2 adjectives to describe this person



Lesson Investigation: Selfless Service Lesson A1

Students will...

- Organize ideas, concepts, and information to make personal connections to the idea of service
- Provide sufficient facts and concrete details or examples to allow for the audience to make connections to person highlighted in this lesson
- Initiate and participate effectively in collaborative discussions



What do we know about the Medal of Honor?

On a scale of 1 to 5, rate your knowledge of the Medal of Honor
(1 = novice and 5 = expert)



A brief history of the Medal of Honor?

<https://vimeo.com/180770360>



About the Medal of Honor

- The highest military award of the United States
- Given for “conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty...”
- Submitted by peer(s) who witnessed the action and validated by eyewitness accounts
- Awardees are referred to as “Recipients” rather than “winners”; it was not a competition



About the Medal of Honor

- Signed into law in 1861 by President Lincoln
- 3506 total Recipients of the Medal of Honor (as of 7/7/2020)
- 69 living Recipients of the Medal of Honor, which make up the Congressional Medal Of Honor Society (as of 7/7/2020)

**Navy
Marines
Coast Guard**



Army



Air Force

Lesson Investigation





The Six Core Values

courage

commitment

integrity

citizenship

sacrifice

patriotism



Students will...

- Analyze how events develop and interact over the course of a text
- Evaluate a speaker's point of view and reasoning
- Identify alternative solutions to a problem

Lesson

Investigation:

Overcoming Obstacles

Lesson C7



While watching...

- Identify 2-3 obstacles within the video
- Analyze whether or not he overcomes each obstacle
- Using the Chat feature comment on one of the obstacles



Medal Of Honor Recipient Melvin Morris





Overcoming Obstacles

with Melvin Morris

3-2-1 Reflection Worksheet

- Describe **three** things that stood out to you from this video
- Develop **two** questions that you still have after watching the video
- Explain **one** way that you have made a personal connection to this story or the obstacles that were encountered



Overcoming Obstacles: Personal Connections

I've never been in a situation similar to this one, I couldn't imagine it either. I commend not only the medal of honor people but everyone who is brave enough to put their lives at risk for others, it inspires me to be more selfless and to step up and help others even in situations in today's society & not only in a dier event.



Citizen Service Before Self Honors

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About Citizen Honors

- Medal of Honor Recipients want to recognize civilians who demonstrate heroism and a commitment to service
- Awardees are chosen by the Medal of Honor Society
- Nominations are submitted through our website



About Citizen Honors

Given to people and groups who exemplify the six core values within these categories:

Valor Awards

- Singular Act of Heroism Award
- Young Hero Award

Service Awards

- Service Act Award
- Youth Service Award
- Community Service Award

Citizen Honors within the CDP

- Students will make connections to heroes in their own communities
- Students will identify ways to serve those around them in everyday settings





Exploring the Resources



Character Development Program Access Opportunities

- Website: www.themedalofhonor.com
- Thumb Drive
- Webinars
- In-person Trainings



Medal of Honor Character Values Lesson

LESSON A2

Selfless Service

LESSON TIME: 
One Class Session

OBJECTIVES

Students will:

- identify individuals who selflessly serve others
- analyze the impact those people have on their communities
- reflect on how they can embody the admirable qualities they recognize in others

Introductory Activity:

The teacher will ask students to write a short paragraph describing individuals who they know who have dedicated themselves to serving others. Students should answer these questions in their paragraphs:

- Who is a person that you know who has dedicated himself/herself to serving others?
- In what ways does this person serve others?
- Why does this person stand out to you?
- How do you think this person would want his/her service to be remembered?
- What are some adjectives you would use to describe this person?

Small Group Activity:

Students will work in partner groups to discuss the people they wrote about. Students are encouraged to share only what they are comfortable discussing.

Whole Group Activity:



Medal of Honor Character Values Modified Lessons for Remote Learning

[Link to abbreviated
lessons](#)

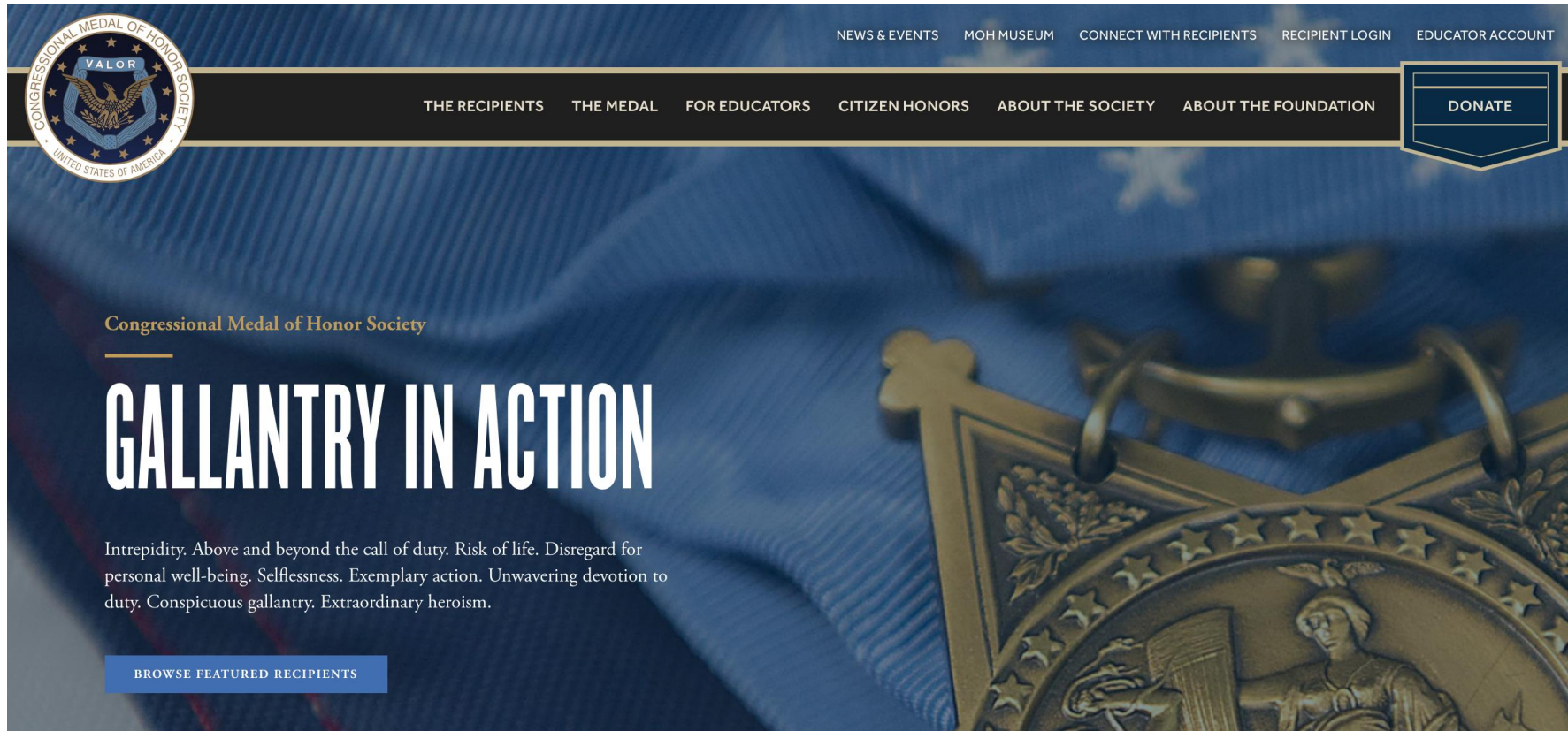
Elementary Lessons:

- [America's White Table](#) - The book *America's White Table*, read by Medal of Honor Recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams, offers students the opportunity to learn more about the history of the white table and the significance of each item placed on the table. This lesson will help spark a conversation about symbolism and the importance of honoring service members.
- [F is For Flag](#) - Did you know that one of the earliest flags carried by American soldiers had a pine tree in the corner? Or that the flag once had 15 stripes instead of 13? This lesson will teach students about the history of the American flag and the different ways we all can show pride for our country.
- [Patriotic Poppies](#) - We all have seen a buddy poppy at some point in our lives, but how familiar are we with its history? This lesson introduces students to Moina Michael, the creator of the buddy poppy, and asks students to think of different ways we can all honor fallen service members.
- [Learning About Our Nation's Symbols](#) - The American Flag, the Statue of Liberty, and the Bald Eagle are just some of the images that our minds conjure up when we think of patriotism. However, how much do we really know about the history and meaning behind these classic American symbols? This lesson asks students to recreate their favorite American symbol using the art supplies that they have at home and then uncover five important facts about their symbol.
- [The Gift of Sacrifice](#) - Teaching the concept of sacrifice to elementary students can be challenging. However, this modified version of our "The Gift of Sacrifice" activity uses *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein and one of our Character Club videos to provide younger students with very tangible examples of what sacrifice can look like in their lives.
- [The Importance of Remembrance](#) - Are you looking for a way to introduce the concept of sacrifice to your students? Consider using this lesson which features a video of Medal of Honor Gary Beikirch reading *The Wall* with your class. *The Wall* is a story about a father and son visiting the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington D.C. and offers younger students the opportunity to think about sacrifice and our nation's veterans.





New Website Launching Soon!



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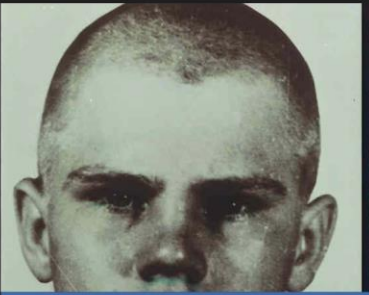




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 <p>CHARLES G. ABRELL KOREAN WAR</p> <p>1951 - HANGNYONG, KOREA</p>	 <p>LUCIAN ADAMS WORLD WAR II</p> <p>1944 - NEAR ST. DIE, FRANCE</p>	 <p>STANLEY T. ADAMS KOREAN WAR</p> <p>1951 - SESIM-NI, KOREA</p>
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Webinars

Webinars can be watched live and at no cost on edWeb

All past webinars archived on edWeb and our website:

www.themedalofhonor.com

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Monthly Newsletters



Medal of Honor Character Development Program Summer 2020 Newsletter

Upcoming Webinar



Are you new to the Medal of Honor Character Development Program? Looking for a refresher on how to use the lessons? Join us on July 16th at 11:00am ET as our Curriculum Trainer Javier Martinez leads a free webinar discussing ways to use the Secondary Resource in your classroom. Besides a general overview of the program, he will present specific ways to use modified versions of the lessons in a distance-learning environment, so you will be ready to use the lessons this fall, no matter the setting.

[Register for the Webinar](#)



Want to host a training?

- At least 50 educators to train
- A space with AV and seating
- Assistance coordinating details



Medal of Honor Character Development Program

Integration Strategies

- Within current curriculum
- Advisory/homeroom
- Schoolwide citizenship goals
- Alternative discipline
- Sports

- Clubs
- Student leadership
- Professional development
- Elective course





Positive Outcomes

STUDENTS

- Motivate learning
- Reinforce core subject skills
- Inspire a service-oriented lifestyle
- Model respectful behavior
- Foster compassion

TEACHERS

- Build collaboration and Professional Learning Communities
- Set and support academic and behavioral expectations and standards
- Access to free and flexible resources and lessons

ADMINISTRATORS

- Bring staff together
- Create positive school climate
- Bridge the home-school gap
- Create positive PR in your community

Questions?



In Closing...



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Thank you for joining us today!

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