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To Naval Aviators and Naval Aviation Pilots in Connection with Aviation

Name	Rank/Service	N.A. Number	Occasion for Award
BAUER, Harold W.*	LCOL, USMC	4189	Action in air combat, South Pacific area; 28 Sep—3 Oct 1942
BENNETT, Floyd	CWO, USN	NAP-9	Piloted plane on first flight over North Pole; 9 May 1926
BOYINGTON, Gregory	MAJ, USMC	5160	Action in air combat, Central Solomons area; 12 Sep 1943—3 Jan 1944
BYRD, Richard E.	LCDR, USN	608	Commanded plane on first flight over North Pole; 9 May 1926
CORRY, William M.*	LCDR, USN	23	Attempted rescue of pilot from burning aircraft; 2 Oct 1920
DeBLANC, Jefferson J.	CAPT, USMC	12504	Action as leader of a fighter mission in air combat off Kolombangara Island, South Pacific; 31 Jan 1943
ELROD, Henry T.*	CAPT, USMC	4093	Action in air and ground combat in defense of Wake Island; 8–23 Dec 1941
ESTOCIN, Michael J.*	LCDR, USN		Action as leader of air attack against enemy targets in North Vietnam; 20 and 26 Apr 1967
FLEMING, Richard E.*	CAPT, USMC	6889	Action as leader of dive bombing attack, Battle of Midway; 4–6 Jun 1942
FOSS, Joseph J.	CAPT, USMC	7290	Action in air combat in defense of Guadalcanal; 9 Oct—19 Nov 1942
GALER, Robert E.	MAJ, USMC	5197	Action in air combat, South Pacific area; Aug–Sep 1942
GORDON, Nathan G.	LT, USN	11421	Rescue of 15 officers and men under fire in Kavieng Harbor; 15 Feb 1944
HALL, William E.	LT (jg), USN	6072	Determined attacks on enemy carrier, Battle of Coral Sea; 7–8 May 1942

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HAMMANN, Charles H.	ENS, USNRF	1494	Rescue of fellow pilot under fire during raid on Pula, Austria; 21 Aug 1918
HANSON, Robert M.*	1st LT, USMC	5218	Action in air combat at Bougainville; 1 Nov 1943, and New Britain; 24 Jun 1944
HUDNER, Thomas J., Jr.	LT (jg), USN		Attempted rescue of squadron mate downed behind enemy lines in Korea; 4 Dec 1950
HUTCHINS, Carlton B.	LT, USN	3435	Remained at controls of his aircraft after a mid-air collision to allow his crew to escape; 2 Feb 1938
KOELSCH, John K.*	LT (jg), USN		Attempted rescue by helicopter during heavy overcast and under fire, Korea; 3 Jul 1951
LASSEN, Clyde E.	LT (jg), USN		Night helicopter rescue under enemy fire of two downed aviators in North Vietnam; 19 Jun 1968
McCAMPBELL, David	CDR, USN	5612	Action in air combat during Battle of Philippine Sea and Leyte Gulf; June and Oct 1944
O'HARE, Edward H.	LT, USN	6405	Action in air combat in defense of carrier off Rabaul; 20 Feb 1942
PLESS, Stephen W.	CAPT, USMC		Helicopter rescue under enemy fire of four American soldiers beset by a large group of Viet Cong; 19 Aug 1967
POWERS, John J.*	LT, USN	6880	Determined attacks on enemy ships during Battle of Coral Sea; 4–8 May 1942
SCHILT, Christian F.	1st LT, USMC	2741	Air evacuation of wounded under fire, Qualili, Nicaragua; 6–8 Jan 1928
SMITH, John L.	MAJ, USMC	5978	Action in air combat in defense of Guadalcanal; 21 Aug—15 Sep 1942
SWETT, James E.	1st LT, USMC	11893	Action in air combat, Solomon Islands area; 7 Apr 1943
TALBOT, Ralph	2nd LT, USMC	802	Action in air combat, Europe; 8 and 14 Oct 1918
VAN VOORHIS, Bruce*	LCDR, USN	3859	Determined low level heavy bomber attack, Battle of the Solomon Islands; 6 Jul 1943
WALSH, Kenneth A.	1st LT, USMC		Action in air combat at Vella Lavella; 15 and 30 Aug 1943

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To Naval Aviators for Action not Associated with Aviation

Name	Rank/Service	N.A. Number	Occasion for Award
ANTRIM, Richard N.	LT, USN	6750	Action on behalf of fellow prisoners while POW; April 1942
EDSON, Merritt A.	COL, USMC	3026	Leading ground action in defense of the airfield at Guadalcanal; 13–14 Sep 1942
STOCKDALE, James B.	CAPT, USN		Action on behalf of fellow prisoners while POW; 4 Sep 1969

To Officers and Men later Designated Naval Aviator, NAP, and Naval Aviation Observer

Name	Rank/Service	N.A. Number	Occasion for Award
COMMISKEY, Henry A.	2nd LT, USMC		Leading ground attack on strong enemy position near Yongdungpo, Korea; 20 Sep 1950
McDONNELL, Edward	ENS, USN	18	Establishing signal station ashore and maintaining communications while under fire at Veracruz; 21–22 Apr 1914
MOFFETT, William A.	CDR, USN	NAO-1	Action in command of a ship at Veracruz; 21–22 Apr 1914
ORMSBEE, Francis, Jr.	CMM(A), USN	NAP-25	Rescuing enlisted men and attempted rescue of pilots downed in seaplane crash in Pensacola Bay; 25 Sep 1918

To Non-Aviators for Action Associated with Aviation

Name	Rank/Service	N.A. Number	Occasion for Award
CLAUSEN, Raymond M.	PFC, USMC		Repeated rescues by helicopter of men trapped by enemy fire and minefield, South Vietnam; 30 Jan 1970
FINN, John W.	Chief**, USN		Action under fire during the attack NAS Kaneohe; 7 Dec 1941
GARY, Donald A.	LT (jg), USN		Repeated rescues of trapped men on board Franklin (CV 13), severely damaged by enemy attack; 19 Mar 1945
McGUNIGAL, Patrick	Ship's Fitter 1st Class, USN		Rescue of a kite balloon pilot entangled underwater in the balloon rigging, Huntington (ACR 5); 17 Sep 1917
O'CALLAHAN, Joseph T.	LCDR, USN (CHC)		Inspiration, leadership, and repeated rescues on board Franklin (CV 13) damaged by air attack; 19 Mar 1945
RICKETTS, Milton E.*	LT, USN		Leading damage control party on board Yorktown (CV 5) damaged during Battle of Coral Sea; 8 May 1942
ROBINSON, Robert G.	GSGT, USMC		Action during air combat as gunner to LT Ralph Talbot, USMC; 8 and 14 Oct 1918

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To Aviators for participating in the Space Program

The Congressional Space Medal of Honor, first awarded to six former astronauts by President Jimmy Carter on 1 October 1978, was authorized by Congress on 29 September 1969 to recognize "any astronaut who in the performance of his duties has distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious efforts and contributions to the welfare of the Nation and mankind."

Name	Rank/Service	Occasion for Award
ARMSTRONG, Neil A.		Participated in the Gemini 8 and Apollo 11 space flight missions. On Apollo 11, he became the first person to walk on the moon; 1 Oct 1978
CONRAD, Charles, Jr.	CAPT, USN	Participated in four space flight missions: Gemini 5, Gemini 11, Apollo 12, and Skylab 2. Commanded the crew of the first manned Skylab mission that conducted repairs on the orbital workshop; 1 Oct 1978
GLENN, John H., Jr.	COL, USMC	One of the original Mercury Astronauts and the first American to orbit the Earth; 1 Oct 1978
LOVELL, James A., Jr.	CAPT, USN	Participated in four space flight missions: Gemini 7, Gemini 12, Apollo 8, and Apollo 13. Commanded the crew of Apollo 13; 26 July 1995
SHEPARD, Alan B., Jr.	RADM, USN	One of the original Mercury Astronauts and the first American into space. Commanded the Apollo 14 mission; 1 Oct 1978
YOUNG, John W.	CAPT, USN	Participated in five space flight missions: Gemini 3, Gemini 10, Apollo 10, and Apollo 16, and STS-1 (Space Shuttle *Columbia*) benefitting human progress in space; 19 May 1981

* Received award posthumously
** Aviation Ordnance Chief (AOC); later promoted to commissioned status

The Medal of Honor is presented to Major Stephen W. Pless, USMC, by President Lyndon B. Johnson. A417495