

Heroes

The tablet at the entrance to this monument contains the names of 32 heroic men from Washington County, Maryland, who sacrificed their lives during hostilities from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953, in defense of freedom in Korea – a country they did not know, a people they did not know. Detail information for those inscribed follows herein (see last page for Awards definition):

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

BE IT KNOWN:

4 men died during entrapment by CCF
 5 men received medals for valor
 6 men have remains unrecovered
 8 men died in the 1st month

20 men lost their lives in the first 6 months

DONALD E. ANGLE Age 21

Born September 11, 1928
 Died July 25, 1950, Yondong, Korea (MIA)
 Corporal, U. S. Army
 SN 13277061
 Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division
 Awards:
 PH,CIB,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,KPUC, ROKWSM
Remains Not Recovered
 Buried: Listed Courts of Missing, Honolulu, HI

KENNETH E. BECKLEY Age 18

Born July 16, 1932
 Died May 26, 1951, Soyang River-South, Korea (non-hostile)
 Private First Class, U. S. Marine Corps, SN 1158705
 Company C, 7th Motorized Transportation Battalion, Service Command, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
 Awards:
 CIB,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,KPUC, ROKWSM
 Buried: <td>

JAMES E. CAVE Age 18

Born July 4, 1932
 Died January 3, 1951 in Korea (KIA)
 Corporal, U. S. Army
 SN 13338599
 7th Reconnaissance Company, 7th Infantry Division
 Awards:
 PH,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,KPUC, ROKWSM
 Buried: <td>

CHARLES W. BARTON, JR. Age 19

Born May 29, 1931
 Died August 14, 1950, Taegu Area, Korea (MIA)
 Sergeant, U. S. Army
 SN 13276942
 Company E, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division
 Awards:
 PH,CIB,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,KPUC, ROKWSM
Remains Not Recovered
 Buried: Listed Courts of Missing, Honolulu, HI

HERENE K. BLEVINS Age 18

Born July 31, 1932
 Died January 31, 1951, Chosin Reservoir, Korea (POW)
 Private First Class, U. S. Army
 SN 13338562
 Heavy Mortar Company, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division
 Awards:
 PH,CIB,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,KPUC, ROKWSM,POW
 Remains Identified 2013
 Buried: Rest Haven Cemetery, Hagerstown, Maryland

ROY C. DELAUTER Age 21

Born April 22, 1929
 Died December 1, 1950, Chosin Reservoir, Korea (MIA)
 Sergeant, U. S. Army
 SN 13277149
 Company D, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division
 Awards:
 PH,CIB,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,KPUC, ROKWSM
Remains Not Recovered
 Buried: Listed Courts of Missing, Honolulu, HI

RICHARD R. BEARD Age 33

VALOR AWARD: Distinguished Service Cross
 Born December 21, 1916
 Died November 29, 1950, Sinchang-Ni, Korea (KIA)
 Master Sergeant, U. S. Army
 SN 06894102
 70th Medium Tank Battalion, 24th Infantry Division
 Awards:
 PH,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,ROKWSM
 Buried: Smithsburg Cemetery, Smithsburg, Maryland

LONIE K. BLEVINS Age 20

Born June 23, 1930
 Died January 25, 1951 in Korea (KIA)
 Private First Class, U. S. Army
 SN 13350431
 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division
 Awards:
 PH,CIB,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,KPUC, ROKWSM
 Buried: Rest Haven Cemetery, Hagerstown, Maryland

ARNOLD G. DYE Age 22

Born January 10, 1928
 Died July 24, 1950, Sangyong-Ni – Kuchon-Ni, Korea (KIA)
 Corporal, U. S. Army
 SN 13294057
 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division
 Awards:
 PH,CIB,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,KPUC, ROKWSM
 Buried: Rose Hill Cemetery, Hagerstown, Maryland

DAILEY F. DYE Age 19

Born May 8, 1931
 Died November 30, 1950, Chosin Reservoir, Korea (MIA)
 Private First Class, U. S. Marine Corps, SN 1083524
 Ammunition Company, 1st Ordnance Battalion, 1st Marine Division
 Awards:
 PH,CAR,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,KPUC, ROKWSM
Remains Not Recovered
 Buried: Listed Courts of Missing, Honolulu, HI

OWENNE D. MESSERSMITH Age 20

Born September 13, 1930
 Died September 20, 1950, Naktong Bulge, Korea (KIA)
 Corporal, U. S. Army
 SN 13295153
 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division
 Awards:
 PH,CIB,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,KPUC, ROKWSM
 Buried: Antietam National Cemetery, Sharpsburg, Maryland

JUNIOR W. REPP Age 22

Born August 20, 1928
 Died January 15, 1951 in Korea (KIA)
 Private, U. S. Army
 SN 13329418
 Medical Company, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division
 Awards:
 PH,CIB,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,KPUC, ROKWSM
 Buried: Blairs Valley Cemetery, Clear Spring, Maryland

CHARLES K. FLORA Age 18

VALOR AWARD: Silver Star
 Born August 24, 1933
 Died July 5, 1952, Western Outposts, Korea (KIA)
 Private First Class, U.S. Marine Corps, SN 1215996
 Company E, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division
 Awards:
 PH,CAR,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,KPUC, ROKWSM
 Buried: Greenlawn Cemetery, Williamsport, Maryland

WALLACE T. MINNICH Age 27

Born April 17, 1923
 Died September 5, 1950, Changnyong, Korea (KIA)
 Sergeant First Class, U. S. Army
 SN 33562839
 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division
 Awards:
 PH,CIB,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,KPUC, ROKWSM
 Buried: Rest Haven Cemetery, Hagerstown, Maryland

KENNETH L. RIDGE Age 20

Born January 10, 1930
 Died December 12, 1950, Chosin Reservoir, Korea (MIA)
 Corporal, U. S. Army
 SN 13338388
 Company M, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division
 Awards:
 PH,CIB,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,KPUC, ROKWSM
Remains Not Recovered
 Buried: Listed Courts of Missing, Honolulu, HI

JESSE F. LAKE Age 20

VALOR AWARD: Silver Star
 Born January 25, 1930
 Died July 16, 1950, Tuman-Ni, Korea (KIA)
 Private, U. S. Army
 SN 13263958
 52nd Field Artillery Battalion, 24th Infantry Division
 Awards:
 PH,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,KPUC, ROKWSM
 Buried: Mountain View Cemetery, Sharpsburg, Maryland

JEREMIAH F. MONGAN Age 21

Born June 17, 1929
 Died July 5, 1950, Osan, Korea (KIA)
 Private First Class, U. S. Army
 SN 13293934
 3rd Platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division
 Awards:
 PH,CIB,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,KPUC, ROKWSM
 Buried: Manor Cemetery, Fairplay, Maryland

MILFORD N. ROWLAND Age 19

VALOR AWARD: Silver Star
 Born April 26, 1931
 Died September 17, 1950 in Korea (KIA)
 Private U. S. Army
 SN 13329352
 29th Infantry Regimental Combat Team Company G, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division
 Awards:
 PH,CIB,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,ROKWSM
 Buried Greenlawn Cemetery, Williamsport, Maryland

WALTER J. MASON Age 20

Born April 11, 1930
 Died July 11, 1950, Kongju, Korea (KIA)
 Private First Class, U. S. Army
 SN 13277028
 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division
 Awards:
 PH,CIB,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,KPUC, ROKWSM
 Buried: Rose Hill Cemetery, Hagerstown, Maryland

VERNON G. MULLIGAN Age 20

VALOR AWARD: Silver Star
 Born June 15, 1930
 Died August 14, 1950 in Korea (KIA)
 Private First Class, U. S. Army
 SN 13276949
 3rd Platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division
 Awards:
 PH,CIB,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,ROKWSM
 Buried: Rose Hill Cemetery, Hagerstown, Maryland

GEORGE W. SANDERBECK Age 18

Born January 12, 1932
 Died September 9, 1950, Taegu Area, Korea (MIA)
 Private First Class, U. S. Army
 SN 13338642
 Company C, 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division
 Awards:
 PH,CIB,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,KPUC, ROKWSM
Remains Not Recovered
 Buried: Listed Courts of Missing, Honolulu, HI

HAROLD S. SHARER Age 33

Born February 18, 1918
 Died August 23, 1951 in Korea (non-hostile)
 Private First Class, U. S. Army
 SN 33375841
 Headquarters and Service Company, 84th
 Engineer Construction Battalion
 Awards:
 KSM,UNSM,NDSM,ROKWSM
 Buried: Antietam National Cemetery,
 Sharpsburg, Maryland

ROBERT J. SMITH Age 20

Born August 3, 1929
 Died July 25, 1950, Yongdong, Korea
 (KIA)
 Corporal, U. S. Army
 SN 13271002
 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry
 Division
 Awards:
 PH,CIB,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,ROKWSM
 Buried: Bethel United Methodist Church
 Cemetery, Chewsville, Maryland

WALTER F. VAUGHN Age 26

Born December 7, 1924
 Died September 19, 1951, Heartbreak
 Ridge, Korea (KIA)
 Corporal, U. S. Army
 SN 13137537
 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry
 Division
 Awards:
 PH,CIB,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,KPUC,
 ROKWSM
 Buried: Rose Hill Cemetery, Hagerstown,
 Maryland

HARRY W. SMITH Age 19

Born September 19, 1930
 Died July 20, 1950, Taejon, Korea (KIA)
 Private, U. S. Army
 SN 13277133
 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry
 Division
 Awards:
 PH,CIB,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,ROKWSM
 Buried: Rest Haven Cemetery,
 Hagerstown, Maryland

CHARLES H. SNYDER, JR. Age 23

Born September 29, 1928
 Died August 2, 1952 in Korea (KIA)
 Private, U. S. Army
 SN 52051252
 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry
 Division
 Awards:
 PH,CIB,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,ROKWSM
 Buried: Rest Haven Cemetery,
 Hagerstown, Maryland

LEONARD L. WADE Age 21

Born February 6, 1931
 Died November 16, 1952 in Korea (KIA)
 Private, U. S. Army
 SN 52135364
 14th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry
 Division
 Awards:
 PH,CIB,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,KPUC,
 ROKWSM
 Buried: Rest Haven Cemetery,
 Hagerstown, Maryland

JAMES R. SMITH Age 25

Born February 16, 1926
 Died March 8, 1951 in Korea (KIA)
 Private First Class, U. S. Army
 SN 15269855
 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry
 Division
 Awards:
 PH,CIB,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,ROKWSM
 Buried: St. Peters Catholic Church,
 Cemetery, Hancock, Maryland

CLYDE M. STARKEY Age 39

Born January 25, 1911
 Died October 20, 1950, Taejon, Korea
 (POW)
 Master Sergeant, U. S. Army
 SN 06836312
 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry
 Division
 Awards:
 PH,CIB,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,KPUC,
 ROKWSM,POW
 Remains Identified 1954
 Buried: Arlington National Cemetery,
 Arlington, Virginia

JACK A. ZIRKLE Age 19

Born 1931
 Died July 27, 1950, Yongdong, Korea
 (KIA)
 Private First Class, U. S. Army
 SN 13331957
 Company D, 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry
 Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division
 Awards:
 PH,CIB,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,KPUC,
 ROKWSM
 Buried: Rest Haven Cemetery,
 Hagerstown, Maryland

KENNETH L. SMITH Age 19

Born March 30, 1931
 Died September 26, 1950, Seoul, Korea
 (KIA)
 Private First Class, U. S. Marine Corps,
 SN 669950
 Company D, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines,
 1st Marine Division
 Awards:
 PH,CAR,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,
 ROKWSM
 Buried: Rest Haven Cemetery,
 Hagerstown, Maryland

CHARLES H. STOTLER Age 18

Born August 23, 1932
 Died February 13, 1951, Hoengsong,
 Korea (KIA)
 Private First Class, U. S. Army
 SN 13329388
 15th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry
 Division
 Awards:
 PH,KSM,UNSM,NDSM,KPUC,
 ROKWSM
 Buried: Rest Haven Cemetery,
 Hagerstown, Maryland

Awards Definition

PH= Purple Heart
 CIB= Combat Infantryman Badge
 CAR= Combat Action Ribbon
 KSM= Korean Service Medal
 UNSM= United Nations Service Medal
 NDSM= National Defense Service Medal
 POW= Prisoner of War Medal
 KPUC= Korean Presidential Unit
 Citation
 ROKWSM= Republic of Korea War
 Service Medal