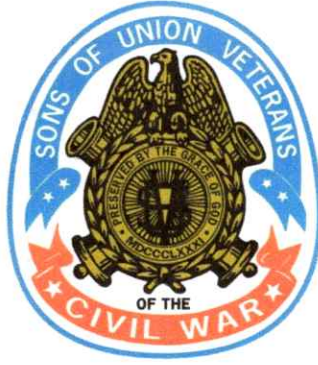




FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Scott Fasnacht
Phone: 404.353.0803
Email: scottmfasnacht@mac.com

Sons of Union Veterans Camp No. 19 to host National Medal of Honor Day ceremonies

Lancaster, PA, March 2025—The General George H. Thomas, Camp No. 19, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is commemorating **National Medal of Honor Day, March 25**, with ceremonies at the gravesites of the two Medal of Honor recipients buried in Lancaster County.

[National Medal of Honor Day](#) was established by Congress to “foster public appreciation and recognition of Medal of Honor Recipients.” The first National Medal of Honor Day was celebrated on March 25, 1991. March 25th was chosen because it was on that date in 1863 that the first Medals of Honor were presented to six members of [Andrews' Raiders](#).

Lancaster County National Medal of Honor Day Ceremonies Schedule (March 25, 2025)

MOH Recipient: William H. Strayer*

Location: Camp Hill Cemetery** (Bruce Avenue, Mount Joy, PA)

Time: 3 p.m.

MOH Recipient: Charles H. Fasnacht*

Location: Greenwood Cemetery** (719 Highland Ave., Lancaster, PA 17603)

Time: 5 p.m.

Jodi Barone, the Lancaster County Director of Veteran Affairs, will be the featured presenter at our Mount Joy ceremony. She will share a proclamation from the Lancaster County Commissioners and take part in the wreath laying ceremony.

The Red Rose Veterans Honor Guard will take part in both ceremonies—providing a color guard and the sounding of *Taps*.

Based on research from the Congressional Medal of Honor Society and local newspaper accounts, Camp 19 has determined that there are **nine MOH recipients with a connection to Lancaster County**. You can find additional information related to each recipient in the attached file.

Milton Blickensderfer
Charles H. Fasnacht
William H. Strayer

Trustrim Connell
Isaac N. Fry
Robert Reem

John Kinsey
Chester Furman
William D. Port

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a 501 (c)(3) organization dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of the heroes who fought and worked to save the Union. Organized in 1881 and chartered by Congress in 1954, the SUVCW is the legal successor to the Grand Army of the Republic. In Lancaster, the General George H. Thomas, Camp 19, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was chartered on February 13, 1889, and there has been an active Camp in Lancaster ever since.

*[*See attached file for biographic information. ** See attached file for maps.]*

###

If you would like more information about this topic, please call Scott Fasnacht at (404) 353.0803, or email scottmfasnacht@mac.com.