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Medal of Honor Recipients Recognize Americans for Valor and Values

American Corporate Partners (ACP) Received 2025 Citizen Honors Award for Community Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On [National Medal of Honor Day](#), March 25, 2025, Medal of Honor Recipients recognized other heroic Americans on the day that Congress set aside to “foster public appreciation and recognition of Medal of Honor Recipients.”

The [Congressional Medal of Honor Society](#) —the Congressionally-chartered organization of the 61 living Medal of Honor Recipients—held its annual [Citizen Honors Awards](#) in Arlington, Virginia, to recognize five U.S. citizens and one nonprofit organization who have exemplified Medal of Honor values— courage, sacrifice, integrity, commitment, citizenship, and patriotism—in their communities and beyond. The annual initiative is a pillar of the Society’s mission to honor its charter guidelines by inspiring future generations and perpetuating Americanism across the nation.

This event, which was emceed by Martha Raddatz, ABC News' Chief Global Affairs Correspondent and Co-Anchor of "This Week," featured a powerful moment as Medal of Honor Recipients placed a Citizen Honors Award medallion around the necks of the honorees—a tradition that mirrors how Recipients themselves received the Medal of Honor.

This year's nonprofit honoree, [American Corporate Partners \(ACP\)](#), was selected as the Community Service Honoree for its dedication to assisting veterans and active-duty military spouses in combatting underemployment through one-on-one mentoring, networking, and tailored career advice. ACP mentors perform selfless acts of service through hands-on career support to change the career trajectory of thousands of veterans each year. The all-volunteer force of ACP mentors has positively impacted more than 36,000 veterans and spouses.

Medal of Honor Recipient and Society President Britt Slabinski commented, “This Citizen Honors Awards ceremony is a powerful reminder of why we, the 61 living Medal of Honor Recipients, remain steadfast in championing the legacy and

values of the Medal across our nation. The Medal of Honor is not just about war or the battlefield—it stands as proof that every individual holds the capacity for extraordinary courage, sacrifice, and unwavering dedication in their own corner of the world. Whether at home, in school, in their communities, or at work, Americans must embody the values of the Medal every day. The Medal represents the best in all of us, and we are honored to celebrate these remarkable individuals who have gone above and beyond in service to others, right where they are.”

The Citizen Honors Awards event followed a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at [Arlington National Cemetery](#), where Medal of Honor Recipients paid tribute to all who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

A panel assembled by the Congressional Medal of Honor Society reviewed the nominations and selected national finalists. From those finalists, the five individuals and one organization were chosen to receive the Citizen Honors Awards by a second panel made up exclusively of Medal of Honor Recipients, Americans whose actions have truly defined the words “courage” and “selfless service”.

Earlier in the month, in recognition of “Medal of Honor March”, Medal of Honor Recipients began a series of events leading up to Medal of Honor Day at the New York Stock Exchange, where they rang the Closing Bell and hosted the 17th “Circle of Honor” dinner—both long storied traditions of the Society. Throughout the month, Medal of Honor Recipients also engaged in various community outreach activities and events across the country. The National Medal of Honor Museum in Arlington, Texas officially opened to the public on March 25. Other commemorations included wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, the Medal of Honor Memorial in Indianapolis, IN, the Medal of Honor Memorial in Riverside, CA, and the Medal of Honor Museum on the U.S.S. Yorktown in Mount Pleasant, SC.

Find video profiles of Citizen Honors Awards honorees [here](#).

About the Citizen Honors Awards

Launched in 2007, the [Citizen Honors Awards](#) program reflects the mission of Medal of Honor Recipients to show that the values associated with the Medal of Honor are relevant to all Americans. The tradition is also in keeping with the preference of Recipients to shine a light on others rather than themselves as they believe that the Medals of Honor they were awarded should be seen more broadly as a symbol of the sacrifices and service of others. Each year a nationwide search is conducted to select five United States citizens and one organization to receive the Citizen Honors Awards. The awards were created to encourage others to recognize acts of heroism and selfless service. The Citizen Honorees exemplify the values embodied in the Medal of Honor: courage, sacrifice, integrity, commitment, patriotism, and citizenship. Learn more here: cmohs.org/citizen-honors/overview.

About National Medal of Honor Day:

March 25 was established by Congress in 1991 as National Medal of Honor Day to “foster public appreciation and recognition of Medal of Honor Recipients.” March 25 was chosen because it was on this day in 1863, that the first Medals of Honor were presented to six members of Andrews’ Raiders. To its Recipients, the Medal of Honor represents more than recognition of combat actions. It symbolizes the sacrifices of those they served alongside and those who came before.

This year, Medal of Honor Recipients spent several days participating in community outreach activities and events across the country, including a wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. In addition, wreath-laying services took place at the Medal of Honor Memorial in Indianapolis, IN, the Medal of Honor Memorial in Riverside, CA, and the Medal of Honor Museum on the U.S.S. Yorktown in Mount Pleasant, SC.

About the Congressional Medal of Honor Society

Chartered by Congress in 1958, the Congressional Medal of Honor Society’s membership is comprised of those who wear the Medal of Honor, our nation’s highest military award for valor. As individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty, the Medal of Honor Recipients are committed to serving our country in peace as they did in war by championing the values of courage, sacrifice, integrity, commitment, patriotism, and citizenship. The nonprofit Society preserves their stories and shares their values through Outreach and Education initiatives and its Medal of Honor

Museum. By serving, remembering, supporting, and honoring the sacrifice of the Recipients, by sharing the stories and values inherent in them, we understand the responsibility and potential within each one of us to impact the world.

About the Medal of Honor Foundation

The Medal of Honor Foundation, the producer of the Citizen Honors Awards, is a gold-rated 501(c)(3) charity established to advance the work of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society and ensure it has the resources to thrive in its mission. The Foundation delivers educational programs built upon the Medal of Honor values: courage, commitment, citizenship, integrity, sacrifice, and patriotism. This includes the Medal of Honor Character Development Program, a free K-12 values-based curriculum for schools. The program utilizes a vast library of living history videos featured on cmohs.org: the most comprehensive internet resource on the Medal of Honor available. The Foundation's programs and operations are fully funded by generous donors.

About American Corporate Partners

[American Corporate Partners \(ACP\)](http://AmericanCorporatePartners.org) is a national nonprofit organization that bridges the gap between the military and civilian sectors, connecting experienced professionals with Veterans and Active-Duty Spouses seeking successful civilian careers. Through a tailored one-on-one mentorship, as well as strategic networking opportunities and robust online resources, ACP combats underemployment and empowers individuals to achieve their full career potential.

Learn more about the Medal of Honor Foundation and the Congressional Medal of Honor Society at cmohs.org.

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