

**Stanley, Eben**

Private, Company A, 5th United States Cavalry; near Turret Mountain, Arizona; March 25, 27, 1873; Iowa residence: Decatur County.

*Citation:* Gallantry in action.

***War With Spain*****Deignan, Osborn**

Coxswain, United States Navy; Santiago de Cuba; June 2, 1898; Iowa residence: Sheart.

*Citation:* In connection with the sinking of the USS *Merrimac* at the entrance to the harbor of Santiago de Cuba; June 2, 1898. Despite heavy fire from the Spanish batteries, Deignan displayed extraordinary heroism throughout this operation.

***Philippine Insurrection*****Birkhimer, William E.**

Captain, 3rd United States Artillery; San Miguel de Mayumo, Luzon, Philippine Islands; May 31, 1899; Iowa residence: Iowa.

*Citation:* With 12 men charged and routed 300 of the enemy.

It was Major William E. Birkhimer who suggested to the military secretary in Washington that "every possible attention should be paid to formality and solemnity of circumstance" whenever the medal was given to its recipients. His suggestion was passed up through channels until, on September 20, 1905, President Theodore Roosevelt signed an executive order directing that the