

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

ceremonies of award "will always be made with formal and impressive ceremonial," and that the recipient "will, when practicable, be ordered to Washington, D.C., and the presentation be made by the President, as Commander in Chief, or by such representative as the president may designate. . ."

Fitz, Joseph

Ordinary Seaman, United States Navy; Mount Dajo Jolo, Philippine Islands; March 8, 1906; Iowa residence: accredited to Iowa.

Citation: On board the USS *Pampanga*, Mount Dajo Jolo, 8 March 1906. Serving in the presence of the enemy on this date, Fitz displayed bravery and extraordinary heroism.

Grove, William R.

Lieutenant Colonel, 36th Infantry, United States Volunteers; near Porac, Luzon, Philippine Islands; September 9, 1899; Iowa residence: Montezuma.

Citation: In advance of his regiment, rushed to the assistance of his colonel, charging, pistol in hand, seven insurgents, and compelling surrender of all not killed or wounded.

Huntsman, John A.

Sergeant, Company E, 36th Infantry, United States Volunteers; Bamban, Luzon, Philippine Islands; November 9, 1899; Iowa residence: Oskaloosa.