


We believe in the vision of America, as described by Thomas Jefferson in *The Declaration of Independence*: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

The Medal of Honor is the United States’ highest personal military award given to a member of our armed forces for valor. What is valor? It is often described as “courage above and beyond the call of duty.” This means Medal of Honor recipients did heroic actions for the American military.


Jacob Parrott was the first recipient of the Medal of Honor in 1863 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The Medal of Honor was redesigned in the early 1900's by George Gillespie with the unique design and ribbon color that are now recognized around the world.

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"Good morning, class!" Ms. Cardwell exclaimed. "Today, we are starting a new series on the Medal of Honor, the highest award given to a member of our armed forces for valor. Does anyone know what 'valor' means?"



Everyone in the class
shook their heads.

"'Valor' is another word
for courage or bravery."

"This week you will hear stories about people who received the Medal of Honor for their service to our country. Each person displayed a characteristic or value that is important for all Americans. Are you ready to hear the first story?"

"Yes!" the class replied.



“Who knows what the word *patriotism* means?”



Bobby's hand shot up in the air.
“It's saying the Pledge of Allegiance!”

Ms. Cardwell nodded. “That's a good beginning! Patriotism is a love of our country and working to make it a better place. Today I am going to tell you about someone who showed great patriotism for America.”





"This is a picture of Arthur MacArthur. He demonstrated his patriotism during the American Civil War at the Battle of Missionary Ridge in Chattanooga."



“MacArthur was only eighteen when he and his fellow soldiers were ordered to take Missionary Ridge from the enemy. The Union Army needed to stop the enemy’s cannons from firing on the city of Chattanooga.”

“As MacArthur and his unit charged up the steep ridge, their flag bearer was wounded, and the flag began to fall. MacArthur quickly grabbed the flag, hoisted it high, and led the others to the top of the ridge. Their strength and courage made the enemy retreat. At age 19, MacArthur was awarded the Medal of Honor and promoted, becoming the youngest colonel to serve in the American Civil War.”

“Wow! That’s really cool,”
Jamar’s eyes lit up.

“And very patriotic, too!” said
Ms. Cardwell. “MacArthur
saved the flag from falling to
the ground, and he raised the
spirits of his fellow soldiers!”

