

Medal of Honor Recipient: Charles B. Morris

The **Medal of Honor** is the [United States of America's](#) highest [military honor](#) , awarded for personal acts of [valor](#) above and beyond the call of duty. The medal is awarded by the [President of the United States](#) in the name of [Congress](#) to US military personnel only.

Charles B. Morris, born on December 29, 1931 in Carroll County Virginia, joined the Army from [Roanoke, Virginia](#) in 1953, and briefly served during the [Korean War](#) before serving in Vietnam. By June 29, 1966 he was a [Sergeant](#) in Company A, 2d Battalion (Airborne), [503rd Infantry Regiment](#) , [173d Airborne Brigade](#) (Separate). During a firefight on that day in the [Republic of Vietnam](#) , Morris continued to lead his squad, fight the enemy, and help the wounded despite being wounded himself four separate times. For his actions during the battle he was promoted to [Staff Sergeant](#) and, on December 14, 1967, awarded the Medal of Honor.

Morris reached the highest enlisted rank, [Sergeant Major](#) , before retiring from the Army. He died at age 64 and was buried in Morris Cemetery, [Fancy Gap, Virginia](#) .

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Receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor from President Lyndon B. Johnson