

## FACT SHEET

### Medals of Honor



Four fallen Fort Worth military members – one who went down with his bomber during World War II, two who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Korean War, and one who threw himself on a grenade to save his fellow soldiers in Vietnam – are all proud Texans.

The four are recipients of the *Medal of Honor*, the highest military decoration presented by the United States government to a member of its armed forces. Recipients must have distinguished themselves for valor in action at the risk of their own life against an enemy force. The president, in the name of Congress, has awarded more than 3,465 *Medals of Honor* since the decoration's creation in 1861.



**Maj. Horace Seaver "Stump" Carswell Jr.** was born July 18, 1916 and died Oct. 26, 1944. He was an Army major killed in action while serving as a member of the Army Air Forces during World War II. Major Carswell was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

In 1948, the name of Fort Worth's Army Air Field was changed to memorialize the native son who gave his life while attempting to crash land his crippled B-24 over China. Carswell attended Northside High School and graduated of TCU before joining the Air Force.



**Maj. George Herman O'Brien Jr.** was born Sept. 10, 1926, in Fort Worth and died on March 11, 2005. He was a Marine Corps officer who received the Medal of Honor for his actions during the First Battle of the Hook in the Korean War.

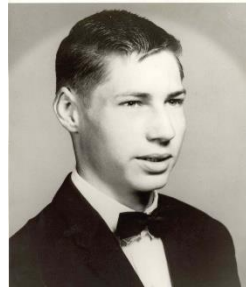
After his military service, Major O'Brien moved to west Texas and raised a family. He was an active volunteer at the Big Spring Veterans Administration medical center. O'Brien died from complications associated with

emphysema and pneumonia in Midland. He's buried in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin, Texas.



**Cpl. Charles Frank Pendleton** was born Sept. 26, 1931, and died July 17, 1953. He was a soldier in the Army during the Korean War. Corporal Pendleton posthumously received the Medal of Honor for his actions on 16–17 July 1953 during the Battle of Kumsong.

Pendleton joined the Army in Fort Worth in 1952. He's buried at Laurel Land Memorial Park in Fort Worth.



**Spec. 4 Robert David Law** was born Sept. 15, 1944, and died Feb. 22, 1969. He was an Army soldier awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in Vietnam.

Specialist Law joined the Army in Dallas in October 1967, and by February 1969, was serving in Vietnam. During a firefight in Tinh Phuoc Thanh Province, Republic of Vietnam, Law smothered the blast of an enemy grenade with his body, sacrificing his life to protect those around him.

Law, aged 24 at his death, was buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery in his birth city of Fort Worth, Texas.

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