



## Medal of Valor

The Medal of Valor is the highest honor the State of California bestows upon its employees. The purpose of the award is to recognize state employees for extraordinary service, either on or off duty. Recipients of the Medal of Valor are employees who have performed an extraordinary act of heroism extending far above and beyond the normal call of duty or service. They have put their lives at risk to render assistance to save human life or state property – sometimes the lives of civilians and sometimes the lives of their own colleagues. They have demonstrated acts of bravery and shown courage in the face of adversity.

Frank Abril 2010  
 James F. Allen 2008  
 Mort Allen 1998  
 Tena G. Anderson 2006  
 Dan Angel 1980  
 Eric R. Ayers 2008 & 2022  
 Gene Bach 1998  
 Denis M. Boren 2003  
 Jacklyn Bowes 2007  
 Steven Wayne Blythe, Jr 2010  
 Michael L. Brunson 2003  
 Chad Burns 2021  
 Corey Call 2008  
 Brian Cali, 2015  
 Jack E. Campbell 1970  
 Louis Cannata 1993  
 Paul J. Carlos 2003  
 Michael A. Carr 2003  
 Raymond Chaney 2006  
 Robert Chesnick, 2015  
 William C. Clark 1977  
 Bill Clayton 1998 & 2006  
 Eric Connolly 2010  
 Tom Crass 2022  
 Robert Dashiell 1984  
 Kelley DeGifford 2007  
 Dave DeLeon 2010  
 Omar Desiderio 2022  
 James D. Dougherty 1970  
 Vernon L. Dupper 1959  
 Jason Dyer 2021  
 Jeff Edson 2020  
 Kyle Joseph Efflandt 2010  
 Ron Eldridge 2010



Ken Eller 1987  
 Bill Fisher 1998  
 Steven Gallegos 2017  
 Rickey Lee Gibble 2010  
 Felipe Gomez 2003  
 Jared Gotro 2022  
 Robert F. Green 2006  
 Wesley D. Grim 2008  
 Stephen C. Guarino 2009  
 John Guhl 2008  
 John D. Guthrie 2016  
 Joe G. Haggard 1967  
 Kenneth Hamilton 1970  
 Dave Harden 1984  
 Mike Harkness 1998  
 Jeffrey M. Hawkins 2003  
 Sims Hawkins 2020  
 Charles M. Heinback, Jr. 1986  
 Ryan John Hollowell 2010  
 Elliot Hopkins 2020  
 Rhett Imperiale 2010

Franklin T. Johnson 2008  
 David W. Junette 2006  
 Joe Kennedy 2020  
 Thomas J. Kennelly 1959  
 Will Krings 2003  
 Lynne Lenell 1998  
 Ray Richard Little 1974  
 Barbara Loescher 2022  
 Neil Logan 1985  
 Nicholas Lopes 2020  
 Douglas Mackey 2016  
 Timothy Main 2006  
 Tom (Harold) Mansur 1996  
 Elizabeth Marks 2015  
 Bob Martinez 1996  
 William F. Mason 2006  
 James F. Mathias 2003  
 Thomas McConnel 2006  
 Kurt McCray 2010  
 Andy McDaniel 1998  
 George McGuire 1970  
 Paul Melendrez 2019  
 John Messina 2016  
 Eric J. Miller 1993  
 Johnny Miller 2016  
 Jason Moorhouse 2015  
 Richard (Rick) Moore 2007  
 Alfonso Moreno 2022  
 James C. Mower 1970  
 Mike Newel 1998  
 Martin Newman 2022  
 Len Nielson 2010  
 Sean P. Norman 2003  
 Don Norris 1991



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Thomas W. Oldag 2003  
Kevin O'Leary 2006  
Flint Oliver 1996  
Ignacio Otero Jr. 2007  
Jason Patterson 2015  
Robert E. Paulus 2001  
John A. Pfeifer 1962  
Joshua Potter 2015  
Gerald Quigley 1970  
James Rajskup 2006  
Shawn Raley 2020  
Matthew Reischman 2015  
Adam Ricketts 2010  
James Rissmiller 2006  
John Robbins 1984  
Mark Rodgers 2010  
Amador Rodriguez 1993  
Robert Rubalcava 2022  
Ray Russell 1987  
Darryl R. Sanford 2003  
Chuck Santone 2010  
Joe Saunders 2003  
Justin Schmollinger 2016  
Daniel W. Schott 1983  
Erich Schwab 2020  
Chris Schrowe 1982  
Carl Schwettmann, Jr. 2008  
Joel Semple 1982  
David Shew 2007  
Michael Sifuentes 1995  
John C. Sleppy 1969  
Donald Smith 1994  
William Smith 2007  
Cory Souza 2022  
Darren Stewart 2020  
Jack Story 1998  
Alfredo Danny Suarez 2010  
Delbert Tate 1970  
Craig Tolmie 2010  
Emilio Valencia 2016  
Steven Van Heertum 2017  
Byron Vance 2020  
Stephen Vaughn 1983

Mike Velasquez 1987  
Ryan Wallace 2022  
Joseph Walton 2015  
Dan Ward 1984  
Joseph W. Waterman 2006  
James R. Wattenburger 1989  
Patti K. West 2006  
Fredrick Westrip 2006  
Christopher Wetzel 2019  
Joshpae White 2015  
Tyler Williams 2022  
Donald Woods 1971  
Jim Wright 2016  
Jeff Young 2009  
Bryan Zollner 1998