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The Medal of Honor is the highest military decoration awarded by the United States government. It is bestowed upon individuals who have distinguished themselves by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of their own lives above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in action against an enemy of the United States.

The Medal of Honor is a testament to the incredible bravery and selflessness of the men and women who have served in the United States military. The stories behind each Medal of Honor citation are inspiring and humbling, and they serve as a reminder of the sacrifices that have been made to protect our country.

Six Stories of the Medal of Honor



1. **Daniel Inouye**

Daniel Inouye was a Nisei soldier who fought in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team during World War II. On April 21, 1945, Inouye's unit was attacked by a German force near San Terenzo, Italy. Inouye was severely wounded in the battle, but he continued to fight, leading his men to victory. For his actions, Inouye was awarded the Medal of Honor.



2. **Audie Murphy**

Audie Murphy was the most decorated American soldier of World War II. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions on January 26, 1945, during the Battle of the Colmar Pocket in France. Murphy was commanding a company of infantrymen when they were attacked by a German force. Murphy led his men in a desperate defense, and he

single-handedly killed over 20 German soldiers. For his actions, Murphy was awarded the Medal of Honor.



3. **Roy Benavidez**

Roy Benavidez was a Green Beret who served in the Vietnam War. On May 2, 1968, Benavidez was part of a team that was sent to rescue a group of American soldiers who had been surrounded by the enemy.

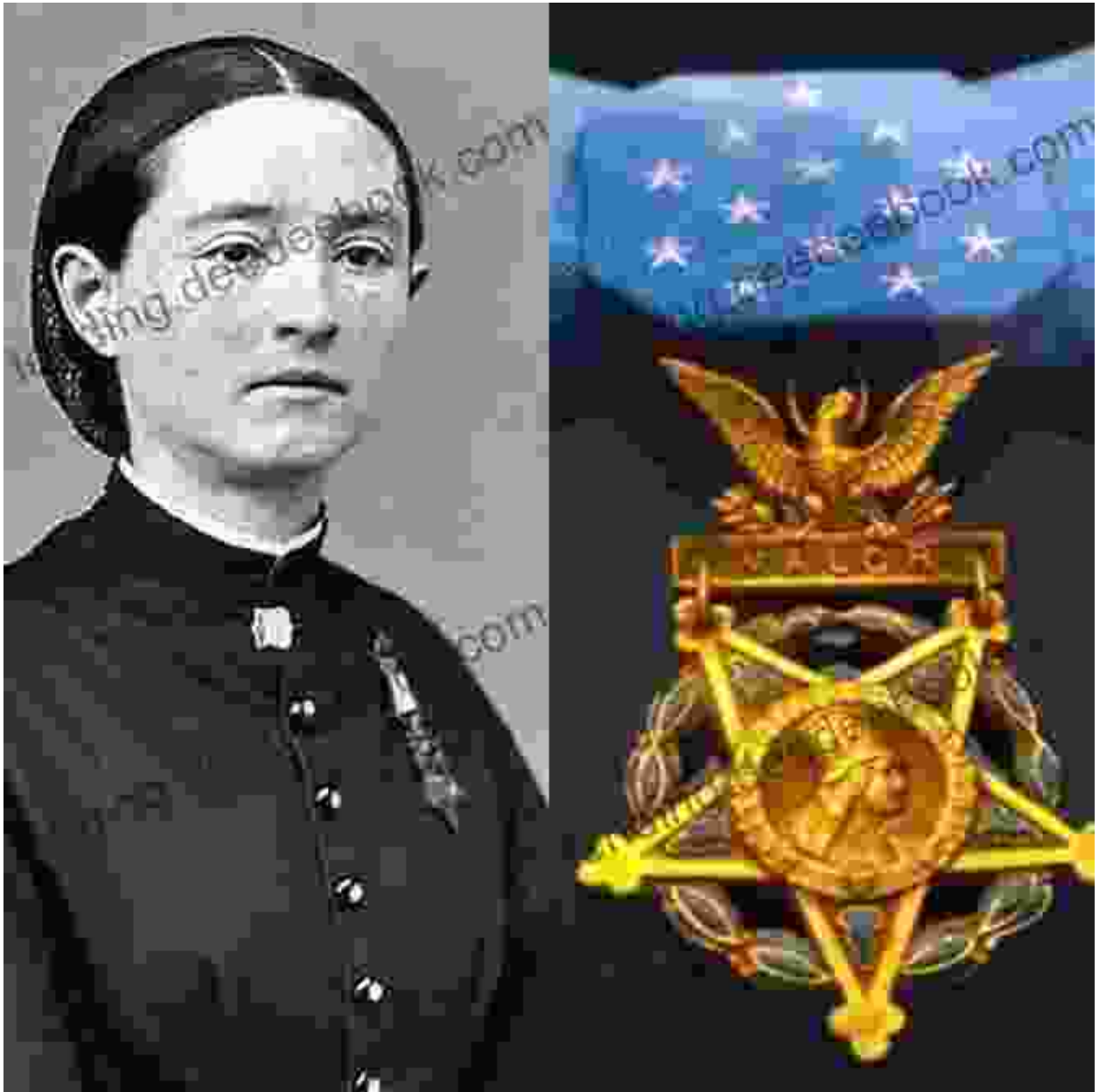
Benavidez was severely wounded in the battle, but he continued to fight, rescuing six of the American soldiers. For his actions, Benavidez was awarded the Medal of Honor.



4. **William Crawford**

William Crawford was a Buffalo Soldier who served in the United States Army during the Indian Wars. On September 28, 1872,

Crawford's unit was attacked by a group of Apache warriors. Crawford was severely wounded in the battle, but he continued to fight, saving the lives of several of his comrades. For his actions, Crawford was awarded the Medal of Honor.



5. **Mary Edwards Walker**

Mary Edwards Walker was the only woman to receive the Medal of Honor. She served as a surgeon in the Union Army during the Civil

War. Walker was captured by the Confederates and held prisoner for four months. During her imprisonment, she contracted malaria and typhoid fever. Despite her illness, Walker continued to care for her fellow prisoners. For her actions, Walker was awarded the Medal of Honor.



6. Alvin York

Alvin York was a farmer who served in the United States Army during World War I. On October 8, 1918, York's unit was attacked by a German force. York led his men in a fierce defense, and he single-handedly killed 25 German soldiers. For his actions, York was awarded the Medal of Honor.

The stories of the Medal of Honor recipients are a testament to the courage, sacrifice, and selflessness of the men and women who have served in the United States military. These individuals have put their lives on the line to protect our country, and they deserve our gratitude and respect.



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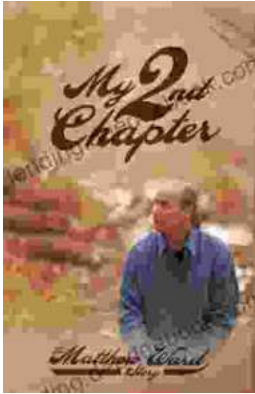
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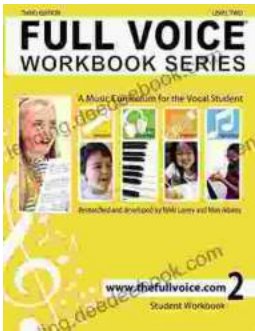
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