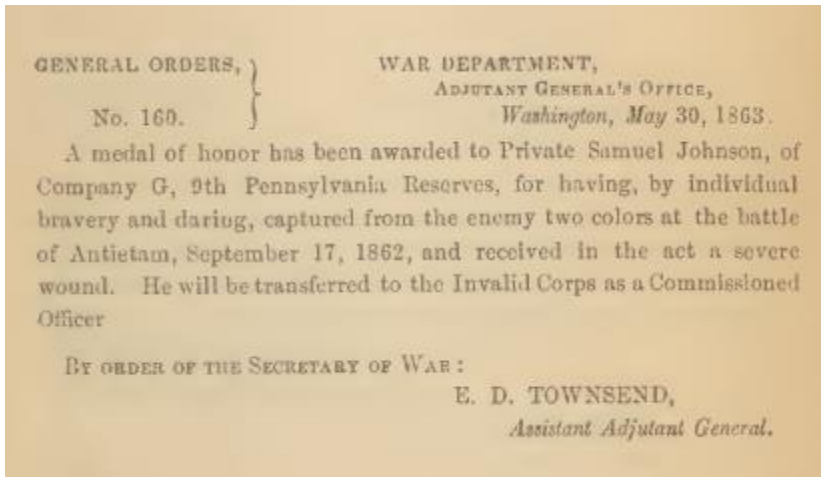


Medal of Honor Recipient

**Samuel Johnson (1845-1915), 2nd Lieutenant
9th Pennsylvania Reserves, Co. G
(aka 38th PA Vols Inf)**

Samuel was born on 28 Jan 1845 in Connellsville, Fayette Co, PA. He mustered into the 9th PA Reserves on 27 July 1861. Private Johnson was awarded the MOH for bravery on 17 September 1862 at the Battle of Antietam. His citation reads: "Individual bravery and daring in capturing from the enemy 2 colors of the 1st Texas Rangers (CSA), receiving in the act a severe wound." The MOH was issued 30 May 1863. His service with the 9th continued

through May 1863 and the Chancellorsville Campaign. Transferred to the Co. C, 10th Veterans Reserve Corps, on 4 June, 1863. In December 1863, he was mustered into Co. C, 17th US Regulars and served with that unit until August, 1864, when he possibly deserted. He died on 24 Nov 1915 at Onda, Washington Co, AR and is buried in Little Baker Cemetery, West Fork, AR.



**General James
McPherson Camp 1**

The General McPherson Camp, on March 25, 2021, commemorated as Congressional Medal of Honor day, placed a Wreath on the grave of Samuel Johnson.

Of the millions and millions of people who have served our country only 3,507 have received our nation's highest honor. One such man was Samuel Johnson, who on



July 27th 1861 joined the 9 Pennsylvania Reserves at the age of 16. This regiment fought in nine battles in the next year. On Sept. 17, Samuel was in the battle of Antietam. This was the bloodiest one day battle of the Civil War. His regiment was at the north end of the 24 acre cornfield where the worst of the fighting was.

The 1st Texas Regiment was moving thru the cornfield to attack the U.S. forces. The corn was over the heads of the men. The 1st Texas Regiment kept their alignment by the flags flying above the corn. All the U.S brigades fired a tremendous volley into the one Texas Regiment. That volley killed or wounded all of the color bearers and the flags dropped to the ground. That was when, then 17-year-old Samuel Johnson ran out into the corn and picked the flags.

Without the flags to align on and rally around the 1st Texas Regiment could not advance. On returning to his lines Samuel suffered a very serious wound. He spent 9 months in a hospital and on his discharge he was awarded the Medal of Honor and promoted to 2nd Lieutenant. We don't know when Samuel moved to Arkansas, however his last occupation was listed as Physician. He died in 1915 and is buried in the Little Baker Cemetery, West Fork in Washington County, Arkansas.

The above picture is of a monument made as part of an eagle scout project in Connellsville, PA, honoring Samuel Johnson as the only Medal of Honor recipient from that town. Below is the newspaper coverage of the event. The television media was at the event also.



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Union soldier honored



Jim Spillars (above photo) of Farmington plays taps Thursday alongside son Jacob Spillars, 15, and Bob Underdown of Elm Springs during a ceremony hosted by the Rogers Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans to lay a wreath at the grave of Samuel Johnson, a Medal of Honor recipient from his service with the Union Army in the Civil War, at Baker Cemetery in Onda, south of West Fork. The ceremony was held as a part of the group's observance of National Medal of Honor Day. Johnson fought at the Battle of Antietam in 1862 and helped stop a regiment of Confederate soldiers by capturing their flags they used to coordinate their attack. (Left photo) Johnson's gravestone displays his years of service and shows his Medal of Honor award. Go to nwaonline.com/210326Daily/ for today's photo gallery. (NWA Democrat-Gazette/ Andy Shupe)